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# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23

AUTUMN TERM 5<sup>th</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> December



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September – National Bank Holiday due to HRH Queen Elizabeth's funeral.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Year 5/6 Open Evening

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Inset Day – Non Pupil Day

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October Year 9 Parents' Evening

Half Term – Monday 24<sup>th</sup>-Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

### 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 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new Academic Year and a particularly warm welcome to all the new students, parents and carers that have just joined us.

We start this term with the very sad news of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's death that was announced last Thursday. As we continue through this period of National Mourning, it is a time for us all to reflect in response to the death of the Sovereign. We understand this will effect individuals in different ways and the College staff are here to support all students as best they can. We should also celebrate the amazing life of the Queen and reflect on all that she achieved, and the positive impact and influence she had over so many things and so many people during her illustrious and distinguished service as our Sovereign.

As you will be aware, the State Funeral will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Normal attendance is expected throughout the National Mourning Period, other than the Bank Holiday that has been announced for day of the State Funeral when the College will be closed as a mark of respect. The College will continue to function as normal up to this time.

Dr Jeremy Plumb  
Headteacher



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We are deeply saddened to hear the news of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's passing. We extend our deepest sympathies to the royal family at this time.

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## OFSTED INSPECTION JULY 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following Ofsted's inspection of the College on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022, the report was published last week and I am delighted to inform you that we were assessed to continue to be a good school. This was the first Ofsted inspection the College has received since COVID.

I am very pleased that Ofsted recognised that we are an inclusive school, that we have strengthened the breadth of the curriculum for students, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities, and that our arrangements for safeguarding are effective. As always there are things we can improve upon or do better in, and work is already under way to address those areas identified in the Ofsted report.

The final report has been sent out via Sims parent app and will be posted on the Ofsted and College website within 8 days.

Thank you to those who participated in the Ofsted surveys, in support of the inspection process, and for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Plumb  
Headteacher





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## A LEVEL and CAMTEC RESULTS 2022 (Copy of Press release)

Staff at Torpoint Community College would like to say a huge congratulations to all students who collected their A Level and CAMTEC results today. This particular cohort of students experienced periods of remote learning during the pandemic, an array of changes to the content of their subject courses and experienced formal public examinations for the first time in the summer of 2022 due to their GCSE examinations being cancelled as a result of Covid-19 in 2020.

Many students will be celebrating some superb achievements with a higher than normal number of students applying for places at University. 75% of this year group applied for a place at University with a significant number achieving their first choice. The College is proud that all students are either continuing studying in further education, taking up employment through apprenticeships or joining the Armed Forces. Many students reached or exceeded their target grades and should be extremely proud of what they have achieved.

The College is delighted for the students and the Head of Sixth Form John Golding said *"At the end of another very challenging year, I am incredibly proud to be part of such an amazing Sixth Form with such wonderful students, parents and staff. This cohort of young people have shown remarkable resilience and positivity to keep working hard in the most difficult of situations. Many of them have coped with huge personal challenges and I am delighted to see them being rewarded today. We are one of the smallest school Sixth Forms in Cornwall and yet our students are now ready and willing to take their places on the world stage. They are confident to stand heads and shoulders with the best and have the necessary skills and expertise to flourish in their chosen careers. Best of luck to the next generation of lawyers, scientists, physiotherapists, teachers, musicians, nurses and so much more. The College would like to thank each and every student for working so hard over the last two years and also thank the parents and carers of our students who have given them such unwavering support. The College Leadership Team would also like to thank each member of staff for going the extra mile to support our students."*





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## **GCSE and BTEC Results 2022** (Copy of press release)

**"Inspired Optimistic Learners" from Torpoint Community College celebrate their GCSE and Btec results.**

Inspired students at Torpoint Community College, have achieved an array of outstanding GCSE and BTEC examination results. This cohort of students experienced periods of remote learning during the pandemic, an array of changes to the content of their subject courses and experienced formal public examinations for the first time in the summer of 2022 due to examinations being cancelled because of Covid-19 in 2020 and 2021.

The number of students attaining GCSE grades of 4 or above, identified as the standard pass, in English and mathematics was 63%.

Dr Jeremy Plumb, Headteacher said "This achievement across the College is a reflection of each and every inspired individual learner, together with the support and encouragement of their families. *Congratulations to all students for their individual achievement and praise to all staff who have steered the students through the courses and examinations.* The College is looking forward to welcoming a significant number of these students into the hugely successful Sixth Form at the College which again this year also celebrates good results and sees every student move successfully to their next steps"

At this early stage of examination analysis, with several results yet to come in and the array of changes to courses, examinations and GCSEs, 63% of students gained a minimum of 5 or more GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and Mathematics. Students achieved the highest grades of 9 or a Distinction in a number of their GCSEs and BTEC courses. There were particular Torpoint Community College stars in terms of attainment this year and there are many other students that have achieved excellent personal bests, making significant progress. The College congratulates all students for their own outstanding achievement.

It is clear from the results, that the class of 2022 was a very special group and whilst students celebrated their achievements, individual subject areas celebrated student successes with above average pass rates in an array of different curriculum areas.

Dr Jeremy Plumb, Headteacher at the College said "All the staff and Governors at the College are extremely proud of our students' achievements and are looking forward to watching them continue to achieve and inspire others in their chosen journey after GCSEs and Btecs. The resilience that the students have demonstrated under such conditions, because of the pandemic, is remarkable. You are all exceptional, inspiring and talented young people, and we couldn't be prouder of you. Well done".



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## TCC Summer School 2022

We were delighted to welcome over 70 of our new Year 7 students who joined us for the TCC Summer School at the end of August.

The students completed three activity themed days on a carousel, which included:

- A sport and wellbeing day
- A science and engineering day
- A music and performance day.

The staff involved provided some excellent activities for the students as they learned to play the drums, carried out numerous exciting science experiments as well as playing lots of different games and activities.

It was a real pleasure to work with the children over the three days as they embraced all of the opportunities, made some new friends and had a lot of fun. They also got to know some staff which helped boost their confidence ready for their first school day in September.





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## TCC Students Become Published Poets!

Back in the summer term, a number of our students across years 7, 8 and 9 entered the last Young Writer's creative competition, 'Empowered'. This competition asked them to write a poem about something that inspired them, or to inspire others with their writing. A record 17 of our students were selected for publication, which is an outstanding achievement for both the school and the students involved.

Well done to our newly published poets: Oscar, Noah, Ffion, Helena, Brodie, Luke, Emily, Zak, Ellie, Jake, Neve, Sky, Jack, Lexie, Teagan, Isla and Keira.



Are you a student who is interested in creative writing, or a parent who knows their child is interested? Check out this lunchtime club with Mrs Hodgkinson each week!

### Creative Writing Club

**YEARS 7, 8 and 9**

**Week 1: Tuesday** lunchtime

**Week 2: Monday** lunchtime

Room 8 with Mrs Hodgkinson



## CONGRATULATIONS POPPY!

Congratulations to Poppy for being selected to run the 300m Hurdles in Loughborough against the fastest eight 300m Hurdlers! At the time of selection she was 6th in the UK rankings, but she ran a new PB of 43.26 seconds winning a bronze medal and coming 3rd overall. She is now ranked 4th in the UK. She was over the moon as she wasn't expecting this kind of result as she is in the younger end of the age groups!!

Poppy also ended up breaking the Cornwall record and her club record in this event, and also set a new Cornwall record in the 200m with a new PB of 25.3 seconds back in the summer!!

We are all very proud of what Poppy's achieved.





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## PSHEe News!

Students will have noticed that we have changed the name of PSHEe (Personal Social Health and Economics Education) lessons to the more simple and holistic title of '**Wellbeing**'. Wellbeing lessons will be delivered mainly by our PE team and we also welcome two new members of staff, Miss Pearson and Miss Rowe to our new Faculty of Sport and Wellbeing – delivering our PE and PSHEe curriculums.

Year 7 will be starting a sequence of lessons considering how to cope with and make a successful transition to secondary school. Year 8 students will be considering diversity, prejudice and equality for all. Year 9 will be starting with careers education lessons as they will be making important decisions regarding their options this academic year. Year 10 students are completing a sequence of lessons on the importance of looking after mental and emotional health and wellbeing. Year 11 will focus on careers education as they will have important career-related decision to make this year regarding their next steps. One to one career interviews will also commence again for this year group.

Please remember that we make use of 2 websites to help students with their careers education: Unifrog <https://www.unifrog.org> and CareerPilot <https://careerpilot.org.uk/> and it would be useful to have a look at these websites together with your child to explore the vast array of careers and pathways available for further study and employment.

Mrs Bray – PSHEe Lead

## 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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## Rainbow Alliance News

Welcome back to a new term and the return of the Rainbow Alliance! For those of you new to the College, the Rainbow Alliance is a lunchtime social group made up of children who either identify within the LGBTQ+ community, or are supportive 'allies' of the community.

We meet once a fortnight in Room 65 in the Sixth Form. No registers are taken and all we ask is that those who attend are respectful of each other, their identity, privacy and name choices. Students can bring their lunch to the club and once it is clear a student is a regular attender they will be issued with an early lunch pass.

We do things like badge making, arts and crafts, listening to music, sharing life stories and experiences and generally just making friends with like minded people.

Room 65

Week 1: Years 7, 8 and 9, 12.40 – 1.20

Week 2: Years 10 and 11, 1.40 – 2.20

Our first meeting of the year for Years 10 and 11 took place this week, and for Years 7, 8 & 9 it will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Mrs Lear

## Christmas Party Pieces – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

We are delighted to announce a performance evening for students this coming December.

Party Pieces is a unique opportunity for students to get up on stage to show their talent whether it be singing, dancing, acting, playing their instrument or whatever. Parents, friends, relatives will be able to get tickets nearer the time for a festive and light hearted evening of entertainment.

Rehearsals are starting very soon - so, calling all students at TCC, come and collect your letter/consent forms from Mr Entwistle in SSC or Miss Bell in Room 36.



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**THURSDAY  
22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER  
2022**

**YEARS 5/6  
OPEN EVENING**

*Come and find out what  
Torpoint Community College can offer you!*

**Choose from:**  
**Session 1: 5:30pm**  
(welcome and tour)  
**Session 2: 6:00pm**  
(welcome and tour)



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## **Calling all Fashion Show Dancers and any new dancers out there, Y7-13!**

We have an exciting opportunity to perform at **Christmas Party Pieces** on the **15th of December** and then will be working towards the summer **Fashion Show 2023**.

You do not have to be a trained dancer but have enthusiasm and commitment to weekly dance practice which will be on a **Wednesday** this year.

**Come and sign up and ask any questions!**

**-Tuesday 20th September at lunchtime**

**-either KS3 lunch or KS4.**

**Miss Bell Room 36**





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## UCL Beacon School Re-Accreditation

It is an honour for our College to share the final QM report for the UCL Beacon School Quality Mark Re-accreditation Review.

Torpoint Community College is one of only several UCL Beacon Schools, hubs of educational excellence.

Thank you and congratulations to Mrs Lane who deserves the credit for the pivotal and transformative work undertaken here at the College, with the support of numerous colleagues, subjects and students.

UCL CENTRE FOR HOLOCAUST EDUCATION



### Report findings:

#### UCL Beacon School Quality Mark re-accreditation review

#### Torpoint Community College

July 2022

UCL Beacon Schools are hubs of educational excellence. They are institutions which have committed themselves to developing high quality teaching and learning about the Holocaust, and to sharing best practice among their wider communities and networks. These endeavours require the investment of considerable time and energy: commodities which are always in high demand in schools. Because of this – and because educational agendas within schools and the system more broadly are continually changing – it can be hard for Beacon Schools to maintain their commitments over time, despite the best intentions.

The Quality Mark award was developed as a means of recognising those schools with an ongoing and unrelenting commitment to making sure that the Holocaust education they provide is of the highest standard. The award is earned, not merely given; the review process is developmental, but it is also rigorous and robust, meaning that this is an achievement that schools work incredibly hard to attain. To ensure the integrity of the Quality Mark, and because things can change quickly in education, those schools who achieve the award are duly required after four years to apply for the status to be reaccredited.

Torpoint Community College (TCC) became a UCL Beacon School in 2016. In 2018 it **was** awarded the Quality Mark. In July 2022, it became the third school to be reaccredited as a Quality Mark UCL Beacon School. I offer them my very warmest congratulations.

Nicola Wetherall MBE  
July 2022



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# SAFEGUARDING YOU

[worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto: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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