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NEWSLETTER

Monday 19th June 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23

SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 18th April – Monday 24th July

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a glorious half term break, students have returned to College for the final push towards the end of this Academic Year with lots to squeeze in a relatively short period.

Our Year 11 and 13 students were straight back into their exams on 5th June. With the continuing period of very warm weather, it has certainly added to the challenge of sitting exams, but they have clearly worked hard throughout this exam season and I'm sure will be delighted that there are only a few days remaining before the summer exam season draws to a close at the end of this week.

We have also seen the reinstatement of a single break and lunch time in the timetable this half term. To date this appears to have gone well and the feedback received from both students and staff has been positive. There has certainly been a significant increase in the uptake of enrichment activities at lunch times, and all students have adapted well to the new routine. I would also like to thank Year 10 in the way they have supported the new mobile free zone policy this half term. I know this change part way through the year will have been difficult for some to get used to, but I appreciate the positive behaviour Year 10 has modelled since its inception.

There have been lots of sporting events taking place both at the College and at other venues recently, including athletics, rounders and netball. Well done to all students who have participated in the various sporting events including those who have attended trials for County level representation and or above.

Last Friday students from the three Torpoint schools attended the Armed Forces Day Community Flag

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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Relay Event at HMS Raleigh. Following an address by the Commanding Officer, and Torpoint Mayor, the students observed the official handing over of the flag to the Torpoint community.

With only 5 weeks until the end of term, the calendar is busy with an array of College events including the Awards Evening, Fashion Show, Year 11 and 13 Prom and party, Year 6 Transition Day, Year 10 work experience and day trips for Year's 7 to 9 to name a few. We are currently assessing the impact of the NEU's announcement that teachers in England are to strike on 5 and 7 July and will notify you of any changes to planned activities as soon as possible.

Finally, as the warm weather is forecast to continue it is important the children have sunscreen applied and they stay hydrated throughout the day using their refillable water bottles – both of which they are regularly reminded of when at school. There are water fountains located around the College site. Also, the children aren't required to bring their blazers to school whilst the very warm weather continues.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher



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HMS Raleigh helps Torpoint prepare to celebrate this year's Armed Forces Day

This year's Armed Forces Day is being hosted in Cornwall, centred around the town of Falmouth. There is a full programme of events leading up to the official day of celebration on Saturday 24th June, and this includes an Armed Forces Day Flag relay across the County.

On Friday 16th June, HMS Raleigh, the Royal Navy's training establishment sited in Torpoint, took part in the relay and hosted the Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Cornwall, the Mayor of Torpoint and his Council, as well as members of Cornwall Council and local school children and older students.

Welcomed by Deputy Lord Lieutenant Rear Admiral Mike Wood CBE JP DL, the visitors witnessed the Armed Forces Day flag being presented by four recruits currently undergoing training to the Captain of HMS Raleigh, Captain Jane Roe ADC Roya Navy, who then passed it to the Mayor of Torpoint, Councillor Gary Davis.

Captain Jane addressed those present saying, "The close community support that HMS Raleigh enjoys is fundamental to the success of the training that takes place here." Mindful of the diverse workforce within HMS Raleigh she reflected, "Whether it be through local schools supporting Service children, the hosting of youth training or the excellent workforce employed from the local area, every Service person assigned here truly values the support given and we enjoy taking every opportunity to further nurture our mutual friendships. It therefore gives me great pleasure to hand over this Armed Forces Day flag as part of the National event in Cornwall and look forward to seeing it flying proudly from the town centre."

Mayor Gary Davis responded by saying "It's a great honour and privilege to take part in the Flag Relay ceremony and receive the Armed Forces Day flag from HMS Raleigh on behalf of the community of Torpoint. It is a clear and visible sign of our deep-rooted community support for our armed forces and specifically the Navy which has been an integral part of our town's development and activities within the community."

The event was witnessed by school children from Carbeile Junior School and students from Torpoint Community College, as well as Royal Naval Association (RNA) veterans who work closely with the Initial Naval Training for Ratings, mentoring the families as their loved ones undergo military and maritime training.

After the presentation, guests and visitors were hosted in one of HMS Raleigh's churches, where they had the opportunity of talking to recruits as well as reaffirm links with the training team. One of those recruits taking part was AB2 Toby Wallace, a recruit from Cornwall who joined the RN in early March this year, "I am excited to see Armed Forces Day being hosted in Cornwall and am proud to feel the camaraderie between the locals of Torpoint and HMS Raleigh." Reflecting on the importance of maintaining contact with the community he added, "It's important to remember those who have served before me, and it was good to talk to the veterans here today. I was moved to hear that they now look at me to carry on their service, and I look forward to generating my own memories and adventures in the Royal Navy."

The Armed Forces Day flag will be hoisted officially in Torpoint and HMS Raleigh on Monday 19th June, aligned with the main event in Falmouth and across the County.



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Gold Medal in Amateur World Powerlifting Congress

Jack, one of our Year 12 students here at TCC Sixth Form, was part of Team GB for the AWPC 2023 European Cup.

He performed very, very well at this prestigious event in Ireland and won his class gaining the Gold medal. He also broke 3 European records (6 if you include the deadlift which he broke twice and the overall totals which he broke 3 times).

Jack was also awarded the prestigious 'Overall Best Teenage' lifter in the competition which was incredible given the number of categories, weight classes and divisions throughout the competition.

This is an outstanding achievement and we are very proud of him. Well done Jack!





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RSC Chemistry Olympiad Success

March saw chemistry students taking part in the Royal Society of Chemistry's annual 'International Chemistry Olympiad' competition across the country. The Chemistry Olympiad is the leading chemistry competition for students in secondary education across the UK. Run annually, the Olympiad is an opportunity for teachers to challenge their chemistry students, helping them to develop creative thinking, and apply their existing knowledge in new and interesting contexts. For students it is an opportunity to develop their thinking and problem-solving skills, and to test their existing knowledge of chemistry in new, real-world situations.

The questions posed in Round I often stimulate much debate on, and enthusiasm for, chemistry – raising awareness of what the subject is all about. Tackling the Round I paper also provides a good opportunity to develop some of the skills required for study at university and beyond.

Rosie H in year 12 decided to take on this challenge and after a rigorous written paper successfully achieved a bronze award. This is particularly impressive as Rosie had not yet covered the whole of the Year 12 content let alone the Year 13 chemistry, she will be doing next year.

We have high hopes that she can build on this for next year's challenge. Well done, Rosie!!!





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MFL and Art Creative Artwork Competition!

The MFL department are looking for some new artwork to brighten up their new classrooms! We would like students to research the Spanish architect Gaudi, or the French artist Monet, and create a piece of work about him/his work.

You can create an information poster/ recreate one of the designs they drew. Specifically for Gaudi you could draw the famous building he designed - the Sagrada Familia. He is also renowned for using mosaics so you could even create a mosaic piece, the choice is yours! For Monet he was renowned for painting from nature so you could paint one of his famous pictures.

Every entrant will receive Kudos (so make sure you put your names on them!) and the top 3 in each year group will receive a prize.

We can't wait to see what you produce and look forward to putting it up in our classrooms! Please make sure that you hand these to your teacher by Monday 17th July.

Good luck getting creative! The MFL team.





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Girls Football Success!

We had a very successful afternoon of girl's talent a few weeks ago where our Year 9 football team (along with 2 talented Year 8s) played local rivals Looe.

We had 18 girls ready and raring to go in the hot conditions. We couldn't have had a stronger start with Torpoint being awarded a penalty from a hand ball in the box from the Looe defender within the first 5-minutes. We continued our strong start quickly following it up with a second shot on target to make it 2-0. Looe came back fighting to make it 2-1 before strong attacking play meant Torpoint added 2 more goals. 4-1 at half time was a perfect first half from us.

We battled it out in the sunshine for the second half, continuing to work hard and get more shorts in the back of the net. The game ended with a score of 7-1 and the girls played brilliantly.

The Looe PE teacher was extremely complimentary of the skill level of our girls, as well as their overall performance in such hot conditions. Thank you to the staff members that came out and watched the game at various points. Your support is really appreciated by us all.

A fantastic display of girl's sport. Roll on the Women's World Cup in July!





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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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FASHION GOES POP!

The countdown to our
sellout event is on!
Refreshments
will be available.

Cold drinks/Slushies

Ice lollies

Cupcakes

Crisps

Tea/Coffee

**Cash only
please.**





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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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EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

This month is pride month!



Celebrating what makes you, you this Pride month

Your sexuality and gender identity are part of what makes you, you – and you deserve to feel valued and loved exactly as you are. **Supporting the LGBTQIA+ community is vital all year round.** But Pride gives us a special opportunity to express our love and solidarity, to celebrate how far LGBTQIA+ rights have come, and to show our support for the work that still needs to be done. **Recent studies show that 42% of LGBTQIA+ young people in the UK report having a mental health condition.** That's three times more than non-LGBTQIA+ young people, and it's not hard to see why. Growing up LGBTQIA+ is still incredibly difficult.

Whether that is due to criminalisation, attacks on transgender rights or the potentially life-threatening hate crimes that happen right here in Britain. It's clear that more needs to be done to support the LGBTQIA+ community, and we are here to stand with them. We're fighting for a world where every LGBTQIA+ young person feels the strength to be who they are and knows that they matter. We really hope you'll stand with us this Pride month and beyond to achieve this mission. Take a look at the resources below to learn more about supporting LGBTQIA+ young people and their experiences.



Looking after your mental health while exploring your gender identity



Supporting a young person when they come out

We're interviewing young people about their experiences

We'd love to interview a few young people (aged 16-25) about who their trusted adults are when it comes to talking about mental health. Particularly adults outside of their education or home. They'll receive a £15 Love2Shop voucher for taking part, and we'll use their answers to help better understand who these trusted adults are and how we can help them to support young people. If you know a young person who would like to have their say, simply have them fill out the short form below.

<https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/90568791/Someone-to-turn-to-Discovery>

YOUNGmINDS
fighting for young people's mental health



*Best wishes
Miss Pine*



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Torpoint Foodbank

Our local foodbank is part of a national network of foodbanks, giving out nutritionally balanced emergency food to people in crisis.

12.4 million people in the UK live below the poverty line.

When you have no financial safety net, a sudden crisis, such as bereavement, benefit delay, redundancy or illness, can leave you unable to feed yourself or your family. Such situations can quickly deteriorate, leading to relationship breakdown, house repossession or worse.

Our local foodbank works to support people who find themselves on the edge of disaster.

If you are a family in need of support, please contact Becky Lear via reception or email lear@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk who can then make a referral for immediate support.

Referrals to the foodbank can be done via schools, GPs, the Job Centre, Cornwall council and social services.

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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SAFEGUARDING YOU

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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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