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23/24

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NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th January 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 16th January- Year 9 Options Evening

Thursday 25th January- Year 9 Parents' Evening

7th March – Year 11 Mock Results Evening

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

Spring Term

4th January – 28th March 2024

(Half term 12-16 February 2024)

Headteacher's Message

The term has started with Year 11 and 13 continuing with their mock examinations. It is clear the students have prepared themselves well for this, with excellent attendance, and the feedback from our invigilators is that the students are focused and rising to the challenges presented by each of the different subjects. Well done to Year's 11 and 13.

Next week we have the Year 9 Options Evening on Tuesday 16th January from 6 pm. This is a useful opportunity for parents, carers and students to gain a further insight into the range of subjects available at GCSE and what they involve. You will be able to listen to a general overview of the process delivered by Miss Bell and be able to speak to subject leads about their specialist areas and the content and structure of the courses available.

The Secretary State for Education has launched a national communication campaign aimed at improving student attendance and reminding parents and carers that moments matter, attendance counts, not just because of the importance of learning, but because of the wider holistic benefits for children's wellbeing and happiness. The College has expressed an interest in joining a national attendance hub programme to access support and practical solutions to improving the attendance of all.

This is only a 5 week half term and although relatively short it will no doubt be busy. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and I look forward to working with you throughout 2024.

Dr Jeremy Plumb

Timings of the day from January 2024



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Timings of the day.

Tutor	08:45 - 09:10 (25 mins)
Lesson 1	09:10 - 10:10 (60 mins)
Lesson 2	10:10 - 11:10 (60 mins)
Break	11:10 - 11:35 (25 mins)
Lesson 3	11:35 - 12:35 (60 mins)
Lesson 4	12:35 - 13:35 (60 mins)
Lunch	13:35 - 14:20 (45mins)
Lesson 5	14:20 - 15:20 (60 mins)



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Year 9 Option Evening 2024

This year's Option Evening for Y9 students will take place in College on Tuesday 16th January 2024 from 6.00 – 8.00pm. It is a useful opportunity to gain an insight into the range of subjects available for GCSE at Torpoint Community College and what they involve.

The evening allows you to listen to the subject leads in their specialist areas explain the content and structure of the courses available.

Tuesday 16th January 2024 from 6.00–8.00pm.



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2023 Food Bank Collection

HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our food bank collection.
In total we had 644 donations!

Art and DT work Collection

A message for our Year 11 students from 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.



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Sixth Form News

We had a very busy Autumn Term in the Sixth Form which included trips to Marjon University and the 'Learn to Live' road safety awareness show in Plymouth. Our Year 13 students have been applying to various universities for their next steps in education following their A Levels, and some have already got offers in place which is fantastic. Our Year 12 have been securing their work experience placements for June and we look forward to visiting them during this exciting time. Our Sixth Form also hosted our Staff and Student Quiz in November which was a great success, and we are already planning the next one for the end of this term.

Our Sixth Form students contributed to the whole College Food Bank collection before Christmas, and to other charity fundraising initiatives.

We rounded off the term with a team building bowling trip which was enjoyed by all.

We are looking forward to attending the UCAS Discovery Fair this Spring and visiting other local universities.

If you are interested in joining our Sixth Form, please contact me on

bell.L@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

E Bell

Head of Sixth Form





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Justyn Edwards Author Visit

On Wednesday 6th March we will be hosting a visit from local author Justyn Edwards who will be delighting our Year 7 and 8 students with his magic and fun filled presentation.

You will have seen the opportunity to buy one of Justyn's books on ParentPay but he has also given students the opportunity to buy a personally dedicated and signed copy at a reduced rate before the event. If you are interested in this option please go to justynedwards.com and select bookshop.

Make sure you use the code TPBD2 to get the discount!



Kernow Youth Book Awards
2023 – attended by TCC
students

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before the event!

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.



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EVERYDAY COUNTS

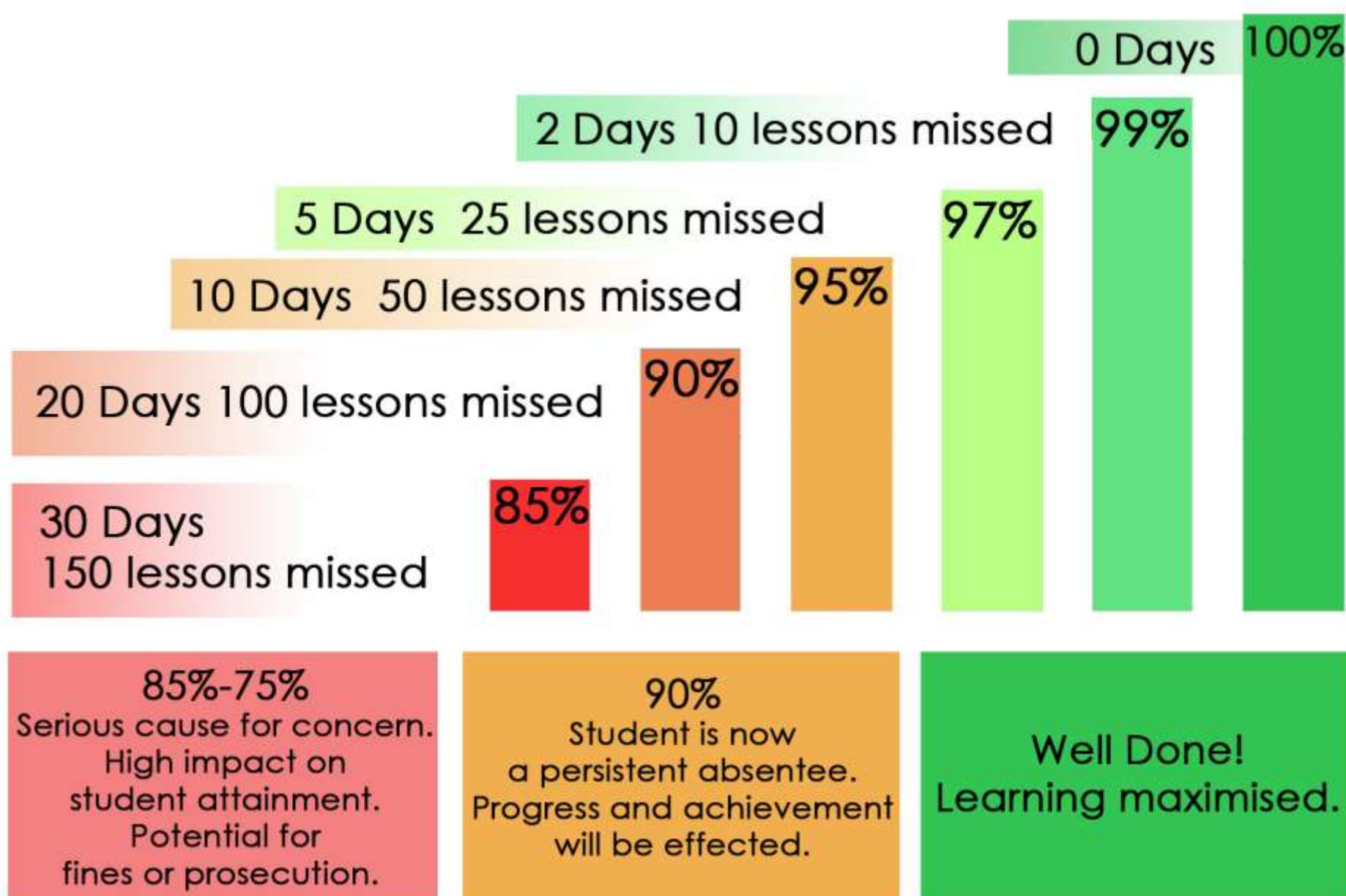


*Why is attendance important
for my child's education?*

**Good attendance
means:**



Being in school at least **95%+** of the time.





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Football For 'Onen Hag Oll' - One and All

Cornwall Football Association



Play

There are lots of different ways to get involved playing the beautiful game in Cornwall. We have opportunities for youth boys and girls, open age (male and female) as well as disability and walking football provisions.



01208 262986



Chloe.Harris@cornwallfa.co



www.cornwallfa.com

Contact Football Development Officer Chloe for more



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Leagues and Club



Whether you're thinking of setting up a new team, looking to become an accredited club or trying to gain funding to develop your facilities, Cornwall FA can support you with this process.



Safeguarding



Cornwall FA recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people. Affiliated football is therefore committed to working to provide a safe environment for all children and young people to participate in the sport to the best of their abilities.



Volunteers



Grassroots football wouldn't exist without the incredible volunteers that support the game - from secretaries and coaches, to groundkeepers and tea makers, local clubs need volunteers to keep running. Every club is looking for new volunteers so why not get involved?



Referees



There are plenty of refereeing opportunities across Cornwall in a variety of formats including 11-a-Side, Mini-Soccer, Futsal, Small Sided, Beach Soccer, PowerChair and Disability. Cornwall FA have also got discounted courses thanks to donations from local leagues.



Coaches



One of the biggest influences in any player's career is their coach. Coaching is an opportunity to inspire a new generation of players, giving them the skills they need to go on and play the beautiful game for many years.





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Dancers needed!

If you are interested in being a dancer in our College production 'We Will Rock You' please sign up with **Miss Bell during any lunchtime.**

You don't need to have dance experience. No acting or singing required!

Dance rehearsals start on Tuesday 23rd January. Be a part of our fantastic production!



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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOME HELP?

Join us at Torpoint Library and Community Hub
9th January & 13th February 2024
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 and Pinnacle Group
Team Raleigh CIC
Torpoint Town Council

ALL WELCOME INCLUDING OUR
ARMED FORCED COMMUNITY

Cuppa and
a Chat

IT help
and support

Friendly
atmosphere

Meet new
people

Employment
Support

Family
Support

Housing

Story time for
little ones

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Benefit
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CENTRE**

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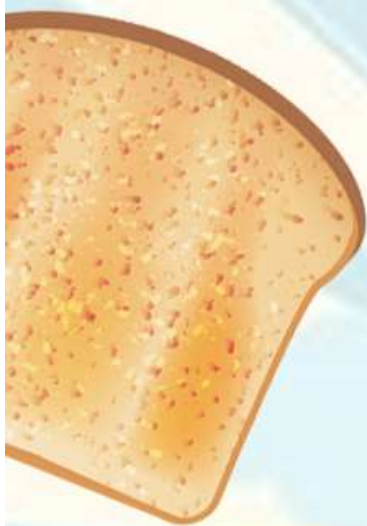
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worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

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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