



## NEWSLETTER

18th July 2025

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25

Summer Term  
23<sup>rd</sup> April – 18<sup>th</sup> July

### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another vibrant and successful school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many highlights that have shaped our journey together. Looking back through the newsletters published throughout the year, I'm reminded of the strength of our community and the spirit captured in our College motto: Inspiring Optimistic Learners. This ethos continues to shine through in everything we do.

One of the most heartwarming events this term was our annual Fun Run. It was wonderful to see students and staff come together once again for this tradition. The energy, enthusiasm, and generosity shown, especially with proceeds supporting our upcoming school production of Grease, truly reflect the values we hold.

We also welcomed Brook, the young people's sexual health charity, to deliver important Relationships and Sex Education sessions to our Year 10 students. These sessions are a vital part of our commitment to student wellbeing and personal development.

A particularly moving moment this term was our Holocaust Education workshops, supported by the BBC and University College London. These sessions offered students a powerful opportunity to engage with one of the most significant and challenging chapters in human history. I want to thank everyone involved, especially Mr Miller and the history team, for ensuring that these lessons continue to resonate with our students.

Our Year 6 Transition Day was another standout occasion. The warm, welcoming atmosphere created by staff and student leaders alike helped our new cohort feel confident and excited about joining us in September. Our student peer mentors were exceptional, friendly, responsible, and full of encouragement. They should be incredibly proud of the role they played.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Summer Break

Staff Inset Day 8<sup>th</sup> September

Year 7 and 12 only 9<sup>th</sup> September

All year groups 10<sup>th</sup> September



### Timings of the day.

Tutor	08:40 - 09:10 (30 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 - 14:10 (35mins)
Lesson 5	14:10 - 15:10 (60 mins)

### REPORTING YOUR ABSENCE REMINDER

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.

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And of course, who could forget Fashion Week 2025. Despite the heat, it was a spectacular evening showcasing the creativity, talent, and professionalism of our students and staff. From textiles and choreography to music and production, the standard was outstanding. A special thank you to Miss Bell, whose vision and leadership brought the event to life with such polish and flair.

Our Post-16 Induction Day was a great success, giving prospective sixth formers a taste of life at the College. With assemblies, rounders, and the chance to meet current students, it was a fantastic way to build excitement for the next stage of their journey.

Finally, another highlight of the term was our Awards Evening 2025, a celebration of student excellence, character, and contribution across all areas of College life. From academic achievements in the Maths and Faraday Challenges to the creativity recognised in the Peggy Tetley and Phil Shingler Awards, the evening was a powerful reminder of the talent and dedication within our community. With heartfelt speeches, musical performances, and an opening address from one of our previous students, Ebrén Purchall, the evening was a true celebration of everything we strive for at the College.

As you will have seen, our backlog maintenance works are continuing at the College. Over the summer break there is a significant programme of works scheduled which, if all goes well, will only leave the DT/Art Block to be completed in the Autumn Term. I am also pleased to report that funding has been secured to refurbish our remaining seven Science labs (that haven't been updated). This work is expected to start in November and be completed by Easter 2026.

As we close the chapter on this academic year, I want to thank every member of our community, students, staff, parents, and partners, for your continued support, dedication, and optimism. I wish you all a restful, safe, and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another year of growth, learning, and achievement.

A final reminder that term starts for Year 7 and 12 on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September and for all other groups on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Or new starting time will be 0840 hours, and College will finish at 1510 hours.

Dr Jeremy Plumb  
Headteacher



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## Celebrating Excellence and Community at TCC: End-of-Year Awards 2025

As the academic year draws to a close, Torpoint Community College has been alive with celebration, reflection, and pride. Over the past week, our Heads of Year have delivered a series of inspiring assemblies, each one a heartfelt tribute to the achievements and spirit of their year groups. These assemblies have not only highlighted academic success but also the resilience, kindness, and growth of our students. Chocolates, certificates, and Amazon vouchers were awarded to those who have gone above and beyond, recognising effort, progress, and excellence in all its forms.

The highlight of our celebrations came on the evening of Tuesday, July 15th, with our prestigious **Annual Awards Evening**. This special event is a cherished tradition at TCC, offering a moment to pause and honour the exceptional contributions of our students in a more intimate and meaningful setting.

Awards Evening at TCC is about more than just grades. It is a celebration of the values that define our community, **optimism, leadership, creativity, and contribution**. Awards were presented to outstanding students in English, Mathematics, and Science, but also to those who have made a lasting impact through their positivity, their service to the College, and their ability to inspire others.

One of the most moving aspects of the evening was hearing our teachers speak about the award recipients. Their words were filled with warmth, pride, and genuine admiration, reminding us all of the deep connections and mutual respect that make TCC such a special place to learn and grow.

Both the assemblies and the Awards Evening have served as powerful reminders of the heart of Torpoint Community College. They showcased the **teamwork, dedication, and community spirit** that define our school. As we look ahead to the summer break, we do so with a sense of gratitude and pride, for our students, our staff, and the shared journey we've taken this year.





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## Recognising the Everyday Excellence: Rewards Relaunch at TCC

At Torpoint Community College, we believe that success is built not only on big achievements but also on the small, everyday actions that shape our school culture. That's why, in February 2025, we relaunched our rewards system with a renewed focus: to celebrate the behaviours and attitudes that make TCC a thriving, respectful, and ambitious community.

Since the relaunch, our students have truly risen to the challenge. In just a few months, teachers have issued an incredible **115,291 merits**, each one a moment where a student chose to do the right thing, to strive for excellence, and to contribute positively to our College environment. These aren't just points; they are **115,291 acts of effort, kindness, curiosity, and respect**.

Our rewards system has helped shine a light on the values we hold dear. Whether it's showing a desire to learn, helping others, or simply being consistently respectful, our students have shown that they understand and embody what it means to be part of the TCC community.

Among the standout achievements:

**Year 9** earned the highest total number of merits and celebrated with a well-deserved **final day picnic**.

**Year 7**, meanwhile, had the **highest average merits per student**, earning them a special **muffi day** in recognition of their consistent excellence.

These rewards are more than just celebrations, they're a reflection of the culture we're building together. A culture where every positive choice is noticed, and every student has the opportunity to be recognised.

As we close the academic year, we're proud of the way our students have embraced this initiative. The success of the rewards relaunch is a testament to their character and to the dedication of our staff in nurturing a supportive and aspirational environment.

Here's to continuing this momentum into the next school year, and to even more moments of excellence at TCC.





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## Torpoint Community College Fun Run 2025

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, students and staff at Torpoint Community College took part in the school's annual Fun Run, an event that has become a valued tradition in our community.

Originally started in memory of science teacher Richard Feast, the run continues to be an important way for the school to come together and mark the end of the academic year.

Everyone in the school took part in a one-mile lap around the grounds, with plenty of encouragement and good spirits all around. While the event is about participation and community, there were some standout performances. Jake took first place for the second year in a row, with Herbie finishing in second. Paris was the highest-placed girl, showing great determination.

More than anything, the Fun Run was a chance for the whole school to enjoy some time together outdoors, reflect on the year, and celebrate the sense of community that makes Torpoint so special.





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## Prom 2025

The 2025 prom was blessed with sunshine which was the perfect setting for the fancy arrivals of many students by race car, motorbike and my all-time favourite raised high in the loader of a tractor, Teagan Haddon and Chloe Matthews stealing the show. There was glamour, smiles and very excited faces in abundance from the very beginning of the night.

From the moment the first students stepped into the venue, it was clear this would be a night to remember. The laughs and moment of nostalgia began almost immediately with the students searching for their own picture in the photo wall and among the table centrepieces. Most moved rapidly to the sweet bar to secure some tasty treats, a much-visited space by students and staff throughout the night. Dancing began even before dinner had been served adding to the celebratory vibe. Everywhere you looked, there were smiling faces and picture-perfect moments, from elegant dresses to sharp suits, everyone looked fantastic, each student bringing their unique style and personality to the occasion. Many girls opted for heels that were mostly shed quite early in the night, but some were very sensible wearing their trainers and we even had a pair of shark crocs make an appearance 😊.

Awards were given out during the night, highlighting the fun and inclusive spirit of the event. The prestigious title of Prom King was awarded to Rory Jarvis, with the radiant Emma Coles crowned Prom Queen. The Best Dressed honours went to fashion standouts Ellis Eckersley and Halle Finch, both turning heads with their impeccable style. Stealing hearts as the Cutest Couple were Jake Applegate and Chloe Northey, while the dance floor stars Summer Lock and Nia Staniforth earned well-deserved recognition as Best Dancers.

As the sun set over Mount Edgcumbe and the music played into the night, there was a shared feeling among students, staff, and families that this wasn't just a party, it was a celebration of friendship, growth, and the exciting journeys ahead. Congratulations to the Torpoint Community College Class of 2025, you danced, you dazzled, and you made it a night to remember. Miss Shiel.





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## It's FASHION WEEK



TCC FASHION SHOW  
10<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
2025

### "It's Fashion Week" Fashion Show

A huge shoutout and well done to all our fantastic students who participated in Thursday's Fashion Show. Your talent, creativity and energy made it a spectacular success!

Photography: Mr Maestri





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## Grenville House June 2025

What an unforgettable weekend!

A group of 39 students travelled to the Grenville House Outdoor Activity Centre in Brixham for an action-packed, character-building getaway. They truly outdid themselves with their determination and teamwork as they took part in coasteering, high ropes, kayaking, and raft building. The days were filled with adventure, and the evenings brought everyone together in great spirits.

On Friday afternoon, we kicked things off at school with a group lunch in the canteen before boarding the bus. After a short journey, we were warmly welcomed by the attentive Grenville House staff, who gave us a full tour of the facilities and helped students settle into their dorms. That evening, Mr Lowe hosted one of his legendary quizzes, complete with surprise appearances from the TCC *Clarkson's Farm* characters, a huge hit! A massive thank you to him for all the time and effort he put into making it so much fun.

Bright and early on Saturday, students embraced their first full day of challenges, taking part in four three-hour sessions across a range of activities. On Saturday evening, we walked up to Berry Head to enjoy the Summer Solstice sunset. Some students played sports while others soaked up the stunning coastal views. Sunday mirrored Saturday's excitement, with further sessions before heading back to College in the evening.

The weekend was full of achievements. Students earned points throughout for leadership, resilience, teamwork, and organisation. Well done to Cody, voted Student Pick, and Bella, our Staff Pick! Everyone also contributed to housekeeping duties, taking turns to wash dishes and keep the communal spaces clean.

A huge thank you to all the staff who attended. This trip wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of Mrs Turner, Miss Pearson, Miss Rowe, Mr Farmer, Mr O'Driscoll, and Mr Lowe, who generously gave up their weekend to support our students. Your enthusiasm and commitment made the trip truly memorable!

Finally, a big thank you to the passionate and professional Grenville House team for their kind words about our pupils' behaviour and conduct. The positive feedback was overwhelming.

Here's to more adventures and continued success in future activities!





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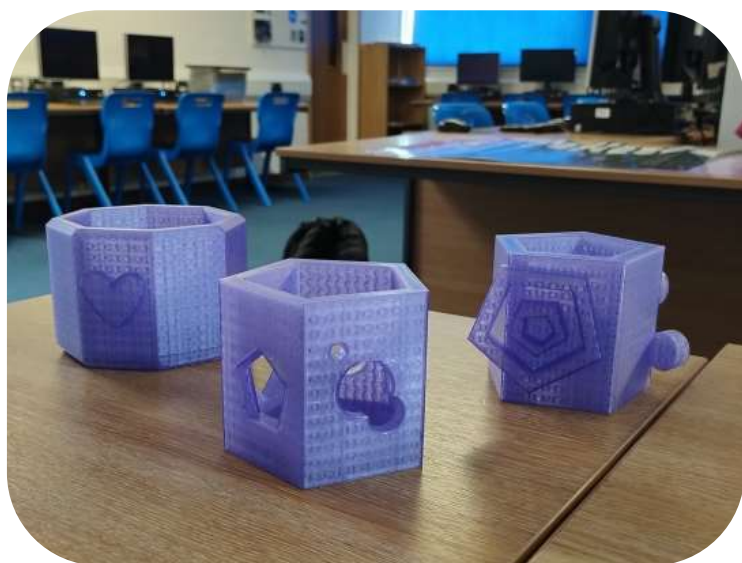
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## Celebrating 3D Printing Club Success!

A huge congratulations to Natalia, Milo, and Isla-Pearl for their outstanding work in our 3D Printing Club! Using FreeCAD, they have designed and created some truly impressive geometric pen pots with our 3D printer. Their creativity, precision, and problem-solving skills really shone through, well done!



## 🌟 Celebrating the Success of Our Year 9 Students! 🌟

We are thrilled to share the incredible achievements of our Year 9 students, as celebrated in our recent assembly! It was a privilege to acknowledge their remarkable dedication and hard work. From zero behaviour points and perfect attendance to merit awards, sporting achievements, Ten Tors triumphs, and stellar reading accomplishments, our Year 9 cohort has truly shone this year.

As we bid farewell to this academic term, we extend our warmest congratulations to all our students for their commitment and effort. Your achievements are a testament to your perseverance and pursuit of excellence.

Looking ahead to September, we have no doubt that our Year 9 students will continue to thrive as they begin their GCSE journey in Year 10. Your potential is limitless, and we can't wait to see you grow and succeed even further.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break, filled with both relaxation and reflection in preparation for the exciting challenges ahead. Let's continue to celebrate the spirit of achievement and growth that defines our school community.

**Mrs Gardener**





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## Well done to Boaz!

Congratulations to Boaz, who recently represented the South-West at the Swim England Inter-Regional Water Polo Competition in Liverpool.

This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to his hard work, dedication, and talent in the sport. We're incredibly proud of him!

## Student Achievement

### Quinn Represents at the Gothia Youth World Cup!

Year 7 student Quinn is currently taking part in the prestigious **Gothia Youth World Cup (U14s)**, one of the largest and most renowned youth football tournaments in the world.

Representing **Hanbury Rovers**, Quinn will be competing against international teams from the **USA**, **Norway**, and **Sweden** in the group stages. The tournament has a proud history of showcasing young talent, with many future football stars having played at Gothia in their early years.

This is an incredible opportunity and a once-in-a-lifetime experience for Quinn, well done, and good luck in the tournament!





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## Student Council

We are incredibly proud of our Student Council, who earlier this year organised a cake sale to support a local family affected by a devastating house fire. Thanks to the generosity and kindness of our school community, the students raised over £200. Mrs J Butcher visited the school to meet the students and receive the funds, expressing how deeply moved she was by the warmth and support shown by our students and the local community. The funds will be shared with the other family who suffered from the house fire. It was a powerful reminder that even in the face of difficult circumstances, compassion and community spirit can bring about something genuinely positive.



## Athletics news

Earlier in the season, Jack White (Year 11) raced at the County Schools Cross Country Championships and once again gained selection for the regional championships. Jack had an excellent race and was subsequently selected to compete at the England Cross Country Championships in West Sussex.

He continued his season through his GCSEs and competed at the County Athletics Championships, finishing second in the shot put and third in the 400m.

What an outstanding season — all while taking your GCSEs and earning County selection for football as well!

The PE department is incredibly proud of your hard work and achievements, Jack!





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## Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Josh, who ran an excellent race at the English Schools Athletics Championships at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham.

With a fantastic finish, he placed 3rd in his heat with another personal best of 50.85 seconds, earning 18th place nationally. Well done, Josh!



## Athletics news

The College athletics squad made the most of the good weather this season, starting training in March. Their teamwork and commitment to both training and events have been fantastic throughout the year.

At the East County Super 8s, our athletes competed against ten other Cornish schools. This event demands real team spirit and effort, as all sixteen athletes must take part in a track and field event plus a relay to build a team score. The Year 7 team competed together for the first time and made a strong impression by winning the medley relay in style. The Year 8/9 team also had a great day, securing an impressive bronze position overall.

There were several notable individual successes. The Girls' 4x100m relay team—Paris, Evie, Daisy, and Amy—took first place. Rory delivered an exceptional performance, winning the hurdles with a County record time and finishing second in the long jump. Amy also had a fantastic day, coming first in the hurdles and contributing to the medley relay win. Boaz earned third place in the javelin, while Amandine took second in the long jump.

At the Plymouth Schools Championships, the Year 9/10 team competed against ten other schools and delivered another series of strong performances. The Girls' 4x100m relay team—Bella, Evie, Amy, and Paris—finished second. Rory again stood out, winning the hurdles and placing second in the long jump. Amandine secured second place in the long jump, Monty finished third in the 800m, and Bella came third in the 1500m. Evie placed third in the 800m, Paris took third in the 100m, and Boaz added another third-place finish in the javelin.

Well done to all our athletes this year—you have been a pleasure to work with!





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## Learning Together – Small strategies, big impact

🌟 Welcome back to... Learning Together

Simple ways to support learning at home

In this series, we're sharing one simple, science-backed strategy every fortnight to help your child learn more effectively — with less stress.

Today's tip is all about **flashcards** — but with a twist. Done right, they're one of the best tools for memory. Done wrong? They become just more stuff to look at.

### Fortnightly Tip #4: Retrieval Cards (Flashcards That Work)

#### 📄 What is it?

Flashcards are a great way to practise *retrieval* — remembering information *without looking it up*. But not all flashcard use is equal. The key is to use them for **active recall** — and space them out over time.

#### 🏠 How to Do It at Home:

Help your child make flashcards — question on one side, answer on the back.

Instead of flipping straight away, they should try to say the answer *from memory*.

Sort the cards into piles:

✅ Got it right

❌ Need to revisit

Review the "need to revisit" cards more often, and space out the others.

Tip: You can also use apps like **Anki** or **Quizlet** which do the spacing for you.

#### ✅ Why It Works:

This is **retrieval practice** in action — and it's one of the most powerful learning techniques there is. Simply trying to remember strengthens memory far more than re-reading notes.

When flashcards are spaced over time (not all in one go), they also harness the power of **spaced practice** — which boosts long-term memory even more.

#### 🌱 Try This:

- Turn it into a quiz — let your child be the "teacher" and quiz you!
  - Use colours or symbols for different subjects or difficulty levels
  - Encourage older students to make their own flashcards from classwork
- 💬 "If you can't remember something, don't panic — trying to remember *is* the learning."





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**Thursday 2nd October**

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*We are thrilled to  
welcome our new  
students for the  
upcoming year.*





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## **Year 10 Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) sessions with Brook- Thursday 10th July**

Thank you to all the year 10 students who took part in the RSE sessions with Nicola Rowe from Brook.

Thank you to Nicola Rowe and Brook for all the sessions delivered at TCC this year.

If you need further information over the summer, the Brook websites are useful:  
<https://www.brook.org.uk/>

<https://www.sexualhealthcornwall.co.uk/> (The free sexual health and contraception service for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly provided by Brook)



## **Careers – We need you!**

In 2024-25 all year groups have had an Employer Encounter event giving students the chance to find out more about different types of employment and routes to employment.

It is important that our students can speak to a wide range of people about what they specifically do within their careers. If you, or a contact, would be willing to come into the College to speak to students about your work, career or a particular company or organisation, please contact Mrs Bray, Careers Leader [bray.d@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:bray.d@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk) or Mrs Blandin-Neaves, Senior Assistant Heateacher [blandin-neaves.m@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:blandin-neaves.m@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support!





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## E-Safety



### Wellbeing in the Online World

There are lots of positives to being online for children, from staying in touch with friends to learning about the world.

There are some challenges, too, and the online world can be tricky for children to navigate. For some it can become overwhelming trying to keep up with friends, and the pressure can mount.

Noticing how your child is affected by being online is the first step in helping them manage their wellbeing.



### Tips for managing wellbeing online

#### **Have regular conversations with your child**

Give children the chance to talk about what they're experiencing online, what apps and sites they use and who they're talking to.

Talking regularly, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed and mean that when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you.

Remind them that it isn't just you that they can talk to – another trusted adult or a Childline counsellor might be easier sometimes.

#### **Take breaks**

Our devices are designed to keep us coming back. Features like infinite scrolling, app notifications, auto play and rewards for playing games every day are all persuasive designs to increase our use.

Mobile and wearable tech such as phones and smart watches can make us feel like we're always online and it can help everyone to take a break sometimes, to help switch off from online pressures.

You can use the settings on individual apps, or in the device settings, to silence notifications for a period of time.

You can also use the 'do not disturb' mode available on most devices to mute calls and notifications, to help avoid distractions.

#### **Use wellbeing settings and apps**

These sites and apps are specifically designed to help children with their online wellbeing:

BBC Own it which gives advice as they chat to their friends online.

Headspace for Kids is an app to teach children the basics of mindfulness in a fun way. It's aimed at 3-12 year olds, with different content for the different age groups. Free for Headspace subscribers, limited access for non-subscribers.

JoyPoP is an app designed to help users find their inner resilience to deal with the highs and lows in their day to day lives. By rating mood for the day, users are directed to complete different activities to help switch to positive emotions. App costs £6.99.

You can also find out what apps your child uses the most and have a look to see if there are wellbeing guides which explain their settings to help support children's wellbeing.



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# SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS

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**28<sup>TH</sup> JULY - 1<sup>ST</sup> AUG  
4<sup>TH</sup> AUG - 8<sup>TH</sup> AUG  
11<sup>TH</sup> - 15<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

**10AM - 3PM  
5 - 14 YEARS**



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**Cornwall MHST's next round of parent/carer workshops will be running in September 2025.**

## Mental Health Support Team

**Topics will include:**

- **Behaviour**  
Strategies for fostering positive behaviour and communication at home.
- **Worry**  
Includes practical strategies for helping children manage their worries.
- **Resilience**  
Discuss the meaning of resilience, ways to build it, and when young people should seek help.
- **Sleep**  
Sleep hygiene and routines, along with practical strategies for assisting children.

Please note: children must be in reception to year 7




**New locations added for summer!!**

**Don't forget to sign up to the Mental Health Support Team free Wild Wellbeing sessions being held over the Summer holidays at various locations**

Open to parents/carers and their *school aged\** children in Cornwall (\*reception to year 7)





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**BRIDGING THE TAMAR**

**Activity Programme**

## Summer at Tamar Bridge

**FREE VIRTUAL REALITY TOURS: FOR AGES 10+**  
Drop In Sessions  
10am-12pm: Friday 25th July, 8th August and 22nd August  
1pm-3pm: Tuesday 29th July, 12th August and 26th August

**PUBLIC ANCHORAGE TOUR: FOR AGES 11+**  
10am-11:30am: BOOKING REQUIRED  
Tuesday, 29th July Monday, 11th August Tuesday, 19th August

**FREE CRAFT WORKSHOPS WITH PLYMOUTH SCRAPSTORE**  
11AM - 3PM: ALL AGES - Drop In Sessions  
Wednesday, 23rd July Thursday, 14th August Wednesday, 27th August

**HISTORIAN FOR A DAY: 11-15 YEARS**  
10AM - 3PM: Wednesday 6th August - BOOKING REQUIRED  
Learn about the history of the Tamar & Royal Albert Bridges  
Discover historical artifacts not yet seen by members of the public

**FILM SUMMER SCHOOL WITH FOTONOW: 12-18 YEARS**  
10AM - 3PM: Wednesday 13th-Friday 15th August - BOOKING REQUIRED

**PHOTOGRAPHY SUMMER SCHOOL WITH FOTONOW: 10 - 14 YEARS**  
10AM - 3PM: Wednesday 27th-Friday 29th August - BOOKING REQUIRED

**ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE TOUR: 16-18 YEAR OLDS**  
9:30am-12:30pm: Wednesday 20th August - BOOKING REQUIRED  
Guided under the bridge anchorage tour with our expert engineers  
Great experience to enhance UCAS & Apprenticeship applications!

For more information and booking visit our website

Visitor Centre open daily 10am - 4pm  
Visit [www.bridgingthetamar.org.uk](http://www.bridgingthetamar.org.uk)  
Bridging the Tamar | 01752 361577

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## Fotonow - Creative Media Summer Schools

Film Focus for 12-18 year olds  
13th-15th August

Photography Focus for 10-14 year olds  
27th-29th August

Three day programmes support young people to develop their skills in film or professional photography.

Book your space here

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## NEW Opportunity for 16-18 year olds

### ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE OF THE WORKPLACE

Wednesday, 20th August 2025: 9:30am-12:30pm

Students considering a career in engineering can now enhance their UCAS & Apprenticeship applications with this unique tour.

Our guided tour Under the Tamar Bridge and to its Anchorage is led by our expert engineers who will provide you with their real world experience in civil engineering. Price £25 per person.

Book your space here

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## NEW Summer Activity for 11-15 year olds

### HISTORIAN FOR A DAY

Wednesday, 6th August 2025: 10am-3pm

- Learn about the history of the Tamar and Royal Albert Bridges.
- Discover historical artifacts not yet shared with the public.
- Research and Design your own displays

Book your space here

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## Homework Support Available for all Students at TCC!

We're excited to share that homework support sessions are available for all TCC students! Whether your child needs a little extra help, a quiet place to work, or guidance from a teacher, we've got it covered. These supportive sessions are a great opportunity to stay on top of assignments and build confidence.

### When:

• **Monday & Wednesday** – After school in room 1 from 3:10-4:10

• **Tuesday** – Lunchtime in room 17

 **Good news for bus riders!** Students who usually take the bus home can use their existing bus passes on a later bus after attending an after-school session.

These sessions are led by our dedicated teachers, ready to support students with any subject. Encourage your child to take advantage of this fantastic resource!



# HOMEWORK CLUB

**Monday**

After College 15:10-16:10  
Room 1

**Tuesday**

Lunchtime  
Room 17

**Wednesday**

After College 15:10-16:10  
Room 1





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# PLAY LOCAL, PLAY FOR FUN, *play all year*

## Book Online!

Pay and Play - £6 per hour  
Annual Family Membership - £35

**Thanckes Park Tennis Courts**  
[admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk)

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/TorpointTownCouncil>





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## **TCC is now a local donation point for the Torpoint foodbank** along with Sainsbury's and the Co-op.

**The donation point in the College's main reception.**

Please help us support local families by dropping items in when you are passing or need to clear out your cupboards. They are always happy for any donations, but they are always looking for:

- Tinned vegetables, fruit and meat**
- Long life milk and baby milk**
- Products with a long shelf life or use by date**
- Deodorants and shampoos etc for men and women**
- Nappies**
- Cat and dog food.**



**LISKEARD & LOOE FOODBANK**  
**HELPING LOCAL  
PEOPLE IN CRISIS**



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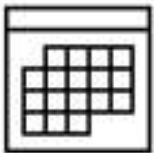
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**Effective communication** between parents and school staff is vital to ensure your child receives the best possible support and education. This guide outlines the appropriate channels for different types of enquiries and sets clear expectations to help foster respectful and productive interactions.

## Who to Contact for Different Types of Inquiries:



### General Day-to-Day Inquiries

For routine questions or concerns about your child's school life, please contact your child's **Tutor** in the first instance. They are best placed to address most day-to-day matters and provide the necessary support.



### Higher-Level Concerns

If your concern is more significant or goes beyond everyday issues, you should contact your child's **Head of Year**. They can address broader issues relating to your child's academic progress, behaviour, or well-being.



### Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Concerns

For specific concerns related to your child's additional learning needs or their SEND provision, please contact the **SENDCo** (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator). *Please note: The SENDCo should only be contacted for higher-level concerns regarding your child's support needs. For more general issues, we kindly ask that you contact your child's Tutor first. This ensures concerns are handled efficiently and by the right staff member.*



### Curriculum-Related Concerns or Major Issues

For concerns about the school curriculum, significant school-wide matters, or if you wish to make a formal complaint, please contact a member of the **College Leadership Team (CLT)**. They are equipped to address higher-level issues and ensure that school policies are followed appropriately.



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### Response Times:



Our staff work hard to support all students and families, often managing a high volume of inquiries. Therefore, please allow up to **2 working days** for a response to any email or phone inquiry. If you consider your inquiry to be urgent, please communicate via email or through the College receptionist the nature of your contact so that the relevant person can determine if an immediate response is required. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

### Respectful Communication:



We are committed to fostering a respectful and positive environment for students, staff, and families. We ask that all communication with school staff remains polite and constructive.



If a parent speaks rudely or behaves aggressively toward a member of staff, the staff member has the right to end the interaction immediately. In such cases, the conversation/ meeting will be rescheduled for a later date. We value respectful communication, and our staff should not be subjected to shouting or abuse under any circumstances.

**If you would like to meet a member of staff, please email them or contact reception to book an appointment. Due to an array of commitments, staff might not be able to meet without an appointment.**

[worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)

Students and parents are asked to use our worries email address for any safeguarding concerns.

***Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.***

***We value your partnership in your child's education.***

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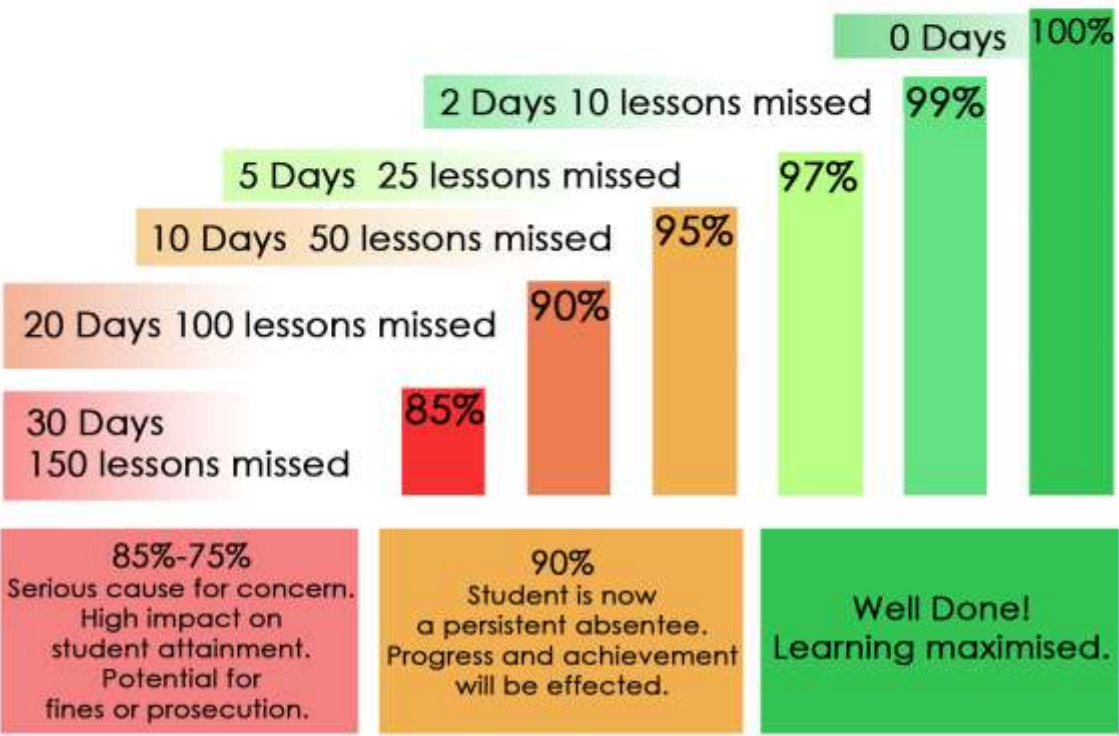


## EVERYDAY COUNTS



*Why is attendance important  
for my child's education?*

**Good attendance means:** Being in school at least **95%+** of the time.



### Attendance- Information about Penalty Notices

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.



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## we are with you

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We offer support, information and advice to young people  
between the ages of 11 and 18 about drugs and alcohol



Whether it's a chat on the phone or long term support you're after, YZUP can offer you professional support every weekday from 9am till 5pm

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Call our confidential helpline to speak to a worker.

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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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