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NEWSLETTER

Thursday 2nd November 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

Post 16 Open Evening - Thursday 16th November

Year 11 Parents' Evening – Thursday 7th December

Christmas Party Pieces - Thursday 15th December

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

Autumn TERM

Tuesday 5th September – Tuesday 19th December

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term, and what a week it's been!

On Monday we experienced both ICT network and telephone issues, through no fault of our own, which certainly made it challenging for all concerned. These have now been addressed and my sincere thanks to the ICT Team for their efforts in getting the system operational again. Then Storm Ciarán descended upon us later in the week which presented its own challenges. The safety and wellbeing of students and staff is always at the forefront of our minds when making a decision whether the College should remain open or closed in these situations, and with virtually all staff and a majority of students in school on Thursday I would like to thank you for your support.

Throughout this week students have been welcomed back to the College with a consistent message in assemblies on belonging, focusing on "Our College, Our Community and Our Ethos". As you are aware we have 3 College values that we believe all members should uphold every day; these are Respect, Prepare and Focus. The key messages shared were that our students are fantastic young people with many talents, TCC is a place where students not only learn academic subjects but also behaviours that prepare them for life and that as a community, we are dedicated to supporting and helping our young learners to be respectful towards themselves, peers, staff and the environment.

This half term we are driving a themed approach of



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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what respect should look like here at the College.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their continued support, particularly with ensuring our learners wear the correct uniform and bringing the correct equipment into school each day to be prepared and focused on their learning.

Unfortunately, due to the weather, many of the sporting fixtures planned for this week were postponed. The plan is for these to be re-arranged over the next few weeks. I am pleased to report that the Ten Tors training is now underway with many students participating. Thank you to all staff and volunteers for their support with Ten Tors.

Finally, a reminder we have our Post 16 Open Evening on Thursday 16th November in the Sixth Form. Please come along and find out more about what our amazing Sixth Form has to offer.

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.

Art Collection- message from Art and Design Technology for **Year 11 - 2022/23**
Please contact the College's reception to arrange collection of your GCSE Art, GCSE Product Design or GCSE Textiles work if you would like it back. Many thanks. The Art and DT team.

Reminder: Student Dance Rehearsal

Dance rehearsals for Christmas Party Pieces start on Tuesday 7th November.

After College 3.30pm-4.45pm the hall

Please remember to collect a letter and consent form from Miss Bell - Room 36.

Christmas party pieces





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Breakfast Club is back!

This week we have re-introduced Breakfast Club at TCC. It is based in the SSC and is aimed at supporting those students who do not have access to breakfast before they come to school. It runs from 8-8.30am every morning and there is no cost for you to come along. Options for breakfast 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 e-mail 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

FREE OF CHARGE
**ANY DONATIONS
WELCOME**



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Year 11 Mock Interview Day

On October 12th we welcomed a range of local employers and different businesses into the College to complete mock job interviews with year 11 students. The aim of the day was to help students practice their interview skills and to increase their confidence in an interview situation. Students may have interviews for 6th forms, College courses and Apprenticeships in the near future. We would like to thank Julie Putman, the College's Enterprise Advisor for her help in contacting the local business and organisations. We had representatives attending from Babcock, NHS Apprenticeships, Food Standards Agency, the Army, DWP, STEM Ambassadors, Crystal Wood Consultancy, a Financial Advisor, RPS Consulting, Libra Property, the Royal Society for Chemistry, and a former student who is now an Engineer working for Aecom. Year 11 students completed some tasks in tutor to prepare for the day, considering how to make a good first impression, effective communication skills, the types of questions asked in a job interview and examples of how to answer them effectively using the STAR method. The students performed so well on the day, looked smart in their interview clothes and really pushed themselves out of their comfort zones to take part. Students received feedback and next steps following their interviews. The next aim is to ensure that all year 11 students have an up-to-date CV.

Our next big careers event is planned for December 5th. If you would like to come into the College and represent a business, organisation or career and work with our students, we would love to hear from you!

Please email Mrs Bray, Careers Leader for further information.

brayd@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk





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KS4 Students Travel to Shakespeare's Globe, London, to watch the Scottish Play – *Macbeth*!

On Friday 13th October, students from Years 11 and 10 got involved in some hubble, bubble, toil and trouble followed by some fires burning and cauldrons bubbling as they made the lengthy journey to London to watch a production of William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

Our group became 'groundlings' for the day as we had standing tickets, from which we had an excellent view of the stage and we managed to get fully involved with the action as actors used props and moved around us.

It was a fantastic production and an excellent day overall. We can't wait to do it again in the future!



Thanks go out to all the students for their conduct on the day making it an enjoyable trip and to all staff involved in making it happen.

- Mrs Hodgkinson



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Ten Tors training – 15th October 2023

It was a good start to the Ten Tors training on Sunday 15th October with excellent weather throughout the day. The teams successfully completed the circular route near Princetown, starting and finishing at Leeden Tor Car Park.

Well done to all who took part, both students and volunteers.





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Torpoint Student's Success in UK Senior Maths Competition!

Four of our top mathematicians in Year's 12 and 13 took part in the UK Senior Maths Challenge last month. The maths challenge is a 90-minute 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.

Josh (Year 12) achieved a Silver Certificate, Best in Year and Best in School, Jake (Year 13) received a Bronze award and Best in Year and Amelia (Year 12) also received Bronze awards. Rosie also participated in the challenging competition and just narrowly missed out on an award.

Well done guys! Fantastic results!





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CELEBRATING SUCCESS



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Our VIPA Winners for September are-

Year 7- Natalia
Year 8- Rory
Year 9- Bella
Year 10- Liam
Year 11- Dylan

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT



BRONZE

BRONZE

The following students
achieved their Bronze Personal
Achievement Certificate and
Badge.

Year 7- Sebastian
Year 8- Mikey

This means that they have
achieved 50 Personal
Achievement Points! Well
done!



Our VIPA Winners for October are-

Year 7- Rosie
Year 8- Isabella
Year 9- Charlie
Year 10- Zac
Year 11- Noah

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VIPA
VERY IMPRESSIVE PUPIL AWARD





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SENDCo Cafe and Parent Network

Wednesday 15th November
2.20-3.20pm at Torpoint Community College

We have teamed up with Torpoint Nursery and Infant School and Carbeile Junior School to offer you this opportunity to meet up with your SENDCos and with other parents. This is a chance to talk, share ideas, concerns, worries or simply just to catch up. SENDCos from Carbeile, Torpoint Community College and Torpoint Infants (Mrs Bridges, Mrs Turner and Mrs Lock) will be there to answer questions and sign post you to advice and support.

This will be a very informal get together with tea, coffee and cake! Parents of children from **all three** schools are invited to attend. Arrive when you can, stay as long or as little as you like, between 2.20-3.20pm

This time our focus will be around meeting '**communication and interaction**'. TCC's school advisor will be present to talk about challenges such as processing difficulties and support strategies.

We are planning on running some more SENDCo Surgery / Parent Networks at various different times throughout the year in an attempt to cater for everyone.

See you there!





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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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Christmas Party pieces 2023

14th December

Tickets on sale soon!



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Anti-Bullying Advice

What is bullying?

Bullying is defined as the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group.

How can parents and carers help?

- If you think your child is being bullied, don't panic – try to keep an open mind. Your key role is listening, calming and providing reassurance that the situation can get better when action is taken.
- Listen and reassure them that coming to you was the right thing to do – It may not be easy for a child to talk about being bullied so it is important to try to find out how they are feeling and what has happened, when and where.
- Assure them that the bullying is not their fault and that you are there to support them
- Don't encourage your child to retaliate – hitting back, or responding online has unpredictable results and can lead to your child also getting into trouble.
- Discuss the situation with the school – TCC has a policy in place to deal with bullying and will take all steps necessary to investigate and resolve the issue

We're better
without bullying





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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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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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