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NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 30th November 2022

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23

AUTUMN TERM 5th September – 16th December



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 15th December - Christmas
Party Pieces

Friday 16th December - Christmas
Jumper Day and last day of term

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 - **Non Pupil
day** – staff training

Wednesday 4th January - All Year
Groups return – **Spring Term**

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,

Last week we held a range of activities to raise money for Children in Need. I appreciate with the current cost of living crisis such events can put pressure on families, and it is for this reason I am hugely grateful and very humbled at the generous donations that were made in collection jars, from bake sales and from mufti to raise a fantastic £862 to date. Thank you for your support for this very worthwhile cause.

The Year 11 mock exams are now underway and students have been working hard to acclimatise to the formal exam conditions and achieve the best outcomes they can for each of the subject areas they are studying. This is an important process to determine the level of knowledge and understanding students have at this time, and to ensure that the best possible preparations can be made leading up to the formal exams that start in the Summer Term. There will be a Year 11 Mock Results Evening on Wednesday 11th January which I would I really encourage you to come along to.



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You will be aware that last Monday we had to call the Fire Service to deal with an issue in one of our Mathematics' classrooms. The fire alarm activated around 7.45am and on investigation there was a significant amount of smoke in the classroom, but the source could not be identified. With strong winds and very heavy rain, all staff and students were sent to the YMCA Sports Hall whilst waiting for the matter to be dealt with. The Fire Service confirmed it was safe to re-enter the College site around 9.45am and lessons continued as normal from Period 2. I would like to thank the students for their excellent behaviour during this period of disruption, staff for their quick response in managing the situation and Plymouth YMCA for their support. Fortunately there was minimal damage to the classroom which is now back in use.

Finally, with the festive period fast approaching rehearsals for our Christmas Party Pieces event on Thursday 15th December are ongoing with great gusto being shown by both the student and staff participants. If you haven't already done so, please purchase a ticket from the College's main reception – we look to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher

Thank you!



Total: £862 raised for
Children in Need
Thank you to all who donated.



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TORPOINT STUDENTS SUCCESS IN UK SENIOR MATHS COMPETITION!

Ten of our top mathematicians in Years 11 and 12 took part in the UK Senior Maths Challenge last month. The Maths Challenge is a one and a half hour paper that contains a variety of questions that involve puzzles, problems, logic as well as maths, which make them challenging and enjoyable to those taking part. It is a national competition with the best mathematicians from all over the UK taking part. The paper is designed to challenge the most able students and get them to think about the maths skills that they need to use.

Jasper of year 11 achieved a Bronze Certificate, Best in Year and Best in School. Holly, Josh and Jake also all received Bronze awards. Jessica, Phoebe, Sian, Kobi, Isobel and Owen also all participated in the challenging competition and narrowly missed out on awards. A massive well done to all students that participated!





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Sports News

The Year 9 and 10 netball squads have been training hard for forthcoming fixtures. One Year 9 team have recently been away to Penryn for the National Cup County round. Two further Year 9 netball teams and a Year 10 team are away to Callington in the next few weeks for their first rounds of the East Cornwall league. We wish them all the best!



Year 13 Ctec Sport A Level course

TCC A Level sport students are in the process of applying for apprenticeships and university courses ranging from Physiotherapy, Injury Rehabilitation, Sports Therapy to Marine Studies. They have just completed a unit for Exercise for Specific Groups and have had to plan and teach a series of fitness sessions for different populations such as elderly, pregnancy, and young children as well as medical conditions such as back pain, arthritis, and obesity for their assessments. They have now moved on to their Sports Injury and rehabilitation unit.





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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.

Success for Year 12 Student at Plymouth Festival of Speech and Drama

Katie in Y12 recently took part in the Plymouth Festival of Speech and Drama.

Katie entered two categories: monologue and sight reading. She won gold in both and was chosen by the adjudicator for another award which was presented in church last Saturday: the Dale Cup!

Well done Katie on your amazing success – we are very proud of you!





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Food Bank Donations

Torpoint Community College Student Council would like to support our local Food Bank in the lead up to Christmas, We are asking students to bring in their donations throughout December. There will be a prize for the tutor group with the most donations which will be awarded on Friday 16th December. Student council members will be visiting tutor groups over the next few weeks to keep drumming up support.



- Tinned Fish
- Microwave Rice Pouches
- Jar/tin Hotdogs
- Tinned Ham Or Corned Beef
- Rice Pudding
- UHT Milk
- Cereal
- Fruit Juice
- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Fruit
- Instant Noodles
- Coffee
- Gluten Free Biscuits
- Washing Up Liquid
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Nappies All Sizes
- Men's Deodorant
- Wet Wipes
- Shower Gel
- Squash

Needed Items



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'AN EVENING OF FESTIVE ENTERTAINMENT
GIVEN BY STUDENTS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF TCC'

CHRISTMAS

Party Pieces
2022

THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER

7:30 PM

**TICKETS
SELLING
FAST !!**

SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE

**TICKETS: £5 ADULT
£3 CONS**

PURCHASE FROM RECEPTION


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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!



Friday 16th December 2022

We will be holding a full mufti on Friday 16th December for this fantastic cause. Students are encouraged to wear their Christmas jumpers to show their support. Donations £1 each.

£1
DONATION



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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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