

NEWSLETTER

28th November 2025



UPCOMING EVENTS

**15th December- Year 9 Careers
Speed Networking**

**18th December -Christmas Party
Pieces**

**19th December- Christmas Jumper
Day**



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.

How can I report absence?

Email: absence@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

Call: 01752 812511

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week was an exciting one for our students, with two major initiatives designed to inspire curiosity, ambition, and informed decision-making about their futures.

Our first initiative, GCSE Focus Week, took place for Year 9 students. This whole-school programme aims to showcase our GCSE and KS4 courses, provide meaningful insight into subjects, support students in making informed decisions about their future pathways, and encourage conversations about aspirations and next steps. Throughout the week, students have taken part in taster lessons and activities across a range of subjects. Each student has received an "evidence grid" to track their experiences, reflect on what they've learned, and collect staff signatures. At the end of the week, we will celebrate engagement and effort with rewards. Please talk with your child about future goals and the subjects they enjoy, explore career pathways linked to GCSE subjects, and remind them that exploring options is an important part of the process.

Our second initiative took place on Wednesday 26th November, when we were thrilled to welcome the BAE Systems STEM Roadshow, in partnership with the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force. This year's theme was Artificial Intelligence (AI), and the roadshow provided an engaging and interactive experience for our Year 7 and Year 8 students. Both initiatives above reflect the College's



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commitment to preparing students for the future, whether that's choosing the right GCSEs or exploring cutting-edge technology and careers.

This week ended with a visit from Anna Gelderd MP for South-East Cornwall as part of UK Parliament Week. Anna visited Torpoint Community College along with other schools in South-East Cornwall. She was met by our student leadership team and, although this was a brief visit, the students were able to ask her questions on a range of topics and talk about their own career plans. Anna left the students with "I met my MP" stickers and a personal, signed certificate for taking part in this year's UK Parliament Week.

As we enter the festive season, with "Christmas Party Pieces" to look forward to, Torpoint Community College will once again be supporting two important charity initiatives to help those in need within our local and wider community. We hope you will be able to support us in making a meaningful difference this December.

The first initiative is our collection of donations for the local Liskeard & Looe Foodbank, which works across South-East Cornwall, including Torpoint, to provide emergency food parcels and support for individuals and families facing hardship.

The second is Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 19th December, when students are invited to wear a festive jumper to raise money for Action for Children, a UK charity supporting vulnerable young people and families.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher

Christmas Jumper Day



19th December £1 donation



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A Very Merry Party Pieces 2025

18th December
7:30pm

Adults: £6
Concessions: £4

(students and senior citizens).

Tickets available from reception

Tickets on
sale
Monday
17th
November!



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Celebrating Student Success – Over 114,000 Merits Earned! 🎉

We are thrilled to share that, at the time of writing, our students have accumulated an incredible **114,778 merits!** This figure represents more than **100,000 moments when students have shown their very best**, and we couldn't be prouder.

Merits are awarded for the behaviours and attitudes that make our school community thrive, including:

- 🏆 **Perfect Start** – Arriving on time for tutor, in uniform, with equipment
- 🏆 **Tutor Reading** – Joining in and focusing during reading time
- 🏆 **Ready to Learn** – Following instructions first time and starting straight away
- 🏆 **Diligence** – Working hard all lesson and never giving up
- 🏆 **Attentiveness** – Listening carefully, sharing ideas, and joining in
- 🏆 **Politeness** – Being respectful and helpful
- 🏆 **Kindness** – Looking out for others and supporting classmates
- 🏆 **Homework** – Handing in work that shows effort and care
- 🏆 **Perfect Attendance** – Being in school every day (weekly award)
- 🏆 **Distinction** – Going above and beyond with amazing effort

These are the qualities that define our culture, and it's fantastic to see students living them out every day.

The vast majority of students have now earned **Head of Year commendations**, and many are receiving **CLT commendations**, which come with the bonus of skipping the lunch queue!

All year groups are close to reaching the **25,000 merits milestone**, which means a **Rewards Muffi Day** is just around the corner.

Santa's Christmas Challenge 🎅 🎄

4 November – 12 December

Santa is giving everyone a fresh start! From now until 12 December, every student has the chance to win a **£10 Amazon voucher** as a Christmas gift!

How to enter the raffle:

- ✅ 3 or fewer behaviour points
- ✅ 100+ merits



One winner per year group!

Prize awarded in end-of-term assemblies

Bonus Entry:

Finish with **0 behaviour points** and get **two entries** into the raffle!

This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate positive behaviour and effort. Keep aiming high – every merit counts!





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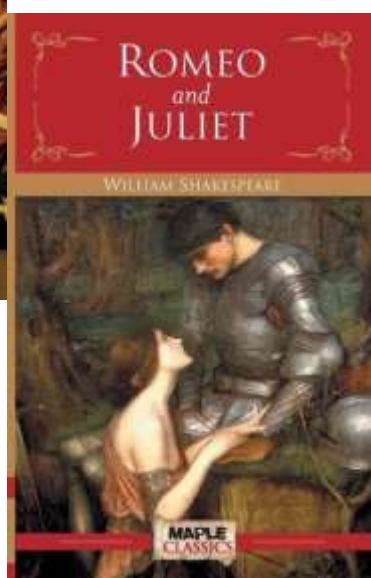
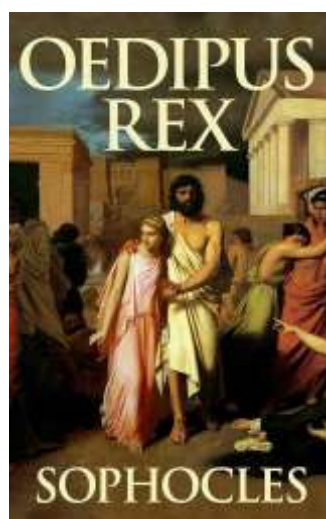
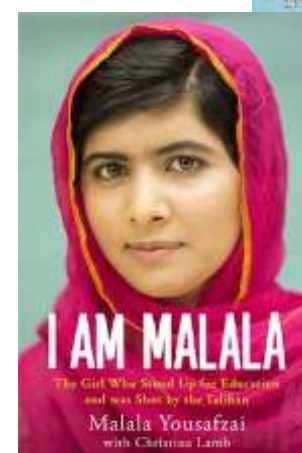
Reading News at TCC!

What are we currently reading in English?

■ Year 7 – Autobiographies

Our Year 7 students are exploring the world of autobiographical writing. They are currently reading extracts from:

- **Boy by Roald Dahl** – a humorous and vivid account of Dahl's own childhood, giving pupils insight into how writers shape real experiences into engaging narratives.
- **I Am Malala** – an inspiring modern autobiography that introduces students to themes of courage, education, and global activism.
- **My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell** – a charming and witty memoir that brings the natural world to life through Durrell's recollections of his childhood in Corfu.



🏰 Year 8 – Tragedy Through Time

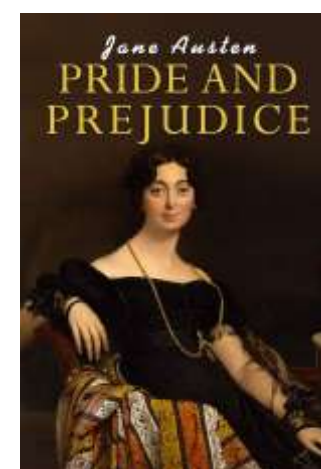
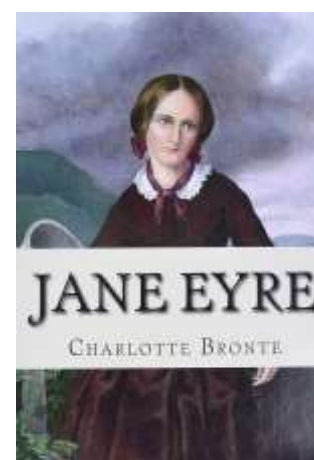
Year 8 are travelling back through literary history in our **Tragedy Through Time** unit. This term, they are studying:

- **Oedipus Rex** by Sophocles – a cornerstone of Greek tragedy that introduces students to fate, prophecy, and dramatic irony.
- **Romeo and Juliet** by William Shakespeare – a powerful Renaissance tragedy that allows students to compare how tragic conventions develop across time.
- The unit encourages students to think about how big ideas—such as love, destiny, and human flaws—are explored differently across historical periods.

📖 Year 9 – Women in Society

Year 9 are delving into the role and representation of women in literature. As part of our **Women in Society** scheme, students are reading extracts from:

- **Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë** – examining Jane's struggle for independence, identity, and equality in a restrictive society.
- **Pride and Prejudice** – examining social expectations and women's choices in Regency England.





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What have students been reading during Reading for Pleasure time?

For the first 15 minutes of every English lesson, students in years 7 and 8 read a book of their choosing from our school library. Here's what some of our students think of some of their choices! I particularly love the illustrations!

Book Review

Book review by: _____

Date completed: 13/11/25

Title: When the World was ours

Author: Liz Kessler

Non fiction ☐ Fiction ☒

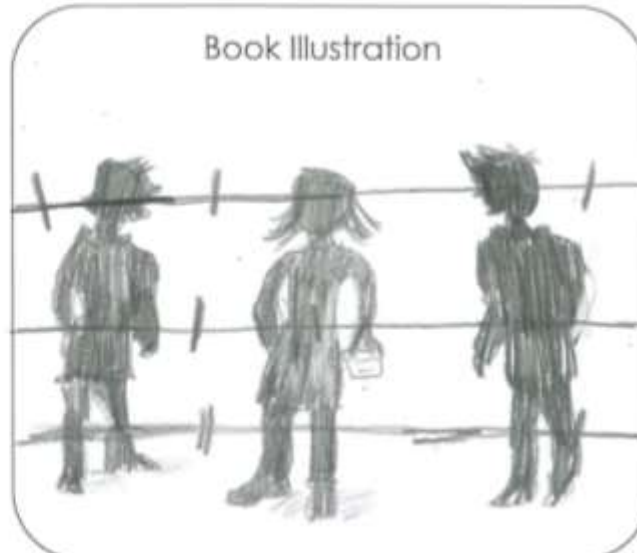
Would you/would you not recommend the book? Why?

I would if you like
reading this sort of stuff

☆☆☆☆☆

What is the book about?

3 friends Elsa, Leo and Max
getting separated when WW2 starts
while Leo and Elsa take 2 pups
across England Max gets infiltrated
to join the Hitler Youth.



Who would this book be suitable for? Age/Interests

12+ maybe. Mainly for people
who like books about history.

Book Review

Book review by: _____

Date completed: 17th November 2025

Title: Tom Gates Excellent excuses

Author: L. Pichon

Non fiction ☐ Fiction ☒

Would you/would you not recommend the book? Why?

I would recommend this
book, I think it has
great humour and can
be relatable for some.

☆☆☆☆☆

What is the book about?

A boy called Tom Gates
who has to deal with
the annoying school life
(and his band DogZombies).

Who would this book be suitable for? Age/Interests

I suggest 6 or 7, maybe
a little above?





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Book Review

Book review by: _____
Date completed: 6/11/25
Title: sleepless
Author: Lou Morgan
Non fiction ☐ Fiction ☒

Would you/would you not recommend the book? Why?

It was really intriguing and enjoyable - and the plot twists were really unexpected!!

★★★★★

What is the book about?

a group of year 11s take a pill to 'help their focus' one by one, each starts going crazy and dying in gruesome ways.

Who would this book be suitable for? Age/interests

12+. It has gruesome stuff and swearing.



Book Review

Book review by: _____
Date completed: 11/11/25
Title: Trent alexander arnold
Author: Harry Meredith
Non fiction ☐ Fiction ☐

Would you/would you not recommend the book? Why?

I would recommend this book because it is very intyging and the journey never stop.

★★★★★

What is the book about?

The book is about how trent became a professional footballer and how sopted his child hood dream to play for liverpool.

Who would this book be suitable for? Age/interests

this would be suitable for 8 and over and the interst for people who like football.

Book Illustration



Book Review

Book review by: _____
Date completed: 5/11/25
Title: Beckham
Author: Matt and Tom Oldfield
Non fiction ☒ Fiction ☐

Would you/would you not recommend the book? Why?

I would recommend this book because it is really interesting how he grew up.

★★★★★

What is the book about?

David Beckham and how he grew up in life and how he trained for lots of different teams and how he really liked Manchester UNITED

Who would this book be suitable for? Age/interests

People who really like football especially Man U fans and people who like David Beckham

Book Illustration

David Beckham.
Ultimate football heroes.





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Continued Sparx Success!

Our students are continuing to do brilliantly with **Sparx Reader**! Across Years 7–10, they have completed **1,363 hours of reading** and **812 books**. Fantastic effort from everyone – keep reading and enjoying those stories!





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Year 8 Netball

On Monday evening, Looe travelled to TCC for a home netball fixture. We had two Year 8 teams competing against Looe.

The girls played exceptionally well together, securing victories in both matches: 5-2 in the first game and 6-2 in the second!

A big thank you to our Year 9 and 10 Sports Leaders, who organised a training session and officiated the games.

All students were highly commended by Looe staff for their composure and sportsmanship. Thank you to Looe for making the journey, and congratulations to everyone involved! Miss Pearson is extremely proud of you all, you played brilliantly as a team.

Year 8 Netball Club runs every Monday lunchtime and welcomes new players.





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Year 7 Netball

On 11th November, our Year 7B and Year 7C Netball teams travelled to play against Looe School. For many of these students, it was their first fixture representing the school, and they were very excited!

Once settled into the game, they competed brilliantly across three matches, finishing strongly by winning the final game. Each player demonstrated excellent teamwork and fair play, cheering each other on, taking the lead in nominating key players from the opposing team, and even helping to score the matches.

We currently have around 30 Year 7 students attending Netball Club, which is fantastic! New players are always welcome. The club runs every Thursday after school.

The final scores are given below:

2-1 Looe A v Torpoint B (loss)
2-2 Looe B v Torpoint C (draw)
0-1 Looe A v Torpoint B (win)





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U16 Girl's Football

On 13th November, our U16 Girls' Football team travelled to St Austell to play Brannel in the Cornwall County Cup. The team set off with fantastic spirit and determination, ready for a competitive match.

Torpoint defended superbly in the first half, going into the break 1-0 down. Outstanding defensive work from Amy W, Poppy S, Isla E, and Poppy C prevented Brannel from scoring more. In the second half, we produced some brilliant spells of football, with Lily G working tirelessly in midfield. Ava L, Eliza Z, Erin B, Lilly H, and Holly S battled hard to create chances for striker Kayla, but Brannel continued to have the better opportunities.

At 3-0 down, a clever positional change by Assistant Manager Sarah Stacey paid off when Torpoint found the net, thanks to a superb left-footed strike from Poppy S just inside the 18-yard box. The game was back on, and we created several chances on target, but couldn't quite beat the Brannel keeper. Despite brave goalkeeping from Ellie W, Brannel scored twice in the final five minutes, making the final score 5-1.

The scoreline doesn't reflect the quality of the performance. The girls played excellently, some were representing the school for the first time, others playing their first-ever football match, and it was the first time these 12 players had played together. They never gave up, showed great teamwork, and I couldn't be prouder. Amy W was voted Player of the Match by the opposition for her outstanding defensive contributions, including a crucial goal-line clearance!





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Year 9 Netball

The Year 9 Netball team travelled to Truro to compete in the U14 National Schools Netball Competition. The girls faced some tough opposition from well-trained teams, but they showed incredible commitment throughout the day, giving their all in every match, despite having only the bare seven players!

After some mixed results early on, they kept a positive attitude and turned things around in the final four games. They were an absolute pleasure to take, full of energy and laughter all day.

Please join us in congratulating them on their fantastic effort, a big well done!
Miss Pearson



Calling all Year 11 and Year 13 Art and DT Students 24/25

If you completed your GCSE Art, GCSE DT or A level Art course last academic year, **your work is now ready to collect!**

Please contact the college reception to arrange a collection time.

Please note: The deadline for collecting work is the Friday 19th December. After this time work will be recycled.

Many thanks,

The Art and DT team



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Linguists of the Month

Ralphie in year 9

William in year 7

Amelia-Grace in Year 7

Frazer in Year 9

Stanley in Year 9

Natalia in Year 9



Amazing effort from all of you - keep it up!

Christmas Lunch

We will be serving Christmas lunch on **Tuesday 16th** and **Wednesday 17th December.**

Menu Choices

- Roast turkey with all the trimmings or vegetarian version.
- Accompanied with a festive biscuit or festive brownie

This is a set price at £2.50





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E-Safety



E-safety at TCC

Cyberbullying – How to Spot It & Support Your Child

Cyberbullying can be hard to detect—it doesn't happen in hallways, but on screens. It might involve hurtful comments, sharing private photos, or being excluded from group chats. It can seriously impact a young person's confidence and mental health.

What You Can Do:



Look for signs such as mood changes, avoiding school, or becoming secretive about devices.



Encourage your child to save any messages and talk about what happened.



Help them block/report the user and speak to the school or relevant platform.



Remind your child that they're not alone- and that speaking up is the first step to stopping it.



Support available:
NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>



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We now have a newsletter email!

Newsletter@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

Has your child achieved something special outside of school?

We'd love to hear all about it! Drop us a message at

Newsletter@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

If you can, please include a photo and a short note about your child's success, whether it's in sport, the arts, or any other hobby or passion. We can't wait to share and celebrate these fantastic achievements in our Newsletter.

**Keep an eye
out for the
next edition!**





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Cornwall **YOUTH** Council

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Cornwall Youth Council is **for young people aged 11-18** and is **made up of 5 roles**. We are currently recruiting candidates to stand as Elected Members! We come together **to share the views of children and young people** so they can be heard by decision makers and **we work on pledges voted for by other young people**.

If you are interested in joining Cornwall Youth Council scan the QR code to find out more!

Registration closes
on 23rd November



<https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/youth-council>

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YEAR 5 & 6 PARENT & CARER COLLEGE TOURS

By request

Is your child starting secondary school soon?

Discover our school firsthand! Join a guided tour to explore our engaging classrooms, meet our welcoming staff, and learn how we help Year 7 students settle in, grow, and succeed. Experience the friendly atmosphere, connect with our students, and see why we're proud of the supportive community we've built.

Tours available on Thursday mornings at 9.15am, to book or for further enquiries, please contact us using the details below

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

The donation point is 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.



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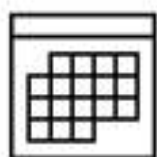
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Effective communication between parents and school staff is vital to ensure your child receives the best possible support and education. This guide outlines the appropriate channels for different types of enquiries and sets clear expectations to help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

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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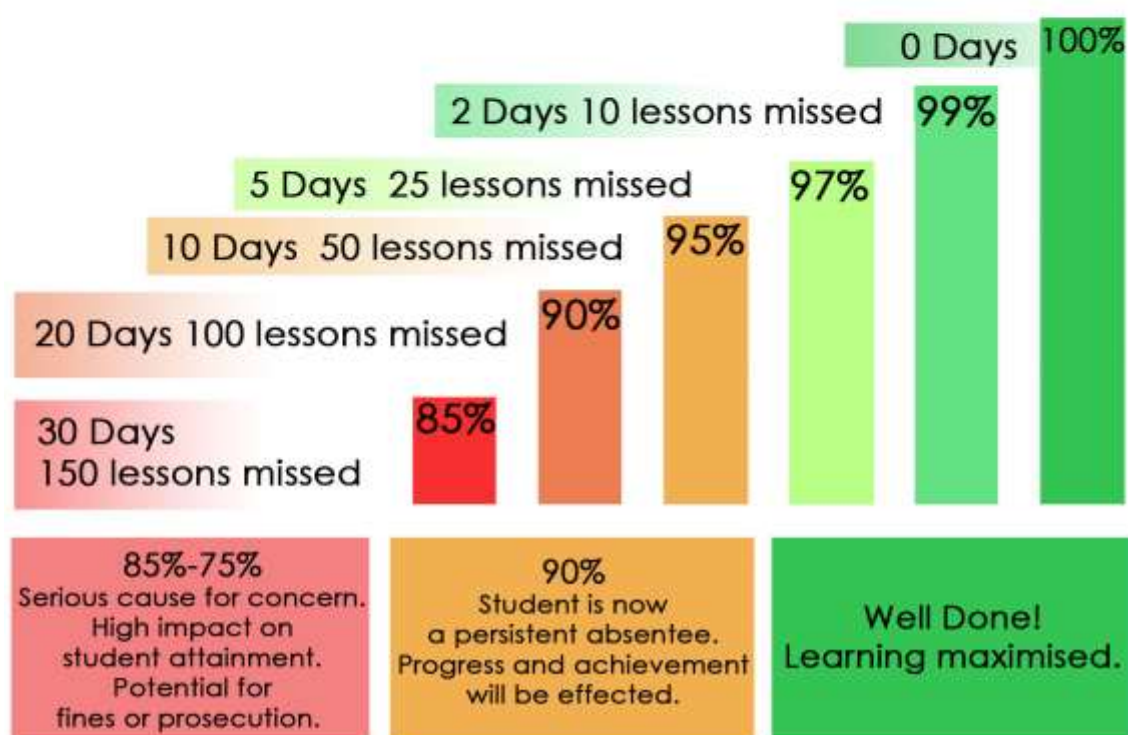


EVERYDAY COUNTS

*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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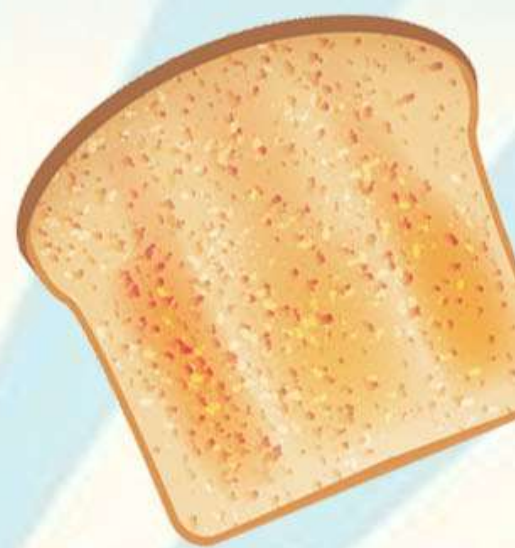
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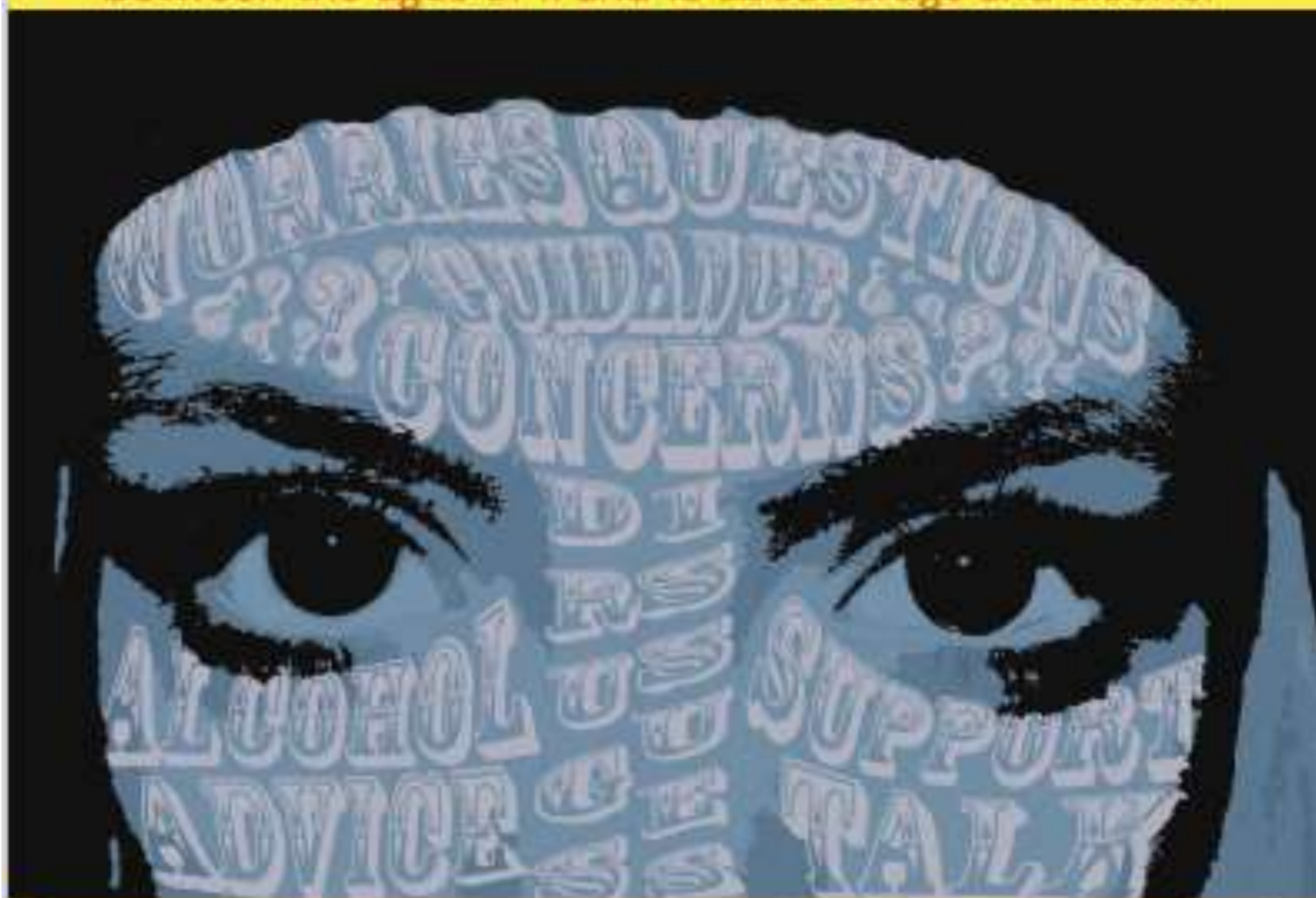
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Safeguarding you

If you have any worries or concerns you can speak to any member of the Safeguarding Team or you can email us on the confidential email

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Or speak to a member of staff that you trust and feel comfortable with.

Our priority is that all within our community feel safe and happy.



Dr Plumb

Mrs Lear



Designated Safeguarding Leads