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NEWSLETTER

Thursday 29th September 2022

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23

AUTUMN TERM 5th September – 16th December



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 30th September - Inset Day (Non-Pupil Day)

Monday 10th October - HelloYellow 2022.
Mufti Day for EHWB

Thursday 13th October - Year 9 Parents' Evening

Half Term – Monday 24th to Friday 28th 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

Thank you



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move from Summer into Autumn, and have recently passed the equinox, the College is well into this new academic year. Those students who have recently joined us, in particular our Year 7 children, appear to have settled in very well and are becoming increasingly conversant and confident in their new environment.

Last Thursday we had the pleasure in hosting the Year 5 and 6 Open Evening. This provides the College with a fantastic opportunity to showcase our subject areas, and to give parents and future students a taste of what we can offer, to help prospective parents make a decision on which school they choose to send their child as part of the admissions process. We hope this was a useful and informative event, and further visits can be arranged for those who missed the Open Evening, and or for parents and carers who would like to find out more about us. These can be booked through our main reception.



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I hope you have taken the opportunity to read the recently published Ofsted report following an inspection of the College in July. We were of course delighted that we continue to be assessed as a good school, but we are certainly not resting on our laurels as we strive to improve in all areas of our educational provision and to be the best we possibly can.

It was a pleasure to meet with our GCSE and Post 16 students on their respective Results' Days in August. I do not wish to single out any individual students, but there are some outstanding results and they should all be proud of what they have achieved.

The majority of our Year 13 and 14 students were successful in being offered places in their chosen university, some have taken a gap year and others have gone directly into employment. We wish them all well for the future. We also welcome back many of our Year 11 students into Year 12, and it's great to see them back in the Sixth Form.

With the significant turbulence and upheaval we have experienced since 2020, it is difficult to make meaningful comparisons when reviewing the examination results data. However, with the analysis that has been completed we believe the College is making good progress with student outcomes and our Progress 8, the value added measure that indicates how much progress students have made at the College, now at +0.01.

This Friday we have an INSET day at the College and this is a non-pupil day. On Thursday 13th October we have our first Parents' Evening of the year – for Year 9 students. These are face to face meetings and appointments will be arranged shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher



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Important Information – Free School Meals

Are you eligible for FSM? Don't forget to apply!

Your child may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals if you, or the child themselves, meet the [eligibility criteria](#). If eligible for Free School Meals, your child will also be eligible for pupil premium. This is additional funding paid to the school to support your child in their learning. Please remember to apply if you think you are eligible using the Cornwall Council form found here [School meals - Cornwall Council](#)
Before applying please ensure you have read the criteria and information at www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals

(You do not need to reapply for Benefit Related Free School Meals/Pupil Premium when your child transfers to secondary school. The entitlement will automatically be transferred to the Secondary School, to begin at the start of the Autumn Term.)

You can also find the application form on the College website (click on Curriculum tab then Pupil Premium).

Eligibility Criteria

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent/carer (or the child themselves) receives any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Supports

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are **not** eligible for free school meals. This is regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed.

- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

There are different [eligibility criteria for families who are not entitled to benefits](#) (NRPF - No Recourse to Public Funds)



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Preparation for the Ten Tors Challenge 2023

Planning is underway for the College's participation in the Ten Tors Challenge 2023. We have had assemblies to inform students about the event, and the training dates have now been set.

Students in Year 9 and above who would like to train for this amazing event need to:

- Collect, complete and return a consent form to Mrs Porter.
- Attend the Ten Tors meeting on Wednesday 12th October, 3.30 – 4.30pm, in room 22.
- Attend the introductory walk on Sunday 16th October (leaving 8am).

There will be no charge for the introductory walk. More details will be given at the meeting on 12th October. After the walk there will be a parent/carer and student meeting on Wednesday 19th October between 6 – 7pm in the College's Sixth Form.

As part of our preparations, our team of volunteers took part in the Dartmoor Rescue 11 Tors walk on 23rd September!!





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Cross-Country News

On Thursday 22nd September, nine students across Years 7, 8 and 9 competed in a cross-country competition at Saltash Community School. The results were as follows:

Year 7 girls race:

- Amy – 1st Place

Years 8 and 9 combined boys race:

- Luke – 30th
- Finlay – 22nd
- Charlie – 13th
- Harry – 12th
- Mikey – 8th
- Oliver – 7th
- Jack – 2nd Place
- Josh – 1st Place.



Each and every one of the students applied their very best effort and conducted themselves impeccably as ambassadors for the College.

Well done to our Key Stage 3 cross-country runners!

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



A lovely welcome back to all of the Rainbow Alliance group. It was nice to see everyone after the summer and also to welcome some new faces. Let the badge making commence.

As our group has got so much larger, we have moved rooms. We are now in Room 69 so we have a bit more space. Regular attenders are welcome to ask for a lunchtime pass; however, to avoid queues it might be a good idea to either bring a packed lunch that day, or save something back from break so you can join the queue towards the end when it is quieter.

A reminder for anyone who isn't sure what the Rainbow Alliance is, we are a lunchtime social group. Anyone can attend as long as they are a supporter of diversity and the LGBTQ+ community. It's an opportunity to gather with others, share experiences, discuss issues and ideas.

Mrs Lear

Christmas Party Pieces – Thursday 15th 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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Year 7 TCC Student – Fishing Success!

Antony was invited out as a guest on the Harvest Moon charter boat and caught a huge 450lb tuna measuring 87 inches. This is part of a tuna research program known as C.H.A.R.T. which stands for Catch And Release Tagging scheme for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna.

Antony did incredibly well and now holds the Harvest Moon's record for catching the largest tuna on this boat. He looks set to have a bright future in competitive fishing and we wish him the very best of luck. What an amazing catch!





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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.



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EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Monday 10th October is HelloYellow for 2022!

Students are invited to take part in the yellow muffin day for a £1 donation.

50% of donations stay here at TCC, for future wellbeing projects and 50% is donated to YoungMinds to help young people reach the support they need.

Watch out for posters and activities around school over the next couple of weeks.



*Best wishes
Miss Pine*