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# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Bank Holiday

Virtual Tutor Support Evening  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday -  
Coronation of King Charles

May 17<sup>th</sup> Year 11 Last day

May 26<sup>th</sup> Year 13 Last day

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23

SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term. This is going to be another busy period, not least with the first big event taking place this weekend with the Ten Tors Challenge 2023.

The College has 4 teams taking part in this year's Ten Tors Challenge; three on the 35 mile routes and one on the 45 mile route. The students have followed a rigorous training process, guided and supported by numerous volunteers and led by Mrs Porter. On Friday they will have a full English breakfast at the College before making their way to the base camp in Okehampton. We wish all our students the best of luck for this weekend and please do go along to Okehampton Army Camp on Sunday to cheer them in across the finish line. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the adult volunteers for their time and commitment in supporting our students, and helping ensure they are as well prepared as they can be for this challenging event.

This term there are a number of Bank Holidays, including the extra day's holiday this year for King Charles III's coronation. You will be aware that the coronation is to take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May in London, and a guide of the events can be found on the BBC News website. Next week the College will be running assemblies to provide students with information on what they can expect during this ceremony, and there will be some themed food in the dining hall too!

## 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](mailto:enquiries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)

Thank you





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Year 10 have started their internal examinations this week and the start of Year's 11 and 13 GCSE and A level examinations is rapidly approaching. We wish them all the best for their examinations. Students in Year 11 and 13 will start their examination study leave at the end of this half term.

During the COVID-19 pandemic the College implemented staggered breaks and lunchtimes to provide a safer environment for our students. Although there are some advantages to this structure, there are constraints including our ability to run extracurricular lunchtime clubs and enrichment activities. In addition, with some year groups having their break and others learning in class, the noise can cause disruption in classes. We have therefore made the decision to introduce a pilot from the 5<sup>th</sup> June, when Year 11 and 13 are on their examination study leave, to revert back to a single break and lunchtime. Planning for this is currently underway and further information will be shared with parents and carers later this term.

Congratulations to our Year 7 boys football team who made the final of the Cornwall County Cup, and were just pipped at the post by Truro School 5-3 at Callywith College. This was a valiant effort by the team who did themselves credit both on and off the pitch.

A reminder there are teacher strikes on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Details on the College's arrangements for these days were sent out last week. Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb  
Headteacher

## Wellbeing Week Trips



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

-Cost- £20 per student

-Payment- To be made by  
Friday 2nd June 2023 via ParentPay  
and this can be made in instalments.

**Year 7 Trip- Paignton Zoo**

**Year 8 Trip- Camel Creek**

**Year 9 Trip- Woodlands**







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## Ten Tors Update

As the Ten Tors Challenge is fast approaching, students completed their final Ten Tors training walk on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April. They completed a circular route to and from Cadover Bridge on South Dartmoor, in near perfect conditions.

The Ten Tors Challenge 2023 is nearly upon us, taking place this weekend (29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April). The College has four teams taking part; three on the 35 mile routes and one on the 45 mile route. They can all be followed via the Ten Tors website, and any support in cheering on our amazing students across the finish line at Okehampton Army Camp on the Sunday would be very welcome.

Good luck to all the students taking part - you can do this!







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## Year 9 Science class with Mrs Preece

Inspired by Mrs Bray's recent careers assembly highlighting 'new' job opportunities in Cornwall, it was decided that we would find out more about the processes involved in the extraction of lithium from ground water.

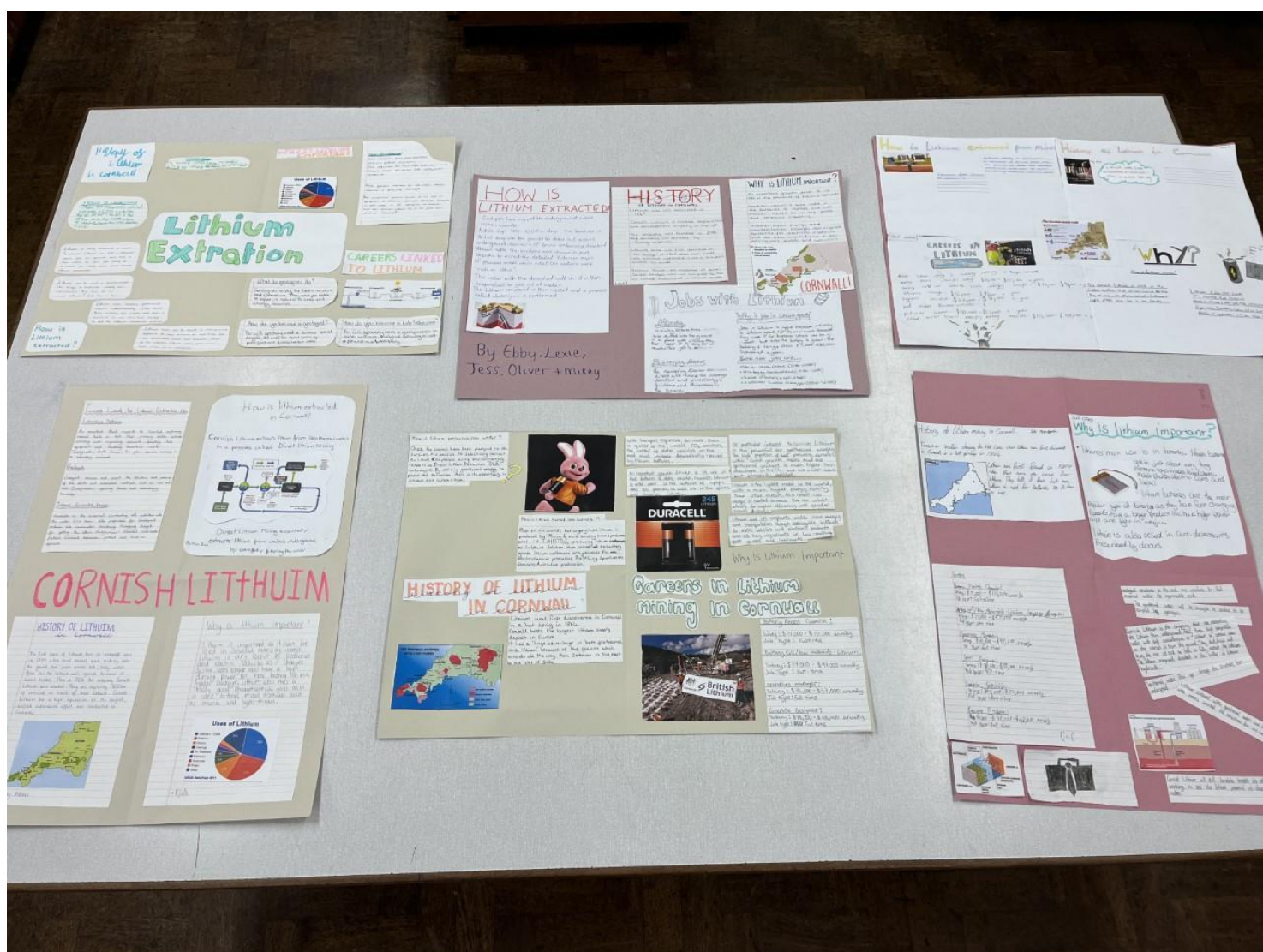
Students started with a video and did some engaging practical work on evaporation, something that they had missed doing in Yr7 due to the Covid disruption.

They then tried out 3 different methods of doing electrolysis as well as seeing the Hoffman voltameter split water into hydrogen and oxygen. Testing to identify which gases were produced was revised, with plenty of squeaky pops due to hydrogen being achieved! They also revised recent learning about the Group 1 elements of the periodic table.

Finally, they produced these posters covering the history of lithium extraction from 1864, why lithium is so useful now and more about the job opportunities it is creating.

I was so pleased with both the end products shown in the photo, but also with how everybody in the class worked effectively as part of their team to research and present the topic. I just had to share their work with a wider audience. I am most proud of what they have achieved recently.

Well done, great work Year 9, there will be a small reward for everyone 😊!







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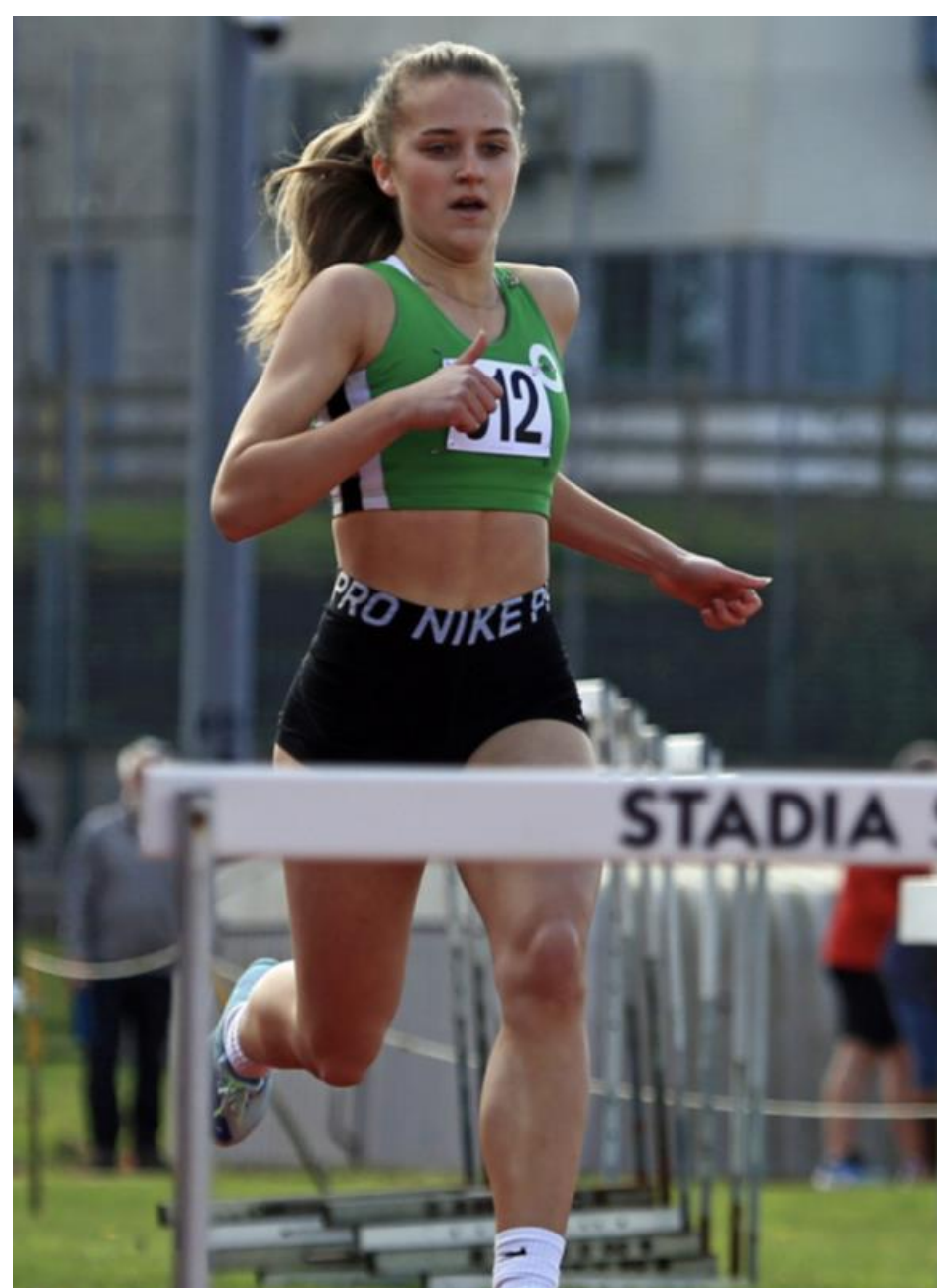
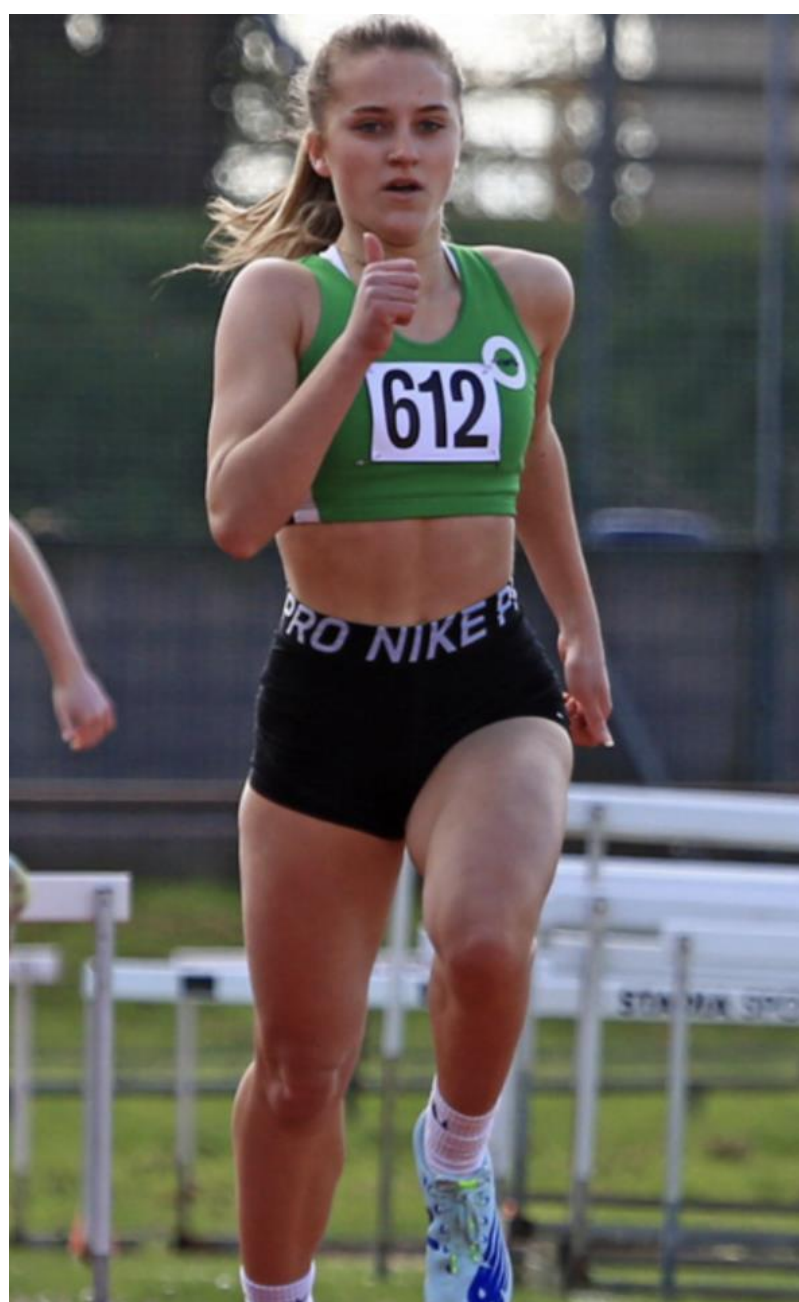
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## Congratulations Poppy!

Poppy in Year 11, is currently ranked number one in the UK for the 300m hurdles. She had a great race at Loughborough this weekend running her first ever 400m hurdles race in the Under 20s, coming 1st by the skin on her teeth! She has gained a new Cornish record and achieved English Schools Under 20s standard!! An incredible result!

Well done Poppy we are very proud of you!







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## Exciting PE news for TCC!

The PE department recently applied for and successfully gained funding from the Cornwall Active Opening Schools Facilities programme which provides equipment and facilities to develop PE and sport in schools.

The rowing room is starting to take shape and is being developed in to a rowing and indoor cycling area with weights and a mat area for body conditioning.

This will be used for various groups over the coming months with a 'Get Active' programme for the summer term which will be promoted this week.

The gym has gained funding to become a gymnastics and trampoline zone which will allow our gymnastics curriculum and clubs to really develop again with new vaults, trampettes, springboards, mattresses and trampolines.

We look forward to sharing with you how the programme develops over the coming year.

Thank you to the PE team for all of their hard work in securing this funding.







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Well done to the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Volunteer Group for the Easter fundraising activity for the Earthquake Appeal. Further fundraising and volunteering activities to follow.



### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OXFAM

This certificate is awarded to:

*Torpoint Community College*

For supporting the work of Oxfam by:

*fundraising for our Turkiye and Syria Earthquake Appeal*

Your donation means refugee children like Ghazal will get blankets, warm clothes and food to help them through the winter. She lives with her family of six in a tent in Zaatari camp, Jordan, after they fled escalating violence in their home town in Syria.

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## Post 16 Falmouth University Visit and Tour



On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April, Year 12 students from TCC visited Falmouth University, Penryn Campus. The purpose of the trip was to have a look around a campus university site, to gain an insight into the courses on offer there as well as the types of student accommodation available.

There was also lunch provided in the student café area and a talk from the outreach team of staff and student ambassadors, detailing student finance top tips and many important elements of student life at university.

Year 12 were, as ever, a pleasure to take out on a visit and we look forward to supporting them on their university choices, applications and next steps into higher education or training over the coming months.





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# FASHION GOES POP!

FASHION SHOW

# 2023

# 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE

## 7:30pm

**ADULTS: £6 CONS: £5**

Tickets available from reception

*Showcasing fashion, dance  
and music!*







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**SIXTH FORM**

# SUMMER PARTY 2023

FOR YEAR 12 & 13

TORPOINT FOOTBALL CLUB  
FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE

7:30-11PM

**£18** per ticket

INCLUDES BUFFET, DISCO  
& DRINK ON ARRIVAL.

COME AND SAY FAREWELL TO  
MR GOLDING!

Tickets available on ParentPay.





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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.



## CONTEMPORARY MUSIC FOR EARTH DAY APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> ON BBC SOUNDS

Until 22<sup>nd</sup> May, BBC Sounds presents original performances and a mindful mix of recordings by the world renowned contemporary composer Max Richter which were broadcast on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022: The official date for Earth Day 2023.

Please see the links below that will take you straight to the programmes on BBC Sounds which are very much worth a listen. Enjoy. 😊 Miss Hamilton, Curriculum Lead for Music.

**Below is the link for the Max Richter Live: Earth Day 2023 concert broadcast on Saturday 22nd April on Radio 3.**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001l4fs>

**Acclaimed composer Max Richter curates a unique Earth Day Mindful Mix for BBC Sounds and Radio 3 - helping you to find calm in the midst of our busy world.**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001l4fv>





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# EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING



The **Official Coronation Dish** is a delicious and nutritious quiche that contains spinach, broad beans and tarragon!

**Broad beans** and **spinach** contain a whole host of vitamins and minerals that are hugely beneficial to our bodies, they support our immune system, brain function, bones and digestive health! Containing high levels of protein, fibre, iron, magnesium, folate, copper, zinc, vitamins A, C and K and so much more!

**Tarragon**, a nutritional herb, has many **health benefits** too and is a great source of **potassium**! Potassium is vital for the normal functioning of our cells. It regulates the heartbeat, ensures proper function of the muscles and nerves, and is essential for synthesising protein and metabolising carbohydrates.

What is more, **eggs** are **nutrient rich** too 😊

## Pastry

125g plain flour  
Pinch of salt  
25g cold butter, diced  
25g lard  
2 tablespoons milk  
Or 1 x 250g block of ready-made shortcrust pastry

## Filling

125ml milk  
175ml double cream  
2 medium eggs  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon,  
Salt and pepper  
100g grated cheddar cheese,  
180g cooked spinach, lightly chopped  
60g cooked broad beans or soya beans

" **ALONE, WE**  
**CAN DO SO LITTLE;**  
**TOGETHER, WE**  
**CAN DO SO MUCH** "

Helene Keller



Best wishes  
Miss Pine





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# Attendance Policy Summary

## We have 3 basic expectations of all students:

- ✓ Attend school regularly
- ✓ Attend school punctually
- ✓ Attend school prepared for learning

## What is the role of Parents/Carers in maintaining good attendance?

Make sure their child attends every day on time

Call or email the school to report their child's absence before 8.45am ([absence@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:absence@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk))

Where possible make appointments for your child outside of the school day

Contact the school if they have any concerns about their child which will impact on their attendance

To support the college's attendance policy and to actively promote and encourage good attendance.

For any term time absence to complete an Absence Request Form— the headteacher will only authorise absence in 'exceptional circumstances'

## What does good attendance look like?

**>97%**

Students are actively encouraged to aim for attendance of 97% or above.

As a college we aim to support all students and will tailor our provision to meet student needs where there are additional factors which are a barrier to attendance

## Who are the key staff I should contact if I am worried about my child's attendance?

Tutor

Head of year / Assistant Head of year

College Attendance Officer

The designated senior leader responsible for attendance: [howard.j@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:howard.j@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)

<90%

Persistent Absentee

<50%

Severe Absentee

Attendance	Attendance Actions
99-100%	Learning maximized. Students will receive reward certificates in termly assemblies
97-98.9%	Very few learning opportunities missed. Students will receive reward certificates in termly assemblies. Tutors will speak with student around absence and any support needed.
93-96.9%	<u>Risk of underachievement.</u> The College will write to all parents and inform them when attendance drops below 93%. HOY will look at data and identify any patterns of absence or causes for concern. Previous academic years attendance data will also be consulted.
90-92.9%	If attendance continues to fall the college may request medical evidence. Where students are a cause for concern and are at risk of becoming a <b>persistent absentee</b> , Parents/ Carers will be invited to meet with staff.
<90%	If a student's attendance continues to be a concern, at this stage, the college will seek advice from the Education Welfare Officer on legal procedures which may include penalty notices or court proceedings. Personal Attendance Plans will be used to support students whose attendance is a continued cause for concern.

**Safeguarding:** Children may be at risk of harm if they do not attend college regularly.

Safeguarding the interests of each child is everyone's responsibility





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# SAFEGUARDING YOU

[worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto: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  
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with.



**Mrs Lear**



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