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NEWSLETTER

Thursday 7th April 2022

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022

SPRING TERM 4th January – 8th April

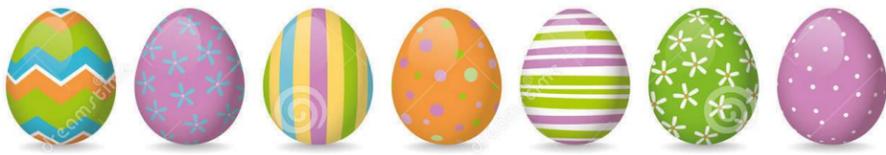


UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Holidays 11th-22nd April

May Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May

Torpoint Goes to the Movies Fashion Show
– Thursday 7th July



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

Thank you



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of another term is fast approaching, I would like to thank you again for your support during the periods the College has had to put remote learning arrangements in place. I am pleased that in this final week of term we have been able to have all year groups back in school.

Although the high rates of COVID continue to present a number of challenges, this term we have been able to return to some semblance of normality with numerous trips and visits taking place and some excellent sporting achievements. We have also reintroduced face to face assemblies which have covered a range of interesting and important topics, and had an art exhibition in our Gallery in which parents were invited to view their children's fantastic work.

There has also been a great deal of work completed in preparation for the examination season that starts in May. A letter has been given to all Year 11 students this week which provides comprehensive advice and guidance to help students effectively plan and organise their time over the next few months.

Information was sent to you earlier this week on the government's next steps for living with COVID-19. Can I please remind you that if your



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child is unwell and has a high temperature then they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They should return to College when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. If they have tested positive for COVID-19 they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for three days, which is when they are most infectious, and they may then return to College provided they feel well enough to do so and they no longer have a high temperature.

I understand that any change in processes and procedures around COVID-19 can cause uncertainty and anxiety for some of us. We will continue to do everything we can within the government framework to keep each other safe and hopefully the summer term will come with a natural reduction in cases.

May I take this opportunity to wish all students and their families a restful and enjoyable Easter break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 25th April.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher



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Year 10 Maths Feast



Mrs Porter and Mr Watkins took two teams of four to Ivybridge Community College for the AMSP organised Maths Feast. TCC was one of six local schools that took part. What followed was four rounds of Maths problems that challenged and stretched the students. However, before the first round had even started the challenge had begun. Each team had a wordsearch to complete. It sounded like an easy start until it was realised that you had to solve problems just to find out what the words you needed to find were.

The first round proved to be a particularly difficult start with 38 marks up for grabs but no words on the question paper. Just using the pictures to guide them students had to deduce the question and then provide the answer. Once the initial shock had worn off both teams settled into providing answers.

Round two was no easier as each team of four were given four problems that had to be solved. Working as a team they each took a problem and tried to develop a solution. Once they were happy, they passed it on to the next person whilst they worked through and checked the other three problems. Some great teamwork was in evidence as they talked through problems and the mathematical approaches that they each had.



With no real let up between rounds there was just enough time for a comfort break before round three started. Each team were given a poster detailing a mathematical concept that they had three minutes to study. Then they were given the questions. However, to answer the questions they had to first complete a card sort. This all sounds rather easy but the time pressure and cards that were very similar increased the difficulty.



One of the teams had a little worry when they spotted that they might be a team member down. But fear not, they were just trying to seek a little solace and gave the thumbs up that they hadn't completely deserted the team!

The final round saw each team split into two pairs. Each pair were given a set of questions to answer however, the second pair needed the first pair's answer to complete their first question. The first pair then needed the second pair's answer to do their second question. So, it continued, as the pairs were desperately trying to get their answer to the other pair so that they were not holding each other up. Before they knew it, the time was up, and the competition was over. Whilst neither of the teams won overall, they both put their all into the Maths Feast and should be proud of how they represented themselves and the College. Well done to all who took part.

Whilst their minds had been fed by the enormous Math Feast provided by AMSP, their bellies were not. The teams, using their fine-tuned logical skills, camped out and had a picnic in front of the minibus to ensure they were not left behind. Once body and soul had both been fed it was just a short trip back to College in time for the final lesson of the day.





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TCC Students - Pink Kangaroo UKMT Maths Challenge!

The 'Pink Kangaroo' is a follow-on round to the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. Entry to the Challenge is by invitation only and is based on a qualifying score. This year, two of our Year 11 students Ben and Zak did exceptionally well in the Intermediate Challenge and were invited to participate in this event.

The Pink Kangaroo is a stimulating and rewarding experience for all students. It consists of a 60-minute multiple-choice challenge containing 25 difficult problems.

This enrichment activity aims to open young people's minds to the breadth and depth of mathematics. We are very proud that these two students did well enough to be invited to take part and both of them did brilliantly!

Well done Ben and Zak!





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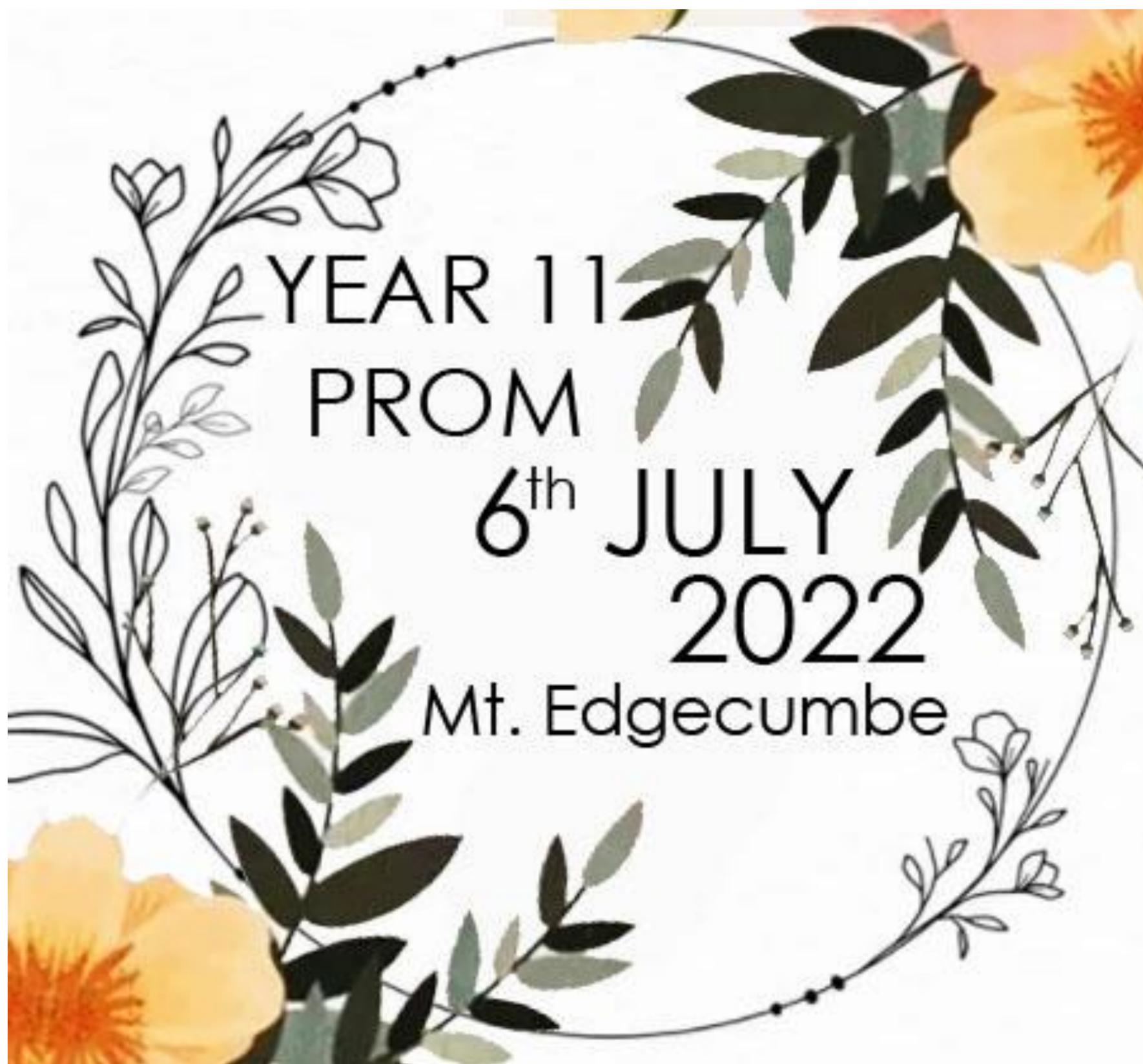


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Further details to follow soon!



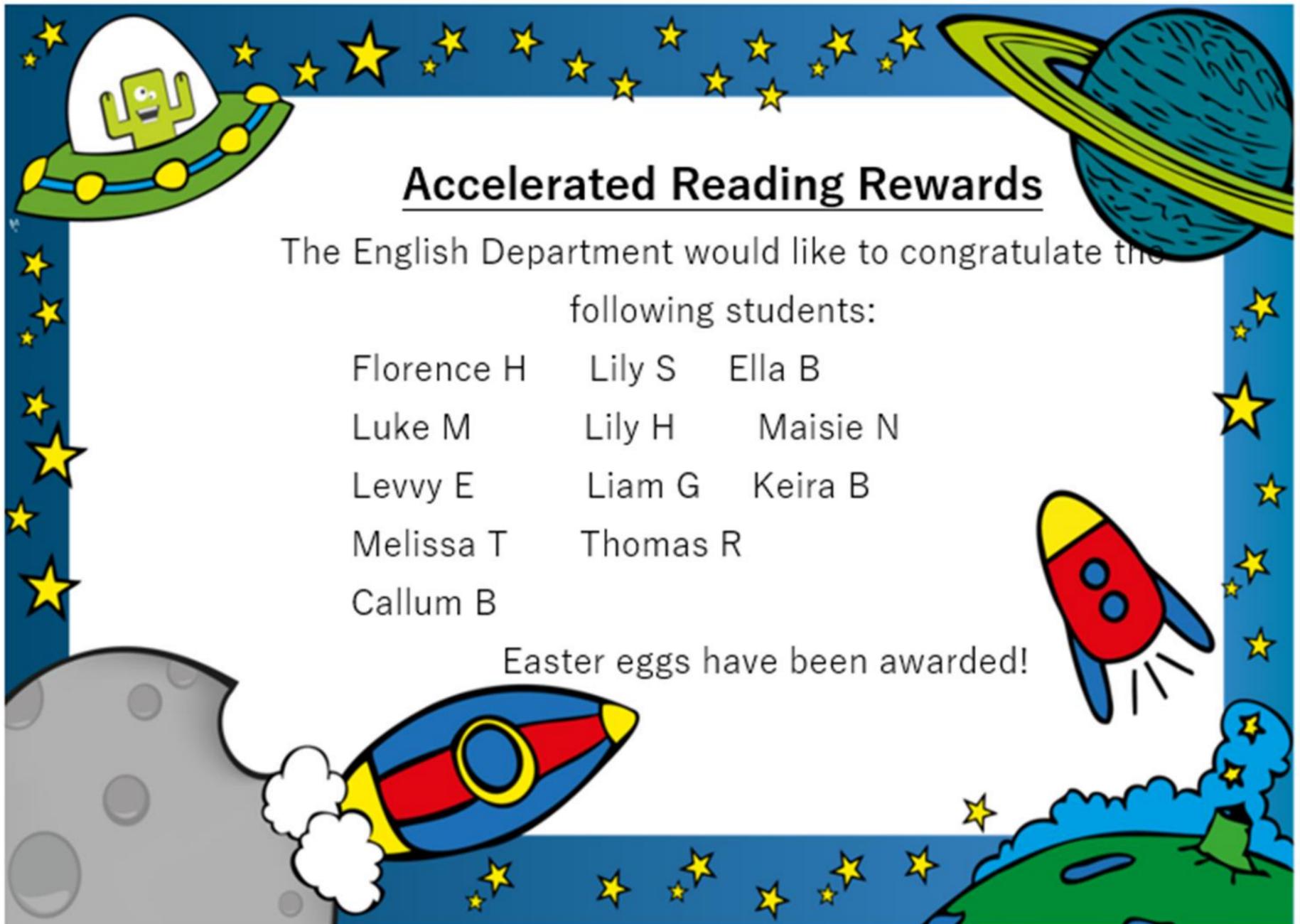
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Accelerated Reading Rewards

The English Department would like to congratulate the following students:

Florence H	Lily S	Ella B
Luke M	Lily H	Maisie N
Levy E	Liam G	Keira B
Melissa T	Thomas R	
Callum B		

Easter eggs have been awarded!

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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Ten Tors Training – First Weekend Expedition!

Students experienced their first overnight expedition on 19th and 20th March. Many realised why the Ten Tors is a challenge! Although the sun was out on both days, Saturday proved particularly difficult with extremely strong winds, which even the adult volunteers had difficulty standing up in.

The teams set off from the Y-Junction near Okehampton Camp and then cut across to the west towards Shortacombe.

A massive thank you to the volunteers who kept a keen eye on the students and were able to intercept them when they went off course.

The winds didn't let up overnight but the students were up and ready to restart from the Y-junction again on the Sunday morning.

They followed an adjusted route due to concerns about the high winds. They successfully finished at Bennett's Cross car park, not far from the Warren House Inn.

All were tired, a bit achy and with some blisters but proud they had completed the route. Well done to everyone involved!

The next walk is the all important selection walk – good luck everyone!





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Ten Tors Training
19th and 20th
March 2022





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Mock Ten Tors 2022

It was a long and cold weekend for the students taking part in the mock Ten Tors training. The weekend started on Friday evening with the students preparing for the weekend and taking part in a fun quiz. They were up early on Saturday and had breakfast before heading to Dartmoor.

The four teams set off from Shortacombe, headed across to the east side of the moor and then south to Postbridge and Two Bridges. They were greeted with some rain, hail, sleet and snow, before the students and some hardened volunteers, wild camped just outside of Princetown.

After a very cold night, all students woke to a frosty morning, with frozen tents, boots, gaiters, water bottles and even a gas canister. They cooked breakfast, packed their kit and then set off along the west side of Dartmoor. The sun shone again as the students completed the walk at Willsworthy car park, where they were greeted with a warm welcome from all of the College volunteers and other organisations waiting for their own teams. It was a great finish to the end of a good weekend.

There is one more walk on the last Sunday of the Easter holidays to help with fitness and to polish navigation ready for the main event, which is not far now.

The College would like to say thank you to Rowdan Associates Ltd of St John, who have kindly donated four new 3-man tents and camping equipment. Also thank you to HMS Raleigh for their support for the main event.

Well done to all those who took part in the walk, both students and adults, best of luck for the Ten Tors Challenge 2022.





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YEAR 12 & 13
**SUMMER
PARTY**
2022

THE COW SHED
Freathy Farmhouse

29TH JUNE
7PM TIL 11PM
TICKETS: £20



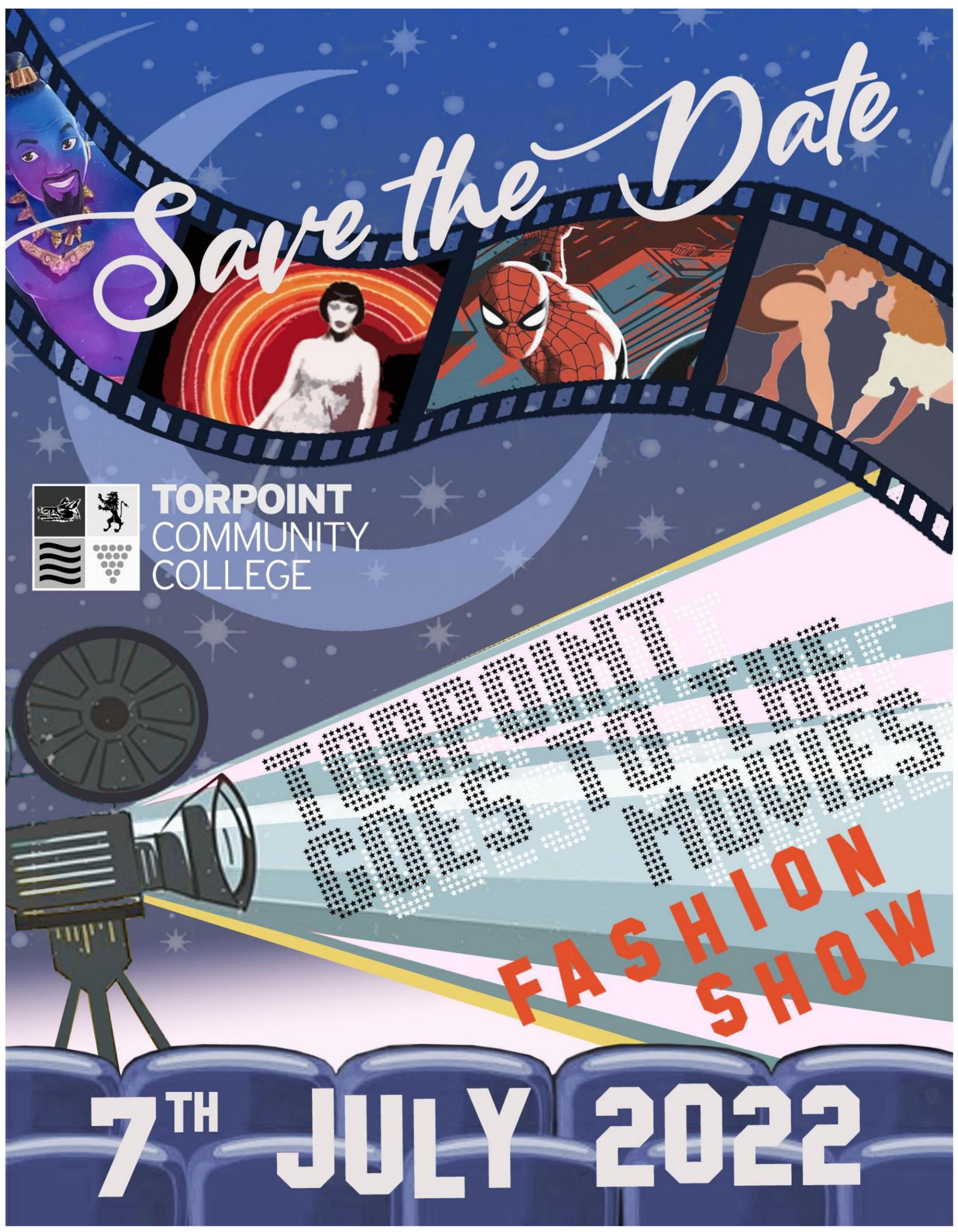


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Save the Date



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STARBUCKS

FASHION
SHOW

7TH JULY 2022



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Easter Holiday 2022 Half-term Activities

@ YMCA Torpoint, Antony Rd

YMCA

Stay & Play Soft Play

Monday 11th April

9am-12pm (Under 7's ONLY)

Parents/Carers must stay and supervise children

Only £3 per child



Trampolining

Tuesday 19th April

10am-12pm (5-7 year olds)

12.30pm-2.30pm (8-11 year olds)

£10 per child



Sports Bonanza Day

Thursday 21st April

10am-2pm (8-11 year olds)

Fun sports & activities including dodgeball, football, netball, badminton, table tennis, basketball. All children need to bring a packed lunch and wear suitable footwear and clothing.

£15 per child



Karl Curtis Football Coaching Camps

Tuesday 12th April

10am-12pm (4-7 years olds)

£10 per child

Wednesday 13th April & Thursday 14th April

10am- 3pm (8 - 11 year olds)

£20 per day or £35 for both days

All players to bring a packed lunch and drink

Wednesday 20th April

10am-3pm (12-14 years olds)

£20 per child

