



NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th November 2022

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23

AUTUMN TERM 5th September – 16th December



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 17th November – Post 16
Open Evening

Thursday 15th December - Christmas
Party Pieces

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a wet and blustery start to the second half of the Autumn Term. With the dark evenings also upon us, it definitely feels like winter is on its way!

This week the Year 9 Options Process was launched during an assembly. This provides an opportunity for students to start thinking about their subject choices for when they begin Year 10 in September 2023. The College offers a broad and balanced curriculum, following the National Curriculum, and students can select four option choices in addition to studying English, Mathematics, Science, PSHE and Physical Education. We start this process early and follow a rigorous programme of events to ensure individual curriculums are built around learners' specific needs and their future aspirations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our student ambassadors for all that they contribute to the College. They are engaged in our Student Council, support parents' evenings, open evenings and Year 6 transition events to mention just a few throughout the year. They are a credit to us and this week were presented with their new ties in recognition of their commitment to their role.

I hope you found this week's virtual tutor support evening of value. The aim of this event was to provide you with an opportunity to discuss with your child's tutor how they have settled into this Academic Year, their progress and any pastoral matters. There is another virtual tutor support

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





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evening planned to take place at the end of April next year, so any feedback would be appreciated.

Can I please remind you that we have our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 17th November. This will take place in the Sixth Form Common Room between 6pm and 8pm. Please come along and see what we have to offer.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher

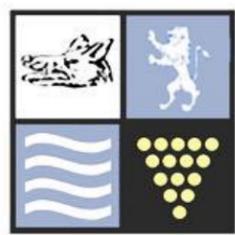


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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 2022 at TCC

Thursday 17th November

An opportunity to come and find out about the courses on offer at Torpoint Sixth Form.

6-8pm

There will be refreshments available and a presentation by Mr Golding Head of Sixth Form. Post 16 Subject leaders will be available to share course materials and to discuss the options and courses on offer.

Careers advice from a range of organisations will be there to help too.

There will also be opportunities to speak to current post-16 students and ask them about their courses.





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TCC Donation to NICU at Derriford Hospital

On Friday 21st October Mrs Blandin-Neaves and family presented a cheque for £280 to the NICU at Derriford Hospital. This money was raised from the College's Fashion Show and from the Feasty Mile, and was in memory of Wren Blandin-Neaves on what would have been her first birthday.

Many thanks to all who contributed to these events.

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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Supporting our Uniform Policy at Torpoint Community College

We believe that providing a high-quality education for students includes asking them to wear a uniform. We believe that upholding high standards in all aspects of school life will lead to the very best outcomes for students and enforcing our uniform policy is one part of our commitment to doing the best we can for every child at our school.

Our College uniform policy has been created in liaison with students and parents and we believe it represents a balance between ensuring students are warm and comfortable whilst also looking smart and wearing a professional style of dress. There is an expectation and requirement that the uniform policy is adhered to by all students.

The vast majority of our students wear the correct uniform every day and look very smart. However, some of our students are choosing to wear skirts made of stretchy material to school which is an infringement of our policy; we ask all parents to support us in ensuring that your child either wears trousers or skirts that are not made of stretchy fabric to school every day.

Our priority is to support students to meet our expectations so we have a range of skirts and trousers stored at the College; if your child arrives at school wearing a skirt that does not meet our uniform policy, we will lend them one of our items so that they can focus on their learning without disruption. Of course, we would never try to force a student to wear a borrowed item, but if they refuse our offer, then we may need to ask you to collect them so they can go home and change. We will always seek to avoid this as we want our students to be in lessons succeeding, which is why we require your support to ensure that your child follows school rules everyday so that they can focus on the important business of learning.

If you are finding it challenging to purchase clothes that meet our policy, or your child is not being cooperative in wearing what you tell them to, please do contact us as we are always keen to work together to ensure that all of our students look smart and learn effectively.

Useful Information on TCC Website:

For all weekly clubs, please see the full booklet online for the extra- curricular activities programme <https://www.torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk/extra-curricular-activities-and-opportunities/>

There is also careers information available on our newsfeed on our website, as well as the focused careers section .

Guidance for revision and study techniques and pastoral support can also be found here.





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Student Ambassadors - Presentation of their new ties!

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Sports News

Extra -curricular sport

The PE Department has seen an exceptional attendance at extra-curricular clubs again this half term.

Netball

Netball remains popular this year with over 100 girls attending Miss Pearson's and Miss Milford's weekly practices this half term, with multiple teams in Year 7 through to the Sixth Form. East Cornwall fixtures continue after half term and some teams will also compete at the County National Cup tournaments at Penryn before Christmas. The older teams are really looking forward to a trip to Bath University in December to watch the Team Bath Tri tournament matches against Wasps and Saracens.

The Under 16s netball team travelled to Penryn last Saturday for the National Cup County tournament. It was great to see seventeen teams represented from across Cornwall with over 200 girls competing. The standard of netball was very high and our girls had to really raise their game. Strong captaincy and control of the court from Holly, effective set plays in attack from Holly, Maddie, and Alice and solid shooting from Alice, Freya and Isabelle R in the first three games saw excellent teamwork and match play. Sky, Sophie and Isabelle M were superb in defence making it very hard for the opposing team to get the ball in to shoot. The team performed incredibly well beating Roseland 12-3, Camelford 13-3, and Wadebridge 9-3. They were disappointed to fight back after half time to Cambourne to lose in the final seconds 9-8. With several injuries, a bad fall and very tired legs our Year 10 reserves were relied on heavily in the final two matches with Lucy and Willow stepping up and playing excellently in positions they don't normally play. The girl's gave everything against tough teams in the final two matches to lose 8-6 to St Ives and 8-3 to Truro.

Well done! You did the College proud with many positive comments made about your teamwork and team spirit by officials.

Miss Milford





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Cross Country

The College has over 20 runners challenging themselves at Mr Farmer's weekly cross country sessions. Last week's write up declared wins from Amy in Year 7 and Josh in Year 9 at the first East Cornwall league races. Our teams are travelling to Newquay this week for the County round of the English School's and we look forward to hearing from Mr Farmer on how they get on.

Boys Football

Mr Evan's boy's football has over 60 students training weekly from Year 7-10 with National Cup matches coming up quickly for all teams after half term.

Girls Football

We are delighted that girl's football has seen a massive increase in popularity with over 40 girls attending Mis Rowe's training sessions. Again, these girls have junior and senior teams playing in the East Cornwall league fixtures and we look forward to the next set of matches at Callington after half term.

Basketball

Basketball numbers continue to increase this year with Mr Farmer seeing over 30 students from Year 7-11 training weekly towards fixtures coming up in Cornwall and Plymouth before Christmas.

Lunchtime Clubs

Miss Rowe's lunchtime table tennis club is well attended and we will try to start badminton and fitness club after half term.

We are grateful to our student leaders who give their time regularly to come and help us at our clubs. Thank you to the following who have been really dedicated in coming to coach and officiate: Rosie, Mia, Nia, Thea, Teagan, Ebby and Flo at netball club, Alex at basketball, Dan at cross Country, and Imogen at girl's football.

The PE Department Clubs are advertised every day on the tutor noticeboard and outside the PE office. Anyone can start at any time so if you fancy it come and give it a go!

Rugby Club News

This year Rugby is back at the College, with the help of St Columba Rugby Ltd, helping deliver rugby in all its forms.

The club is on a Tuesday and has seen steady numbers with students across all year groups.

This year Mr Lowe and Mr Davey are hoping to organise the College's first competitive inter school fixture for a long time!

For further details please see Mr Lowe or Mr Davey.





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English Reading Programme



This year the English department have launched their reading programme to all Year 7 and Year 8 students, with a space theme.

Lots of rewards, tokens and prizes to be won.

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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 ON
SALE
SOON !!

SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE

TICKETS: £5 ADULT
£3 CONS

PURCHASE FROM RECEPTION

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- Supply of items such as blankets and hot water bottles

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Look forward to seeing you soon!

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EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Thank you to everyone for taking part in the Hello Yellow mufti day and lunchtime scavenger hunts. Together we raised a total of £590. 50% of the funds raised will stay at TCC for future wellbeing projects and 50% will be donated to the Young Minds charity.



Don't forget to check out the Start Now website for wellbeing tips and hints and to enter any competitions. A website made and run by young people in Cornwall for young people in Cornwall.
<https://www.startnowcornwall.org.uk/>



Best wishes
Miss Pine



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Dr Plumb



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



Mrs Lear



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