



**TORPOINT
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NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 26th January 2023

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23

SPRING TERM 3rd January – 31st March



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 27th January – Deadline for Year 9 Options (forms in to reception)

Thursday 2nd February – Face to Face Year 11 Parents' Evening (book appointments on School Cloud)

Half Term – Monday 13th to Friday 17th February

Thursday 23rd February – Face to Face Year 8 Parents' Evening

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,

This term is certainly flying by as we approach the end of January already. It was a pleasure to see and meet so many parents at our Year 9 Options Evening and Year 11 Mock Results Evening, and I hope you found both events useful and informative. We also had our Post 16 Parents' Evening last week which was well attended.

On Tuesday of this week, all Year 13 students experienced a 30 minute mock interview with a local employer. It was very clear that this was a very positive experience for each of the students, they looked very smart and the feedback from each of the employers was particularly impressive about how the students had responded to an array of challenging interview questions.

Next week is the first of four days of teacher strikes that have been announced by the NEU to take place in this region. As shared with you in a message sent out last week, there is uncertainty over how many teachers will actually take strike action on Wednesday 1st February. However, based on the indicative number that has been shared with me I have had to make the decision to close the College for all but the most vulnerable



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students for whom a Support School provision will be put in place. For the remainder of the students, their teachers have been asked to direct them to online resources they can use to complete online learning for the day they are not at school. Please note this will not be remote learning, but an opportunity for your child to complete some independent study. I appreciate the disruption this may cause to many of you, but unfortunately this is beyond our control.

Details on the Support School arrangements will be shared with the students and parents as necessary. Please note the remaining strike dates that may impact on the College are 2nd, 15th and 16th March.

A reminder that the deadline for Year 9 Options is this Friday (27th January). If you have any queries or concerns please contact Miss Bell. We also have our Year 11 Parents' Evening on Tuesday 2nd February.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher



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Ten Tors training – Sunday 21st January 2023

Well done to the students who attended Ten Tors training at the College on Saturday. They had all of their equipment checked ready to start the official training on the 1st February. The afternoon also gave the students an opportunity to pitch tents and learn how to use the cookers. The final activity was how to use the shelter in an emergency and some pacing for those who did not get the opportunity last session.





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Ten Tors Training – Sunday 22nd January

It was difficult to tell who enjoyed the Ten Tors training the most on Sunday as the higher part of Dartmoor still had snow. The students did well to keep to time whilst enjoying some snowball fights with the adults and making the occasional 'snow angel'. It was a circular walk to and from Shortacombe, near Lydford, on North Dartmoor. The weather was ideal throughout the day, despite being cold, and at the start there was very little snow. However, on reaching higher ground there was plenty of it lying around, much to the delight of many of the participants. Well done to all who took part, and thank you to all the volunteers for their support as well as to parents who provided transport.





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Party Pieces 2022

Following our sell out Christmas Party Pieces evening last December we are pleased to announce that a donation of £250 has been made to our chosen charity, the **Oesophageal & Gastric Cancer Support Charity.**

Many thanks to everyone who supported our event.





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RSE and Wellbeing News:

We are delighted that we can return to face to face sessions with Brook this term. Each Wellbeing class in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 will have a session with Brook in a Wellbeing lesson this term to focus on RSE - Relationships and Sex Education - as part of their RSE topics within the Wellbeing/PSHE curriculum.

Brook have a useful website with more information if you want support when discussing these topics at home: <https://www.brook.org.uk/> - look at the help and advice section. Older students can also use this website to access health services.





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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.

Safeguarding news:

The police have launched their new Fearless website. Fearless is the youth service of the charity Crimestoppers and it provides young people with the opportunity to report a crime 100% anonymously. Young people can access the Fearless website directly from the crime stoppers homepage – but also at www.fearless.org. You can also access non judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality.



0800 555 111

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The Coppola School of Performing Arts Present

Disney
FROZEN
JR.

Torpoint Council Hall

10th & 11th February

All Tickets £6.00

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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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