



TORPOINT
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

"INSPIRING OPTIMISTIC LEARNERS"



INFORMATION BOOKLET



TRANSITION

At Torpoint Community College we are proud of our extensive links with the surrounding primary schools. Each year we offer a rich and extensive programme of activities that allow primary school students to extend their learning and familiarise themselves with life at TCC. These events are tailored to the needs of the children and primary school.

Socially and educationally, the change from Year 6 to Year 7 can seem daunting; we make every effort to ensure this transition is smooth and easy as possible. Each year we are proud of the positive feedback we receive from parents and students.

SAFEGUARDING

Our aim is to establish an environment where students feel secure, are encouraged to talk, and are listened to, when they have a worry or concern. Parents and carers may also contact us where they have concerns about the welfare or safety of a child by emailing worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

The College's Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy is updated annually, it can be found on the College's website.

*"Pupils make good progress and their safety and well-being are rigorously maintained" –
Ofsted, March 2017.*

At TCC, you can be whoever you want to be.

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

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WORKING WITH YOU

We will communicate with you at least three times a year to review the progress and success of your child. We will also meet with your child one to one to discuss their option choices.

We have invested in Satchel One so parents are kept informed about their child's homework and the number of Rewards given to their child daily.



EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING AT TCC

We encourage all students to be resilient and emotionally healthy members of the College and we support students in a variety of ways to ensure that they can maintain positive relationships, deal with anxiety and stress as well as consider their mental health now and throughout their adult lives. We have fully trained Trauma Informed School (TIS) practitioners as well as a significant number of staff trained in Emotional First Aid who all know how to support students with their mental health.

Any student who requires support will have a number of ways of learning strategies for self help by accessing the Student Support Centre.

ATTENDANCE

Full attendance is an expectation of all students. It is the parent's duty to ensure that their child attends school regularly, where the child is a registered student of the school and where they are of compulsory education age. It is the College's responsibility to record attendance and follow up on absences. As a College we are able to issue sanctions, including fixed term penalties in line with the local authorities code of conduct.

BEHAVIOUR - RESPECT, PREPARE, FOCUS

The highest standards of work and behaviour are expected from all students at all times. Students are expected to show self-discipline, courtesy and consideration, and to be responsible for their actions. Torpoint Community College aims for our students to be inspiring optimistic learners and ensure that:

- There is a strong positive ethos that deters poor behaviour.
- Behaviour is not a barrier to learning and progress.
- We adopt a consistent approach to behaviour management.

Our expectations require our students to:

- Be a positive influence in lessons by working to the best of their ability and by showing respect to our teachers and fellow learners.
- Behave sensibly and show consideration to others around the College.
- Maintain a calm and pleasant environment in which everyone feels safe and secure.



UNIFORM

The wearing of smart College uniform is central to good discipline and to the ethos of the College. Therefore, students are expected to wear full College uniform and be smart and tidy at all times. In the event of an unavoidable and temporary emergency resulting in a student being without the correct uniform, parents are asked to ensure that their child has a suitable note of explanation and that the matter is resolved as a matter of urgency. All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the student's name.

Our students wear the uniform with pride.

EQUIPMENT

Students are expected to have the TC6 with them in every day:

1. Pen (Blue or Black)
2. Pencil
3. Ruler
4. Eraser
5. Calculator- Casio fx-83gtx Classwiz
6. Knowledge Organisers

Other useful equipment-

- Colouring Pencils
- Glue stick

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mobile phones and other valuables, such as iPods etc are allowed in College, but only in designated areas, for specific year groups (Year 7-9 are not allowed phones or smart watches in College) and only allowed for use with learning in lesson if directed by their teacher. Any such items brought and subsequently lost at College remain the responsibility of the student at all times. Furthermore, if such items are seen in corridors, the Behaviour Policy will apply and they may be confiscated until the end of the day and stored within the College. Items can be reclaimed by students or parents, if need be, by prior arrangement with the College Reception. Money and personal property should not be left unattended at any time. We request that parents do not try and contact students on their phone during the day. If you need to speak with your child, please contact Reception and we will organise for them to speak with you.



HOMEWORK

All students are set homework in English, Maths and Science routinely and frequently in other subjects. In Year 7, students should expect to establish a routine of spending some time on their homework each day. Parents can assist by monitoring their child's homework on Satchel One: the amount, the quality and the time taken, as well as supporting their children with organisation and by providing a suitable, quiet place where students can work uninterrupted. Not all homework will be written; some may require research, revision, learning or reading.

The College uses www.satchelone.com to set homework. This system allows students and parents to be informed of the tasks to be completed in subject areas and provide clear deadline dates.

The College usually runs a Homework Club. This can be useful for those students who don't have access to the internet at home.

SEND AND MORE ABLE STUDENTS

Students with identified Special Educational Needs (SEN) are placed on the Record of Need (RoN). This register has an ascending level of need/support from targeted support, where the need is usually relatively small and hopefully easily supported and overcome, to an Educational Health Care Plan (EHC Plan), issued by the Local Authority. Parents are involved in the placing of students on the Record of Need, although students who are on the Record of Need at their Primary School will normally automatically transfer on to the Record of Need at the College.

'More Able' learners are fully supported at the College to develop a clear understanding of their individual learning style and effective learning strategies. Students will also have access to a number of enrichment and extension events designed to support skill related development and raise aspirations. Students identified as being 'More Able' in a specific Curriculum area will be involved in a range of enrichment and extension activities unique to that subject.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

TCC normally run a number of extra-curricular activities which include:

- Homework Club
- Study Café
- Forest School
- Sports - Rowing, Netball, Football, Badminton, Table Tennis, Basketball and Rugby etc.

We work in partnership with local and national organisations to increase the opportunities available to our students.

EVENTS

There is a busy yearly calendar of events which includes a fashion show, multiple opportunities to meet staff, performing arts productions, themed events, exhibitions, charity events, an awards evening and numerous sporting fixtures.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS

We are proud to be recognised as a Healthy School. At TCC we know that healthy students are better learners and we flourish in every opportunity to support this; both in and outside of the classroom. Furthermore, we understand that being a Healthy School is much more than just healthy eating and physical activity, but rather a Healthy School is one that works together, going beyond the classroom and involving the whole community.

We ask that students do not bring any fizzy drinks (e.g. cola type drinks, energy drinks) into College.

TCC also banned all 'Family sized' food items that contain little nutritional value from College, (cakes, biscuits, crisps and chocolate), and if they are seen they will be confiscated.

FOOD AT TCC

We have varied menus that rotate on a 4 week cycle (3 weeks in the Summer Term) offering a healthy choice of food; on occasions we also have national and international themed food days. We also have a cashless catering system which means you can control and track what your child is eating at school.



LIFE BEYOND TCC

This is an important area of our curriculum at TCC, since a key aspect of schools is to prepare young people for the world of work. Through our Wellbeing lessons, personalised mentoring at tutor time and as part of our enrichment programme, students focus on four main areas:

- Self-Awareness
- Education and Training Pathways
- Careers Exploration
- Development of Work Based Learning Skills

We regularly hold an 'in house' Careers Fair for students in Year 8-13, where exhibitors included:

- RAF
- Army
- Babcock Engineering
- Plymouth University Peninsula Medical and Dental School
- University of St Marks and St Johns
- University of Exeter
- Tesco
- Ginsters

We are very proud of our lively and thriving Sixth Form with its excellent results.

After leaving the Sixth Form our students have gone on to a huge range of professions all over the world, and at world ranking institutions like Princeton, Oxford and Cambridge. Our students have gone on to become doctors, nurses, vets, scientists, engineers, writers, artists, teachers, lawyers and so much more. We even, quite literally, have a brain surgeon!