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TORPOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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NEWSLETTER

Thursday 12th October 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

Half Term October 23rd-27th

Thursday 16th November - Post 16
Open Evening

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

Autumn TERM

Tuesday 5th September – Tuesday 19th December

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term is flying by again with the October half term closing in very quickly. There has been an array of academic, sporting and extra-curricular activities taking place with the College feeling particularly vibrant.

Last Tuesday was World Mental Health Day. To recognise this event, we held a yellow themed mufti day. This is a day to talk about mental health and show everyone that mental health matters. It's also a day to let people know that it's okay to ask for help, no matter what they are going through. The school was alive with a sea of yellow.

On Wednesday we had our Tutor Support Evening. I hope this was useful and gave you the opportunity to speak to tutors about your child's achievements, progress, areas for improvement and to share and discuss any concerns.

On Thursday, our Year 11 students took part in mock job interviews. Many students wore very smart attire for the occasion in which they were able to talk about their employability skills, identify their strengths and weaknesses, together with getting feedback on the process from those interviewing. This was a very successful day giving students an opportunity to experience what a job interview feels like, and to build confidence for the future. I would

A reminder to students old and new to TCC of the timings of the school day:



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Timings of the day.

Tutor	0845 - 0910 (25 mins)
Lesson 1	0910 - 1010 (60 mins)
Lesson 2	1010 - 1110 (60 mins)
Break	1110 - 1140 (30 mins)*
Lesson 3	1140 - 1235 (55 mins)
Lesson 4	1235 - 1330 (55 mins)
Lunch	1330 - 1420 (50 mins)*
Lesson 5	1420 - 1520 (60 mins)

* A bell will indicate when you should move to lessons after break/lunch.



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like to thank all our guests, from a range of backgrounds and employment areas, who kindly gave up their time to provide this invaluable experience for our students.

On Friday we have 45 of our Year 10 and 11 students heading off to London to watch Macbeth being performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company. I know our students are very excited about this trip, notwithstanding the very early start and late finish to the day, and I'm sure they will find the experience very beneficial in their GCSE English studies.

There have been numerous sporting fixtures and events over the last couple of weeks including both boys' and girls' football, netball and lacrosse. It is fantastic to see so many of our children taking part, and I would like to thank the PE Team for their efforts in generating so much interest in these activities and for their support. Updates on the outcomes of fixtures played are contained in this

newsletter. Finally on sport, on Friday 6th October we welcomed England Lacrosse to the College to coach another event. The aim was to promote the sport to Year 7 and to enhance the skills of those in Year 10. This was a great day, and it was certainly well received by the students.

This is the last newsletter before the October half term 23rd-27th October. I hope your children have an enjoyable and relaxing week, and don't forget the clocks go back by one hour on Sunday 29th October!

Yours sincerely,



Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher



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Reporting your child's absence

We are having increasing numbers of parents/carers who are not reporting their child's absence from the College. You will appreciate that when a child is not in school, and we have not heard from parents /carers, this is a safeguarding concern for us. We are currently spending a significant amount of time investigating the whereabouts of children who are not properly accounted for and are therefore asking for parents' support in helping to address this problem.

We ask that all parents/carers contact the school before 9am on the day of their child's absence. This can be done by telephone or e-mail. Thank you for your support.

Email: absence@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

Call: 01752 812511 extension 200.

Argyle Women's Football in Torpoint

Former Torpoint Community College student Imy Crawford will be playing for Argyle Women's team against Portsmouth Down at Torpoint Football Club this Sunday. It is **FREE** for all under 16s!!!

Kick-off is at 2pm!



UPCOMING
FIXTURE

**ARGYLE WOMEN V
POMPEY WOMEN**

K/O 2:00PM | THE MILL, TORPOINT

 **TICKETS**

£5 ADULTS
£3 CONCESSIONS
FREE FOR U16s





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Breakfast Club is back!

After half term we are re-introducing Breakfast Club at TCC. It will be based in the SSC and is aimed at supporting those students who do not have access to breakfast before they come to school. It will run from 8-8.30am every morning and there is no cost for you to come along. Options for breakfast will include toast, cereal, fruit and breakfast bars so you can come in and choose whatever you like to start your day off in the right way.

To keep Breakfast Club running sustainably, we would be grateful for any donations you are able to make. The items we would be looking for are bread, cereal and breakfast bars initially. If you can contribute in any way, please bring donations into the College reception.

If you have any questions about breakfast club, please email Miss Rowe rowe.b@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk.

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BREAKFAST CLUB

8-8.30AM
EVERY MORNING!

COME TO THE
STUDENT SUPPORT
CENTRE

-BREAKFAST INCLUDES:-
TOAST,
CEREAL,
SNACK BARS
FRUIT

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MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all students and staff who baked some delicious cakes to help raise money for MacMillan coffee and cake day. Throughout the day, we had parents, grandparents, other members of the community and students visit our cake stall. We are delighted to say we have raised an outstanding £280 for this amazing cause.

We are proud to be able to support the MacMillan angel nurses, and look forward to hold our next similar event.



Children In Need

In the week beginning Monday 13th November we will be raising money for Children in Need. Please look out for details on Facebook and SIMS Parent App.

Your child may want to take part in Bearpees, sponsored rowing or a house dance off and of course we will hold bake sales throughout the week. We thank you in advance for all your support and donations.





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KS3 Students Meet Authors At Book Events Across Cornwall

Across September, students in Years 8 and 9 attended different book events in Cornwall.

First, a group of Year 8s attended the Kernow Youth Book Awards in Redruth, getting to meet and complete workshops with authors Lou Abercrombie, Tracy Darnton and Justyn Edwards.

Secondly, more students from Years 8 and 9 attended the North Cornwall Book Festival where they also got to meet and complete creative writing workshops with Lou Abercrombie, Bex Hogan and Nick Bowling. Across both events students had a fantastic time and produced some brilliant pieces of creative writing. Perhaps we'll have an author in our future from here at TCC!

Thanks go out to the organisers of both events and to all staff involved in running the events.

- Mrs Hodgkinson, Teacher of English





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University Information Evening – TCC Sixth Form

Starting to think about university can be a daunting process. Year 12 and 13 were invited to attend an information event at the College on Tuesday 3rd October to learn more about Post 16 applications to university, student life and student finance.

There was a detailed talk from Next Steps Southwest and then the opportunity to visit an array of stands from Plymouth University, Falmouth University, Marjon and Deep Blue Sound, Plymouth.

We are hoping to repeat this event later in the year - watch out for details in future Newsletters.





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KS3 YEARS 7, 8, 9

ART CLUB

TUESDAY LUNCHTIMES

in Room 31

1:45-2:15 PM



**Come & explore the
ADVENTUROUS world of ART
with Miss Croce & Miss Thomas.**

Any questions, come to Room 31



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FREE HALFTERM HALLOWEEN KIDS CLUB

Thanckes Park

Monday - Halloween Trail and Story Telling 10am with
Friends of Thanckes Park and Awenek Studio CIC
(ticketed)

In the Library

Tuesday - Terrifying Treasure Hunt - 10am - 12pm

Wednesday - Peter Pan Workshop 10am-12pm (ticketed).

Thursday - Lurking Lego Club 10am-12pm

Thursday - Spooky Deep Sea Crafts by Awenek 1-3pm

Friday - Creepy Crafts (All day)

TORPOINT LIBRARY AND

OCTOBER

23RD - 27TH

COMMUNITY HUB

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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 2023 at TCC

Thursday 16th November

An opportunity to come and
find out about the courses on
offer at Torpoint Sixth Form.

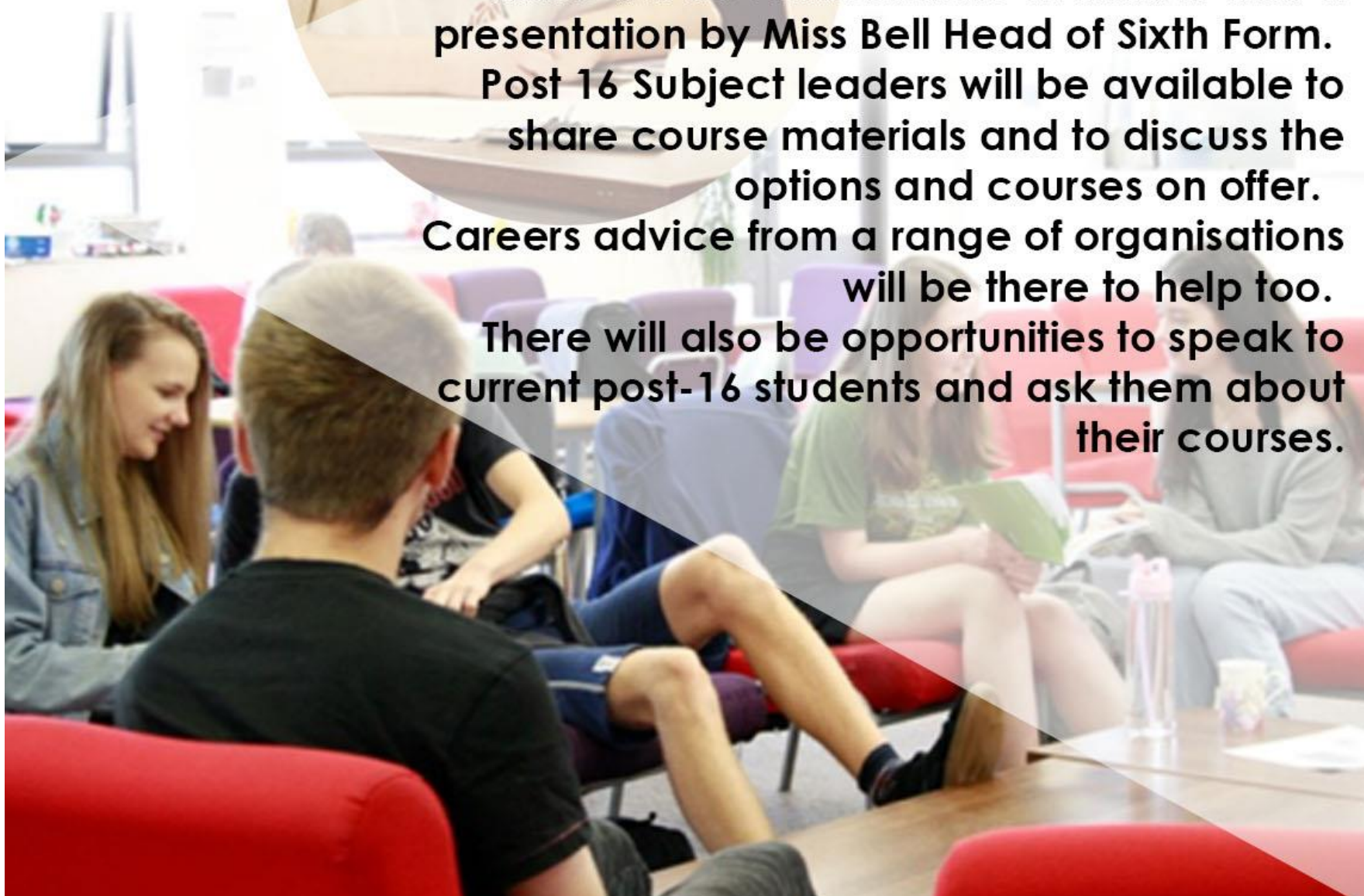
6-8pm

There will be refreshments available and a
presentation by Miss Bell Head of Sixth Form.

Post 16 Subject leaders will be available to
share course materials and to discuss the
options and courses on offer.

Careers advice from a range of organisations
will be there to help too.

There will also be opportunities to speak to
current post-16 students and ask them about
their courses.





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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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