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NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th December 2022

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23

AUTUMN TERM 5th September – 16th December



UPCOMING EVENTS

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**

Tuesday 10th January – Year 9 Options' Evening

Wednesday 11th January – Year 11 Mock Results Evening

Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of the Autumn Term is now upon us, and bitterly cold it has been too(!), I am aware both students and staff are very much looking forward to the forthcoming festive break. It has certainly been a very busy period and I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support.

Many students and staff enjoyed Christmas lunch that was served at the College on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Then last night I attended the College's Christmas Party Pieces event. It has been some time since the last Party Pieces and talking to many parents this was an event that has firm historic memories for many of you. It was lovely to see so many staff, students, families and other members of the local community attend, and the happiness as they sang along and relished the amazing performances. This certainly seemed to get people into the festive spirit, and I would like to thank the staff and students involved in putting on this show and for all the time and effort they put into delivering such a wonderful event.

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

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Thank you





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Following on from this, today we had a Christmas themed mufti and there was a real variety of festive attire. The children certainly enjoyed it and are clearly looking forward to having a couple of weeks off school!

Our Sixth Form students, together with Mrs Penter, have also visited Tamara House to deliver lovely parcels to the residents and share some festive cheer.

Thank you to students and their families who donated food items and provisions for our food bank collection. This has been very well received by families who are struggling with the increase in the cost of living.

Our Year 11 students have just finished their mock exams this week and have behaved impeccably throughout. Can I please remind you that parents are invited to the Mock Results evening on Wednesday 11th January.

On Tuesday 10th January, we have our Year 9 Options Evening. This an important and informative evening to explain the College's Options' process and explain the curriculum that students follow in Year's 10 and 11. Year 9 students have already completed an expression of interest, provisionally indicating the subjects they are considering to choose to study during Key Stage 4.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable festive break. We have an INSET Day on Tuesday 3rd January, so I look forward to welcoming back all students on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher





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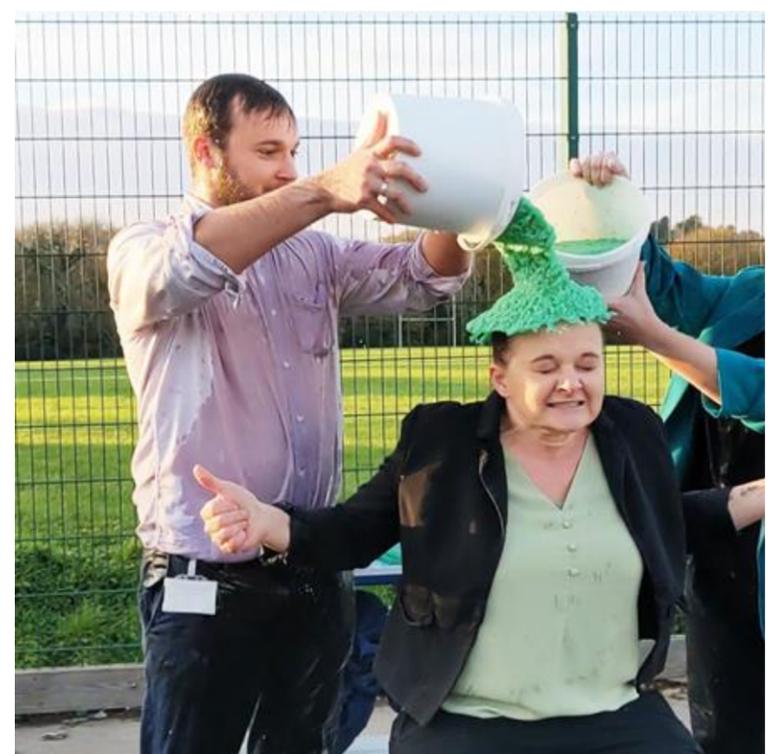
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TCC Ice Bucket Challenge – Children In Need 2022

On Friday 2nd December we will held the Ice Bucket Challenge on the College's hard play area to celebrate the amazing donations staff and students made to Children In Need.

Well done to Mr Lowe, Mrs Blandin-Neaves and Miss Howard for braving the icy water and green gunk that they had to endure! Please see the next page for the final total raised by TCC for Children In Need - well done everyone!





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THANK YOU

Students & Staff at TCC

for raising a fantastic

£879.20

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

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Ten Tors training – Sunday 4th December

It was a cold and misty day for students training for the Ten Tors Challenge on Sunday 4th December, with temperatures dropping to -3°. The four teams headed out to complete the circular route from Postbridge, with some in festive attire. The student's spirits remained high as they successfully completed the walk and they were rewarded with some chocolates and sweets. Well done to all those who took part and thank you to the volunteers who supported the students throughout the day.

Also, thank you to the parents who helped provide transport.

The next walk will be in 2023!





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Year 12 Oxford University Visit

On Thursday 1st December, 11 Year 12 students had the opportunity to visit Exeter College at the University of Oxford. Working with students from Liskeard Sixth Form, they met tutors and current students at one of the most prestigious universities in the world.

They had a tour of the College, which included several sections used in the Harry Potter films, and a fabulous lunch in the College hall – which was just like being at Hogwarts but without the floating candles! They also had two challenging sessions with university tutors which gave them an insight into the interview process at Oxford and how tutorials might work in both English and Science.

All of the students enjoyed the experience and several have now put Oxford on their list of possible university destinations for next year.





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Year 9 Netball National Cup County Round

Ten of our Year 9 netball squad got up very early on Saturday 19th November to travel to Penryn for the County round of the National Cup. With 24 teams present it was a very busy, competitive netball dome.

TCC started their tournament all fired up against Helston and played their best competitive netball to date. With excellent defence from Lexi and Olivia S most attempts of getting the ball in to the shooting circle were intercepted. Lola, Thea and Olivia B were strong through the centre third, moving, communicating and passing really effectively into Mia and Molly in the shooting circle. Nia and Molly positioned themselves excellently and moved really well together. Their accurate shooting under pressure was excellent. Due to excellent team work they **beat Helston 7-3**.

In the next two games against Roseland and Richard Lander Ebby, Teagan and Chloe M came on and showed their versatility in various positions. Excellent teamwork and play continued against two tough teams. They kept their heads and showed real determination to **beat Roseland 8-6 and Richard Lander 9-3**.

Legs were getting tired when we came on to play Truro School. We started slowly and made a few mistakes which Truro capitalised on each time and our shots just kept rebounding. The team managed to lift spirits, even though frustrated with their play, eventually **losing to Truro School 10-3**.

Our final match against Mounts Bay saw the girls playing at their best again against a strong Mounts Bay. At half time it was 4-3. Mounts Bay shooters didn't miss in the second half. An excellent game with the final result **Mounts Bay 10 Torpoint 4**.

Our team played excellently in their first National Cup and showed incredible team spirit and determination. Well done!





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Team Bath Netball Visit

On Saturday 3rd December some of our Year 10 – 13 netball teams travelled to the City of Bath. It was a fantastic day with the netballers spending the morning in the city with its bustling Christmas market. In the afternoon we made our way up to the Sports Village of Bath University to watch the Team Bath pre-season Tri tournament against London Pulse and the Mavericks.

With several key England players in each team our netballers left feeling inspired by the excellent standard of netball they got to see and looking forward to next term's fixtures.



Girls' Football Round Up of the Year

It has been a very successful first term for Girls' Football at TCC. We have a regular 35 girls attending, with another 10 or so who attend around other extra-curricular commitments. This has seen a massive growth since September which has been great to see.

This term, we have seen 2 fixtures at Callington for our Year 9/10s where plenty of goals have been scored. Unfortunately, our Year 7/8 team missed out on their two fixtures due to unforeseen circumstances. However, in the new year, we have plenty of fixtures pencilled in the diary which we are all looking forward to.

We have some exciting news.... we have been fortunate enough to be granted with some funding to go towards purchasing our own football kit which the girls have designed themselves and they are looking forward to wearing it after Christmas.

Some key dates to be aware of:

- 10-11th March – Women's Football Weekend
- 20th July – 20th August 2023 – FIFA Women's World Cup.

Anyone is welcome to join the girls' football and it is never too late to come and give it a try!! Any questions, please see Miss Rowe in the PE office. 😊



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Year 9 Christmas Badminton tournament

The Year 9 girl's PE groups have really enjoyed their badminton block this term. We held an end of term tournament to celebrate their progress. Twenty four pairs took part over the three hours with excellent competitive spirit and humour shown throughout. A wonderful morning of sport! The overall winners were Molly and Autumn and Essie and Olivia S. The runners up were Lola and Olivia B.

Reminder that Badminton Club will start at lunchtime in the New Year!





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Key Stage 3 Art and Design Exhibition

We are currently celebrating the excellent Art and Design Technology work from some of our Key Stage 3 students. There is a lovely mix of painting, drawing, ceramics, product design and textiles work to see. Well done to all of our creative students!



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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.

Food Bank Donations 2022

On Wednesday 14th December the food bank donations were collected by the Trussell Trust and we have been blown away with the continued kindness from our school community.

Some tutor groups have even taken the opportunity to get a little creative with their donations and make some awesome displays !!

Thank you to everyone that has donated.

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Sixth Form Volunteer Group – Christmas Visit to Tamara

This term the Sixth Form have created a volunteer group, a mixed group of year 12 and 13 students, who have come together to make a difference in the local community by volunteering and running events to benefit others.

The first event planned was a visit to Tamara House, a residential care home in Torpoint. The students had asked for gift donations from staff and students to take along, which had been wrapped and labelled for all the care home residents and staff.

During lunchtime on Thursday 8th December a group of students dropped off the presents and enjoyed chatting to the residents and wishing them all a merry Christmas. The residents and staff were delighted to see them.

Thank you to all who contributed and well done to all students involved.

Mrs Penter





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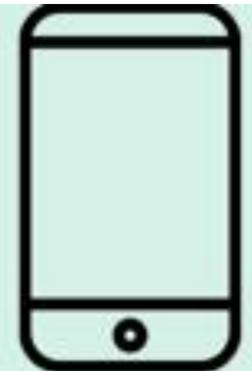
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YPC Christmas phone support



As our support hubs and centres close the doors to have a xmas break we will be offering phone support over the festive period for young people aged 11-25yrs.

**A SPACE TO TALK FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE WHO ARE FEELING DOWN
AND/OR STRUGGLING WITH THEIR EMOTIONS.**

**OUR TRAINED YOUTH AND MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS WILL BE
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22ND, 23RD, 27TH, 28TH, 29TH AND 30TH DEC, 3RD-6TH JAN
BETWEEN 3-6PM**

PHONE: 01726 982140

*If the line is busy please try again and
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or visit The Mix at www.themix.org*

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EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING



“ Just because it's Christmas, it doesn't mean caring for your mental health has to be put on hold. ”

“It's the most wonderful time of the year!” is what I hear constantly at Christmas. Whether it's on the radio, the television or out in public, we are constantly told that Christmas is a time to be happy.

But what if you're not happy?

The reality for many of us, including myself, is that when Christmas comes around, there's constant pressure on those with mental health problems to be happy all the time. But of course, that's easier said than done. Here's my advice on things you can do to ensure you still enjoy the festive period this year, but also look after your mental health:

- Take time out for yourself
- Get back into your sleep routine
- Exercise for your wellbeing
- Try to relax.

There are more hints & tips at <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/keep-warm-keep-well/>



*Best wishes
Miss Pine*



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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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