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NEWSLETTER

30th January 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS

Half term break- 16th- 20th February

Inset Day - 23rd February

Post 16 Parents Evening - 26th February

Headteacher's Message

As we reach the end of another packed half term, I would like to thank students, staff and families for their continued support and commitment to Torpoint Community College. The past few weeks have highlighted both the many successes within our community and some important developments that I would like to share with you.

To begin, I would like to celebrate student success and am delighted to share the results of this half term's Beat Your PB challenge. Year's 7, 8 and 9 all exceeded their previous Merit Sprint personal best averages, reflecting improved punctuality, engagement and effort across Key Stage 3. As a result, these year groups have earned a well-deserved mufti day today (Friday 13th February). Thank you to all for consistently recognising positive behaviour as it continues to make a real difference to our school culture.

Attendance remains a key priority for the College. I am pleased to report that over 200 students achieved 100% attendance this half term, with many more very close to this milestone. We are proud of the determination students are showing in making every day count.

Sporting, creative and enrichment opportunities have again been disrupted by wet weather conditions. However, our Year 7 and 8 girls' football team represented the College in the second round of the English Schools' National Cup. While the result did not go our way, the team showed excellent teamwork and resilience and now look forward to continuing their County Cup campaign after half term.



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



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Students across the College have benefited from a wide range of learning beyond the classroom, including an inspiring visit from a cast member of *Matilda the Musical* as part of our *Change My Story* English project, careers talks for Year 8 involving local employers, Relationship and Sex Education sessions delivered by Brook, and a successful London Art Trip for GCSE and A Level students. These experiences play a vital role in developing confidence, aspiration, and wider life skills.

Update on Sixth Form Provision

A letter was sent out to parents earlier this week providing an update on Year 12 recruitment for September 2026. Due to a very small number of prospective students joining Year 12, we consulted with the Local Authority and Chair of Governors, and made the decision to freeze recruitment into Year 12 for this September. This decision has not been taken lightly. With such a small intake, we would not be able to offer the breadth of subjects or educational experience that our students deserve. Our current Year 12 students will continue their studies as planned through to the end of Year 13 in summer 2027, and we are working closely with Year 11 students to support them in securing places with alternative post-16 providers.

We will begin discussions with our current Year 10 students next term to explore post-16 pathways for September 2027, and we will continue to keep families informed.

YMCA and Community Sports Centre Update

You may also be aware that Plymouth YMCA announced this week its decision to cease operations in the Torpoint & Rame Community Sports Centre after 31st March 2026. Based on the notice we have been given, the YMCA's lease for this facility runs until August 2026 so the implications are not fully understood at this time. Once the College has received formal notification from Plymouth YMCA regarding this matter, we will discuss the next steps with the YMCA. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to the YMCA staff in the Sports Hall for all the support they have given to the College, in some cases over many years.

Finally, I hope our students enjoy a restful and well-earned break next week and we look forward to welcoming them back on Tuesday 24th February.

With my kind regards

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher



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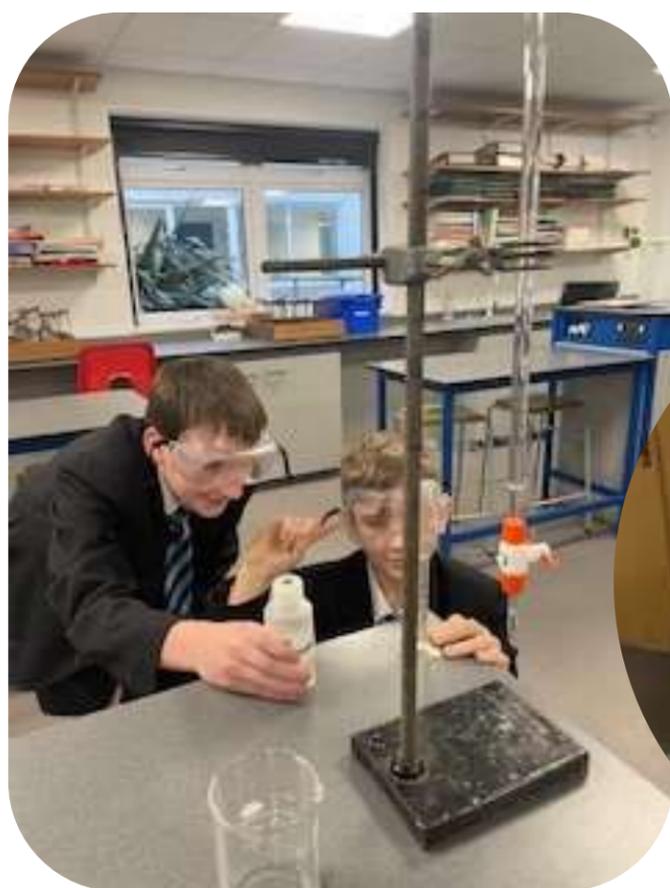
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Spotlight on Science

Recently, Miss Carr's Year 7 class were learning about Neutralisation reactions in the Acid and Alkalis unit. They have been working hard to develop their practical skills since September and as a result were able to perform an experiment that is normally reserved for Year 9.

A neutralisation reaction is when an acid and a base (also called an alkali) react together to form a salt and water. In Year 7, students learn that acids have a low pH and alkalis have a high pH, and when they are mixed in the correct amounts, they "cancel each other out" to make a neutral solution (pH 7).

In class, students used a piece of equipment called a burette to carefully add hydrochloric acid to a measured amount of sodium hydroxide solution. A burette allows very accurate control of the volume added, drop by drop, so students can see exactly how much acid is needed to completely neutralise the alkali. This helps them understand both the reaction and the importance of precise measurement in science experiments. Well done year 7.





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Spotlight on Science

Year 9 Science – End of KS3 Assessment Preparation



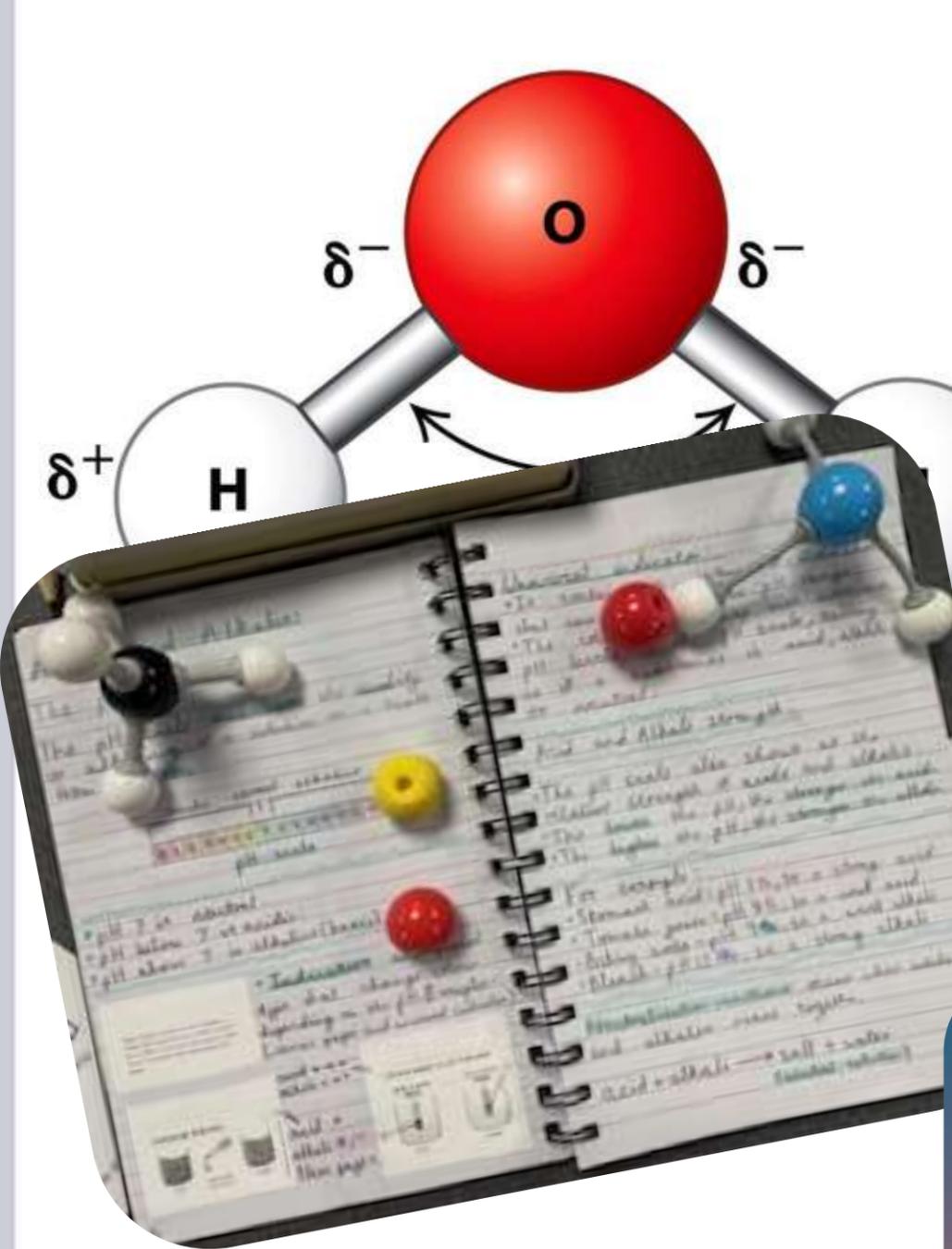
Year 9 students have been busy preparing for their end of Year 9 assessment, which will assess their learning across Key Stage 3 Science.

A 12-day revision programme has been posted on Satchel, and students have been working hard reviewing key content from Year's 7-9. We have been really impressed with the effort shown so far.

Here are some excellent examples of independent revision completed at home: detailed revision notes produced by Grace and a comprehensive PowerPoint created by Tyler.

If any students have not yet started their revision and would like to begin, they can find all revision activities in their 'Past' list on Satchel. Links to useful websites, including class notes, flashcards, quizzes and practice papers, have also been provided to support their preparation.

We wish all our Year 9 students the very best of luck and look forward to seeing them showcase their KS3 learning.



Bones and joints.

Without the skeleton our body would be very floppy.
The skeleton :

- supports our soft tissues, protects our vital organs e.g. brain, heart and lungs
- provides a framework of levers.
- Between every bone of the body there are joints.

The joints:

- Bones are attached to other bones by slightly elastic ligaments.
- A layer of smooth cartilage prevents wear of the surfaces in contact.
- A small amount of fluid also helps to reduce friction.

The three different types of joints

Immovable/fixed joints:

- These occur where movement would be a severe disadvantage e.g. the bone of the cranium, the joint between the pelvis and the vertebral column.
- These joints are held together by tough, fibrous tissue which develops during childhood.

Slightly moveable joints:

- Here, movement is needed but only to a certain point e.g. the vertebral column.
- Individual vertebrae are separated by cartilage and held together by tough, fibrous bands called ligaments.

Freely moveable joints: Here, a considerable range of movement is required e.g. the hip, elbow, wrist, fingers.

The muscles

- Muscles can only CONTRACT i.e. shorten, and so can only pull bones.
- Because of this they act in antagonistic pairs to oppose each other's movement.
- Muscles are attached to bones by NON-ELASTIC TENDONS

BENDING THE ARM:
BICEPS CONTRACT and TRICEPS RELAX.

STRAIGHTENING THE ARM:
BICEPS RELAX and TRICEPS CONTRACT.

HOLDING THE ARM RIGID:
BOTH BICEPS and TRICEPS CONTRACT.



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London Trip

A group of TCC Art students were faced with a 4am start on Tuesday 3rd February to journey to London for an exciting day exploring some of the iconic London museums, galleries and sites.

By 10.30am, our Post 16 A Level Art students were entering the Marie Antoinette Style exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum, which showcased an amazing collection of fashion, jewellery, art and objects all related to the rein of the ill-fated French queen.

The Year 10's, at the same time, were meeting Mel Whittaker at the V & A (education link for the National Schools Programme) who engaged the students in discussions around their GCSE portfolio themes and the relevance of many artefacts at the museum. The students were 'wowed' by the scale of pieces in the cast courts, and enjoyed exploring ceramics, glass, sculpture and multicultural objects of interest. In the afternoon, the whole group then had the opportunity to visit the National Gallery, looking at art work from great artists such as Turner, Constable, Stubbs, Degas, Monet, Van Gogh and many more.

The day ended with an exciting trip on the London Eye, witnessing the life of a bustling London from the pods high above the River Thames.

The art team were extremely proud of all the students who conducted themselves well throughout and were a credit to the school.





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Students Success in UKMT Intermediate Maths Competition

Twenty four of our top mathematicians in Year's 9, 10 and 11 volunteered to take part in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge last month. The maths challenge is a national competition with only the best mathematicians from all over the UK taking part and is aimed only at students in Year 9, 10 and 11. It is an hour-long paper that contains a variety of questions that involve puzzles, problems, logic as well as maths, which make them challenging and enjoyable to those taking part. The paper is designed to challenge the most able students and get them to think about the maths skills that they need to use.

We would like to congratulate all the students that participated in the challenging competition. They all did very well, some students just narrowly missed out but 12 students successfully achieved awards.

In Year 9, Isla-Pearl achieved a Bronze award and was also Best in Year 9. In Year 10, Beau achieved a Bronze award and Best in Year 10. In Year 11, Elyse, Ruben, Finlay, Freya and Oscar all achieved Bronze awards. Oscar, Archie, Herbie and Brodie all achieved Silver awards.

Lincoln received a Gold award, Best in Year 11 and the title of Best in School! An excellent achievement and Lincoln's score was also so good that he has also been invited to participate in the next round of the competition, The Pink Kangaroo Round held in March! We can't wait to see how he gets on in this!

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





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Girls Football- Year 7 and 8

On Monday of this week our talented Year 7 and 8 girls' football squad had their second-round football match in the English School's National cup, in a tough fixture against Lipson. Sadly, Lipson ran out the winners but the girls still put on a spirited performance in cold and windy conditions. There were some solid defensive contributions in the second half, and we certainly made it hard for them, but sadly Lipson created the better chances.

The girls still can look forward to their Cornwall County Cup run which will continue after the February half term – hopefully if the pitches dry out!

Please pass on congratulations to these girls when you see them: Evie, Jazelle, Tilly Mae, Daphne, Tilly, Holly, Emma, Gracie, Quinn, Elle, Elsie, and Ruby.

A big thank you to Mrs Stacey for supporting on the day too!





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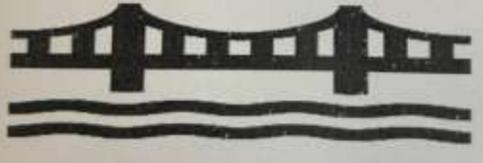
Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day is an important part of the College's commitment to historical understanding, remembrance, and moral responsibility. Torpoint Community College is part of the UCL Centre for Holocaust Education Beacon School programme, a nationally recognised quality mark reflecting the strength of our Holocaust education, particularly the depth of focus in Year 9 and the quality of teaching across the curriculum. As usual, this year we marked Holocaust Memorial Day on 27th January with assemblies for all students in Key Stages 3 and 4, aligned with the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust's 2026 theme, *Bridging Generations*. Alongside this, all KS3 History classes took part in a dedicated Holocaust Memorial Day lesson using UCL Centre for Holocaust Education resources, encouraging students to reflect on memory, responsibility, and legacy through the creation of thoughtful "Bridging Pledges." In English, Year 7 students also participated in the National Literacy Trust's Holocaust Memorial Day live event, featuring author Tom Palmer in conversation with Holocaust survivor Ruth Barnett, exploring her experiences of escaping to Britain via the Kindertransport and the importance of passing survivor testimony to future generations.

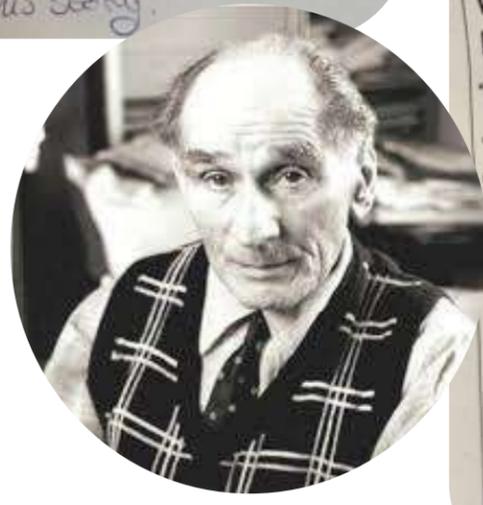
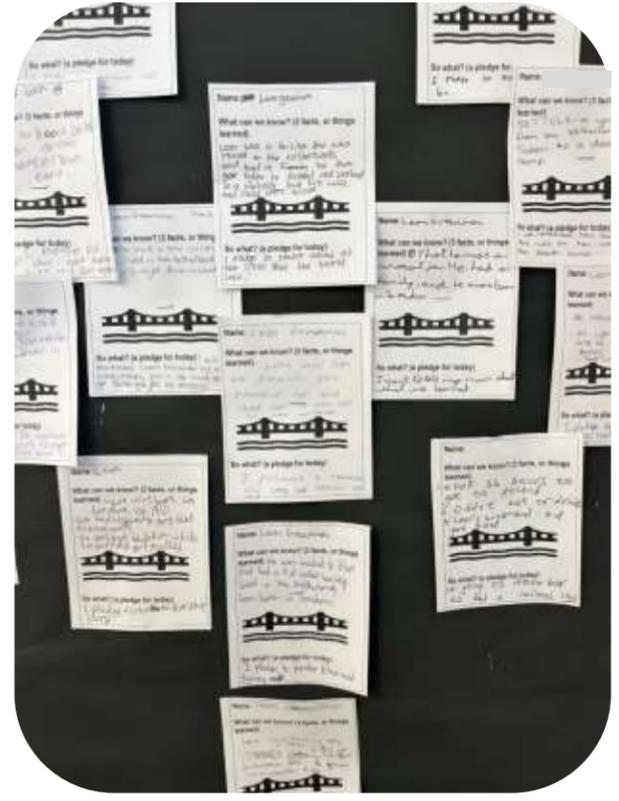


Name: Leon greenman

What can we know? (3 facts, or things learned) born in London 1910 married in 1942 1942 was deported to rotterdam



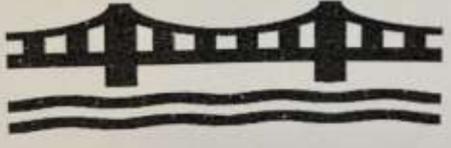
So what? (a pledge for today) i pledge to tell people about Leon and tell his story.



Name: Leon Greenland

What can we know? (3 facts, or things learned)

- He was born in London
- he was married to Eise and had a son
- he lived in the Netherlands



So what? (a pledge for today) I Pledge that Leon had a Normal life and that was taken from him

Name: Leon Greenman

What can we know? (3 facts, or things learned) he has a wife and child called Barney. They got transported for being Jews. He's from London and is a British Jew but married a Dutch girl.



So what? (a pledge for today) I will remember his unfair transportation with his family for being a British Jew



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Ten Tors – Sunday 8th February

Last Sunday our Ten Tors teams headed out to Dartmoor again for another training walk. They started at Princetown in the dry, but by lunchtime steady rain had set in and remained for the rest of the walk. They completed a route taking in key landmarks including Nuns Cross, Down Tor, and Leeden Tor, finishing at Leeden Car Park.

Well done to everyone involved. Thank you to the volunteers.





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Year 12 and 13 Bowling Trip

Our Post 16 students recently took part in a fantastic wellbeing trip to the local bowling centre. The visit was a great opportunity for students to relax, spend time together outside the classroom, and enjoy some friendly competition.





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Linguists of the Month

Year 7:

Isla F
John
Poppy
Belle
Micah

Year 8:

Willow
Oscar
Emmie
Thomas
Libby
Lexie
Pippa
Pippi
Thomas

Year 9:

Mary
Parker
Mikey
Lucy
Tyler
Daniel
Phoebe
Rosie
Piper
George
Grace
Eloise



Amazing effort- keep it up!



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Reading @ TCC

SPARX success

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Students in your school have read
1468 books
this year in Sparx Reader, well done!

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Students in your school completed
2457 hours
of careful reading this year in Sparx
Reader. Great effort!

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We are incredibly proud of our students' dedication to reading this year. So far, they have read an impressive **1,468 books** and completed **2,457 hours** of careful reading on Sparx Reader — and we are only halfway through the year! These fantastic achievements already demonstrate outstanding commitment, focus, and perseverance, and we can't wait to see how much further these totals grow in the coming months.

It is wonderful to see students across the school building positive reading habits, developing confidence, and discovering enjoyment in books. Thank you to all students and staff for supporting such a strong reading culture at Torpoint Community College - keep up the brilliant work!



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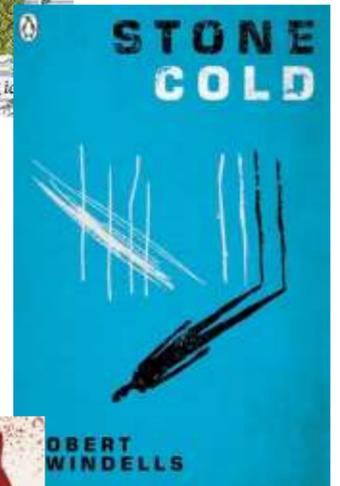
Tutor Reading Progress

Congratulations to the following tutor groups for finishing their tutor read!

7-NLU: Finished *Coraline* — a story about a girl who discovers a strange parallel world and must be brave to save her family.

8-LPR: Finished *Stone Cold* — a novel about a homeless teenager navigating life on the streets while danger lurks around him.

8-BMA: Finished *The Dog Runner* — an adventure about a boy and his dogs surviving in a harsh future world.



Reading in Unusual Places Competition

READING IN UNUSUAL PLACES

The National Year of Reading 2026

PHOTO COMPETITION



We're running a competition to see you in your most unexpected, inventive reading location.

Take a brilliant photo of you and your book somewhere unusual - snap a photo, get creative, and join the fun!

Email your photos to: reading@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

Deadline is February half-term - Friday 12th February - and winners will be announced on World Book Day!



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National Storytelling Week at Torpoint Community College

Last week, we celebrated National Storytelling Week — a joyful annual celebration of the power of stories, imagination and creative expression. This special week encourages students to explore storytelling through reading, writing and even rhythm and sound, helping them step into new worlds and express their ideas with confidence.

Stories help us understand others, build empathy and develop key literacy skills - and there are so many fun ways to get involved! Whether through reading aloud, creating characters, experimenting with music and words, or inventing your own narrative, every story has something powerful to share.



Student Storytelling Challenge

To mark the occasion, we're inviting all students to take part in our Storytelling Challenge!

- Create your own original story — it could be fiction, non-fiction, a personal narrative, song/rap lyrics or something entirely unique inspired by your experiences or imagination.
- Submit your entry to Mrs Hodgkinson by Thursday 27th February 2026.
- Everyone is encouraged to join in!

Winning stories will be celebrated in school and may even be shared more widely with the National Literacy Trust. We can't wait to read your amazing ideas - so get creative and let your voice shine!



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Special Visitor Brings Matilda Magic to Our Students

A couple of weeks ago, Year 7 were thrilled to welcome Esther Niles for a special assembly, who currently plays Mrs Phelps in the touring production of *Matilda the Musical* at the Theatre Royal Plymouth. Esther delivered an inspiring and energetic session in which she brought theatre to life for our students. She read aloud scripts that students had written themselves, celebrating their creativity and helping them hear their work performed by a professional actor.

Students also took part in a range of lively physical drama exercises inspired by the musical, building confidence, expression and stage presence while having lots of fun. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to experience the world of professional theatre first-hand and gain insight into performance skills.

We are incredibly grateful to Esther and the Theatre Royal Plymouth for giving their time, talent and enthusiasm to our school - it was a memorable experience that truly inspired our young performers and writers.





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Post 16

PARENTS' EVENING

Year 12 and 13 Parents/Carers

Please book your parents' evening appointments through  **schoolcloud**.

visit: <https://torpoint.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Please note the booking window below-

Opens – Friday 13th Feb at 9am

Closes – Thursday 26th Feb at 9am

Thursday 26th February

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15:30 – 18:50





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Autism Information Sessions

Supporting parents and carers of autistic children
and young people



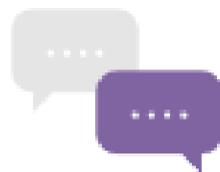
We understand that raising an autistic child in a neurotypical world can be challenging. Working in a neuro-affirming way, we would like to help you to navigate this through championing autistic strengths and differences.

Come and join us if you would like to ...

... ask questions based around your child's needs



... speak with other parents who have autistic children



... explore a range of strategies which could support your child



Spaces available on Tuesday 10th March 9.30am-2.30pm at Torpoint Family Hub.

For more info or to book a place, use the QR code below, scroll down to Autism Information Sessions and click the button to visit our booking page.

[Autism in Schools Team - Cornwall Council](#)





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We now have a newsletter email!

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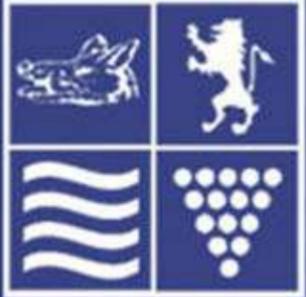
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Has your child achieved something special outside of school?
We'd love to hear all about it! Drop us a message at
Newsletter@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

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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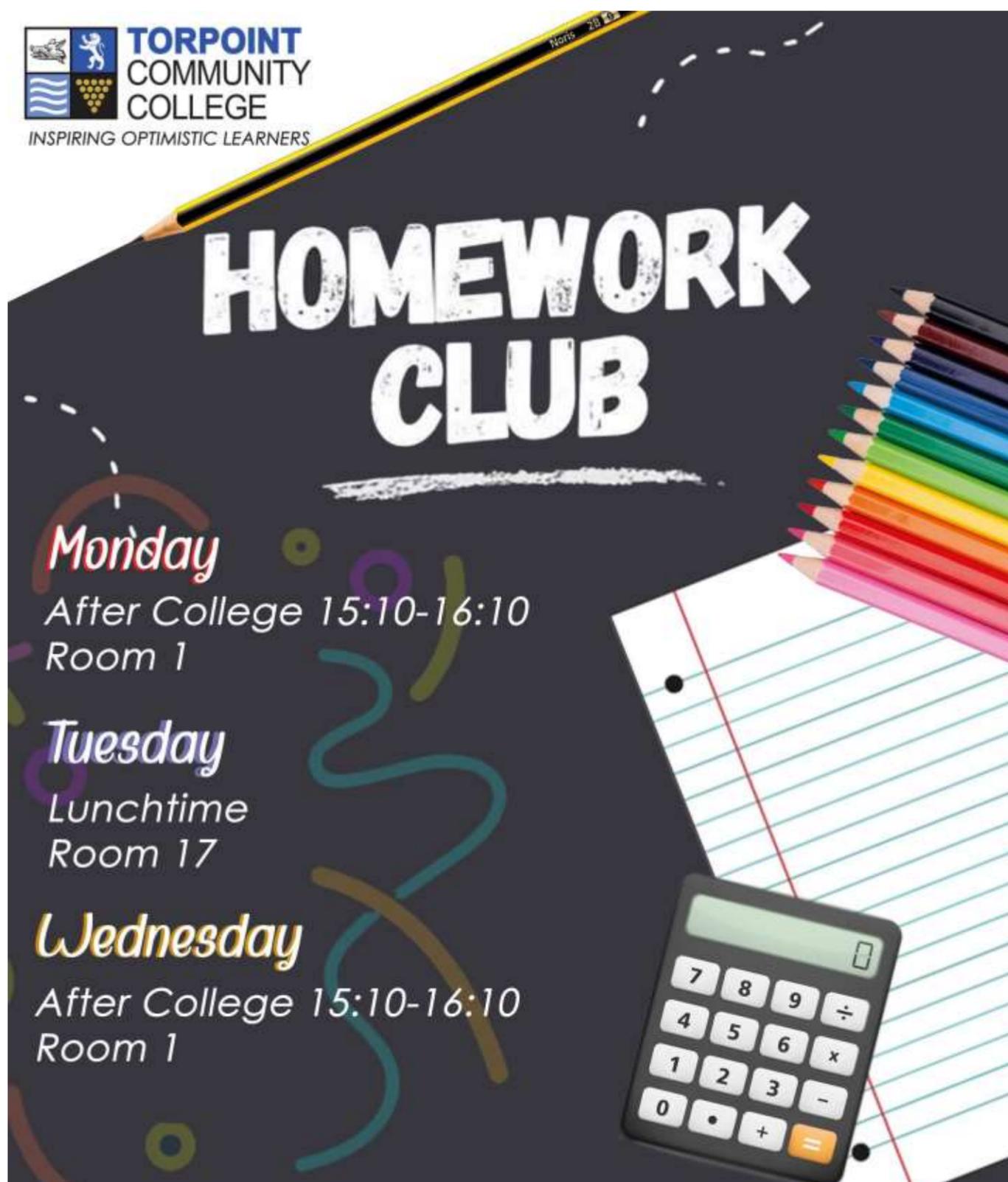
Homework Support Available for all Students at TCC!

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. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this fantastic resource!



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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 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 are always looking for:

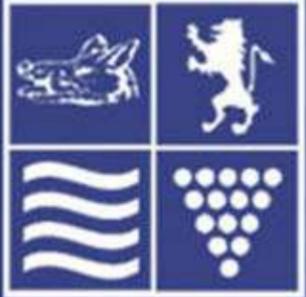
- Tinned vegetables, fruit and meat**
- Long life milk and baby milk**
- Products with a long shelf life or use by date**
- Deodorants and shampoos etc for men and women**
- Nappies**
- Cat and dog food.**

**The Torpoint Foodbank is open on Wednesdays
9.30 – 12.30.**

If you need to access the Foodbank please contact us as we can issue vouchers.

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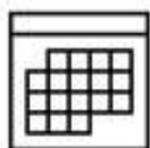
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Effective communication between parents and school staff is vital to ensure your child receives the best possible support and education. This guide outlines the appropriate channels for different types of enquiries and sets clear expectations to help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



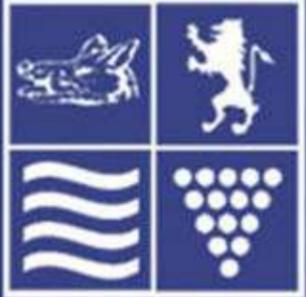
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Concerns

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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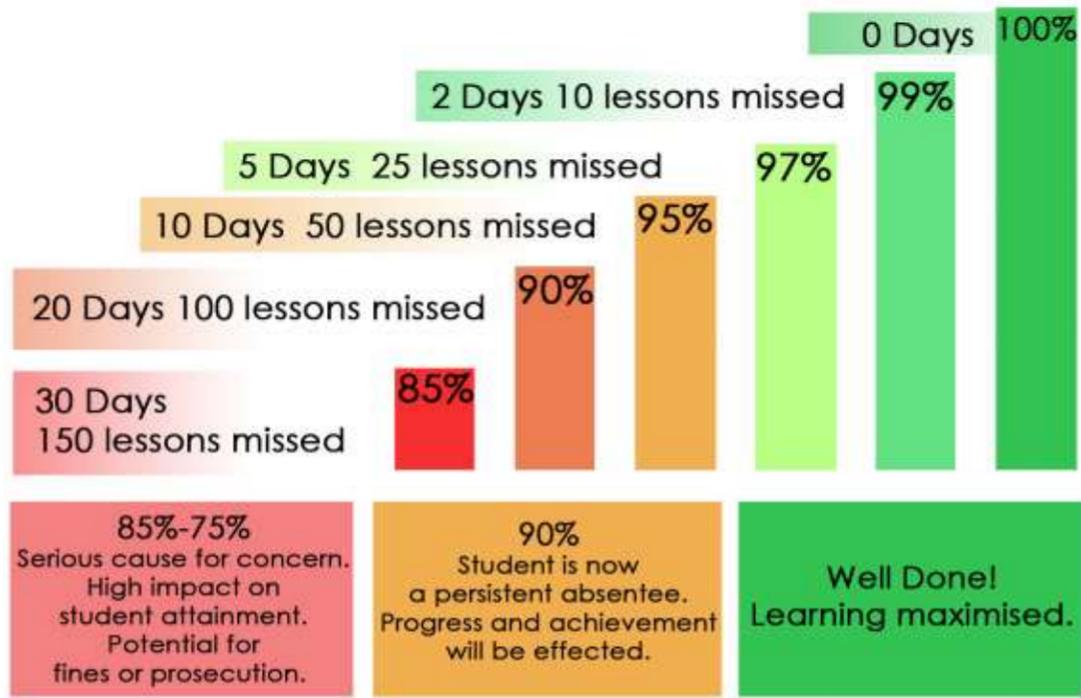


EVERYDAY COUNTS



*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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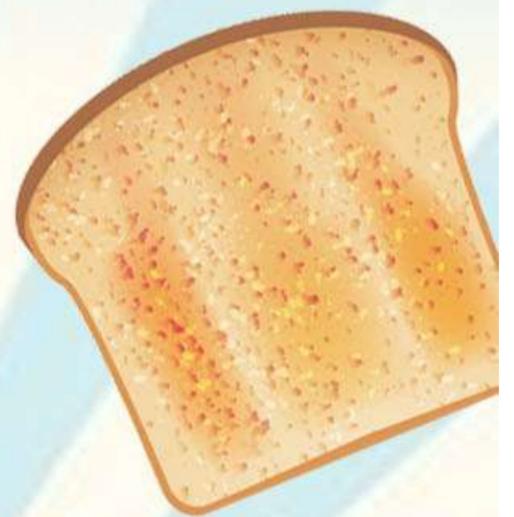
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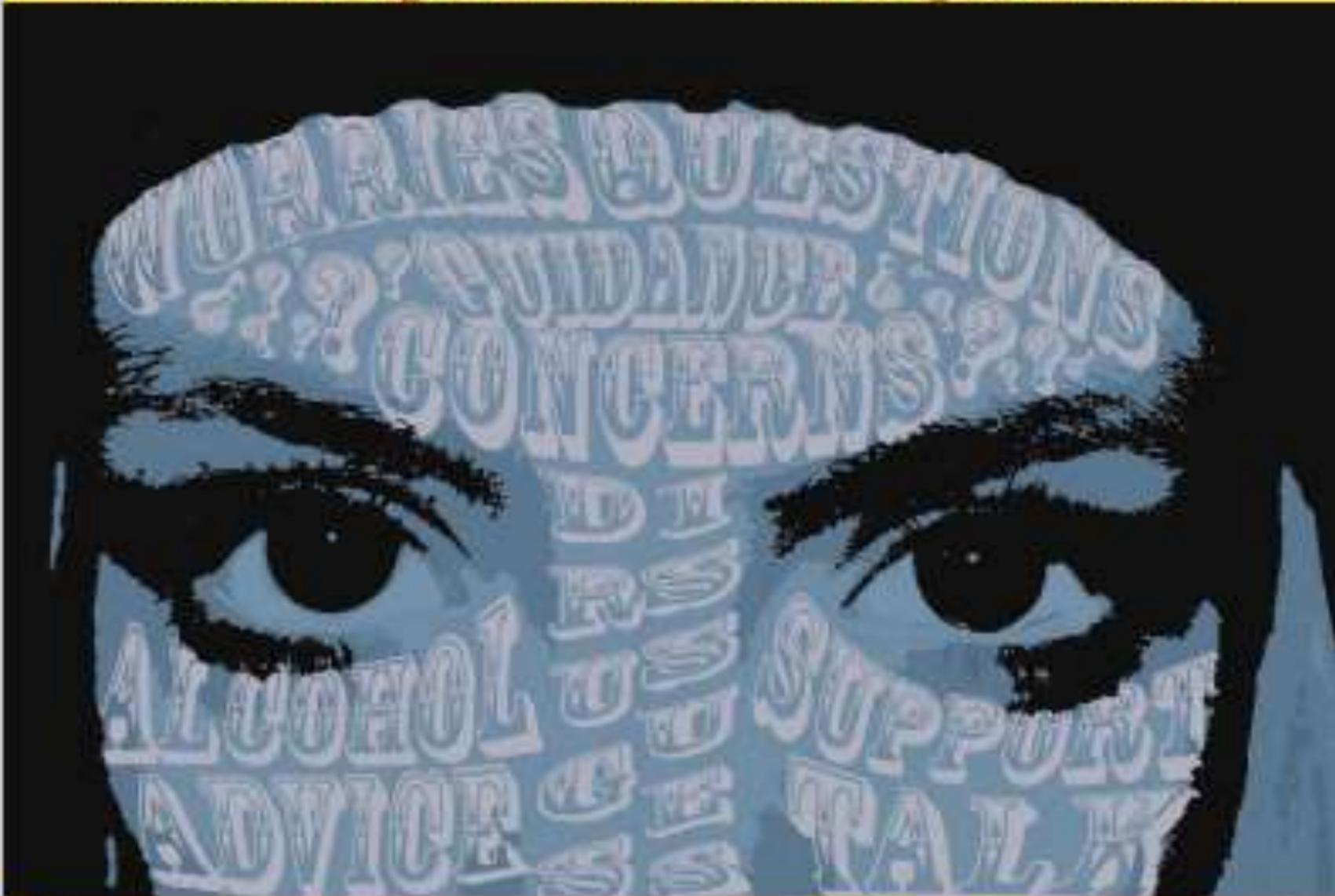
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we are with you

YZUP (Wise Up) is the Young Person's Drug and Alcohol Service in Cornwall

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

01872 300816

Call our confidential helpline to speak to a worker.

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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

worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

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