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### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24 Spring Term 4<sup>th</sup> January – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

NEWSLETTER

Easter Break 29<sup>th</sup> March -15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 INSET Day – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

#### **REPORTING YOUR ABSENCE REMINDER**

We are currently experiencing a high number of unreported student absence.

When a student doesn't arrive at College, and we haven't received any notification from the parent/carer, this is a safeguarding concern. In order to support the College, and to allow us to quickly identify any potential safeguarding concern, we ask that you contact us before **9am** on the day of absence. If your child is likely to be absent for more than one day, please inform us of their expected return date.

#### How can I report absence?

Email: <a href="mailto:absence@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk">absence@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk</a>

Call: 01752 812511

#### Timings of the day



### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The College continues to be a hive of activity with students positively engaged in Careers Week, Science Week and many sporting fixtures and competitions. Year 11 and 13 students are also working hard as the summer exam season is rapidly approaching, and we have put in place additional support and interventions to help them prepare as best they can for this very important period.

Last week there were lots of activities, lessons, information sharing and virtual sessions to support students as part of Careers Week. This included assemblies, introduction to the Careers Booklet, CV clinics for Year's 10 and 11, and a virtual careers fair to name just a few of the things that were organised. The students were very receptive to the week and I hope they found it to be of benefit when thinking about, and preparing for, their next steps once leaving education. This week we have had Science Week. There will be more information on this in the next edition of our newsletter.

On Monday I had the pleasure of attending the Fly the Flag for the Commonwealth event at Sparrow Park in Torpoint. Together with members of our community, the town council, and staff and students from Carbeile Junior School and Torpoint Nursery and Infant School, some Year 9 student ambassadors joined me to take part in the celebration. This year's theme for Commonwealth Day was "One Resilient Common Future: Transforming our Common Wealth" providing the chance to celebrate and promote the Commonwealth's shared values of peace, democracy, equality and diversity.

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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We recently hosted a girl's football tournament for Year's 9 and 10. Fixtures took place between Torpoint, Looe and Saltash and I would like to congratulate our County Cup Semi-Finalists team who finished unbeaten at the event. This was a great opportunity for the girls to celebrate what has been a brilliant season where they have shown real teamwork, spirit and skill. Well done to all those involved!

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The annual Plymouth Area Schools Swimming Relay Gala has returned this year and on the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> March the College had 4 teams compete at the Plymouth Life Centre. With junior boys' and girls' teams, and a senior boys' team, they gave it their very best and the junior boys' team (Year's 7 to 9) came away with a medal. It's great to see so many children enjoying their swimming.

Last Tuesday we had 13 students visit Launceston for a football tournament in which they were put into mixed teams. This meant they had to interact and socialise with people they hadn't met before and to try and earn awards for teamwork, resilience, self-belief, honesty and passion. The students had a great day, and for some they overcame a huge challenge socially to make new friends and work well with others.

The College continues to have a strong contingent of netball players and our Year 8's were put to the test when they competed in the Under 13 State Schools South Area Netball Tournament in Paignton last Friday. With 17 schools taking part from St Ives to Exeter, they enjoyed the challenge of playing new teams and were placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall. There were some great matches and the students can hold their heads high on how they performed.

Students and staff continue to devote a huge amount of time in the planning, organisation and rehearsal for the College production "We Will Rock You". To help support the event we will be holding a mufti day on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate the progress made to date and raise funds to support the array of resources and equipment that is needed to deliver the show.

With the Easter holidays only two weeks away, there is plenty going on right up to the end of term. When we return after the Easter break there is a staff training day on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April, so I look forward to welcoming back our students on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb Headteacher









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### Ten Tors training Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

The weather was a bit more favourable for those training for the Ten Tors Challenge last Sunday, with the sun making an appearance for part of the day.

The students set off from Cadover Bridge and after visiting checkpoints around that area they headed north. There were a number of navigational errors, and the weather turned wet by the time all the teams finished at Princetown at the end of the day, but it was great preparation for the event itself.

Well done to all involved!

#### Justyn Edwards Author Visit

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Year 7 and 8 were treated to a visit by author Justyn Edwards as part of our World Book Day celebrations. He delighted them with extracts from his first book 'The Great Fox Illusion', astounded them with some magic tricks and illusions and answered lots of questions before signing books and bookmarks.

On World Book Day itself we held a well-attended 'Bookswap' in the Library at lunch time and gave away free WBD books and book tokens. English lessons were filled with book quizzes and readings.

There are still lots of the WBD books left in the Library if anyone still hasn't picked one up! A busy but enjoyable couple of days celebrating our love of reading at TCC!





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#### **U13 State Schools South Area Netball Tournament**

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On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, nine Year 8 students represented the College at the U13 State Schools South Area Netball Tournament. This is the first time the event has ran since Covid and it was lovely to interact with a variation of schools ranging from as far as St Ives through to schools in Exeter.

TCC were firstly placed into a pool against St Ives, St Peters and Newton Abbott. The first match against St Peters didn't start too well with Evie coming off with an eye injury in the first couple of minutes, meaning a few changes had to be made with Neveaah coming on. However, that did not stop the girls and they played on to win 8-2! The next match was against a strong Newton Abbott team who were well trained. Romily and Bella fought hard in defence but unfortunately their shots kept firing in, meaning we lost to St Peters. The final match in the first round was against St Ives, who again were a strong team. This was a lovely game to watch as the teams were well matched, leading the final score on the whistle to be 7 all.

As we drew against St Ives, we were eager to find out what pool we would be placed in for the second round. We got placed into the 2<sup>nd</sup> pool out of 4, as we beat St Ives on goal difference. In our new pool were Paignton, DHSG and Newquay Tretherras, all very strong teams. Our first match was against Newquay and by this point the girls had really settled into their play. Penny, Daisy and Amy made some lovely connections down the court, leading TCC to another win! The next match was against DHSG. The girls were determined to beat DHSG as they have recently played against their Year 9 team here at TCC and lost. They worked so hard between themselves, with Siri making some lovely interceptions and Evie dictating the speed of the game - something that other teachers had praised our girls play for having 'patience on the ball'. Another win for Torpoint! The final game was against Paignton who were a very well-trained team with some strong players. Unfortunately, we missed out on the win but the girls held their own well.

This meant that the girls came second in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round and overall, the team placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 17 schools. I am immensely proud of them!

A big thank you to Miss Milford for her support and for driving all the way to Paignton! Also, a well done to Year 12 student Maddie T for helping with the scoring throughout the day!



Congratulations to Year 7 pupil Aimee-Grace who was selected as trainer of the

block during her recent training session with Plymouth Argyle Development Pathway!!



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### Girl's Football Update

#### **Biggest Ever Football Session at TCC**

On Thursday 7th March, 40 girls across Year's 7-11 were involved in a football day at TCC to take part in the biggest ever football session. This is a campaign to get more girls across the country involved in football. The sessions were split into two halves; skill development and then a tournament. It was a fun day celebrating the talent we have at TCC and great to have so many girls involved. Thanks to our leaders Poppy S, Keira B, Tegan H and April P for helping run the Year 7&8 tournament and Amy W for helping with the Year 9&10 tournament.

#### Year 9&10 Tournament at TCC Vs Saltash and Looe

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On Tuesday 12th March, our Year 9&10 girl's football team laced up their boots for their final football matches of the season. We hosted a tournament and invited local schools. Sadly, two schools pulled out on the day which only left us with Looe and Saltash as opponents.

The girls were keen to finish the year on a win and played some excellent football. We played three games across the afternoon and were victorious in all of them, beating Saltash A 3-1, Looe 3-0, and Saltash B 2-1. Special mention to the goal scorers Poppy S (hatrick!), Saskia B, Essie H, Olivia B and an honourable debut goal from Izzy W.

A great way for our County Cup Semi-Finalists to finish the season!

#### Year 7&8 Tournament at Liskeard

A team of keen Year 7&8 girls finally managed to play their tournament at Liskeard as it has sadly been postponed due to the poor weather before half term.

12 girls represented the school and were earning stickers for team values of teamwork, resilience, selfbelief, honesty and passion. Students were nominated by other teams to recognise if they had achieved one of those values to win stickers for our school. The girls were mixed up into new teams when we got there, which consisted of players from a variety of schools around East Cornwall. It was a great opportunity for them to socialise and make new friends.

Congratulations to these girls for earning the following awards:

- Josie D Honesty x2 and Passion
- Kayla H Teamwork x2, Self-Belief and Honesty
- Mia H Honesty
- Atthea M Determination
- Allisha B Teamwork x2 and Determination.

Josie D scored 4 goals, Mia H scored 3 goals, Halle R scored 1 goal, Alisha B scored 7 goals, Kayla H scored 6 goals, Chloe S scored 1 goal and Ava C scored 1 goal. Other honourable performances came from Maisy W, Holly F, Lacey-Grace H, and Lacey A. Overall, Torpoint finished a very respectable third place.

Thanks to Miss Milford for driving us there, Mr Watkins for picking us up, and Miss Englefield for supporting Miss Rowe and the girls on the day.







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### **Football Update**

It's been a busy few weeks in the PE department with lots of fixtures taking place and a variety of students getting involved.

#### Boys Football Tournament at Launceston College on Tuesday 5th March

Mrs Porter, Mrs Davies and Miss Rowe took 13 of our pupils to Launceston for a football tournament, and what a successful day we have had.

The first challenge of the day for the pupils was getting into a team which was a mix of pupils from a range of schools, which challenged them socially to make friends and meet new people. The rest of the day consisted of them working with their new team to earn awards for: Teamwork, resilience, self-belief, honesty and passion. Students were nominated by other teams to recognise if they had achieved one of those values to win stickers for our school.

The below students were awarded for these values:

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- Joe T Teamwork, honesty, self-belief
- Troy LW-Self belief
- Callum F self belief
- Bentley C Teamwork, Honesty, Teamwork
- Harvey D Passion
- Jack C passion and honesty
- Finely F respect and honesty
- Thomas H Teamwork.

Joshua-Lee bagged himself 10 goals across the tournament. Bentley, Thomas, Joe, and Christopher C all scored 1 goal. Zac D, Evan E, Chris C, Liam B, Joe T, Finely F, Bentley, Josh and Harvey all contributed towards goals with some great assists (they were most proud of telling me exactly how many they did!). Jack, Troy and Liam made some great saves in goal today. Special mention to Joshua Lee and Callum F who were separated and played in a team with no other Torpoint pupils.

On the way home, spirits were high, all the boys were joining in with karaoke and smiles beaming. Overall, a fantastic day for TCC and the boys played really well and came over many social challenges!

A true TCC spirited day!









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### Sixth Form News

This week has been a busy one for our Post 16 students. On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March we took our Year 12 to visit the UCAS Discovery event at Exeter. This was a really useful opportunity for them to find out about Higher education degrees and Post 18 apprenticeships. As ever our students were engaged and interested in finding out about the various universities and what the degree courses involve.

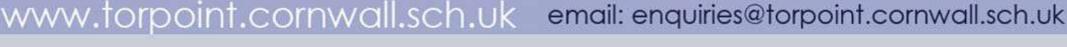
Also this week our Cam Tec Sport students in Year 12 and 13 received their module results for some of their exam units. They all did very well, congratulations to them all.

Finally our Post 16 Quiz and Pasty event took place last night in the Sixth From Common Room. We had 7 teams competing for the winning medals and Easter egg prizes but it was the staff team that took the win! A student team was a close second so hopefully next time they will take first prize!

#### **Miss Bell**









Year 10 Speed Networking



### Future Pathways Period 5

### Careers and Cuppa

Students can register to attend with parents.

To register, please scan the QR code at the top of the page.







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### Keeping children safe online

### A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying





### Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.





scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941



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### New uniform supplier from 29th March 2024



- A local, independent schoolwear supplier since 1998
- A one-stop shop with high-street retail premises in Plymouth City Centre
  - Website: plymouthschoolwear.co.uk
  - E-mail: shop@plymouthschoolwear.co.uk
    - Telephone: 01752 252 025



We are looking forward to providing the uniform you need for Torpoint Community College!





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### The Shop

- Plymouth City Centre: 105 Mayflower Street, Plymouth PL1 1SD
- Easy access by bus and car

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- Experienced staff
- Fully fitted with changing rooms and a dedicated display for Torpoint Community College
- 9am-5pm six days a week
- 7 days a week during school summer holidays (Sunday 11am-3pm)
- Standard 28 day exchanges and refunds
- Extended 90 day exchanges during the summer holidays





### Our website: plymouthschoolwear.co.uk



- We use tracked and signed-for Royal Mail second class postage
- Postage, click-and-collect in store and click-and-collect at the College (delivery to the College's reception)



- Postal orders dispatched daily
- Delivery to the College once a week

### We look forward to seeing you soon!



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# EVERYDAY COUNTS

# Why is attendance important for my child's educaton?



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



#### 30 Days 150 lessons missed



85%-75% Serious cause for concern. High impact on student attainment. Potential for fines or prosecution.

90% Student is now a persistent absentee. Progress and achievement will be effected.

Well Done! Learning maximised.



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# TORPOINT PLAY TOTS at Torpoint Council Chambers Learn, Explore, Play Cakes, Dress up Role Play Sensory play Messy Play



per family every Thursday during term time. 9.30-11.30

SESSIONS INCLUDE SNACKS AND DRINK FOR TOTS. TEA, COFFEE AND BAKED GOODIES FOR ADULTS

PIC-COLLAGE

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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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# BREAKERS 8-8.30AM EVERY MORNING! COME TO THE STUDENT SUPPORT CENTRE -BREAKFAST INCLUDES-TOAST





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## SAFEGUARDING YOU worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

Our main priority is that students feel safe and happy.

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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

