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NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th April 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

6th June: Year 8 Parents' Evening
Week beginning 10th June: Year 10
Work Experience week
Week beginning 17th June: Year 12
Work Experience week.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

Summer Term

15th April- 19th July

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Important notification of change to the College Calendar - TCC will be closed to students on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July due to essential maintenance works.

I am writing to inform you that due to the age of the school building and the requirement to update the electrical and mechanical structures, we will be having extensive building works starting in July for approximately 12 months. This will impact the day to day running of the College and cannot be completed outside of term time.

The first phase of the works involves upgrading the canteen area of the College and is a particularly challenging project. We are therefore required to lengthen the time available to the contractors by closing the College on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July. I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and assure you it is not a decision that has been taken lightly.

We will provide learning activities for students to complete at home during the closure days. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, arrangements will be made for you to receive vouchers for the period your child should have been in school. There will also be provision at the College for vulnerable students if required. Parents will be contacted about this in due course.

Below is a more detailed explanation of the works for your information:

Torpoint Community College is typical of many secondary schools within Cornwall having been constructed and extended in multiple phases since the 1960s. The main mechanical and electrical infrastructure serving the schools is coming to an end of its serviceable life, and the distribution routes for these services is particularly complex and in many cases is not suitable for the installation of new services.

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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: absence@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

Call: 01752 812511

Timings of the day



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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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Following numerous surveys, it is evident the scope of remedial works required to be undertaken cannot be addressed during summer holiday periods alone. Therefore, construction activities are also being planned to be undertaken throughout term time with a 13 phase programme currently in place. Work is expected to take 12-14 months to complete, with temporary modular classrooms being brought on site (two classrooms) and spare classrooms used to vacate areas to allow a contractor to complete the requisite works.

There is an extensive programme of works planned for 2024/25 including the replacement of the electrical distribution system, replacement of the hot and cold water services running through corridors and domestic hot and cold water in classrooms, repairs to the existing heating distribution pipework where necessary, new data cabling and replacement of the fan convactor units. It is also hoped shower cubicles will be fitted in the boys' and girls' PE changing rooms and the units in the Food Technology room replaced and updated.

We have consulted with Cornwall Council, who are fully aware of the scope of works, and who have approved the closure of the College to students at the end of this term. We appreciate the disruption this may cause, and I would like to apologise in advance for this. Unfortunately, we have little control over the extent of the works that need to be undertaken, which is the largest single project of its kind completed in any Cornish school, but they are essential and will future proof the College for many years to come.

Should you have any concerns regarding the end of term arrangements please do not hesitate to contact the College

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher

Term Time Holidays

We have seen a significant increase in term time holidays being requested this year. Parents/Carers are reminded that an absence request form will need to be completed and returned to the school Reception prior to taking your child out of school during term time. Forms can be obtained via the school website or from the school Reception. Torpoint Community College must follow Cornwall Council Policy and guidance about Holidays taken during term time. We are aware that Cornwall Council are fining families for time off during term time and unpaid fines are resulting in court action. We have been informed that the average fines from unpaid holidays during term time is £1,500.



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 Box
V&A**

Design Lab Art & Design Trips

Back in the Summer of 2023, The Box Museum in Plymouth offered a professional development training session for teachers of Art and DT in the South West, which we applied for and have had the pleasure of recently attending. As a result of this, Torpoint Community College was invited to participate in a collaborative project, 'DesignLab Nation', linking The Box Museum, The Victoria and Albert Museum and our school.

After two further training sessions for staff leading on DLN at The Box, and the V & A, TCC were fully prepared for the project. We were able to network with staff members from other local schools who had also been successful in participating in this opportunity, which is heavily subsidized by the V & A.





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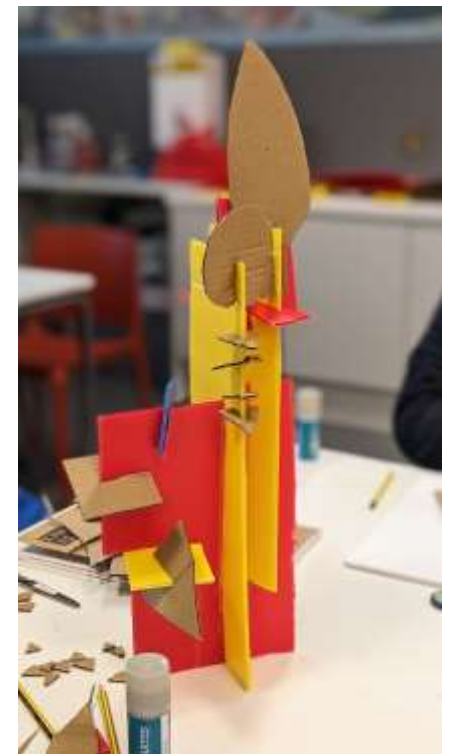
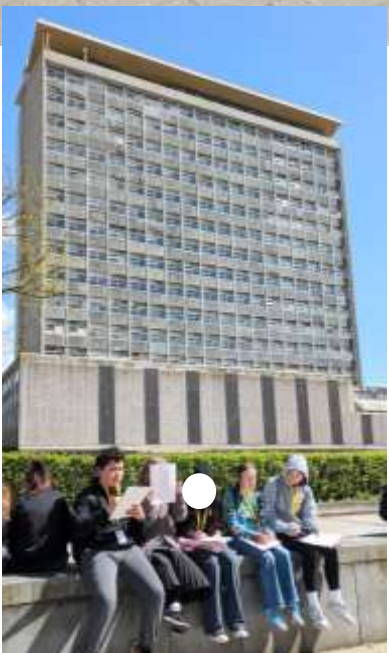
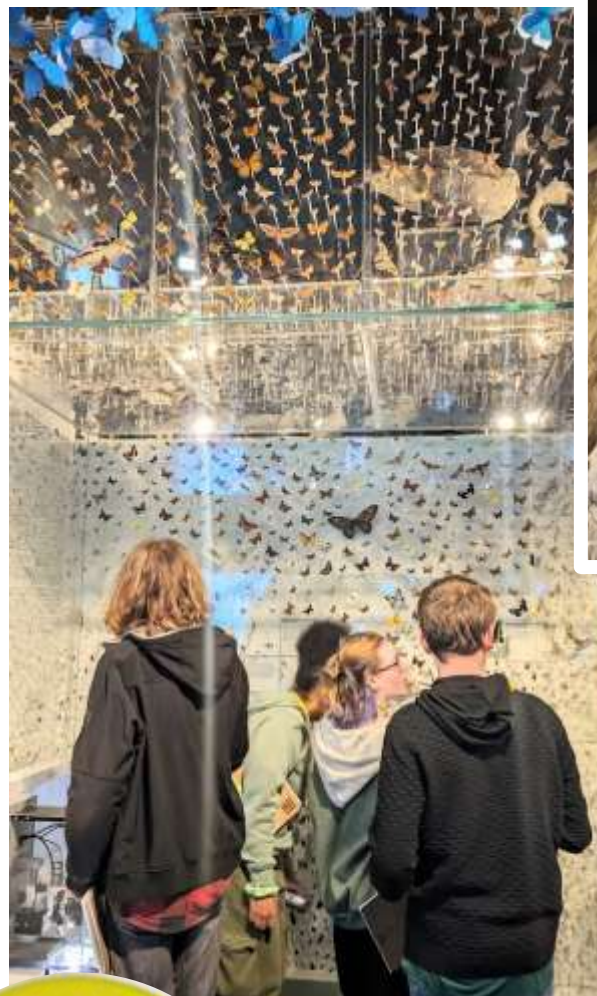
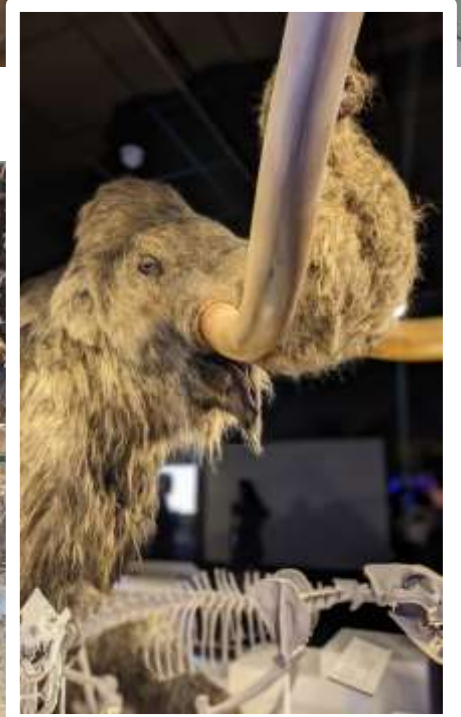
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DesignLab Nation

On Monday 15th April, a group of our Year 10 Art and Design students set out on day one of our DesignLab Nation experience. Lead by Adam Murray, Education Facilitator at The Box, the students were briefed fully on their Design Brief, entitled 'Plymouth, City of the Future', the goal being; To design and build a model for an existing building in Plymouth to be repurposed and fit for the needs of Plymouth citizens in the year 2050. The students were given a tour of the gallery spaces in The Box and engaged in some drawing and experimental sculpture workshops, lead by local artist, Anna Boland in the morning as well as a blustery walking/drawing tour of Plymouth in the afternoon.

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On Tuesday 16th April, day two of the project began at 5am, with the students travelling to The V&A Museum, in South Kensington, London. The day involved visiting various galleries within the museum, and working with their education facilitators, lead by Mel Whittaker. They participated in further drawing and sculpture workshops during the visit with the goal to source ideas and gain inspiration for their design brief. An exhausted group then arrived back at TCC at 10pm, but the adventure was not by any means over yet!



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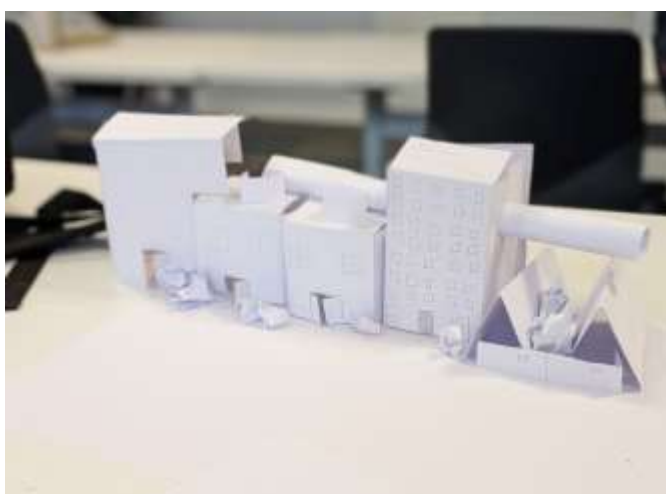
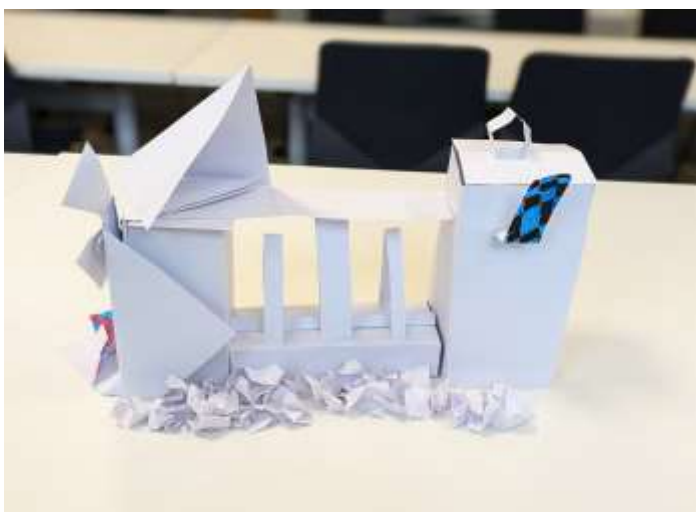
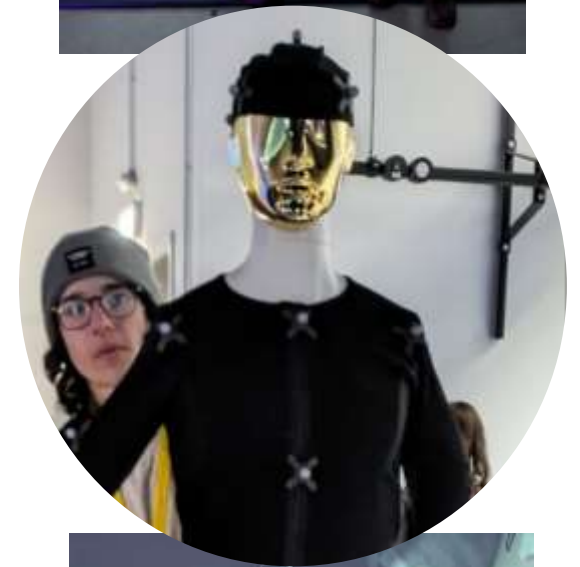
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On Friday 19th April, day three, lead by Professor Alejandro De Veynes (Plymouth Uni), Mel Whitakker (V & A), Adam (The Box) and Anna Boland (the artist) the students were invited to explore some of amazing the facilities at Plymouth University. For students interested in STEM, the morning was inspirational, as they explored state of the art technology in their Immersive Media Lab. The students ascended the stairs to then visit the Architecture Department on the top floor of the Roland Levinsky Building. The University students were on hand to answer any questions, and our students saw model-making in progress, both digitally and crafted by hand. Finished models by previous university students were on show in the studio. The view itself was incredible, and the students could see across the city of Plymouth, in readiness for redesigning one of its iconic buildings. In addition, students were treated to a visit to the Immersive Vision Theatre, lead by Professor Mike Phillips, in which you can view films and animation from an immersive dome perspective. Links to technologies used for Careers in Film-making, Animation, Architecture, Heritage work, Biological Sciences, and Health Care were all apparent. With all this inspirational material, the students were then tasked with another sculpting workshop, involving problem-solving and working in teams.





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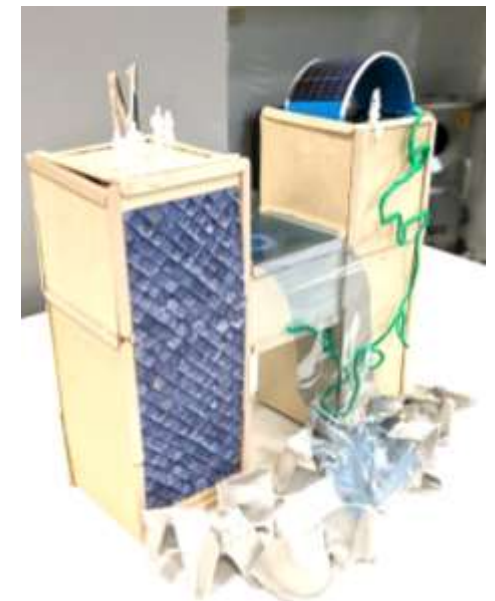
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The Box

On Monday 22nd April, day 4 of the project, the students were invited back to The Box for a day spent designing and building their models for their final outcomes. They worked diligently in small groups to problem-solve and realise their intentions, guided by Adam and Anna and of course, our own TCC Art team. Their models were a range of well considered, hand-crafted, thoughtful design solutions. They then presented their ideas to the rest of the group, encouraging them to develop their communication skills. The students rose to the challenge, showing maturity and positively engaging throughout the 4 days and we couldn't be prouder of them.

'DesignLab Nation' has been a great opportunity for our TCC Art and Design students, and I hope it will inspire a future generation of artists, sculptors, architects, urban designers, museum curators, game designers, and many more careers in the creative and STEM industries.

We hope to be returning to The Box Museum on Wednesday 5th June to participate in the 'DesignLab Nation Celebration event, where we look forward to sharing the group's achievements. Many thanks to the students, parents and carers and TCC staff who participated in and supported this project.





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Year 10 Mathematics Taster Day at the University of Plymouth.

Mr Watkins and Mrs Porter had the pleasure of taking nine year 10 students to the University of Plymouth for a Mathematics taster day. The students were split into two groups with each group having 3 workshops to attend. After a quick introduction to the day, it was off to the first of the workshops. After a short break, we were off again to the second workshop.

During the lunch break Mr Watkins did his best to try and take some photographs of the day. However, as there was so much to see, the results were not as good as one would hope.



After the third workshop, we all meet up again for the final presentation on Money, Magic, Measures, Maps and Mistakes. We were not surprised to find out it was Mathematics, that was the M linking them all together.

We all agreed that the best workshop was the card trick. As luck would have it, Mrs Porter, being a much better photographer than Mr Watkins, managed to snap her group in the midst of conversation on how the trick works using modular arithmetic. A topic not taught at GCSE level.

A great trip with great students.





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Kernow Young Carers Service is now in the third year of partnership with CRCC, Disability Cornwall, Promas and Age UK to form the Cornwall Carers Service. Together we deliver a range of free high quality support services for unpaid Carers throughout Cornwall. These services include emotional support, information, advice and guidance, statutory assessment, access to grants, community support, carer specific training and dedicated services for Young Adult Carers (18-25 year old Carers) and Young Carers.



Do remember that the Advice Line on 01736 756655 is available from Tuesday/Thursday 9-7pm and Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9-5pm to advise on any of the above.



Follow us on social media and keep up to date with useful resources, opportunities and activities Countywide for you and your family!

www.cornwallcarers.org.uk
facebook.com/CornwallCarersService
twitter.com/cornwallCS

Especially for Young Adult Carers:
instagram.com/cornwallyacs



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Living with Parents

Do you have a teenager?

Join us at Torpoint Family Hub on 19 July 2024 from 9:30 – 14:30

This is an evidence-based workshop for parents and carers to attend with their young person. This workshop will focus on:

- Interactive/structured activities
- Guided discussion
- Group work
- Strategies and top tips
- Discussing effective communication
- Relationship building
- Boundary setting



To book visit

www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

Contact us

Email: parenting@cornwall.gov.uk



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Parenting a young person aged 12-19



Parents Plus Adolescents Programme

A virtual 9-week workshop delivered weekly, over Microsoft Teams. Each session is 2-hours in length.

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- Understanding teenagers
- Pressing the pause button
- Getting to know your teenager
- Establishing rules with teenagers
- Connecting with your teenager
- Communicating rules positively
- The power of encouragement
- Using consequences
- Active listening
- Creating a discipline plan
- Empowering teenagers
- Dealing with conflict and aggression
- Problem solving with teenagers
- Establishing routines
- Family problem solving
- Parent self-care

When?

- Wednesdays from 18:00-20:00, Starting 1st May 2024
- Mondays from 9:30-11:30, Starting 3rd June 2024



To book visit

www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

Contact us

Email: parenting@cornwall.gov.uk



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Together for Families Parenting

Parenting Workshops April - August 2024



Parents Plus Adolescent Programme

Workshop Description

Delivered over 9 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- Understanding teenagers
- Pressing the pause button
- Getting to know your teenager
- Establishing rules with teenagers
- Connecting with your teenager
- Communicating rules positively
- The power of encouragement
- Using consequences
- Active listening
- Creating a discipline plan
- Empowering teenagers
- Dealing with conflict and aggression
- Problem solving with teenagers
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- Parent self-care

Workshop Dates

Countywide - VIRTUAL		
Ages 12-18	Wednesdays 18:00-20:00	01.05.24-26.06.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 12-18	Mondays 09:30-11:30	03.06.24-29.07.24 Virtual MS Teams
East		
Ages 12-18	Thursdays 09:30-11:30	16.05.24-18.07.24 Saltash Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Mondays 12:30-14:30	13.05.24-15.07.24 Wadebridge Family Hub
Mid		
Ages 12-18	Fridays 12:30-14:30	19.04.24-21.06.24 The Park Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Mondays 12:30-14:30	13.05.24-15.07.24 Newquay Family Hub
West		
Ages 12-18	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	28.05.24-23.07.24 Penzance Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Wednesdays 12:30-14:30	05.06.24-31.07.24 Helston Family Hub

To book onto a workshop, please scan here:





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IMPORTANT

>>> ANNOUNCEMENT <<<

Liskeard & Looe Foodbank now open in Torpoint

We are open Mon/Weds/Fri
9.30-12.30 under The Old Rowing
Club next to the ferry lanes.

The Library staff can refer you
to us for help.

For more information:

07512 011452
liskeard.foodbank@gmail.com



See our needs in real-time

Liskeard and Looe Foodbank are proud to be working
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Download BanktheFood app for FREE using the QR
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Follow Liskeard and Looe Foodbank and get regular
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Skips Safety Net

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

Developed in partnership with



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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.



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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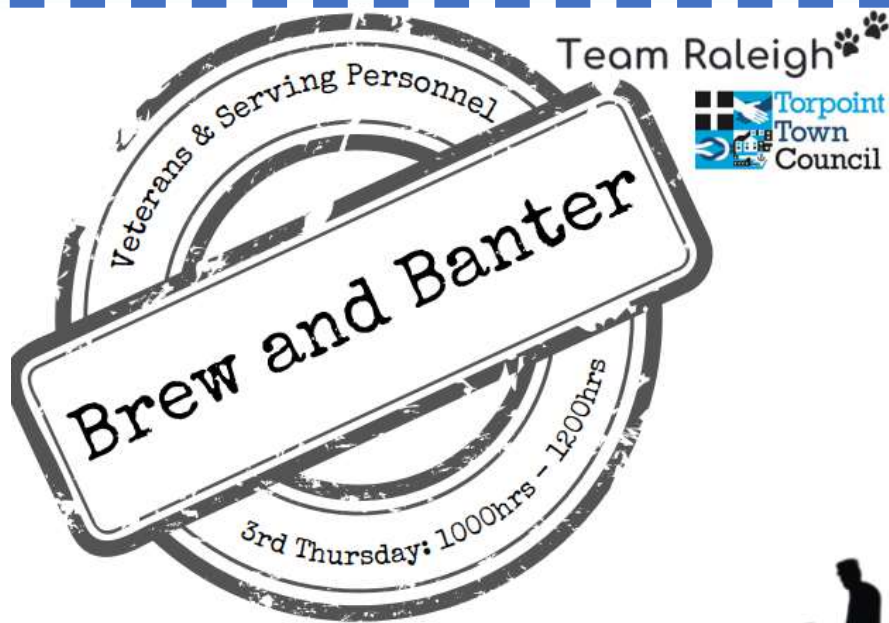
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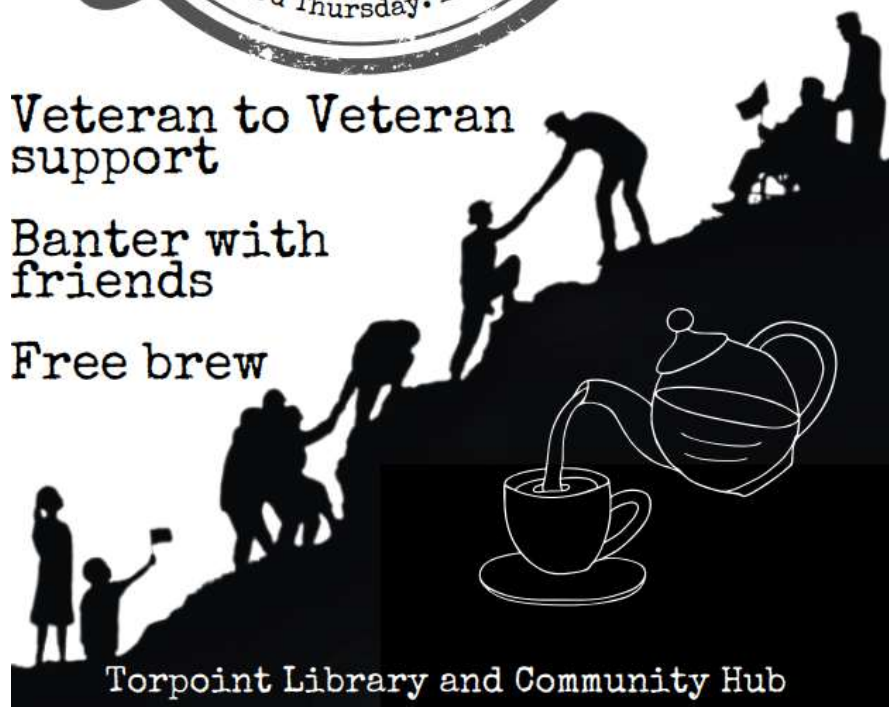
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Veteran to Veteran support

Banter with friends

Free brew



Torpoint Library and Community Hub

WoolcombeYonge Solicitors



Military Kids Art Competition

Drawing theme: My Family

1st Prize: Theatre Royal Family Voucher

2nd Prize: Cineworld Family Voucher

3rd Prize: Pack of art supplies/sweets



To enter:
complete the attached submission form
and send it with your drawing to the address below.

Entry Deadline:

30 April 2024

Send to:

Woolcombe Yonge Solicitors, 63-65 Bretonside, Plymouth, PL4 0BD
info@woolcombeyonge.co.uk 01752 660384



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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8-8.30AM

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SAFEGUARDING YOU

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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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