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# NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Autumn Term 2023:

GCE Results Day - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August  
GCSE Results Day - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Non-Pupil Day  
Staff Inset

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Year 7 and  
Year 12 start

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – All year  
groups in College

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September - Year 6 Open Evening  
and Sixth Form 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

Half Term - Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> October

### 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,

I would like to thank you for your support over the last 12 months. The opportunity to work in partnership with you really helps us deliver the best possible educational outcomes for your children, and address and overcome challenges and difficulties to the best of our ability.

There has been a lot going on at the College over the last few weeks. Following the end of the national and internal examinations, Year 12 and 13 had an enjoyable Summer Party at Torpoint Football Club. This was followed by the Year 11 Prom at Mount Edgcumbe last Friday where fortunately the weather was very kind to us, and the students had a great time in a stunning venue. They certainly dressed for the occasion, as the photos in this newsletter clearly show.

This year's Fashion Show was a great success again. Fashion Goes Pop was a sellout event, showcasing and celebrating the talent here at the College including fashion, music and singing from both students and staff. Next year we are looking to have a whole College production, with numerous performances, so watch this space!

Year 10 have completed their work experience week and the feedback from employers who kindly supported our students has been very positive. Our students were engaged in a variety of placements and have each learnt valuable life lessons related to the world of work. Some students have been offered part time work and apprenticeships when they finish school. The students were clearly enthusiastic about their placements and have made a really good impact in our local community and further afield.

### 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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The Year 6 Transition Day was a great success providing the children an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the College, our staff and to make new friends, before they join us in September. We also invited Year 11 students back for their welcome day to the Sixth Form and look forward to seeing them again at the start of the new academic year.

It has been great to see so many students participating in a range of activities as part of our Sports Week, and well done to all those involved. All these events and activities take a great deal of time and effort to organise, so I would like to thank the staff and students who have worked incredibly hard to make them happen. Having had to postpone the Sports Day due to the recent bad weather, we were finally able to run it on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

I had the pleasure to attend the Torpoint Mayor's Civic Service and Parade on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at St. James Church, where the achievements of some many community members were celebrated. Details on plans for a 9v9 3G Football Turf Pitch being developed on the field behind the YMCA Sports Hall were also shared at this event. We are working in partnership with Torpoint Town Council and other local partners to deliver this facility by September 2025, and the process of engaging with the community about this project is well underway. Further details are contained in this newsletter, including FAQs. This is a really exciting opportunity to improve our local sporting facilities, and your support for this project would be really appreciated.

A quick reminder that the A Level Results Day will be on 17<sup>th</sup> August from 8:00am and GCSE Results Day on 24<sup>th</sup> August from 9:00am (until 12 noon on both days). The results will be handed out to students in the Sixth Form Common Room. There will be a number of staff in attendance who will be there to offer guidance and support where needed.

A separate letter has been sent to you with regards to planning and preparation for your child's return to school in September. However, please note the following details for our return in the Autumn Term:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – **Staff Training Day**
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – **Year 7 and Year 12** Induction
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – **All Year Groups** in College.

Finally, I hope you have a lovely summer and I look forward to welcoming back all of our students in early September.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb  
Headteacher





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# AWARDS EVENING 2023



Age: Bronze



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Charlie Gillesto



It was with great joy and pride that we welcomed over 150 students, 20 staff members and close to 300 family members to the Roebuck Theatre at HMS Raleigh on the 4<sup>th</sup> July to celebrate the amazing achievements of our young stars and honour their hard work, dedication, and accomplishments. Their success is a testament to their determination, resilience, and hard work. They have shown that greatness is not measured by individual accomplishments alone, but by the positive impact we have on those around them. We wish all our students to continue to dream big, work hard, and shine bright. We are already looking forward to next Year's TCC award evening on the 11<sup>th</sup> July.





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**FASHION  
GOES  
POP!**

FASHION SHOW  
**2023**  
29<sup>th</sup> JUNE







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## Fashion Goes Pop Fashion Show

A huge thank you to all of our fantastic students and staff who made this year's Fashion Show such a success!

The fashion designs created by our Textiles students Year's 8-13 were enjoyed by all as were the amazing dance routines and musical items.

Miss Bell





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## Proposed 3G Football Turf Pitch – Torpoint Community College

Local partners have been working to improve sporting facilities for Torpoint and the Rame Peninsula for many years, and there has been a strong desire to have a Multi-Use Games Area type facility located in Torpoint to support local schools, clubs and other organisations.

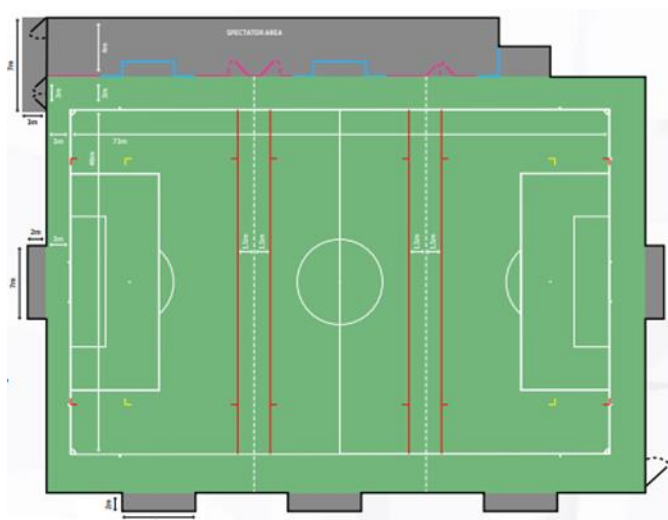
Following recent meetings with the Football Foundation, there is now a real opportunity to pursue the development of a 9v9 3G Football Turf Pitch (FTP) in Torpoint. This facility would be located on the sports field behind the YMCA Sports Centre for use by the College (and other local schools) during term time, and by the local community on evenings, weekends and during the holiday periods. This facility could be used year-round, irrespective of the weather, and should provide a welcome addition to the area. Provided the appropriate footwear is worn and manufacturer guidelines are followed, the facility can be used for a myriad of sports and activities.

As it is proposed the facility will be located on Torpoint Community College's grounds, the College is now taking the lead with this initiative. However, it is very much a collaborative project with a team comprising members from the Torpoint Town Council, Plymouth YMCA, Torpoint and Rame Active Community Network and Cornwall FA working towards achieving this very exciting goal. We will also be working with the local Football Clubs and Argyle Community Trust who will be key to the delivery of football and wider sporting outcomes and support.

Notwithstanding the work that has already been completed, it is important we continue to engage with the wider community to find out what type of sports and physical activities they would like, how this project could deliver activity that will benefit both individuals and the wider local community, and how it will impact the growth and retention of both affiliated and recreational football in the area.

Tackling inequalities and under-represented groups will also be a focus for the community engagement to help address any local inequalities that may exist. Local organisations and charities will be contacted to see if the project can support their delivery. Local Disability groups will be invited to voice their requirements.

A basic outline of the proposed 9v9 3G FTP is shown below:







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The Football Foundation guidance states the facility would have a 73m x 46m main pitch size, and a site footprint of 84m x 58m. There will also be lighting so the facility can be used during agreed hours of darkness. More detailed plans will be published as the project progresses.

We are aware, based on feedback already received, local football clubs would ideally like to have a 11v11 3G FTP. However, the Football Foundation and Cornwall FA has recently met with these stakeholders to discuss why they would only support a funding bid for a 9v9 3G FTP in Torpoint, and to share the benefits and sustainability approach such a facility would bring to the local area.

This is an exciting time for Torpoint and Rame with a real opportunity and prospect to develop a fantastic facility for the area. An estimated £250K has already been provisionally secured from local stakeholders to help fund the pitch, with plans to raise additional funds from the wider local community to show its commitment to the project. There will be further community engagement over the coming weeks and months from the 'working group', and this input and feedback is critical to the application process and potential success in securing the required funding for the project. A web page for this project has also been set up on the College's website, which can be found [here](#), on which further information and updates will be added as it becomes available.





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## **3G Football Turf Pitch Frequently Asked Questions (Updated 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023)**

### **Why is the 3G Football Turf Pitch (FTP) size 9v9 and not 11v11?**

We are aware, based on feedback already received, local football clubs would ideally like to have a 11v11 3G FTP. The Football Foundation and Cornwall FA has recently met with Key stakeholders to discuss why they would support a funding bid for a 9v9 3G FTP in Torpoint whilst sharing the benefits and sustainable approach such a facility would bring to the local area. The programme of use and business plan supports the development of a 9v9 pitch; a similar example has recently been built at Plympton Academy.

### **What is the difference between a 3G FTP and a Multi-Use Games Area?**

A 3G Football Turf Pitch is a specially designed surface featuring long-pile synthetic grass which is tested to allow the pitch to host affiliated football on it whilst meeting the safety standards. The facility will only be built to meet rugby standard if there is the demand as this adds additional cost. The surface is long lasting and robust, and as a result it can be used all year round. It is an important community resource that means more people can benefit from the social and health benefits of physical activity. MUGA is an acronym for Multi Use Games Area. There are a wide range of different surface finishes and a variety of different sports and games that can be played. It is often limited to more recreational activities and cannot be tested to allow affiliated football/rugby so it can therefore be limited on its impact for sport/physical development and outcomes.

### **Is there a timeframe for the official opening of the pitch to the Community?**

The aim is for an October 2024 application submission to the Football Foundation with a decision date of January 2025. If successful with our application, it is then hoped the facility would be open to the Community from September 2025 provided there are minimal delays during the construction process.

### **Who will be managing the 3G FTP facility?**

Facility management details are still to be confirmed but will be work in progress on the lead up to funding application submission.

### **What will the hire prices be for the usage of the pitch?**

Prices to use the facility have still to be confirmed. It is likely they will be similar to other 3G FTP pitches in Cornwall and will have to be signed off by the Football Foundation as part of the application process along with ongoing reviews. The aim is to provide affordable access to the facility whilst allowing the site to generate sufficient income to be sustainable and cover the operational and maintenance costs. The site is also expected to set aside provisions to allow the carpet to be replaced when it gets to the end of its lifecycle (subject to the maintenance regime and usage, this is likely to be around 10-12 years).

### **Will I get to input into the project?**

Yes, various partners in the project will be hosting a number of engagement opportunities for you to help shape the project. This community engagement will form an important part of the application process required by the Football Foundation.





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## Frequently Asked Questions (Cont'd)

### **Will the pitch be available to the community every day?**

We anticipate the pitch being available for community use during weekday evenings and school holiday periods, and at weekends. Bookings for use of the facility in term time during the day will also be available to local schools. More details on actual times will be available as we progress through the project and planning permission has been obtained, along with the facility management plan being confirmed.

### **Can other sports and activities, other than football, be played on the pitch?**

Yes. This is likely to require pitch markings to be laid out with cones or flat markers and cater for recreational use only. Rubber moulded stud footwear must be worn at all times.

### **What sports can't you play on this facility?**

The main sport you can play on this facility is football; however, many other activities can occur on the pitch for example fitness or running activities. It is hoped that during the community engagement stage further activities will be identified. Furthermore, other activities will also be able to be developed within the current sports hall if football activity is moved from the hall to the new 3G FTP. This is known as a secondary outcomes/impact.

### **Is there mandatory footwear to be worn whilst using the pitch?**

In order to protect the 3G surface, ensure its longevity is maintained and meet the requirements of the guarantee, no flat sole footwear will be permitted on the pitch. Only rubber moulded stud boots may be worn on this type of surface. Information will be distributed before the site opens and signs will be displayed to avoid confusion.

### **As well as Torpoint Community College, will the pitch be available for use by other local schools?**

Yes. Schools in Torpoint and Rame will have regular opportunities to use the facility and provision has been made for this in the usage plan. They will also be part of the community engagement.

### **What time must the floodlights be turned off in the evenings?**

Exact timings have still to be confirmed through the planning process, but we expect floodlights to be switched off by 10pm in line with these types of facilities.

### **What is the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) strategy?**

A statement on the position of 3G pitches environmental sustainability from the Sports and Play Construction Association (SAPCA) in conjunction with key industry stakeholders (including the Football Foundation) can be found here: <https://sapca.org.uk/guide/position-statement-on-3g-pitches/>. More detailed technical FAQs can be found at the bottom of that webpage.

The Football Foundation grant award would include the following condition to ensure the appropriate end-of-life disposal of the FTP system:

'At the end-of-life all elements of the synthetic turf system (shock pad, stabilising infill, performance infill and carpet) should be disposed of through a recycling operator holding an environmental permit for a waste operation to store and treat artificial turf. All elements of the synthetic turf system should not be disposed of in any other way or repurposed for anything other than its original intended use.'

It should be noted that all elements of the synthetic turf system are recyclable.





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## Girl's Football Update!

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June we hosted a Girl's Football World Cup tournament with schools from around the county. Callington, Saltash, Looe, Launceston, and Sir James Smith made the trip up to Torpoint to show off the talent of their pupils. We had 2 tournaments: a combined Year 7 and 8 tournament and a combined Year 9 and 10. The girls from Torpoint played brilliantly with a total of 37 girls representing our school. Overall, there was around 120 girls playing football and it was a brilliant showcase of some of the talent we have in Cornwall. You will see from the photos that we have been fortunate enough to secure a brand-new football kit. The light blue kit, was designed by one of our Year 7s Penny, which the girls voted for, and then secured using some of our well-being budget which we were all grateful for. The dark blue kit was secured through a competition, both of which are Torpoint branded and give our teams a smart and professional look.

### Year 7&8 Results:

1<sup>st</sup> – Sir James Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Saltash  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Callington

### Year 9&10 Results:

1<sup>st</sup> – Launceston  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Torpoint  
3<sup>rd</sup> Torpoint



On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, we hosted another girls football World Cup tournament with our local primary schools. This was a great opportunity for some of our prospective students to come up to the College for the day, and hopefully meet some of their future peers.

A massive thank you to all the staff who helped with the event, both on the day and leading up to it. It was a brilliant team effort.







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## Girls Football Continued...

On Monday 3rd July, we had 3 of our local primary schools attend the College for a Year 5 and 6 girls football festival. Approximately 40 girls attended the day, which was run by our lovely Sixth Form sports students. Carbeile Junior School took the victory on the day but each one of the girls played really well. We certainly have a very high standard of girl's football coming up to us in September which is exciting. Over the course of 2 football tournaments, we have had around 170 girls from our local schools playing football, which is really promising for the future!

Roll on the Women's World Cup this summer in Australia and New Zealand !!







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## More Sports News...

Over the past couple of weeks, we have had some great sporting success from students at TCC:

Penny W-F and Evie B (both year 7) attended the final stage of the County Netball Trials recently. They were successful and have both been selected to represent the county for the Satellites team! There were only 20 spaces in the team and so the girls have done extremely well to gain a place.

Lily G (year 7) and Saskia B (year 9) had trials recently for the Argyle Academy. This is very competitive to get into and so they should be very proud!

All four students have worked incredibly hard for these positions, which are so well deserved. Please congratulate them all if you see them. A huge well done!







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## **TORPOINT STUDENT SUCCESS IN UK JUNIOR MATHS COMPETITION!**

Thirty-three of our top mathematicians in Year's 7 and 8 took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge last month. The Maths Challenge is an hour paper that contains a variety of questions that involve puzzles, problems, logic as well as maths, which make them challenging and enjoyable to those taking part. It is a national competition with the best mathematicians from all over the UK taking part. The paper is designed to challenge the most able students and get them to think about the maths skills that they need to use.

We want to congratulate all the students that participated in this challenging competition; they all did very well and many students narrowly missed out on awards. An amazing sixteen students achieved either a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

There were twelve Bronze Awards in total. These were for Adriana, Rory, Ruby, Romilly, Finlay and Corin from Year 7 and Felix, Oscar, Ella, Brodie, Charlie and Elyse from Year 8.

Archie and Lincoln in Year 8 both received Silver Awards. Reggie was the only student in Year 7 to achieve a Silver Award and he also achieved Best in Year. Ruben in Year 8 was the only student to achieve a Gold Award and he also achieved the title of Best in School!

This is a fantastic set of results! Well done to all of you!!







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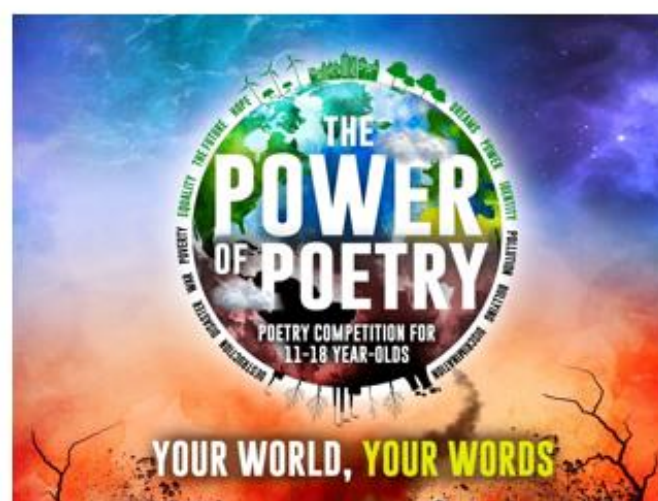
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## Year 9 Students Become Published Poets!

Another 11 of our students have found themselves as published poets in the most recent Young Writer's anthology, 'The Power of Poetry – Verse Is The Word'. Congratulations to all those in Year 9 involved: Liam, Harry, Max, Ruby, April, Jessica, Kacie, Chloe, Ellis, Joseph and Summer!



Interested in creative writing?  
Mrs Hodgkinson runs a Creative Writing Club every Friday lunchtime in room 8. Come along and see what you can create!

## Students' Work Published in Young Writers' *Integers* Anthology!

Another **19 of our students** have had their 100-word mini sagas published in the most recent anthology by Young Writers – *Integers: Secrets and Suspense*.

Congratulations to Seb, Ted, Isabella, Ava, Megan, Eppie, Penny, Finn, Esme, Daisy, Evie, Bella, Jackson, Amber, Daisy, Siri, Archie, James and Jack!







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## Year 9 Win 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize for Plymouth Carnegie Day Presentation!

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 8 Year 9 students attended Plymouth Carnegie Day at Coombe Dean School, Plymouth, where all the schools invited had been asked to prepare and perform a presentation on one of the books nominated for this year's Carnegie awards. Our book this year was *Needle* by Patrice Lawrence, which told the tale of teenager Charlene who faces some troubles in her life alongside being placed into foster care. To share the story in their own way, Year 9 created and performed a small play which earned them 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall from all school votes. Then, to top off a wonderful day, students also got to listen to a presentation by YA author Phillip Reeve (author of *Mortal Engines*, among other popular books) before having the chance to buy – and get signed – copies of his works. Congratulations to all involved!







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## Year 7 Royal Navy Attract Team Visit

We were fortunate to be able to book a visit from the Royal Navy Attract Team on 6<sup>th</sup> July. They worked with the whole of Year 7 over the course of the day. Students took part in a one-hour session which involved completing STEM Challenges, such as building the tallest tower.

The aim of the sessions was to get students to work together productively to develop their teamwork and leadership skills, as these are important for personal development, and are skills that are sought after by future employers.

Year 7 rose to the challenge and a successful day was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Royal Navy Attract team for their time and we hope to book them in again in the next academic year to work with other year groups.

**Mrs Bray**







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## Year 10 Work Experience 2023

After a successful work experience week, our Year 10 students excelled and gave a great representation of themselves and the College. Plymouth Argyle made a visit to the College to conduct workshops on job applications and mock interviews. Some of our students made a very good first impression, arriving in 'business attire' conducting themselves professionally. They were taught some invaluable life skills which they will be able to put into practice when seeking employment or other opportunities in the future.

Those that sourced a work placement had a very insightful and enjoyable time, I would have liked to include a detailed summary of all the varied placements but there are far too many to list, instead, here are just a few snippets of reflection from some of our students.

Josh (Princess Yachts) "... I learned a lot during my placement, how they operate the boats and what they do for the sea trials once the boat is ready to go out. I learned some vital skills that I can use in future jobs ..."



Chelsey (University Hospital, Plymouth) "... each day was very interesting, my top 3 favourite sessions were Midwifery, Clinical Skills and the tour of the hospital, including going into Derriford Hospital where I saw the pharmacy and the labs. It was so cool and amazing to experience the behind the scenes of the hospital. The labs were mind-blowing. I never expected to ever experience what it's like in a lab let alone being able to spend 30 minutes in it. I had to wear a lab coat and I saw different machines where samples were held, kept and examined. I never had thought I would have this opportunity to look behind the scenes of what actually goes on in the hospital. It was great fun! ... I really enjoyed work experience. It was great fun and there were so many opportunities. I was very lucky to experience this. When I'm older, I would like to try work within the NHS."

Lucy (The Beach House) "...some of the things I experienced were making and decorating a cake, working front of house in the café and helping make and prep the meals and desserts. I really enjoyed my time there and love to go back in the future!"







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Ed (Dive Newquay) – "During my placement I completed a variety of tasks including helping run the shop, answering calls, sorting kit and kit maintenance. I also had a look at the servicing workshop because with diving you need to have your regulators (the bit you breathe from) serviced annually, so I got to see a snippet of how that is done. I also had a run in with a seal when on the beach helping sort out the boat for a charter the next day. Which was super lucky! I really enjoyed my placement at Dive Newquay, and I feel I have had a valuable experience."



Oliver – Cross Country Trains: "We took a trip up to Dawlish for the grand opening of the newly built Dawlish Sea Wall after the storm 9 years ago. We met with the Managing Director for Cross-country Trains, Tom Joyner, who informed me about what his roles are and how he got to where he is today. We also met Richard Gibson, the stakeholder for Cross-country for the Wales and West region. This was a spontaneous decision made last week for us to visit Dawlish to see him. If you look at Tom's LinkedIn, you will see he has posted a picture of himself, Rob (my supervisor), and I in front of the plaque to commemorate this event.

We also met Mark Harper, who is the Secretary of State for Transportation. He was present at the event."

Please see below for an item from Cross Country trains Newsletter:

**A most successful Work Experience Week for Year 10! A big thankyou to Mrs Peach for all her hard work in supporting our students with their Work Experience applications and whilst on placement and to the staff that visited them.**



#### **Our Plymouth team hosts a work experience placement**

Last week, the Plymouth team were very pleased to host a student on a work experience placement. Oliver is intending to pursue a career within the travel industry and spent the week with Rob Howes (CSM) and Neil Boughton (RSM) to gain an insight into the variety of career paths available in the rail industry.

The week was a fantastic opportunity for Oliver to meet colleagues from across the business, which included spending time with the onboard teams and finding out about the Trainee Driver program, as well as speaking with members of the Control, Customer Relations, Revenue and Diagramming & Planning team.

We also arranged a tour of the Plymouth Signal Box and Oliver met up with Tom Joyner in Dawlish to see the opening of the next phase of the Dawlish Sea Wall regeneration project.

Thanks to everyone involved who gave their time to make it an incredible experience. We wish Oliver the best of luck in his future endeavours and who knows, maybe we will see him working in the industry in the future!





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## Year 10 Workplace Visits and Mock Interviews

A few Year 10 students were unable to find a work experience placement. The Plymouth Argyle Community Trust invited these students to visit Plymouth Argyle on the Thursday of work experience week. As students completed a tour of Home Park they considered the huge range of jobs and careers related to Plymouth Argyle, a multimillion-pound business in Plymouth, and had a talk on the apprenticeships organised by the Argyle Community Trust. We were shown the hospitality lounges, the players' lounge, sat in the dugouts, and saw the pitch being reseeded after the concerts held there in the last month. One student was put into the cells where rowdy spectators end up – but was let out!

On the following day the students had a session delivered by the DWP (Department for Work and Pensions) on interview skills and creating a good first impression. All students took part in mock interviews with a range of employers based on the scenario of working in different roles at Argyle – well done to the students that were 'hired' and awarded t-shirts. Thank you to our Employer Advisor, Julie Putman, for her continued support in organising these events and contacting local employers to work with our students and thank you to the Plymouth Argyle Community Trust and DWP for their help and support.







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## Year 10 NSSW Trip to Plymouth University

On Wednesday 12th July, 88 Year 10 students went on a trip to Plymouth University with the trip funded by Next Steps Southwest university outreach. Students took part in a Criminology workshop which involved examining a crime scene in the crime suite considering Locard's Exchange Principle, taking fingerprints and finding out how insects can be used forensically.

Students had a tour of the campus and saw what a bedroom in university accommodation is like, and then a talk on student life in a lecture theatre where they found out more about the huge range of courses and extracurricular activities available within higher education.

Thank you to all the students involved for their excellent conduct during this trip.







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## Sixth Form Psychology Trip to Dartmoor

The Year 12 Psychologists visited Dartmoor on 11th July, firstly Dartmoor Prison Museum where we learned the history of the prison and its rather dark past and the relevance of this to Psychology, in particularly conformity to social roles.

We then visited Dartmoor Zoo, to have an expert talk on how research is conducted on animals within the zoo, its scientific importance and the impact of the research. All of which reinforced the research methods knowledge the class have been learning this term. The students then got to conduct field research on an animal of their choice, collecting observational data for a report they will write in class.

We were extremely lucky with the weather and had a fabulous day.

Mrs Penter







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### **TCC Sixth Form Welcome Day 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

We had the pleasure of welcoming our new Year 12 (current Year 11) students to an induction session with our current Year 12 Sixth Form students on 7<sup>th</sup> July. This consisted of a formal welcome assembly followed by some team building activities with the Royal Navy Attract Team. This allowed Year 11 and 12 to work together on a range of challenges including building a useful object from their kits. We were so impressed with our new cohort of Year 11, and our current Year 12 who made sure that everyone took part and was made to feel welcome.

The morning ended with a BBQ in the Sixth Form.

We look forward to seeing you all on the first day back for Year 12 - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Year 13 on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Miss Bell





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## Year 11 Prom 2023





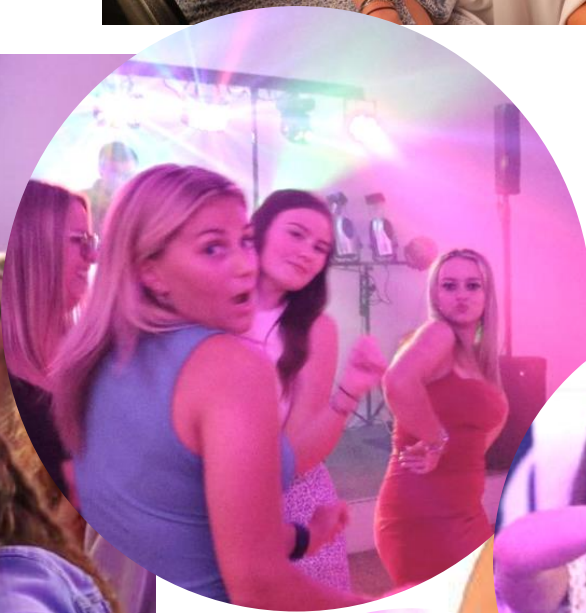


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# SIXTH FORM SUMMER PARTY 2023 FOR YEAR 12 & 13







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Year 12 and 13 students and staff, and a few ex-students and staff, enjoyed a great evening at the Torpoint AFC Sixth Form Party. It was a lovely evening and as well as saying goodbye to our wonderful Year 13 of 2023, we also marked the retirement of our Head of Sixth Form, Mr John Golding who leaves Torpoint at the end of term. We wish him all the very best for a wonderful retirement!







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## Inspirational Maths Show

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, fifteen students from Torpoint Community College were given the opportunity to attend an Interactive Maths Inspiration Show at the Northcott Theatre in Exeter.

The show was aimed to inspire Year 9 students and was all about how Maths is used in games. It was presented in a way that was fun, accessible and highly relevant for the students and some students even got a chance to play some of the intriguing games.

There were two guest speakers Ben Sparks and Rob Eastaway who spoke about the link between games and Maths including ways of using probability to increase your chances of winning. They taught the students some historical games including three men's morris, as well as looking at more present-day games such as video games and how Maths is used to create them.

They also discussed Maths in further education; explaining to them their options after GCSE as well as possible careers. The students all thoroughly enjoyed their experience and several of them actively participated in the interactive show.







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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about RUMBLE

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A video-sharing platform designed as an alternative to YouTube, Rumble is the epitome of a 'low barrier' in digital circles: it was initially launched in 2018, but it's only in the last two or three years that it's begun to gain serious traction. Much of Rumble's recent growth has stemmed from its association with Truth Social, the platform founded by former US President Donald Trump. Rumble's content frequently reflects some intense political viewpoints; this can often affect the way it approaches topics and has occasionally caused the platform to venture into controversial territory.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

The company which developed Rumble is often responsible for posting 'truth social' and other controversial news and social media feeds. Rumble's content often reflects the views of one group or the other, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. While parents may find that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

### PROVOCATIVE CONTENT

Rumble prides itself on developing free speech, with its CEO declaring the platform 'intended to protect our country's right to free speech'. Rumble's content often reflects the views of one group or the other, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. While parents may find that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

### INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

In any simple terms, Rumble works much like YouTube but with far fewer controls and restrictions being applied to its content. It also has a reputation for being a platform where controversial content is often found. Rumble's content often reflects the views of one group or the other, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. While parents may find that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

### CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES

Many of Rumble's best-known accounts are owned by individuals who have previously been banned from other social media platforms. There is a lot of controversy, but it is a great example of how the internet can be used to spread misinformation and hate speech.

### SENSITIVE TOPICS

In recent months, some prominent Rumble accounts have expressed controversial views on sensitive subjects such as gun control, abortion, and more. While Rumble accounts tend to display a moderate political bias, the content would be that young people using the platform may not always be presented with an impartial perspective on these important and complex topics.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Rumble does have a team of moderators, but the nature of the platform means that some potentially controversial and highly subjective, that potentially might make some parents uncomfortable – but if your child does view (or hear about) something provocative on Rumble, it can still provide a great opportunity to discuss politics at home in a safe, relaxed environment.

### CHECK UP REGULARLY

Like any video-sharing platform, there's a chance that Rumble might suggest inappropriate content for your child. There may be an algorithm issue – or it could be that the recommendations are based on views they've previously viewed. If your child uses Rumble, you might consider a chat with them about which accounts they follow and what type of content is suitable for their age.

### RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES

No video-sharing platform is totally free from potentially harmful content, of course – but the number of prominent account holders on Rumble whose support has previously been banned from similar services is certainly a cause for concern. If your child is becoming interested in influencer culture or politics, specifically, you could perhaps research more family-friendly platforms together.

### DISCUSS IMPARTIALITY

Many prominent Rumble accounts wear their political leanings fairly on their sleeves. As a result, it can be tricky for impressionable young people to appreciate both sides of any given debate. If your child is old enough to use Rumble, you may find that a discussion of some things they've seen might be helpful – if so, be prepared more some examples (and possibly lengthy) conversations.

### Meet Our Expert

David Cummings is a Digital Learning Specialist at the National Online Safety Centre. He has been working in the field of digital safety for over 10 years, and has been involved in many projects to help schools and parents keep their children safe online. He is a frequent speaker at conferences and has written many articles on the topic.

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**Jump Back Up July 2023**

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Take a small step to help overcome a problem or worry	2 Adopt a growth mindset. Change "I can't" into "I can't...yet"	3 Be willing to ask for help when you need it	4 Find something to look forward to today	5 Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	6 Pause, breathe and feel your feet firmly on the ground	7 Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy
8 Avoid saying "must" or "should" to yourself today	9 Put a problem in perspective by seeing the bigger picture	10 Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them	11 Look for something positive in a difficult situation	12 Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'	13 Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation	14 Get outside and move to help clear your head
15 Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step	16 Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts	17 Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today	18 Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter	19 If you can't change it, change the way you think about it	20 When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself	21 Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life
22 Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down	23 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time	24 Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong	25 Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead	26 Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath	27 Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)	28 Think about what you can learn from a recent problem
29 Be a realistic optimist. Focus on what could go right	30 Reach out to a friend, family member or colleague for support	31 Remember we all struggle at times - it's part of being human				

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## Summer tips for Health

- Wear loose fitting & light cloth
- Eat light meals
- Drink plenty of liquids to stay hydrated
- Grab seasonal fruits and vegetables
- Use Sunscreens & lip screens with SPF

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer break!

Best wishes  
Miss Pine





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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](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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**Dr Plumb**



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**Mrs Lear**



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