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NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 22nd June 2022

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022

SUMMER TERM 25th April – 20th July



UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 10 Parents' Evening - Thursday 23rd June (face to face)

Sixth Form Summer Party - Wednesday 29th June

Year 6 Transition Day – Wednesday 6th July

Year 11 Prom - Wednesday 6th July

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 Parent/Carer,

It was a real pleasure to see and meet so many prospective Year 5 and 6 students and parents during our Open Evening last Thursday. As a College we had the opportunity to showcase the school and whet the appetite of those who are looking to join us in the near future. A return to face to face events such as this was certainly a delight and we look forward to the others we have planned throughout this year.

There is light at the end of the tunnel for those students currently completing their GCSE and A Level exams. I would like to congratulate all of the candidates for the way they have conducted themselves to date, and to encourage them to continue working hard over the final week or so to ensure they achieve the best outcomes they possibly can.

This Thursday (23rd June) we have our Year 10 face to face Parents' Evening in which we are looking forward to meeting with parents and carers again. Then on Wednesday 29th June there is the Year 6 Transition Evening, details for which have



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been sent out. There are a number of other events taking place over the remainder of this term so please keep a close eye on SIMS Parent App and the College's Facebook page.

Following the end of COVID restrictions, and the resumption of a more normal routine at the College, we have experienced some challenging behaviour from a small minority of students. We understand how difficult it has been for many of our students throughout the pandemic, and we are still learning what the longer term effects will be. However, it is also important that all children abide by the College's behaviour expectations to ensure we maintain a safe, healthy and productive learning environment.

We are therefore providing a renewed focus on our students' behaviour, and your support in ensuring your child conforms to the Home School Agreement would be really appreciated. This includes ensuring your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform, and that they bring the appropriate equipment (pens, pencils, rulers, calculators, PE kit etc). Thank you for your support.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the students who took part in the Cornwall Athletics Championships last week, and the students who represented the College at the Carnegie Day.

Yours sincerely

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher



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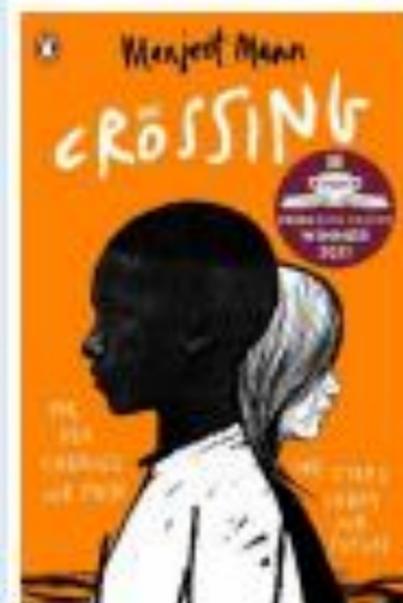
KS3 Students Represent TCC at Plymouth Carnegie Day

On Thursday 16th June, some of our students in years 7, 8 and 9 had the pleasure of attending Plymouth Carnegie Day with other Plymouth schools to perform a presentation on one of this year's shortlisted books for the Yoto Carnegie Greenaway Awards. Our presentation was on *The Crossing* by Manjeet Mann, and during a 10-minute presentation the students gave the audience a critical exploration of the text, its themes and characters.

Alongside participating in and watching presentations on books, the students also got to watch the Awards ceremony for the award and listen to a talk by previous Carnegie winner, Anthony McGowan. They even asked him some excellent questions during the Q&A session!

The students were an absolute credit to the school and should be very proud of themselves and their achievement on this day.

Thanks are made to Tor Bridge High, for hosting the event, to our librarian, Teresa Hodgetts, for all her work in putting forward and organising the excursion, and to all the students involved.
- From Mrs Hodgkinson, Teacher of English





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An evening of information for the parents and carers of our new Year 7 cohort. Meet the pastoral team and get all the information you need about your child's new school.

WEDNESDAY
29th June

TRANSITION EVENING 2022

6:00-7:30 pm





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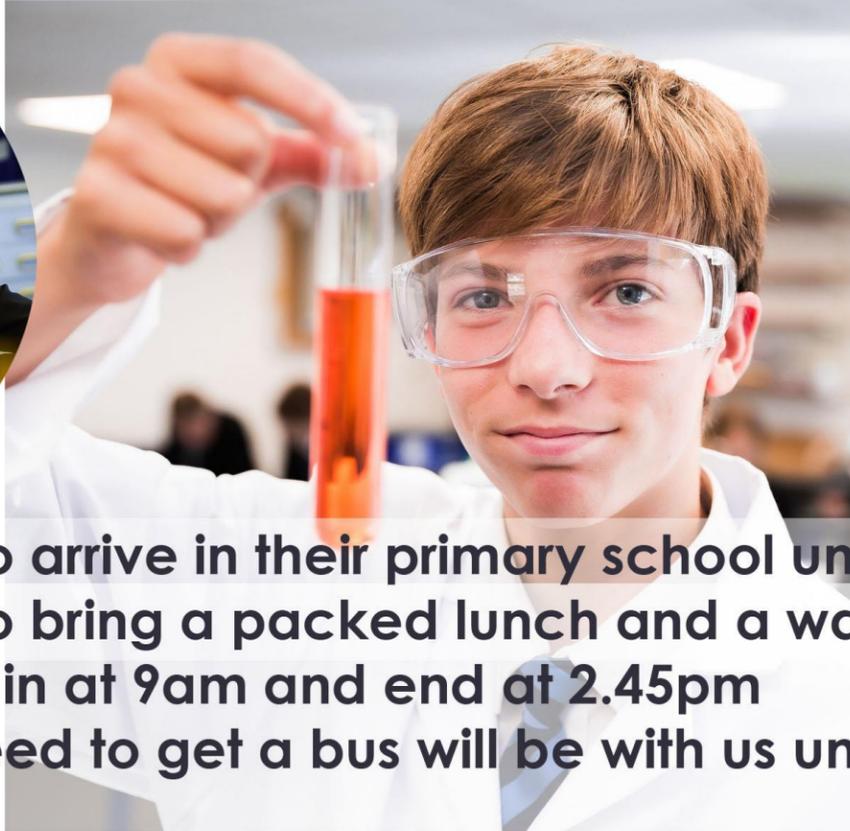
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TRANSITION DAY

Wednesday 6th July 2022



Students need to arrive in their primary school uniform
Students need to bring a packed lunch and a water bottle
The day will begin at 9am and end at 2.45pm
Students who need to get a bus will be with us until 3.20pm

Torpoint Sports News

TCC sports teams are having a fantastic summer of competing in athletics, rounders, volleyball and cricket. Numbers at sports clubs have never been higher. Four teams have won their East Cornwall qualifiers in recent weeks and will now represent East Cornwall at the Cornwall School Games finals in the coming weeks. Team results, photos and write ups will be in an end of season sports newsletter.

Well done to Sky, Poppy, Josh and Jack who competed at the Cornwall Athletics Championships last weekend. Sky in the Shot Putt, Poppy in the 300m hurdles and 200m, Josh in the 800m and Jack in the 1500m. They all did incredibly well with Sky, Poppy and Josh winning their events. We wish them good luck for this weekend as they represent the County at the South West Championships.





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Routine Immunisations Information

The Department for Education has asked that we send out this reminder of the importance of routine immunisations in teens.

The [national routine childhood immunisation programme](#) has a direct positive impact on the health and wellbeing of children and communities and is vital to reduce the spread of infection and prevent outbreaks. In addition to the flu and COVID-19 vaccines that have been offered to school-aged children this academic year, teenagers are routinely offered 3 vaccines in secondary schools:

[human papillomavirus \(HPV\) vaccine](#) in Years 8 and 9

[menACWY vaccine](#) in Year 9

[Td/IPV \(3-in-1 booster\)](#) in Year 9.

The delivery of these routine adolescent immunisation programmes has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine coverage is still not at pre-pandemic levels. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI) are reminding parents and carers about the important protection these immunisations provide. They are also encouraging take up and catch up of vaccinations for anybody who has missed out.

Education and childcare settings have a vital role to play in supporting the routine immunisation programme. Further information can be found in the [UKHSA immunisation guidance](#).

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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SAFEGUARDING YOU

worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

Our main priority is that students feel safe and happy.

Email any worries to the above email address OR leave a note in our

worry box.

You can find it outside the library.

Dr Plumb



If you have any concerns or worries, please speak to one of the child protection team.

Or speak to a member of staff you trust and feel comfortable with.



Mrs Lear



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EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

All the Connect Cards are designed by young people in Cornwall, and yours could be next!

PRIZES

Everyone who enters will have their artwork on the Start Now website & get 2 free Tempo time Credits.

The winners will get £50 in vouchers and their artwork on 1000s of cards!

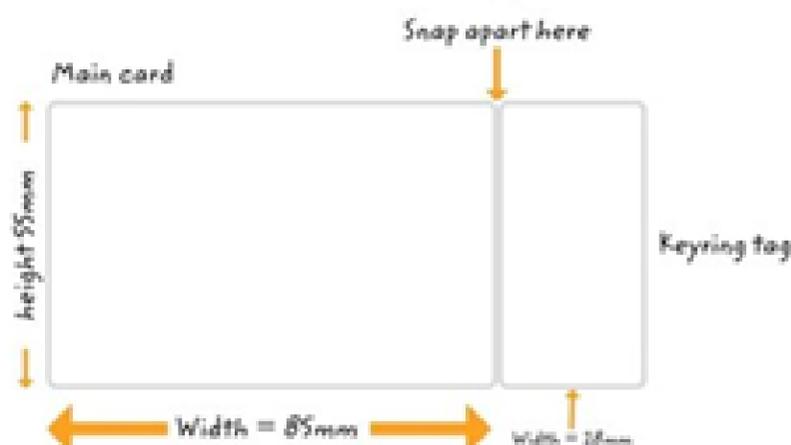
DETAILS

- Artwork can be a drawing/photo/painting
- shouldn't be too detailed or have any writing
- needs to fit on the template

Follow the link on SMHW to enter or see Miss Pine

CLOSING DATE: Friday 24th June

Connect Card Template



*Best wishes,
Miss Pine*



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Being Outside = Improved Mental Health!

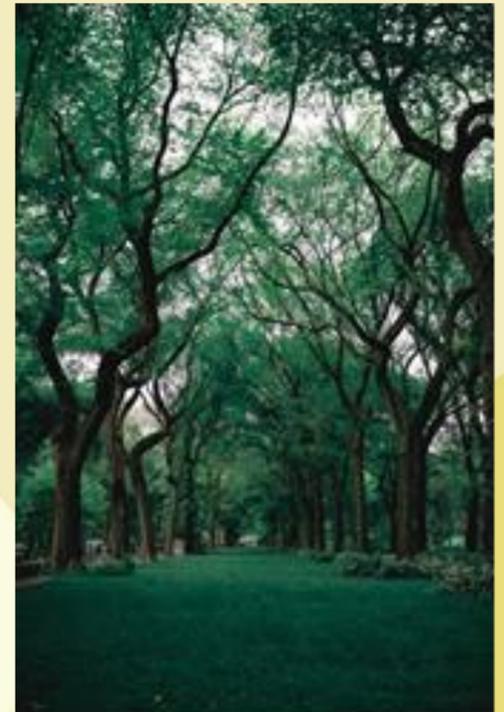
With longer, warmer and sunnier days it is a great time to step outside and enjoy the many benefits of fresh air and nature. Here are 7 reasons why being outside is good for your mental health and wellbeing:

- Reduces stress levels: going for a walk is one of the best ways of reducing stress levels.
- Feel better about yourself: getting outdoors and exercising improves self-esteem and body image.
- Improve your concentration and focus: looking at nature improves our ability to restore concentration.
- Improve mood: did you know that regular exercise can be as effective as anti-depressants.
- Sleep better: going for a walk in the early evening can help you relax and improve the quality of your sleep.
- Worry less: the effect of exercise of worry and feeling anxious is rapid and effective.

The sunshine vitamin: being outside increases your levels of Vitamin D. Low levels of Vitamin D have been associated with low mood and worry.

Great reasons to jump off the sofa and get going!! Enjoy!!

Check out Place2Be's free resources for parents at <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>
The site provides a number of resources for parents & carers of 4 – 11 year old, including anxiety, resilience in children and the importance of boundaries.



Parenting advice from our
child mental health experts

Practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour

*Best wishes,
Miss Pine*



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YEAR 12 & 13
SUMMER PARTY
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THE COW SHED
Treathy Farmhouse

29TH JUNE
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TICKETS AVAILABLE
FROM RECEPTION

ADULTS: £6

CONS: £4

7TH JULY 2022

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