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# NEWSLETTER

## Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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# Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

The College has celebrated the end of another busy term with a mufti day in recognition of the focused hard work of our students, both within lessons and the array of enrichment clubs and activities at lunchtime, after school and at weekends, including the rigorous Ten Tors training. Funds raised from this mufti day will be used to support the whole school production "We Will Rock You". Regular rehearsals have been taking place throughout this term and the commitment of the cast has been above and beyond in preparation for this much anticipated event. The performances will be taking place on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July. Watch this space for the release of ticket sales.

Theatre trips to the Wizard of Oz and Blood Brothers have been very well attended and helped enrich our broad and balanced curriculum by providing our students with professional theatrical experiences. Within the College, our Year 11 students have conducted their GCSE practical Drama exam this week, performing not only in front of an audience but an external examiner. Students have also recently completed their GCSE Art exam, Food exam and Spanish and French speaking exams. The main exam season is now fast approaching after the Easter break.

Amongst a broad range of sporting events students have participated in recently, the PE department hosted our first College volleyball fixture this week. With five TCC teams, they competed against strong and experienced lvybridge Community College teams. TCC stepped up, held their own and managed to secure a number of impressive wins with over 40 of our students participating.

| 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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Please enjoy a well-deserved Easter break. The College will welcome back students on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, when we will see brighter mornings and evenings following the clocks moving forward this Sunday.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb

Headteacher



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## Ten Tors training 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March.

It was a mixed bag of weather for the students who completed their first full weekend expedition of training for the Ten Tors Challenge. The four teams set off from the 'Y Junction' near Okehampton Army Camp amidst some blustery hail showers, clouds and even some occasional sunshine. With strong gusts of winds, which kept the temperature down, the students navigated around the Northwest side of Dartmoor finishing at Shortacombe. After pitching their tents and preparing their evening tea the students were then able to relax before bedding down for the night.

Although it was an early start on the Sunday morning, the weather had improved, and all teams navigated several tors before heading east to Shilstone Tor. Teams then headed south, with the two 45 mile teams finishing at Bennetts Cross near the Warren House Inn and the 35 mile teams finishing at Fernworthy. Adult volunteers did an amazing job supporting the students throughout the weekend, providing lots of encouragement for the first-time students. A massive thank you to them and well done to all the students – Not long now!









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## Marjons Sport and Exercise Science Laboratory

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TCC Year 10 Sport Science students visited Marjons recently to look at technology available for studying the effects of exercise on the body and for injury rehabilitation. Students got to test various components of their fitness such as power and strength as well as experiencing the anti-gravity treadmill and various ice and compression machines used in the sports therapy clinic. They also had a tour of the campus sports facilities and had the opportunity to watch an inter university basketball match.



## **Netball News**

The Year 7 netball team have trained hard this year and have had a really successful first season. They qualified in 4<sup>th</sup> place at the East County tournament to represent East Cornwall at the County finals in Truro. Despite several injuries on the day the girls showed fighting spirit to finish 9<sup>th</sup> in Cornwall this year. Well done!

The Year 10 netball squad have gelled together for 4 years and are a wonderful squad to work with. They travelled to Bude last week with two teams for an end of season East County tournament. Finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and third in the round robin they fought hard in the playoff finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and third again just behind Bude.



## Summer term extra-curricular sport

With summer term just around the corner we are looking forward to a term of volleyball, rounders, athletics, and tennis fixtures and tournaments for those who attend clubs regularly. Students can check the summer extra- curricular programme on the tutor and PE notice boards.



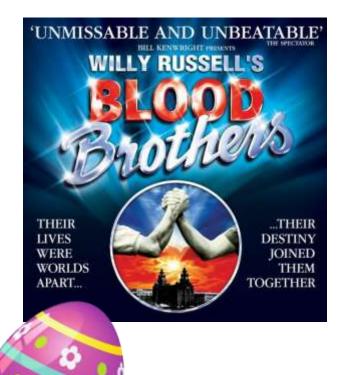


# Year 9, 10 and 11 travel to Torquay to watch Blood Brothers

Last week, 90 students across Years 9, 10 and 11 made their way to the Princess Theatre, Torquay, across two trips to watch the on-tour production of *Blood Brothers*, which is one of our GCSE Literature texts.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the performances, and there were plenty of laughs (and tears – from some of us at least!) due to the hilarious and tragic content of the production. We were very grateful to be given the chance to see this GCSE production on stage and we hope it comes back down to the Torquay again soon.

Thanks go out to all students for representing the College so positively and to all staff who helped to make the trip possible.



- Mrs Hodgkinson and Miss Reilly





"Believe me when I say this is a production that will stay with you long after the final bows, of which there were many and fully deserved!"

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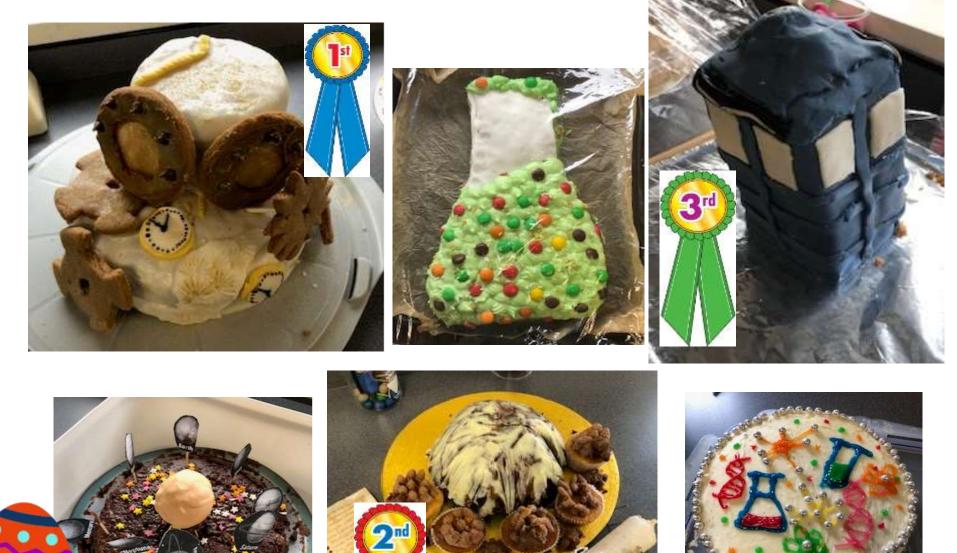
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#### The 2024 Great Science Bake Off!

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The 2024 Great Science Bake Off for British Science Week was a huge success. The creativity on display was mind-blowing and our judges (staff and students) faced a difficult challenge in deciding the winners. The quality was so good that all contenders achieved lots of votes but there were 3 clear winners – well done Bluebell, Hazel, Elyse, Ella and Milo who have all been awarded amazon gift vouchers and special science pin badges. The national theme for science week was 'time' and we loved how imaginative our students were; a dazzling gold sundial, giant clock (hand delivered in a pizza box!) steampunk cogs and clogs, back in time with dinosaur eggs (the scroll and zine was an especially clever touch) and all through time with the tardis! We were also amazed by the colourful icing and scientific themes from element buns to "all the science's" cake, the tree of life with its vibrant colours and the bubbling conical flask! Thought had also been given to flavour with orange, chocolate and biscoff to name but a few! Thank you to all the students who took part – we hope you enjoyed the eating as much as the making. A special mention to Josh's Mum who makes the best marble cake.















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## A Level Biology News

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Students this term have been exploring Classification and Evolution. They have been building on their KS4 knowledge of adaptations and natural selection and applying terms such as 'allopatric speciation' and 'polymorphism'. The Jelly Bear Evolution Game allowed students to explore these concepts in an interactive and entertaining way. We saw some wonderfully inventive 'islands' created with a variety of habitats. The students then played 'to the death' until one species survived. Some bears met grisly deaths (eaten!) whilst others appeared to survive any scenario! We have some very competitive students.

We have also been focusing on Exchange and Transport and have been honing our microscopy technique and biological drawing. Students are looking forward to performing Fish dissections in the coming weeks (some more than others!) where they will discover how fish exchange surfaces are adapted to extracting oxygen from water and compare their structures to those of mammals and insects.





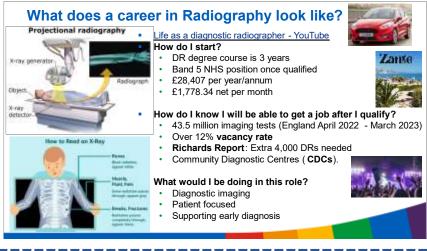


## A level Biology- Radiography Careers Talk

A level Biology students were visited by a representative from the NHS to deliver a Diagnostic Radiography careers talk. The focus was on Radiology but also covered a range of jobs within the NHS. For ANY students interested in ANY health care role there are some free term time work experience taster sessions on offer. More information about them can be accessed by scanning the QR code below. These would be beneficial for any students considering applying to university courses in pharmacy, dental, physiotherapy, nursing, midwifery, paramedic, biomedical science or medicine.











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## Careers Update! Year 10 Careers Event: Future Pathways

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Year 10 students took part in an Employer Encounter event on 19<sup>th</sup> March. We had a good range of local employers, employees and organisations present including: <u>AECOM</u>, <u>Woollcombe Yonge Solicitors LLP</u>, <u>Access Creative</u> <u>College</u>, <u>Argyle Community Trust</u>, <u>BD</u>, <u>University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust</u>, <u>Duchy College</u>-<u>Cornwall College</u>, <u>Plymouth</u> <u>City Council Building Control</u>, <u>Department for Work and Pensions (DWP</u>) to represent the Civil Service, <u>Western Counties</u> <u>Roofing Ltd</u>, Greenlight Apprenticeships, Public Health Nursing, <u>Royal Navy</u>, <u>Royal Airforce</u> and the Army. In the morning, year 10 students were able to speak to the representatives in small groups.

In the afternoon, all interested students and parents were invited to attend our Careers and a Cuppa event to find out more about next steps and future pathways with these organisations. I was impressed by the quality conversations I heard over the course of the day with students focussing on their career journeys after year 11 and after year 13. Thank you to the parents who attended in the afternoon, to all the visitors who came into College and to year 10 students for their excellent conduct and enquiring questions.

All students in years 7-10 were given a Careers booklet in National Careers week to act as a place to store careers research and keep a record of career activities completed. Please ask your child about this and carry on the career focussed conversations at home – if you need any information remember you can use the Unifrog or CareerPilot websites to help.

#### Year 10 Careers Talk: RAF

Year 10 students benefitted from another Careers talk from the RAF on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. All students heard about the range of roles and amazing opportunities available in the RAF. Thank you to Sergeant Liam Quinn, RAF Careers Advisor for coming back to TCC to talk to year 10 students further about the reasons for joining the RAF and the benefits and career prospects they offer.

#### Year 12 Biology Careers Talk

To follow up the focus on National Careers Week at the start of March, year 12 A level Biology students had a talk about a career in the NHS as a Diagnostic Radiographer. It was great to hear about the possibilities of studying for a career in this field. The NHS is one of the biggest employers locally and studying Biology A level could lead to this sort of career.

#### **Aspirations Display**

During National Careers Week students were asked to write down their aspirations as to what they want to be in 10 years' time. It is fantastic to see the aspirations of our students to succeed and we have put these up in the reception of the college to 'inspire' all visitors to the college.

Next term is a busy term for Careers with year 10 work experience in June. I have a drop-in session after school on Fridays if any year 11 or year 13 students need any help completing applications or finding information regarding their next steps.







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## **Cross Country**

Congratulations to Jack and Amy who both ran well at the County Cross Country Championships this year. Jack placed well enough to represent at Regionals and then on to the Nationals. A fantastic achievement as running against boys a year older. Well done Amy and Jack!

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## Sixth Form Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt

Well done to the winning team pictured below!





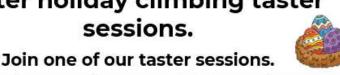


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## >7A6. **PLYMOUTH ACTIVE** Easter holiday climbing taster



| Day            | Age                           | Start time          | Finish time       | Price |
|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Sunday         | Family<br>session<br>5+ years | 11:00 am<br>12:15pm | 12:00pm<br>1:15pm | £9.50 |
| Tuesday        | Family<br>session<br>5+ years | 12:15pm<br>1.30pm   | 1:15pm<br>2.30pm  | £9.50 |
| Wednesday 3rd  | Family<br>session<br>5+ years | 11:45pm<br>1.00pm   | 12:45pm<br>2.00pm | £9.50 |
| Wednesday 10th | Family<br>session<br>5+ years | 12:15pm<br>1.30pm   | 1:15pm<br>2.30pm  | £9.50 |
| Friday 5th     | Family<br>session<br>5+ years | 11:45pm<br>1.00pm   | 12:45pm<br>2.00pm | £9.50 |
| Saturday       | Family<br>session<br>5+ years | 12.45pm<br>2:00pm   | 1.45pm<br>3:00pm  | £9.50 |
| Sunday         | Family<br>session<br>5+ years | 11:00 am<br>12:15pm | 12:00pm<br>1:15pm | £9.50 |

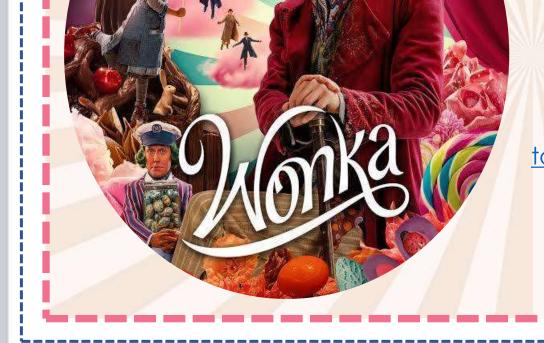
#### Or come down and join our easter egg hunt running throughout the Easter Holidays.

To book:

Pop into the climbing wall or give us a call on 01752 606900 option 5

If you have already tried climbing and want to learn more speak to our climbing team about

**Torpoint Community Cinema** Wonka



Sunday 7th April **Torpoint Council Chambers** Refreshment Packages £5 To book: Email: torpointcommunitycinema@gmail.com Tel: 07870453641



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# EASTER 2024

Holiday Programme

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- Activities including multi sports, forest schools, circus skills, water sports and lots more - for children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Easter holidays, from April Znd - 12th

meal for all children • Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals



www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme/ Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk 01872 324287





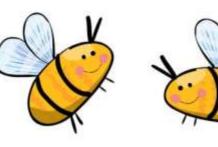


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# TORPOINT LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB EASTER HOLIDAYS KIDS CLUB

## EASTER EGG HUNT - TUESDAY 2ND APRIL ALL DAY

We have organised a little treat for the children to celebrate Easter. Come and hunt around the building for all our Easter Friends and if you find them all claim your prize!

## EASTER FAMILY CRAFTS WITH AWENEK - WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL 1-3PM

Come and join in with some creativity and make bunnies, eggs and chicks. Awenek never disappoint with fun for all the family.

## LEGO CLUB - THURSDAY 4TH AND 11TH APRIL 10-12PM

Our regular weekly Lego club, if you love Lego come and join in the fun.

## PLANT THE PLANTS - GROW WELL TOGETHER FUN, THURSDAY 4TH APRIL FROM 1PM

Help us to put plants in our new planters and take home a sunflower to nurture and grow. This is the launch of our Grow Well Together project with Friends of Thanckes Park.

## BUILD A FLOWER GARDEN - ALL EASTER

To celebrate our new planters we would like children to decorate a wooden flower to put with our new planters and in our flower boat and pots at the front of our building.



## ALL WEEK: EASTER THEMED COLOURING IN

\*Parental supervision at all times for ALL our activities please





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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.

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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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# Good attendance

means:

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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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# 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

