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# NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 9th March 2022

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022

SPRING TERM 4<sup>th</sup> January – 8<sup>th</sup> April



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mufti Day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>  
March - Virtual on School Cloud

### PARENTS AND CARERS NOTICE

If you have an enquiry or need to see a member of staff in person, please book an appointment in advance.

Please do not enter the reception area unless you have booked an appointment.

Otherwise, you can use our enquiries email

[enquiries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)

Thank you



### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are now well into the second half of the Spring Term and students are fully engaged in their learning, with exam year groups working hard in preparation for their final exams in the Summer Term. Over the last week we have also had our Food Technology students completing their practical assessments that will go towards their final GCSE grades.

I would like to thank you all for your support and understanding with the Year Group Remote Learning Rota arrangements prior to the half term break. The level of staff and student absence was the highest the College has experienced throughout the COVID pandemic to date which made it a particularly challenging period for all concerned. Staff will work hard to ensure students catch up in all areas of the curriculum where necessary. If you have any concerns regarding this please do not hesitate to contact your child's subject teacher, tutor or head of year.

The Department for Education has asked schools to share with parents and carers of at risk 5 to 11 year olds, who are in a clinical risk group or live with someone who is immunosuppressed, that their child can get the



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COVID-19 vaccine in line with the advice set out by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) which can be found [here](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the UK Health Security Agency in the [Green Book](#).

Last Wednesday the College's Year 9 football team travelled to Newquay to play Newquay Tretherras School. Against the run of play, Torpoint scored first but this spurred on Newquay who went on to win the match 6-1. However, the students held their heads high and were excellent ambassadors for the College. The following day our Year 8 football team headed off for exactly the same venue. From 3-0 down in the second half they fought back hard and with 11 minutes to go scored two goals against a strong Newquay team. Unfortunately, they couldn't score a third goal to force extra time and lost the match 3-2. Well done to all the students who participated and for representing themselves and the College so well.

I would like to congratulate our Year 10 netball team following some very impressive performances at a County tournament last Friday. With nine wins, two draws and only one loss this was an outstanding achievement and the girls should be very proud.

For the latest news on our cross country teams please see the item included in this newsletter, well done to all those who took part.

Finally, there will be a Mufti Day this Friday (11<sup>th</sup> March) to raise money for Team Seas. This is an international collaborative fundraising charity to remove marine debris from the sea. This charity has been requested by our Student Council. The theme of the day will be to wear something blue in support of the chosen charity.

Yours sincerely

Dr Jeremy Plumb  
Headteacher



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## Ten Tors training Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Students training for the Ten Tors Challenge spent Saturday afternoon having their kit checked and learning some basic first aid in preparation for the main event.

They also went over the rules and guidance as they are now officially training for Ten Tors 2022. Well done to Holly and Noah for being the overall winners of the quiz.

On Sunday the teams successfully completed their first unaccompanied walk. After having to cancel the walk two weeks ago due to stormy weather, this time it was again clear and sunny, if not a little cold. The walkers set off from Leeden Tor car park, passed through Hexworthy to finish at Postbridge.

Another big thank you to adults who waited on check points for the students and who were pleased to see the teams do so well. Well done everyone!

The next expedition is a two day walk with an overnight camp; It is important for all students to attend the planning meeting, next Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March.



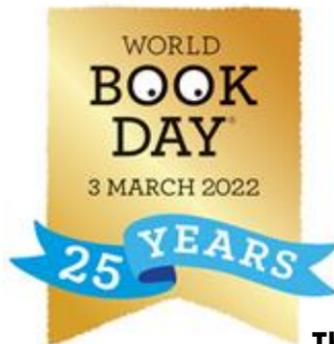


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# World Book Day at TCC

Thursday 3rd March was World Book Days' 25th Anniversary. We celebrated at TCC with a Book Swap, World Book Day Book giveaway and a Decorate a Potato as a Book Character competition! The event was well attended by students in the library with nearly 300 books being given away to all year groups and a great number of books swapped between students.

There were some great entries in the potato competition too! Our winners (receiving a Book token, set of WBD books and some sweets) were:-

George Year 7 – The Twits

Ernie Year 8 - Katniss Everdeen (The Hunger Games)

Runners Up (receiving set of WBD books and sweets) were:-

Emily and Isla Year 8 - The Minions

Well done everyone!

Thank you to all those students who took part—Keep  
On Reading!





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## Netball News – Year 10 Success at County Tournament!

The Year 10 netball team travelled to the County tournament at Truro School for the first time last Friday. They are unbeaten since Year 7 in East Cornwall but didn't know what to expect against the rest of Cornwall.

With 29 schools present we were allocated court two and got in to controlled, effective play very quickly with wins over Brannel (3-0), Newquay Tretherras (7-0) and Richard Lander (5-1), draws with St Ives (3-3) and Helston (3-3) and a 5-4 loss to Truro School. They grew as a team each match taking on technical and tactical advice.

After the first round they were joint second on 2nd court and just missed out on getting to the top court because of a one goal difference.

Determined not to lose another game the girls took the 2nd court again for the 2nd round full of confidence and support for each other. Sophie, Isobel and Sky were incredible in defence making it very hard for the shooters to get free showing brilliant blocking and marking skills. They intercepted almost every pass coming in and controlled play out to the centre third really well. Savannah, Holly, Maddie, Lucy and Alice were fantastic at bringing the ball down the court. Their timing and control was spot on and they read each other's movement impeccably feeding into the shooters effortlessly. Freya, Willow and Alice timed their final movements brilliantly receiving almost every feed into the shooting circle. With this incredible team work they secured wins over Mounts Bay (2-0), Humphrey Davey (4-3) Penrice (4-0) Wadebridge (5-0) and Bude (7-0) finishing with a tense Truro School rematch which ended 4-3 in the final 10 seconds to Torpoint. A clean sweep on court two for TCC in the second round achieving their aim of winning every match

As you can imagine the girls are absolutely thrilled. Twelve County matches and only one loss. This seeded them 8th in County and determined to make top court, and seed in the top 5 next year.

This team of girls are the most hard working and supportive team and it is a privilege working with them.

A massive thank you to Rosie, Year 12, for coming along to umpire and help coach the team.





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## Torpoint Community College – New website now live!



Our new look website is now live! Please check here for useful contact information, term dates, and news stories as well as information about joining Torpoint Community College and our Sixth Form. Find us at [www.torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)





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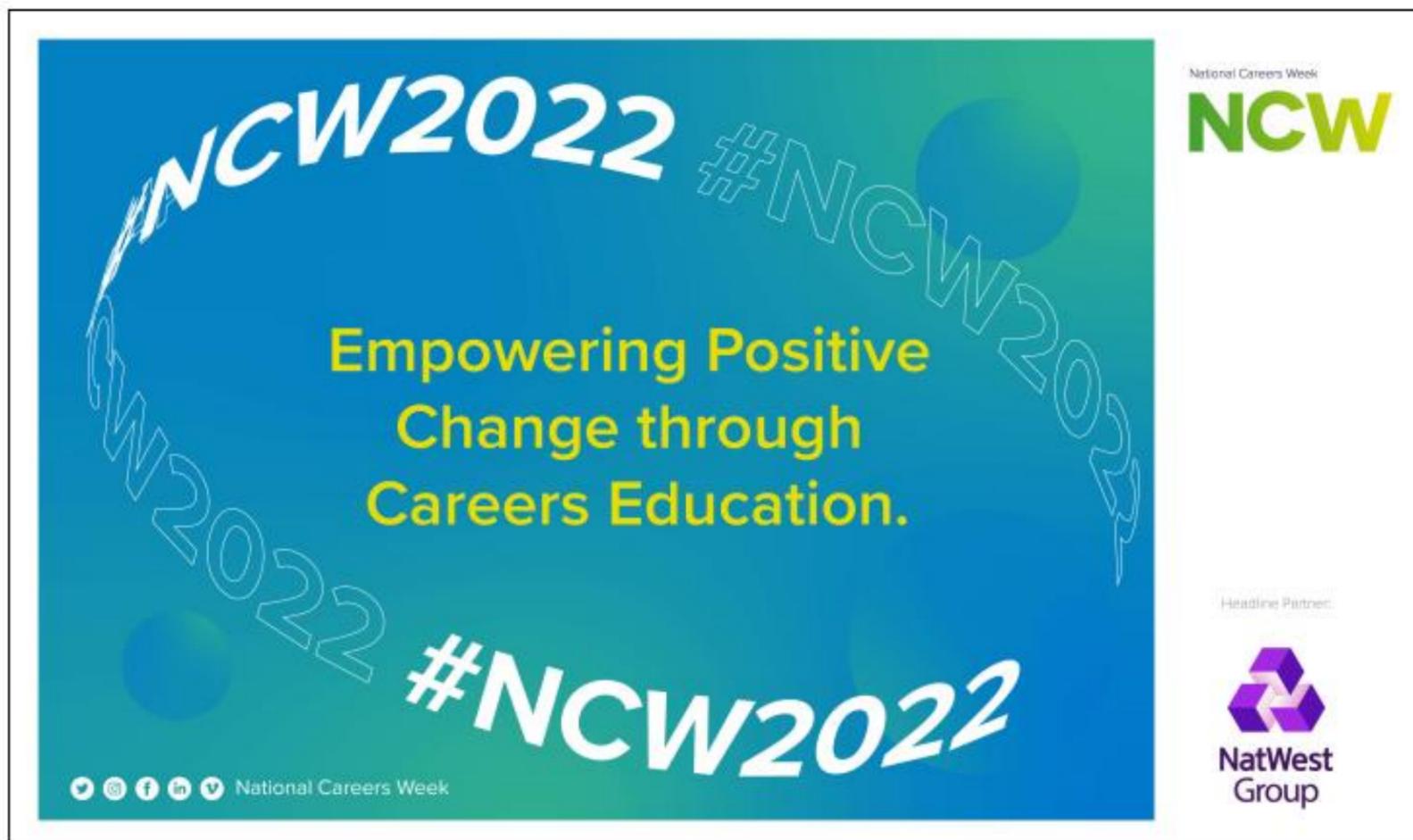
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## National Careers Week

This week has been National Careers Week 2022 and students have had assemblies about NCW 2022, which this year has a theme of being hopeful about the future and the career path that you create for yourself. Links have been sent out to students during tutor time and on the College website to signpost some of the websites that can help students with their career decision making. You can find these links on the updates Careers section of the College website (under the Student Hub tab). Please have a look at Unifrog and the Career Pilot websites with your child and a conversation with them regarding next steps and future career plans at home this week.

Mrs Bray



## Cross Country News

Just before half term, the PE department took a team of cross country students to Saltash Community College for the third race out of four in the ARENA Sports Partnership Cross Country Competition. In windy conditions (24 hours before Eunice arrived!), students found a challenging course with lots of hill climbs and heavy conditions under foot. Students equipped themselves well and produced another round of great results:

Year 7 girls finished: 3rd, 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

Year 7 boys finished: 5<sup>th</sup>

Year 8/9 girls finished: 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

Year 8/9 boys finished: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

and Year 10 girls finished: 2<sup>nd</sup>

We have one event left to go at Liskeard Community College on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Well done to all that took part!



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# Mufti Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March

## Wear **BLUE**

# £1



## #TEAMSEAS™

helping to keep our oceans clean

Mufti day organised by our  
Torpoint Community College Student Council.

## Attendance reminder

At Torpoint Community College we believe that the greater the attendance, the greater the achievement. We aim for an environment which enables and encourages all members of the community. For our students to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and be at College, on time, every day.

If your child is absent please contact the College as soon as possible on the first day of absence, and on each subsequent day of absence. If it is a planned absence, please complete an Absence Request Form. Please note that the law does not grant parents/carers an automatic right to take their children out of school during term time. Parents/carers can commit an offence if they fail to ensure regular and punctual attendance of their child at the school which the child is registered, unless the absence has been authorised by the school.

If your request for absence is refused and you still take your child out of school on holiday in term time then we will refer the matter to Cornwall Council and they may decide to issue a Penalty Notice. Penalty Notices for absences of 6 days or more are £60 per parent per child.



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## Congratulations to the following students for being AR Superstars!

**Most words read since September –  
Levy —740,478**

**Most Quizzes Passed –**  
Levy 11  
Luke 15  
James 10  
Warren 14  
Kayla 11  
Liam 12



**Students who have achieved 100 % on all quizzes  
taken since September reading 2 or more books -**

Isla  
Sky  
Charley  
Mason  
Ella  
Lexie



## Library News!

Are you missing being able to see Mrs Hodgetts in the Library and take books out to read?

There is now a virtual library for you to keep up to date with news, new books, Accelerated Reading, competitions, reading suggestions and book reviews.

Please use the following link to take a look!

<https://sites.google.com/view/tcclibraryzone/home>



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### Accelerated Reading Rewards

The English Department would like to congratulate the following students for increasing their reading age by more than 2 years.

Aidan	Erin	Verity
Freya	Toby	Arthur
Ella	Jake	Emily
Chloe	Tabatha	Summer
Esme	Warren	Benjamin
Ruby		

### **Netball News**

Netball training remains very popular at TCC with 8 teams currently training regularly. The central venue fixtures at Callington Community College last term allowed the teams to get playing again with some excellent results against our East Cornwall Partnership Schools. The Year 8 and 10 teams remain unbeaten so it will be really good to see how they get on at the County tournaments in the coming weeks.

Year 9 has seen numbers at training grow and the team is developing well. We also have 5 weeks of fixtures during March and April against Looe for all teams and this will give the Year 7 netballers a chance to play their first matches as well.

Check the PE notice board for dates and times for training and practices.

Miss Milford



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The Best Start in Life Team  
invites you to register your  
interest in...

# SPACE

## Supporting parents and children emotionally

**SPACE** is a new **free** programme for **any parent or carer** who wants to better understand and support their children's emotions, as well as their own.

This **5 session, online programme** will cover:

- Understanding what is meant by a Trauma Informed approach
- Understanding toxic stress and the flight/fight response
- Practical approaches to support children to regulate their emotions
- Healthy coping strategies for dealing with stress
- Managing different emotions
- Understanding behaviour
- Building resilience in ourselves and our children
- Adopting appropriate expectations of children
- Enhancing your ability to provide nurturing care

The Best Start in Life Team is excited to offer the SPACE programme to antenatal parent/carers.

You have the opportunity to earn time credits, for attending, to get access to **FREE** family activities and days out.

**Where:** Online, via Zoom (you will be emailed a link)

**When:** Friday mornings from 10.00-11.00

**Dates:** Running from 04/03/22 - 01/04/22



To register your interest or find out more, please email

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