



**TORPOINT
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COLLEGE**

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NEWSLETTER

Thursday 25th May 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

Half Term Monday 29th May –
Friday 2nd June 2023

Year 6 Transition Evening Wednesday
21st June

Year 10 Parents Evening Thursday 22nd
June

TCC Fashion Show Thursday 29th June -
This event is sold out.

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



ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23

SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 18th April – Monday 24th July

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has certainly flown by, not least with the number of
bank holidays we have enjoyed over the last four weeks or so.

There has been a lot to cram in during the shorter working weeks
and the College has been a hive of activity.

Earlier this term our Year 10 students completed their mock
exams. This not only provided an opportunity to gain an
understanding of where the children were at academically, but
it also helped familiarise them with the exams process and the
formal setting in which exams are sat. Immediately following the
mock exams, we transitioned into the GCSE and A Level exams
for Year's 11 and 13, which will be ongoing until the end of June.
It is important these students take some time to relax and enjoy
themselves over the half term break, whilst balancing the
demands of revising and preparing for their exams.

Following on from the above, last week our Year 11 started their
Study Leave and it was a pleasure to join them in their leaver's
assembly which celebrated their educational journey at
Torpoint Community College. With photographs and video clips,
awards and prizes presented and farewell speeches from the
Head of Year, tutors and me, it was a pleasure to see the joy
and excitement amongst the students as they start to look
towards the next chapter in their lives and exciting futures
ahead. A similar event is planned for Year 13 which will be held
on Friday 26th May. We wish all students the very best for
whatever they choose to do next, and we look forward to
welcoming back a high proportion of our Year 11 students in
September who will be continuing their journey with us in the
Sixth Form.



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Last week I also had the pleasure of attending the Ten Tors Celebration Evening. A detailed documented video journey of the whole training process was given, as well as the event itself, and the evening provided an opportunity to celebrate the courage, strength, resilience and teamwork of all those who participated in the training for this year's event. I am aware Ten Tors is a highly regarded badge of honour in this region and beyond, and many students are already planning on taking part in Ten Tors 2024.

The evening also provided an opportunity to recognise the support and commitment of the volunteers and parents, who give so much of their personal time in all aspects of the training and preparation. Mrs Porter, the College's Ten Tors lead, also deserves a special mention as she has been supporting and helping students undertake Ten Tors training for almost half of its entire existence, with this year being her 30th year of volunteering. We were very pleased that June's contribution of 30 years' service was recognised by the Army, as she joined a very elite club of approximately 40 individuals who have ever achieved such a milestone. In recognition of 30 years of this she was awarded the Ten Tors Diamond Award. Furthermore, Mr Richard Hall, a very well-established volunteer, received a platinum award for 40 years of service to supporting the challenge.

On Sunday 14th May, Ms Rowe arranged a trip for over 40 students to watch the women's FA Cup Final at Wembley. The early start had no effect on their excitement and anticipation of the trip, they thoroughly enjoyed the match between Chelsea and Manchester United and returned late on the Sunday night after a very long journey. The students had a fantastic time, they behaved impeccably, and I would like to thank Ms Rowe and the team of staff who organised and supported this amazing opportunity for our students.

Looking forward to the second half of this term, a reminder that we move to a single break and single lunch time timetable from Monday 5th June. I wish all students a safe, relaxing and enjoyable half term break and I look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 5th June.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher





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TCC at Wembley!

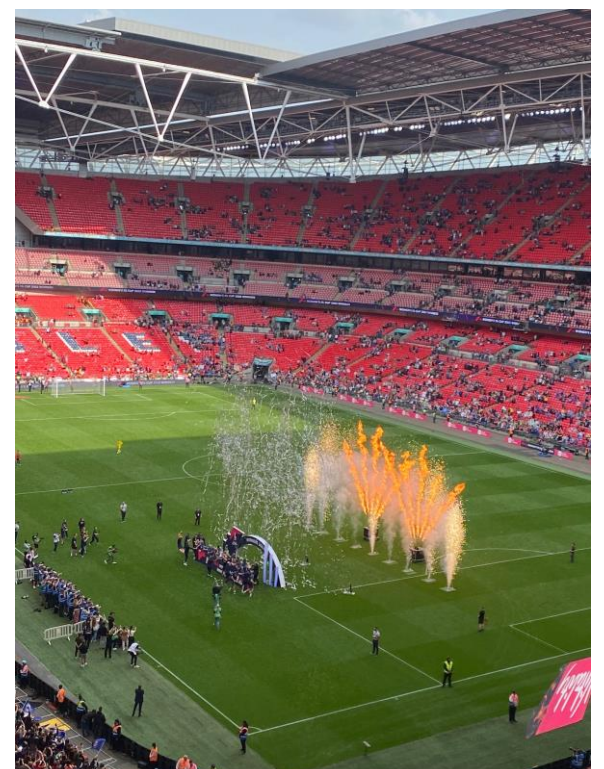
On Sunday 14th May, 45 excited TCC students met at 6.15am to head off and watch the Vitality Women's FA Cup Final between Manchester United and Chelsea. There was a slight panic that we were going to have to leave without Mr O'Driscoll, but thankfully he arrived in the nick of time!

The students were in high spirits on the journey to Wembley, singing and sharing birthday cheer with Lauren. Many of the students had never been to Wembley before so they were beaming with excitement as we made the long journey up to London. We stopped off for some breakfast in Taunton at around 8.30am, before getting back on the road again. Colin and Jack, our drivers, kept us entertained providing jokes, identifying landmarks, and cheering over the microphone as we pulled into Reading services for a lunch stop. We finally arrived at the bus park in Wembley at 1.30pm which gave us plenty of time to navigate our way to our seats to watch the teams warm-up.

We had an exciting match ahead of us with Manchester United scoring within 24 seconds, but unfortunately it was ruled out for offside. Chelsea in the end were the champions with a 1-0 victory over the current WSL leaders Manchester United. We headed back to the coach to start our long journey home. Thankfully, we arrived safely back at TCC around midnight and everyone albeit tired, went home. A big thank you to all the parents for dropping off and collecting all the children so promptly allowing us to all get home safely.

Each and every one of the students was a real credit to the TCC community, their parents/guardians, but most importantly themselves. Their behaviour was impeccable, they were on time to all meeting points, and they looked out for each other on the day too. They conducted themselves excellently moving around the stadium, in the service stations and generally throughout the day. They were a real pleasure to take on the trip.

Thank you to all the staff who helped make the day run so smoothly!





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Mayor Choosing 2023

Torpoint Town Council's Annual Meeting and Mayor Choosing Ceremony was held on Thursday 18th May in the Council Hall, Torpoint. Master of Ceremonies Town Crier David Green, under the direction of the Town Clerk, announced the proceedings.

The retiring Town Mayor Councillor Rachel Evans BEM reviewed her year of office, which included thank you presentations. The retiring Deputy Town Mayor Councillor Gary Davis was elected to serve as Town Mayor for the civic year 2023/24. He signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office in front of honoured guests, Councillors and residents of the town.

Honoured guests, included: Plymouth Lord Mayor Councillor Sue Dann and Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Chris Penberthy; Sheryll Murray – MP; Mayor of Saltash Councillor Richard Bickford and Mayoress Sarah Bickford, Mayor of Looe Councillor Tony Smith and Consort; Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert; Freeman of Torpoint Mike Pearn MBE and Chair of Millbrook Parish Council Councillor Nicky Roberts and Joshua Roberts. Councillor Davis introduced Mrs Victoria Davis as Mayoress and Master George Davis as the Town Mayor's Deputy Consort.

Councillor Julie Martin was elected to serve as Deputy Town Mayor and introduced Andy Martin as her Consort. Rev. Michael Woodall will serve as the Mayor's Chaplain and Harry Sprague was chosen to continue to serve as the Mayor's Cadet. The Town Mayor and former Town Mayor toasted each other raising their glasses and drinking a toast to the "Town of Torpoint."

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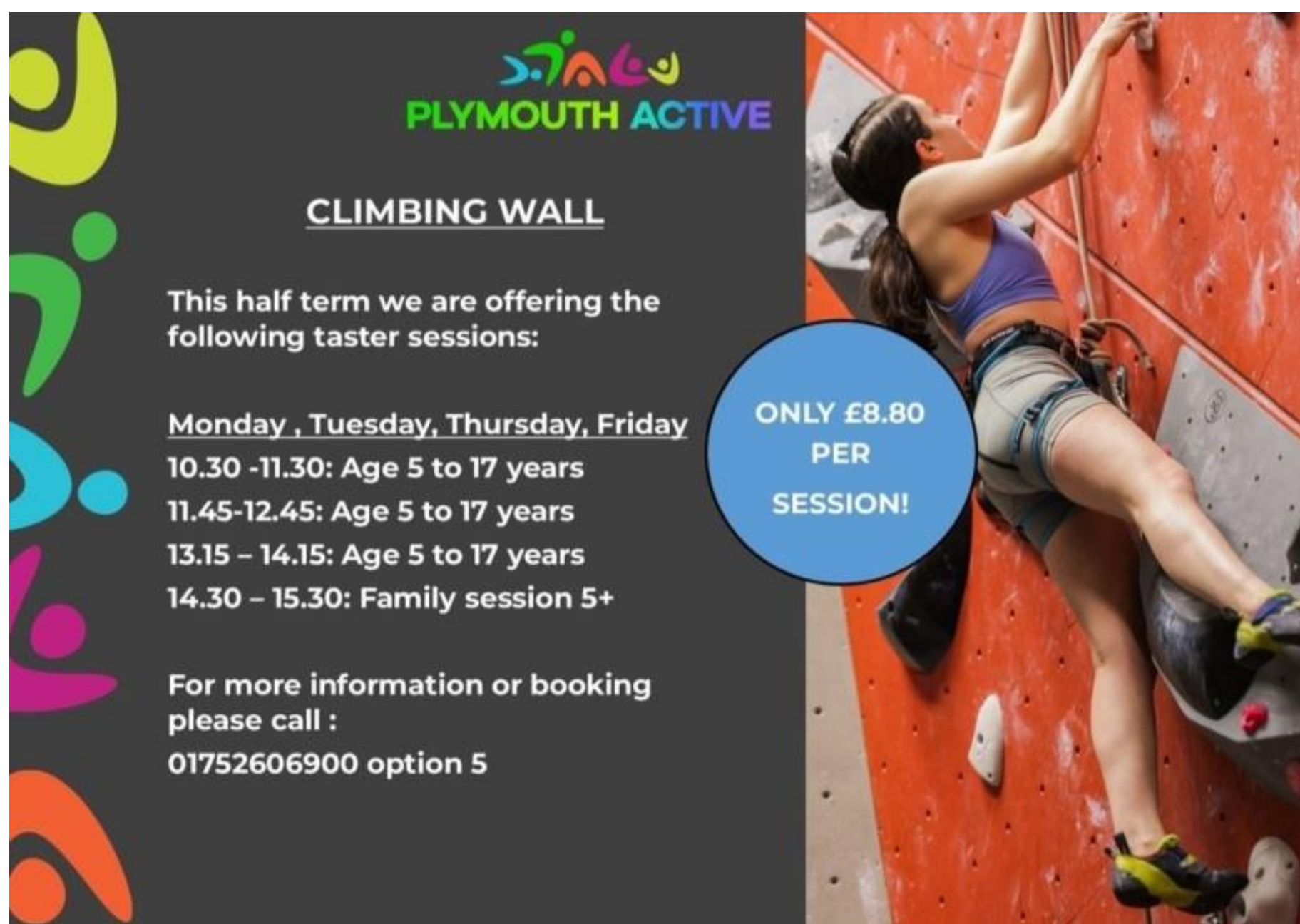


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PLYMOUTH ACTIVE

CLIMBING WALL


This half term we are offering the following taster sessions:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

10.30 -11.30: Age 5 to 17 years
11.45-12.45: Age 5 to 17 years
13.15 – 14.15: Age 5 to 17 years
14.30 – 15.30: Family session 5+

For more information or booking please call :
01752606900 option 5

**ONLY £8.80
PER
SESSION!**



Activities above available during May half term at Plymouth Life Centre.

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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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)

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

<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 persistent absentee , 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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FASHION GOES POP!

FASHION SHOW

2023

29th JUNE

7:30pm

ADULTS: £6 CONS: £5

Tickets available from reception

*Showcasing fashion, dance
and music!*

SOLD OUT!





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SIXTH FORM

SUMMER PARTY 2023

FOR YEAR 12 & 13

TORPOINT FOOTBALL CLUB
FRIDAY 23RD 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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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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