



INSPIRING OPTIMISTIC LEARNERS

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 30th November 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 11 Parents' Evening – Thursday 7th December

Christmas Party Pieces - Thursday 14th December

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



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

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

Autumn TERM
Tuesday 5th September – Tuesday 19th December

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Students and staff came together for Children in Need the week before last and raised an amazing £843. There were a number of events including cake sales, gunge the teacher and a mufti day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank students for all their contributions and for their support with the various events.

We now move to the Food Bank Competition, where our five houses are collecting items for our local food bank. The last food donations, of non-perishable items, are to be made by Friday 8th December and the house with the highest donations will be rewarded with an exclusive house mufti day towards the end of term.

I'm sure I don't have to tell you that Christmas is rapidly approaching! On Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December we will be serving Christmas dinner for our students in the canteen. We have our Christmas Party Pieces event on Tuesday 14th December with tickets selling fast - further details are contained in this newsletter. Then on the last day of term we have a College festive mufti day.

There has been a huge variety of individual and team sporting successes this week and over this whole term. I am going to ask the PE team to give a summary of all the successes in our next edition.

Finally, good luck to our Ten Tors students this weekend as they complete another training walk on Dartmoor. With the cold weather that is upon us I'm sure they will be dressed up for the challenge.

There will be one more newsletter at the end of this term.

With my best wishes

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 <u>9am</u> 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.

Greenlight Apprenticeships Visit

On Friday 17th November we welcomed Greenlight Apprenticeships and Ian McHale from Western Counties Roofing into College to speak to Year 11 students. Greenlight offer apprenticeships in Construction including roofing and bricklaying. Students may want to do this after year 11 or after year 13.

Western Counties Roofing want to offer one student from TCC an Apprenticeship in memory of our former student, Kyran Carney, who tragically passed away aged 19 in 2022 due to a road traffic accident near Torpoint and they are very keen to support this student through their apprenticeship.

Interested students were able to collect brochures to read at home. If parents want to find out more about this opportunity, the contact details for Greenlight are:

01752 604713

enquiries@greenlightsc.co.uk







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Royal Navy Attract Team Visit

We organised a visit from the Royal Navy Attract Team to work with our Year 9 students. Students worked in small groups to complete activities that all required effective communication, teamwork and leadership. These skills are so important, and it was great to see year 9 students working productively in small groups to achieve an outcome. Finley was a great team leader during the spiderweb challenge. Ruben and Kenzie made a great communications tower. Bryn and Harvey worked well as a team to make their communications tower. Alanna got carried through the spiders' web – which was out of her comfort zone, and she looked really pleased afterwards to achieve this. Well done to all the students who participated!

The Royal Navy team also delivered a presentation to the whole of the year group to inform students about the role of the Royal Navy around the world, its ongoing importance, and the amazing career opportunities that it offers. We have more students interested in joining the Royal Navy in the future now! Thank you to the Royal Navy Attract Team for working with Torpoint Community College and we hope to repeat this event again with more year groups in the future.





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Ten Tors training – Sunday 19th November

The best way to describe the weather for the 3rd Ten Tors training walk is 'miserable'. The misty rain and gusty wind kept the temperature down. However, visibility was good, and all the teams completed the walk. The teams set off from Pork Hill car park, near Merrivale and finished at Willsworthy Range car park on the northwest of Dartmoor. All teams finished early in high spirits. Well done to all involved.









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CHRISTMAS APPEAL



HELP BY DONATING AN ITEM OR TWO FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST TO ENSURE WE CAN PROVIDE FOOD TO PEOPLE IN CRISIS









Food Bank House Competition

All 5 houses are competing over the next two weeks to collect items for our local food bank.

Students can drop off their donations to their designated 'house area' in the main hall, either before school or at break times.

Last day for donations is Friday 8th December 2023.

The house with the most donations will be rewarded with a 'house mufti day' towards the end of term. This will be exclusively for students in the winning house.



Art Collection. A 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 Textile work if you would like it back. Many thanks. The Art and DT team.



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Aspiration Event Plymouth University

What is the event?

The University of Plymouth is one of the livestream venues for this year's CHRISTMAS LECTURES from the Royal Institution of Great Britain. Running for almost 200 years, the CHRISTMAS LECTURES were started by Michael Faraday in 825 to inspire and engage young people with science, and this year Mike Wooldridge, Professor of Artificial Intelligence at the University of Oxford, will be exploring the truth behind Artificial Intelligence (AI), the most rapidly evolving field of science.

Who is the event for?

These events are perfect for children (aged 11-17) and their families (all children need to be accompanied by an adult) who can come and watch the magic of the Lectures unfold in real time as they are filmed in front of an audience in the RI's theatre in London. It is these live events which are then edited to form the television programmes broadcast on BBC4 between Christmas and New Year. Participants at the livestreaming will have the chance to get involved with hands-on activities, and be the first to learn the truth about Al.

How can I apply?

You can apply for places at one of the free events (12th, 14th or 16th December 2023).

Timing: The event will start at 17:30 and the finish will be between 19:30 and 20:00 (it depends on how long any breaks in filming will be).

Location: University of Plymouth main campus (PL4 8AA) - the exact location will be given nearer the time. You can apply by following either of the links above.





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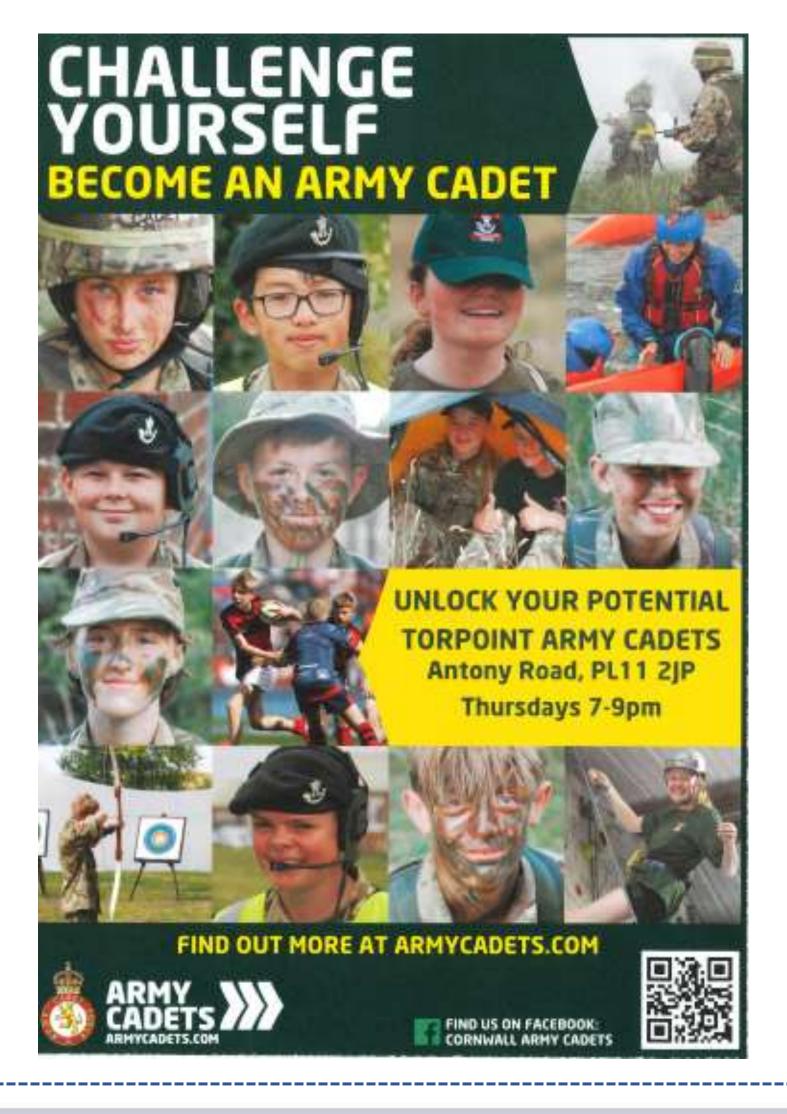
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Army Cadets Visit

We welcomed the Army Cadets into assemblies to speak to year 8 and year 9 students. The Army Cadets are now running again in Torpoint, every Thursday 7-9pm. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and meet new people. You can find further information here: https://armycadets.com/find-a-detachment/





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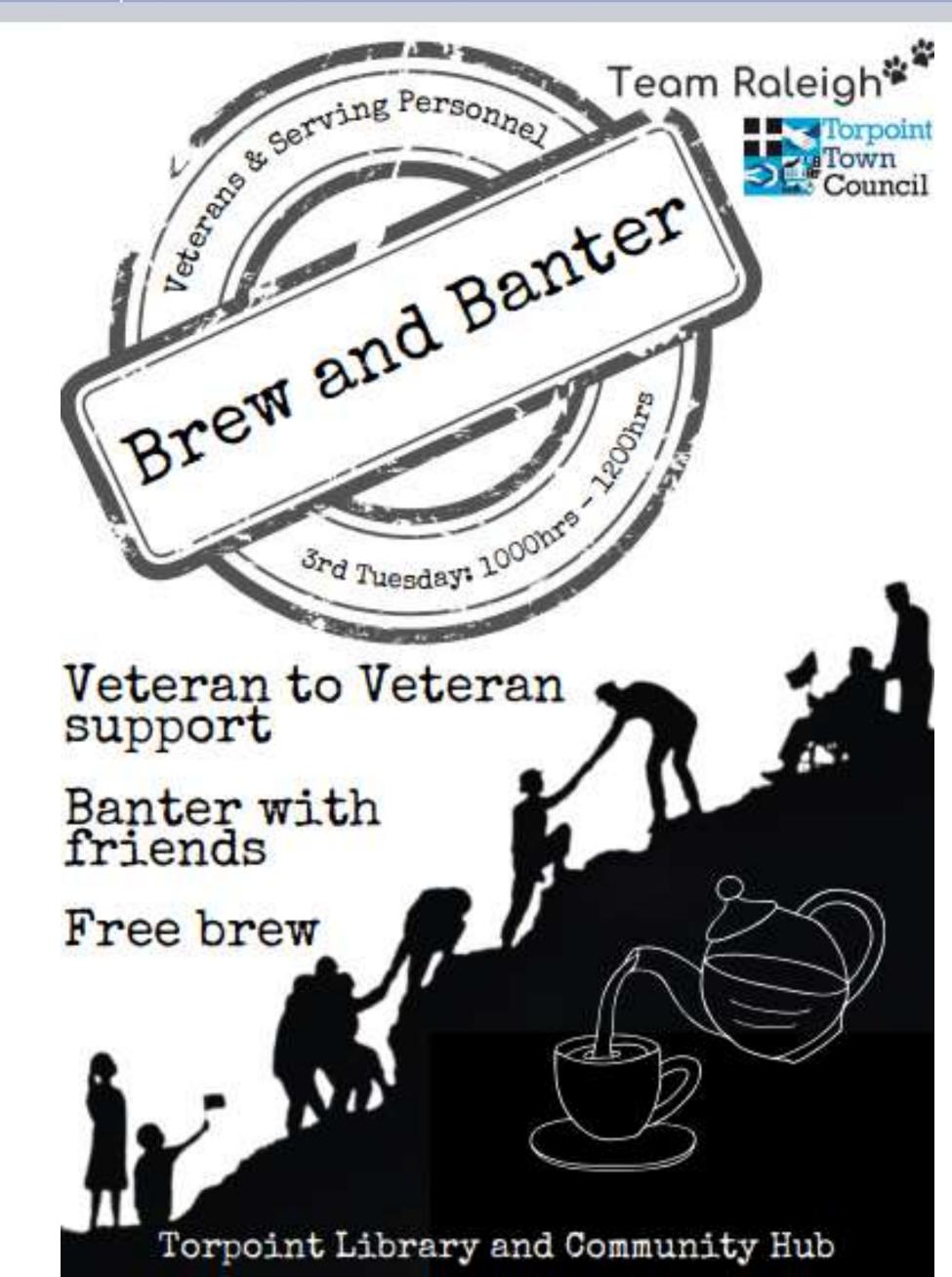
01752 812215 torpoint.library@liscornwall.org.uk ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOME HELP? Join us at Torpoint Library and Community Hub 14th November & 12th December 2023 10am - 12noon You are invited to join us once per month to meet others, receive support and find out more about what is happening in Torpoint and surrounding areas. We are a team of organisations ready to help. Royal Navy Family & People Support **Jobcentre Armed Forces Champion** VIVO Housing **Team Raleigh CIC Torpoint Town Council** ALL WELCOME INCLUDING OUR ARMED FORCED COMMUNITY IT help Cuppa and and support a Chat Friendly atmosphere Meet new people Employment Family Support Support Housing Story time for Benefit Help Advice Advice Torpoint Team Raleigh CIC jobcentreplus VIVO Built for Change



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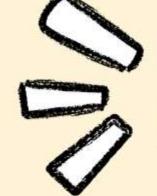
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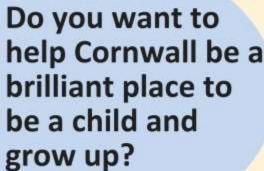
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CORNWALL YOUTH COUNCIL



NOW RECRUITING







- Elected Member (age 11-18 only)
- Associate Member
- Communications Team
- Peer Mentor

Please apply by December 3rd 2023: https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/youth-council







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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.



