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NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st March 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Break 29th March-12th
April 2024

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

Spring Term

4th January – 28th March 2024
(Easter Break 29th March-12th April 2024)

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

February has been another busy but productive month at TCC with our students continuing to impress us with their talents and efforts. Year 11 and 13 students are now very much focused on preparing for their examinations, working hard to ensure they succeed in the summer. Our various sports teams are representing the College in a range of fixtures, consistently demonstrating excellent teamwork and commitment. And a number of students are rehearsing for our upcoming production of We Will Rock you.

There is a relatively short period of time now before the start of the summer exam season. It is therefore really important our Year 11 and 13 students utilise this time wisely to consolidate their knowledge and understanding of their subject areas, take on board the feedback they have received from their mock exams, attend interventions that have been put in place and make use of the revision sessions subject leads run on a weekly basis. If you have any concerns about your child's mock exam results, please speak to their teacher and they will be more than happy to talk things through with you.

The unexploded bomb incident in Plymouth last week hit the national headlines and caused significant disruption for many. On the Friday things happened very quickly following the emergency alert sent to mobile phones at lunch time. Fortunately, the operation to take the bomb by military convoy to the Torpoint Ferry slipway, and then out to sea to safely detonate it, was a success. I would like to thank you for your support on the day as it was a very fast-moving situation.

Timings of the day from January 2024



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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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Our Post 16 Parents' Evening was well attended last week, and at the time of writing we have our Year 10 Parents' Evening on Thursday. These events provide an excellent opportunity for you to find out more about how your child is progressing, to share any worries or concerns you may have, and to understand how we can work together to give your child the best possible chance to succeed in their subject areas.

Although the weather hasn't been kind to us, the College hosted an excellent Year 8 and 9 netball tournament on 20th February with seven teams entered from a number of local schools. With our Torpoint A and B Teams coming second and third respectively, and the tournament played in great spirit, this was a great result and well done to all those involved. Thank you to the parents who came along to support; I know the students really appreciated it.

Finally, the government published new guidance on 19th February regarding the use of mobile phones throughout the school day. As with many schools, we already have a clear policy in place that prohibits the use of mobile phones during the school day, including at break times, so there are no plans to change this policy. As with all policies, it will be subject to ongoing review but on the whole our children are very compliant with the rules we have in place.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher



Next Steps South West have a new 'Subject Routes Poster' Series with information that may be useful to parents/carers and students. Please find digital copies using the link below.

: <https://nextstepssw.ac.uk/subject-routes-poster-series/>





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Ten Tors Training – Sunday 11th February

Students spent the first Sunday of their half term training for the Ten Tors Challenge. They successfully completed a circular route to and from Princetown, with the weather being more favourable this time round!. Although it turned a bit cold the visibility was good which helped many of those completing the walk unaccompanied. Well done to everyone.



Ten Tors Training - Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th February

Students were in College on Saturday completing their 3rd Ten Tors training day. They had a packed afternoon of setting up camp, pacing and making pacing beads. Later, sweets and chocolates were on offer for the winners of the quizzes on various aspects of training.

On Sunday the teams embarked on a wet walk near Princetown. Due to the poor weather conditions the students were not expected to complete all of the walk, but for the few hours they were out they experienced the worst that Dartmoor could offer. The decision was made to pull all the walkers off and they headed into Princetown where the Plume of Feathers kindly opened their doors early so that everyone could be treated to a hot chocolate. Spirits were soon lifted, and students and volunteers were able to warm up and dry out a bit before heading home. Well done to the students and thank you to all our volunteers.





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Girls Football Update

Some of our Year 7&8 PE students were disappointed to miss out on a football tournament hosted at Liskeard School in February as it was sadly postponed due to the heavy rainfall.

The girls were due to play in a tournament against other schools in East Cornwall. However, the girls didn't let the weather dampen their spirits and enjoyed their own football tournament at TCC instead. They had a 1-hour session on skill elements in football, and the second hour was a mini tournament.

A new date for the tournament has been set for Wednesday 13th March and the girls are really looking forward to it. If there is anyone who is interested in joining the girls football team then it isn't too late!

Year 7&8: Wednesday 3.30-4.20

Year 9, 10, 11: Tuesday 3.30-4.20





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Torpoint Students' Success in UKMT Intermediate Maths Competition!

Fifty of our top mathematicians in Year's 9, 10 and 11 took part in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge last month. The maths challenge is an hour 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 only 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.

Congratulations to all the students that participated in the challenging competition. They all did very well and many students just missed out on awards. An amazing fifteen students did achieve Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards.

There were eight Bronze Awards in total. These were for Ella, Oscar and Ruben from Year 9, Charlie, Max, Joshua and Levvy from Year 10 and George from Year 11.

There were six Silver Awards in total:

- Josiah, Leo, Ashley and Jake in Year 11 all received Silver Awards.
- Jack was the only student in Year 10 to achieve a Silver Award and he also achieved Best in Year.
- Lincoln was the only student in Year 9 to achieve a Silver Award and he also achieved Best in Year.

Willow in Year 11 was the only student to achieve a Gold Award and she also achieved the title of Best in School! An excellent achievement!

This is a fantastic set of results and well done to all of you!!





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Year 8 Employer Encounter

Students in Year 8 took part in the latest Employer Encounter on 8th February which also coincided with National Apprenticeship week. Students heard from a range of representatives from local businesses about the pathways available including opportunities for apprenticeships as an option after Year 11, or a degree apprenticeship after Year 13. Students considered the advantages of apprenticeships such as earning while you gain a qualification, but also considered the advantages of studying for a degree in higher education. Thank you to the business professionals who took time out of their busy diaries to meet and speak with our students.

Students heard about apprenticeships available with Babcock International Group, Becton Dickinson (BD) – with a former student who is currently completing an apprenticeship, Software Cornwall, Woollcombe Yonge Solicitors, the NHS Apprenticeship team from University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust and Colin Norman from Crystal Wood Consultancy and Steve Holcombe from Nevada Construction.

Thanks again to Julie Putman, our Enterprise Advisor, for making more links to local employers and businesses for these events and to the students who took part. The next Careers event is planned for Year 10 in March!

Mrs Bray, Careers Leader



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Year 8 Employer Encounter



Crystal Woods
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8th February

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 - **E-mail:** shop@plymouthschoolwear.co.uk
 - **Telephone:** 01752 252 025



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The Shop

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



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- Delivery to the College once a week



We look forward to seeing you soon!



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SENDCo Cafe and Parent Network

Friday 8th March 2024

2.00pm-3.10pm at Torpoint Nursery and Infant School

Arrive when you can, stay as long or as little as you like between 2.00-3.10pm

This time our planned focus will be around
'Neurodiversity'

Charlotte Price,
Neurodevelopmental Strategic Lead for Cornwall
will be present to talk about the current developments
in Cornwall in terms of identifying and supporting needs

This will be a very informal get together with tea, coffee, and biscuits!
It is a chance to share ideas, concerns, or simply just to catch up.

Parents of children from **all three** schools are invited to attend.

SENDCos from Carbeile, Torpoint Community College and Torpoint
Nursery and Infants (Mr Tamblyn, Mrs Turner and Mrs Lock) will be
there to answer questions and sign post you to advice and support.





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EASTER MULTI- ACTIVITY CAMP

Join us this Easter for Pro-Coachings multi-activity camp! Dive into a world of sports excitement while enjoying the added bonus of creative crafting, including bracelet making.

Join us for a sport-centric adventure with a sprinkle of crafty fun this Easter holiday

2ND - 5TH APRIL 2024
TORPOINT YMCA

What can you expect:

- ✓ Multi-Sports Games and Skills
- ✓ Dedicated craft station
- ✓ Nutritious Lunch
- ✓ Friendly Staff

BOOKINGS LIVE 10AM - MONDAY 4TH MARCH

Fully Funded for
those on free
school meal
related benefits



SCAN ME

Times: 9am - 2pm
Age: 5-13 Years
LIVE 10AM - 4 MARCH

**Lunch and nutritional
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Get code from school and
either use QR code or head to
<http://tinyurl.com/3y4d4k4z>

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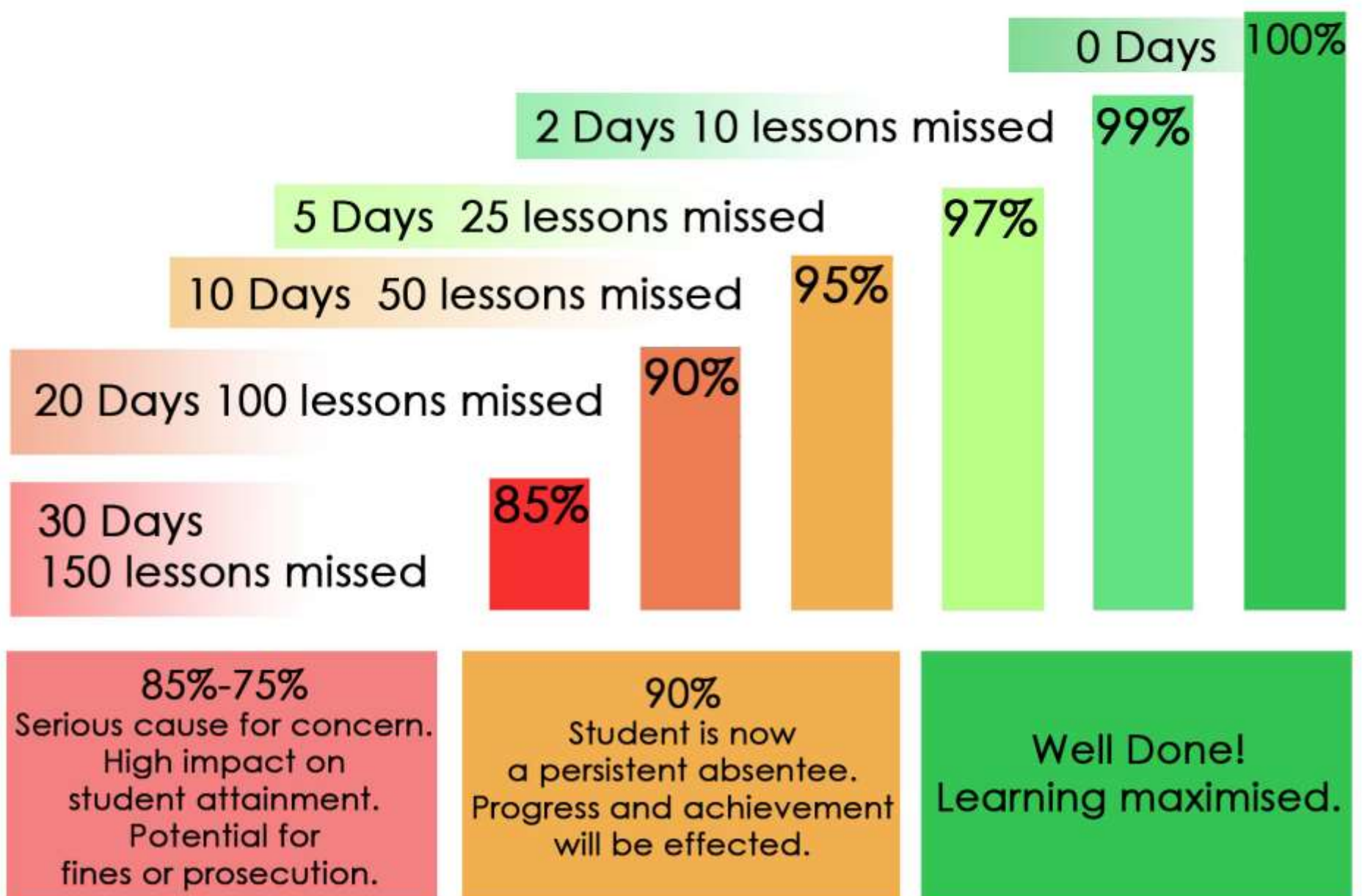
EVERYDAY COUNTS



*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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Together 
for Families

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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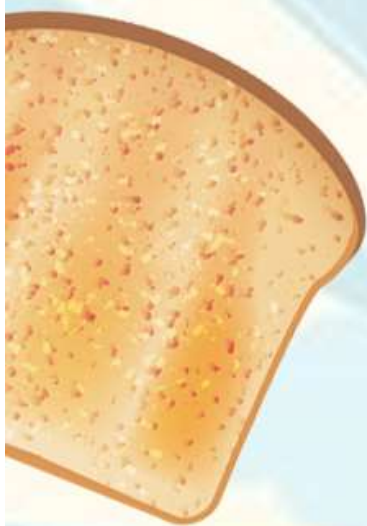
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worry box.

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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