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# NEWSLETTER

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Post 16 Parents' Evening –  
22nd February

Immunisations Year 9, 10 and  
11 – 22 February

Year 10 Parents' Evening –  
29th February

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24 Spring Term

4<sup>th</sup> January – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
(Half term 12-16 February 2024)

### Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This half term has simply flown by. When we return from next week's break Spring will be rapidly approaching, and I very much look forward to the lighter mornings and evenings.

On Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day so this week our assemblies have focused on e-safety. Technology is changing so fast online and it is often difficult to keep up with what children are doing on social media and the internet. There are two links below that provide further information with regards to e-safety which you may find useful.

[Safer Internet Day 2024 - Film for parents and carers - YouTube](#)

[Things change so fast online, it's hard to keep up with what my child is doing - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

We also had another careers event on Thursday, with it being National Apprenticeship week, and there was a focus on our Year 8. With representation from Babcock, the National Health Service, Software Cornwall, legal services and law and Becton Dickinson (an alumni) this was an excellent and informative day for the students and I am hugely grateful to the employers for taking the time to support this event.

Last week, Year 11 were rewarded with a mufti day for their excellent behaviour and attendance during their mock examinations. On Wednesday we had our Year 11 Mock Results Evening and there was an

### Timings of the day from January 2024



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





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excellent turnout for this event. Following short presentations on strategies to support revision, managing time, managing stress, some practical examples on revision strategies and finally information on how to apply for a Sixth Form place, the students were given their much awaited mock results. It is important our Year 11 keep focused and use the relatively short time between now and their GCSE exams as constructively and productively as possible. We are here to support them and it is important they speak to their tutors or subject teachers should they have any concerns.

There have been a number of sporting fixtures since the last newsletter. I would like to congratulate our Year 8 boys who made the Last 16 of the National Cup football competition. Last week they faced LVC Ascot, finalists from last year's competition, and this was clearly a step up compared to some previous rounds. Unfortunately they lost the game 4-0, but they can hold their heads high for all that they have achieved. Congratulations also to our Year 7 netball squad, who have qualified for the County final against the West County finalists in a few weeks time.

On Monday a letter was sent out to all parents regarding a uniform change from September 2024. The decision has been made to introduce the proposed new kilt style skirt. A summary of the uniform change is outlined below:

#### **Year 7 to 11 students – options to wear:**

A checked kilt-style skirt which can be purchased from the College's designated uniform supplier.

Plain, black "classic" style trousers. These should be straight legged and not tight. There should be no large belts, zips on the sides or buckles and belts should be plain black. Trousers should not be of a denim fabric, chinos or leather.

Plain black "city" shorts or tailored black shorts. Not cargo style or sports shorts.

I would like to thank everyone who fed back on the proposed uniform change as part of the consultation process.

Just a reminder that Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February is a staff INSET day and the College is closed to students. We look forward to welcoming back everyone on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Wishing you a restful half term break.

Yours sincerely

Dr Jeremy Plumb  
Headteacher





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## Careers Across the Curriculum: Food and Nutrition

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February Year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition students took part in a Ready Steady Cook challenge with the Royal Navy. After having a careers talk at the start about all the Royal Navy has to offer students were split into groups to start the challenge. Students had 90 minutes to prepare, cook and serve spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread, and pavlovas with fresh berries. The students really rose to the challenge and the Royal Navy were incredibly impressed with how well the students worked and the standard of the food produced. Winners for each dish were chosen with Leo, Oliver, Jessica and Isla winning for both dishes in the morning, Jack, Rory, Josh and Ciprian winning for the main, and Olivia, Lexi, Sophie, Lola and Tabatha winning for the dessert in the afternoon.



### Miss Baker







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## Ten Tors Training- 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

It was a busy weekend for those training for the Ten Tors Challenge. Many of the students were in College on Saturday afternoon for a kit check, learning some first aid and some camping skills. Then all were on the moors on Sunday to complete their sixth walk. The visibility was very poor for all but approximately 10 minutes where there was some warm sunshine and excellent views. Although there were some navigational mistakes, the teams were able to correct them and completed the walk successfully.

Well done to all involved and thank you to the adult volunteers who helped over the two days.







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## Year 10 Trip to The Duchy College Experience Day

The whole of Year 10 were invited, and 45 students took up the offer, to attend the Year 10 Experience Day at Duchy College. The aim of the trip was to show students what our nearest land based College of Further Education is like and the variety of courses on offer there, which ranges from level 1 courses right up to degree level.

Students took part in 2 activities during their day ranging from finding out about the level 2 and level 3 Agricultural courses, which included a tractor and trailer ride to visit the Future Farm, taking part in an Animal Care session to find out about the level 2 and 3 courses in Animal Care, to finding out about the Equine Studies courses and meeting the horses. Other sessions allowed students to find out about the Public Service courses, which help prepare students to join the Police and Armed Services, and the Sport and Outdoor Education courses.

It was fantastic to see the campus and meet the staff and to have this opportunity. Thank you to all the staff and students who took part in the day and to Duchy College, Cornwall College for funding the transport so the trip was free to students. Watch out for other open events at Duchy College if you want to find out more, and check out their website to find out about the different courses and apprenticeships offered.

<https://duchy.ac.uk/>

Mrs Bray, Careers Leader



## PE Equipment Donation

This month, the College received a kind donation from a local charity, St Columba Rugby Trust. The charity has kindly donated volleyball kit to the College which will be used in the upcoming school year.

We hope to see the relationship with the charity grow stronger in the future.

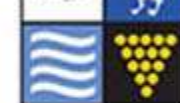






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## National Schools Badminton County Final

Badminton Clubs remains really popular with our KS4 students. Having qualified to represent East Cornwall more of our KS4 squad travelled to Truro School to compete this week. With five games of singles and doubles played in each round and games played to 21, it was a tiring and very competitive day.

The standard of badminton in the final was excellent with both teams having to really raise their game play. The girls team showed excellent team spirit and grit to win their Penair School round 5 games to 0 but lost to a very strong Truro School, finishing second in the County Round of the National Schools.

The boys team played with just as much determination against very tough singles and double opponents, with most matches very close in points, they lost to Penair School and Truro School, finishing third in the County Round of the National Schools. Our players were described by the Truro School badminton coach as a joy to be around and having watched their standard of play and progress during the day we have been asked for a rematch at home by Truro School which we really look forward to.

Boys team : Amaro S, Josh B, Harry T, Oliver T, Henry I, Jack W

Girls team : Esme R, Lexi T, Willow H, Holly N, Bethan E

Miss Milford



## Netball News

Congratulations to the Year 7 netball squad who got up early this week to compete at sunny Poltair School for the Under 12s tournament

With 16 East County Schools competing we were divided on to three courts. After a tough, physical first match against Penair, losing 5-3, the girls showed true TCC determination under the joint captaincy of Amy and Nel. They fought back to win the next three games finishing second on court and making the top court for round 2.

In the next round they faced tough opposition against Newquay Tretherras, Penair again, Poltair A and Bude but continued to support and encourage each other, listen to advice and develop their play and team work.

Aching and bruised they were super proud of their team performance and really excited to finish 4th place overall which takes them through to the County final in a few weeks against the top 6 West County teams. Such an achievement for them!

Thank you to two of our netball leaders, Evie B and Daisy MF, for being fantastic assistant coaches and team managers throughout the day.

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## Post 16

### PARENTS' EVENING

#### Year 12 and 13 Parents/Carers

Please book your parents' evening appointments  
through **schoolcloud**.

visit: <https://torpoint.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Please note the booking window below-

**Opens Wednesday 7th Feb @ 9am**

**Closes Thursday 22nd Feb @ 9am**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
2024**

**3:30-6:00pm**



#### PLYMOUTH PISCES



The local Swimming club for  
people who have a disability

**Sundays**

#### PLYMOUTH LIFE CENTRE

11 am to 1 pm

2024 Pricelist

Annual Membership Fees

Member/Associate member £6.00

Groups/Families £18.00

Sunday Swims

Adults £3.50

Children(6-16) £3.00

5 and under Free

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Contact**

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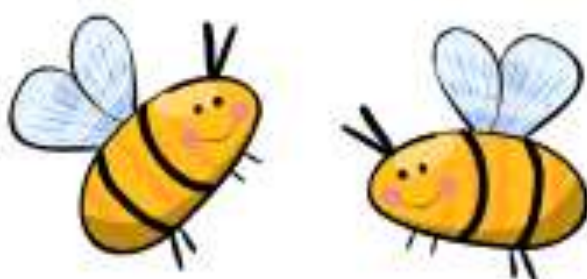


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## TORPOINT LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB FEBRUARY HALF-TERM KIDS CLUB

**MONDAY 10AM-12PM: BEAUTIFUL BUGS AND BEASTIES  
@THANCKES PARK**

Join us to hunt for bugs, take a photo of what you find. Bring your library cards to take out our selection of nature books. Awenek and the Park team will also be there for their fantastic nature trail, planting and crafts.



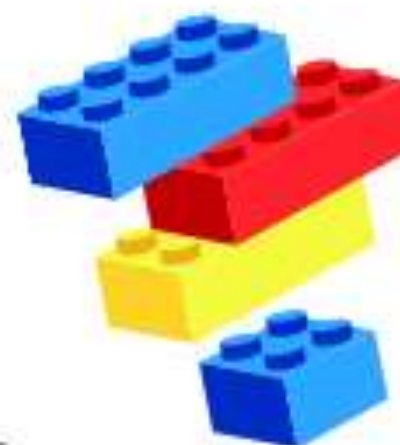
**TUESDAY 10AM-12PM: ARMED FORCES FAMILY  
SUPPORT MORNING WITH CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

Join Vivo and The Royal Naval Families and People Support for some fun activities.



**WEDNESDAY 10AM - 11AM: RHYME TIME**

Our regular weekly singsong for young children, all your nursery rhyme classics and more.



**THURSDAY 10AM-12AM LEGO CLUB AND 1PM-2PM  
MESSY MAKING**

Come along for a morning of Lego fun. In the afternoon our library staff have organised a little messy fun in the kids area.



**FRIDAY: CHILDREN'S CREATIVE WORKSHOP WITH  
AWENEK**

We are looking forward to welcoming the team back for a fantastic, fun filled workshop.



**ALL WEEK: VALENTINES THEMED COLOURING IN**







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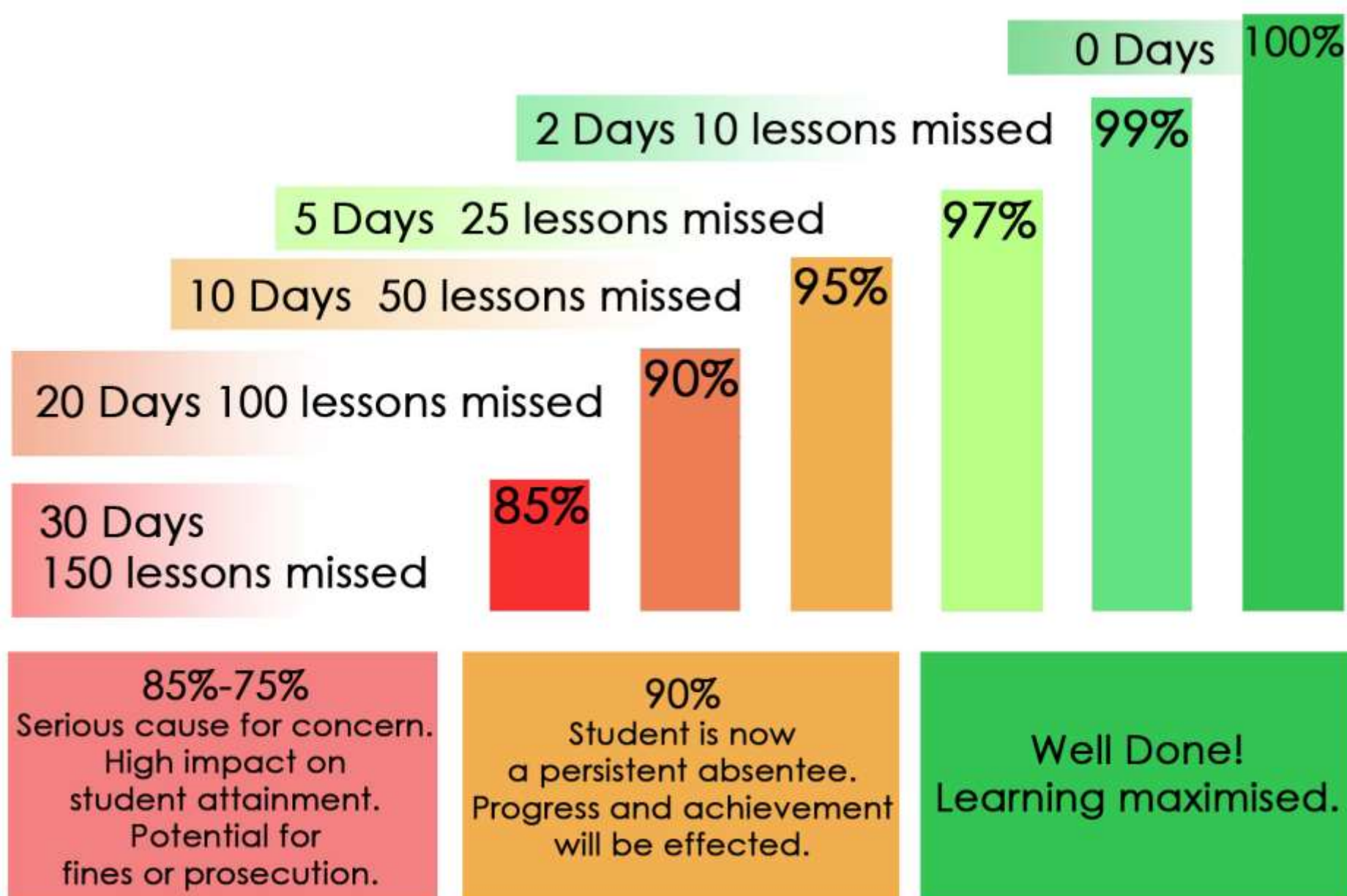
# EVERYDAY COUNTS



*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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# Need Some Health Advice

Come and see the School Nurse Team

**When:** First Tuesday of the month

**Where:** at the Torpoint Family Hub 3:00-4:30



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CENTRE**

**-BREAKFAST INCLUDES-**

**TOAST**

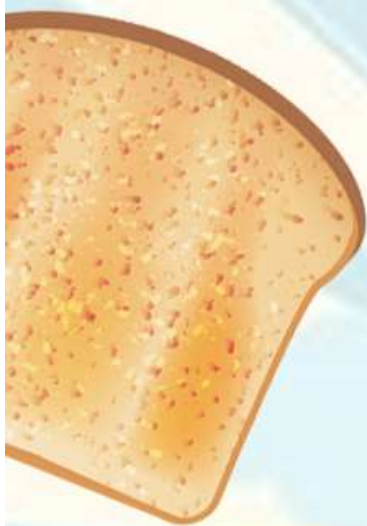
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Email any worries to the above  
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You can find it outside the  
library.

**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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