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# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022

SUMMER TERM 25<sup>th</sup> April – 20<sup>th</sup> July



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Half Term Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

Year 10 Parents' Evening - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June (face to face)

Sixth Form Summer Party - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Year 11 Prom - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Torpoint Goes to the Movies Fashion Show – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term. We certainly have a busy few months ahead of us. I hope you had a good Easter although, if like me, I'm sure many of you will now feel like it's a distant memory.

This week has seen the start of the Year 10 mock exams. As shared with you previously, this is an important process not only to assess your child's depth of knowledge and understanding of the subjects they are studying but also to familiarise them with the how exams are conducted and the rules and regulations that must be followed. I wish all our Year 10 students the best of luck for their mock exams.

In two week's time we see the start of the GCSE and A Level examinations. I am conscious that our Year 11, 13 and 14 students have been studying hard and we wish them all the very best throughout the examination season. The Year 11 students' last timetabled day will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. A Leaver's Assembly has been arranged to take place after their exam in the morning and they are then free to go. Thereafter students are encouraged to continue attending lessons for subjects in which they have still to sit their exams.

This weekend we see four College teams competing in The Ten Tors Challenge on Dartmoor. Students, staff and volunteers have worked incredibly hard in preparation for this event which will see the students challenged physically and mentally as they

## 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





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navigate their way across tough terrain, over long distances and often in adverse weather conditions (although the weather forecast is looking good for this weekend). The event starts and finishes at Okehampton Army Camp so please do go along and support the students if you are able to do so. Good luck to everyone involved!

Three of our students submitted entries for the Young Writers competition, Twisted Tales. Students were challenged to write a story in just 100 words to show another side of the traditional storybook Villain. Congratulations to Harrison Hartley, Katie Chambers and Summer Lock who have had their creative work published in "Twisted Tales".

We are planning to run our next Parents' Evening as a face-to-face event rather than using the virtual system. This will be for Year 10 and will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - there will be further details to follow. Attendance for the virtual events has been lower than expected so it is hoped a return to face-to-face meetings will encourage more parents and carers to participate.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb  
Headteacher



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## MUSIC News

### **RICHARD SEDDON BRASS WORKSHOP**



On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April Year 7 and 8 music classes had the privilege of meeting ex-Royal Marine bandsman Richard Seddon who is now working for the Cornwall Music Services Trust Education Hub. Richard gave inspirational performances on a variety of brass instruments, from trumpet to tuba, alongside telling our students about his colourful music career.

Richard began his musical education at the age of 8 learning the baritone at Manadon Vale Primary School. He then grew into the tuba by the age of 13 where he started engaging with school ensembles and the Saltash Youth Brass Band. After watching a concert by the Royal Marines Band Service, Richard was inspired to take music up as a career. He joined the Royal Marines at the age of 20 where he continued on tuba and also learned double bass and bass guitar. He also graduated with a bachelor's degree in music performance. Richard enjoyed a varied career in the Royal Marines performing at the Queens diamond jubilee celebrations, a royal wedding and other events around the world. His last role was an instructor at the Royal Marines School of Music where he developed a love for teaching. He has now left the Royal Marines and is beginning to pursue teaching music in Devon and Cornwall. The instruments Richard teaches are the Trumpet/Cornet, Tenor Horn, Baritone/Euphonium, Trombone and Tuba. If any parent would like their child to take lessons please feel free to sign up at this link on the Cornwall Music Services trust webpage:-

<https://www.cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/signup>

I am currently looking to book Richard in again to work with a whole year group in the near future so watch this space!

**Miss Hamilton - Curriculum Leader of Learning for Music**



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## Ten Tors training – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April

It's not long now until the Ten Tors Challenge 2022 and our teams were putting in some last minute training on Dartmoor on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April. They successfully completed a circular route from Princetown and once again enjoyed some good weather. The College has entered three 35 mile teams and one 45 mile team for the event this weekend. Their efforts can be followed on the Ten Tors website.

Well done to all those who took part, and good luck to our teams on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> May!





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### **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.

### **Year 7 Baseball News**

Last week, 20 Year 7 girls participated in a two hour baseball workshop hosted by Marjons University and supported by Argyle Community Trust and the Cornish Claycutters Baseball team.

This workshop was sponsored by the Major League Baseball organisation who run the main league in the United States. The two hours involved coaching of core skills for the sport followed by a match amongst themselves. This followed the official "First Pitch" by Argyle Community Trust with the ball now taking place in the MLB London Hall of Fame as the "Ball used for the first official match of Girls Baseball in schools in the UK"!!!

The coaching team and representatives from each organisation commented on how well behaved, hardworking and enthusiastic our students were throughout the whole two hour session, so much so that they want to come back in more often in the summer term to work with the girls again and also to branch out to other students in the College.

Students were also identified for their performance levels, hard work or good sportsmanship and were rewarded with official MLB merchandise.

They, along with the Argyle Community Trust, also commented that they would like to be part of our Commonwealth Games "Sports Day" that is calendared for later in the summer term. Well done Year 7!

Mr Evans





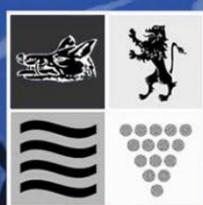
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# Showcasing fashion, dance and music

PRUDENCE  
GOWNS

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STARSTARS

7:30 pm

FASHION  
SHOW

TICKETS AVAILABLE  
FROM RECEPTION

ADULTS: £6

CONS: £4

7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

A donation from ticket sales will be made to Derriford Hospital NICU



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YEAR 12 & 13  
**SUMMER  
PARTY**  
2022

**THE COW SHED**  
*Freathy Farmhouse*

29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
7PM TIL 11PM  
TICKETS: £20



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# EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Torpoint Community College is celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week. This year the theme is 'Loneliness' which affects millions of people across the UK. Monday 9th May 2022 marks the launch of Mental Health Awareness Week, the UK's national week to raise awareness of mental health. The week, which is hosted by the Mental Health Foundation, is in its 22nd year and runs from 9-15 May.

This year, the theme for the week is 'Loneliness'. Across the country, people will be reflecting on loneliness and how it impacts our mental health. Long-term loneliness is closely linked to mental health problems such as depression and anxiety.

Fancy a cuppa? Sometimes reaching out to someone with as little as three words can make a big difference. This Mental Health Awareness Week, the theme is loneliness - something we all can experience at some point in our lives, which can have a huge impact on our wellbeing. Sometimes it can be easier to reach out to someone else who may be feeling lonely. As part of the Better Health: Every Mind Matters campaign the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport alongside the Department for Health and Social Care are continuing to encourage people to 'Lift Someone Out of Loneliness' by taking a simple action to help someone who may be feeling lonely.

If we do this regularly, we can all help to lift each other up.

Useful links:

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/lifes-challenges/loneliness/>

[https://www.campaigntoendloneliness.org/helpful-](https://www.campaigntoendloneliness.org/helpful-links/#:~:text=General%20Help%20The%20British%20Red%20Cross%20have%20a,advice%2C%20support%20and%20services%20on%20disability%20and%20loneliness.)

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<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/loneliness/tips-to-manage-loneliness/>



*Best wishes,  
Miss Pine*



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This May, in support of [Mental Health Awareness Week 2022](#), we're running an 80 Miles in May Challenge.

We're asking you to walk run or jog that distance over the month, to raise funds for the Mental Health Foundation.

To join the challenge and receive your free water bottle, please [join our Facebook group](#).

There are lots of apps you can use to track your miles, but we recommend [Strava](#), or you could use a smartwatch or the 'Health' app on your phone. Once you've completed your miles each day you can log this onto your distance tracker, which will be posted to you alongside your water bottle.

It's free to take part, and we recommend setting a fundraising target of £150.

Taking part in this challenge will allow you to look after your own wellbeing while raising money for the Foundation.

Please share a selfie with your water bottle in our Facebook group, with the hashtag #80MilesinMay



*Best wishes,  
Miss Pine*