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Academic Year 2015/16 Term Dates:

Last day of summer term-Tuesday 19 July
GCE Results – 18 August
GCSE Results – 25 August
Inset day-Friday 23 September (College closed to students)

UPCOMING EVENTS

September Return Dates-
6th Form Induction - Monday 5th September
Year 7, 10 & 12 - Tuesday 6th September
All students return - Wednesday 7th September
Photographs - Friday 16th September

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

A huge well done to all the students who completed the Bronze qualifying expedition on the 18th & 19th June. The weather was kind to the 29 students who set off in 5 teams from Polperro on the Saturday. After a successful overnight camp the students woke to a wet & misty Sunday. They walked towards Lansallos before returning to Polperro in the afternoon after being debriefed by their assessors.

Thank you to the assessors and staff, some of whom stepped in at the last minute, for all their help.



Macmillan Cheque Presentation

TCC have recently been visited by Sian Ward-Edwards, a fundraising manager from Macmillan Cancer Support, who was presented with a cheque for £1,260 on behalf of students and staff at the College. The money was raised by the Memorial Mile, run in memory of former teacher Richard Feast.



Torpoint Lions Donation

Torpoint Lions have recently donated £500 to Torpoint Community College, to enable them to purchase outdoor equipment to use for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Ten Tors and other outdoor activities.

Mrs Trotter, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager at the College, said "the students and staff would like to say a huge thank you to the Lions for their generous donation. The equipment, some of which is pictured with the students, has already been used in a recent Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition and will prove invaluable to the outdoor activities that the students are lucky to experience".



Music Celebration

Music students wowed audiences at the Summer Music Celebration on Thursday 30th June with a variety of acts. The audience rose to their feet for a standing ovation after the last song, many moved to tears, by the rendition of 'Come What May' with over 50 students singing.

All acts were superbly performed with not a second for error. Well done to all those students involved! Planning for the Christmas spectacular is now underway.....

Sixth Form Summer Ball 2016 at Mount Edgumbe on 23 June.....



London Trip—July 2016

London was such a great experience to be a part of, it really helped us all to bond and understand what the life of a travelling musician would actually be like. Lots of new friendships were made on the trip and all of the year groups mixed together nicely.

Watching Charlie and the chocolate factory was an inspiring aspect of the trip as for many of us drama, music and performing in musicals is an aspiration. Some of our musicians also found the orchestra in the pit an interesting aspect of the production. We performed in the actors church in Covent garden and as part of the experience, had to transport our own instruments to the venue (in the rain!), we set up and rehearsed, and had feedback from a professional musical theatre conductor from the Lion King.

We stayed overnight in a hotel and we felt like one big family! The teachers looked after us and made the whole experience fun but extremely educational (and Mrs Luing made us laugh lots by entertaining us on the microphone on the coach!). We will value this experience for the rest of our lives and on top of what we learnt we also made lifelong friends, developed friendships that we already had and gained life skills that will benefit us in our futures.

by Meg Devey, Gareth Rodd, Erin Crowley

GCSE Year 10 Catering Practical Exams

Our hardworking Year 10 students did themselves proud in their GCSE Catering practical exam by planning, preparing, cooking and serving four different dishes, which best represented dairy products, as well as high level culinary skills.

This was a difficult challenge, but the students excelled serving up "restaurant style" food within the two hours allowed. The students completed some quite complex tasks such as portioning whole chickens, to then stuff with dairy products and serve with seasonal julienne vegetables; a very skilled job indeed. The desserts were stunning too with triple chocolate mousses, served with piped cream, and vanilla pannacotta with raspberry coulis, being everyone's favourites.

All students did exceptionally well and have secured 20% of their final GCSE grade. Well done Year 10.



Food Technology and Catering

Falafel Scotch eggs...

Ingredients

9 large eggs
1 tbsp olive oil, plus extra for rolling
2 large onions, chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 tbsp ground cumin
1 tbsp ground coriander
400g can chickpeas, drained
½ small pack coriander, leaves only
200g wholemeal breadcrumbs
5 tbsp plain flour, plus extra for dusting
25g panko or dried breadcrumbs
3 tbsp sesame seeds
Sunflower or vegetable oil for frying

Method

Put 8 of the eggs in a pan of cold water. Bring to the boil, cook for 5 mins, then quickly lift out of the pan and plunge in a big bowl of cold water to cool. Once cool enough to handle, peel.

While the eggs cool, put the oil, onions and garlic in a frying pan. Fry very gently until really soft and just starting to turn golden. Add the spices and fry for a few mins more. Tip into a food processor and whizz to a paste, then add the chickpeas and coriander leaves, and pulse until finely chopped but not pasty. Stir in the wholemeal breadcrumbs, flour and final egg, beaten first with a fork, with a good amount of seasoning.

Divide the mixture into 8. Take a portion at a time and flatten between your hands (rub your hands with a little more oil if it's sticking to your fingers too much). Roll 1 of your peeled eggs in a little flour, shake to remove the excess, then wrap the falafel mixture around it, moulding it to completely cover the egg and squishing it together at the joins to seal. Repeat to cover all the eggs. Tip the panko or dried breadcrumbs onto a plate and mix in the sesame seeds. Roll each egg in it to coat. Can be made 1 day ahead, loosely covered with cling film and chilled.

Get a large, deep saucepan and half-fill it with oil, or use a deep-fat fryer. Heat until a bit of bread browns in about 30 secs. Add a couple of eggs at a time and fry, turning, until really golden and crisp, about 2 mins. Lift onto kitchen paper to drain while you cook the rest of the eggs in batches. Season with a little more salt and eat warm or cold.

The Gideons Visit TCC

Last month the Gideons visited a Year 7 Ethics Class in the College.

The Gideons were established in Britain in 1949 and to date over 30 million Gideon Bibles and Testaments have been presented nationally. They commented that they were aware that many people in Britain have never seen a Bible and may be uncertain what it is. Each year they present personal copies of the New Testament and Psalms to children in thousands of British secondary schools and to many University and College students.

Our students were given the opportunity to question the speakers on their beliefs and to investigate the content and themes of the New Testament, as well as to voluntarily accept a free gift of a small red New Testament.

Mrs Fry was extremely proud of how maturely all Year 7 students responded, especially as all students exhibited our College values – respect, preparation and focus! Well done Year 7!



Army Schools Challenge

Two teams, consisting of Year 9 & 10 students, have recently represented Torpoint Community College at the 2016 Army Schools' Challenge in Exeter to complete eight challenges.

The activities on the day were designed to develop teamwork, communication skills and problem solving. Students made a stretcher out of rope to carry one of their team 100 metres. In addition to carrying the 'casualty' they also had to carry team equipment. Another challenge was to erect a tent, but the team members were blindfolded and assisted by commands from the team leaders. Students also had the opportunity to learn more about the work of the different units within the Army.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and, although we didn't win the competition, they gained much from the experience.

Well done to all 21 students who took part.



Headteacher's End of Year Message

What an amazing year for Torpoint Community College. Well done to all the students and staff at TCC.

The spirit of adventure was certainly alive and well in Activities Week with students (and staff) taking part in a variety of activities including horse riding, go karting, mountain biking, mosaics, cooking as well as a residential trip to Osmington Bay.

Visitors to the College may have noticed the beautiful wild meadow flowers planted on the traffic island. These form a fantastic living memorial surrounding the memorial sculpture. A plaque will be added to the sculpture in the new Academic Year. Thank you for respecting this area; it is important to the whole College.

We say goodbye to Mrs Pollard from the Maths Team, who is retiring from teaching after 27 Years, and a partial goodbye to Mr Simpson, SENDCo, who takes up a role at Antony Primary School whilst continuing a link with TCC. We wish them both well for the future.

Thinking ahead to September staff have elected to return early for a training day on the 2nd September to kick start the new Academic Year. Students joining the Sixth Form in Year 12 return on 5th September, Years 7, 10 and 12 return on the 6th September with everyone in College on the 7th September.

Just a reminder that although the timings of the start and end of the College Day have not changed, from this September we have changed the internal timings by reducing tutor time by 5 minutes and adding this to break time in the morning to allow students more time to get food from the canteen. This affects the timings of periods one and two only. The length of each period remains unchanged with 5 one hour lessons each day.

Some minor changes to the lunch time for years 7 and 8 will be piloted but apart from these everything else remains the same.

And finally.....enjoy the summer break whatever you are doing. Keep safe and see you in September.

Andrea Hazeldine
Headteacher

Tutor	8.45-9.10
Period 1	9.10-10.10
Period 2	10.10-11.10
Break	11.10-11.30
Period 3	11.30-12.30
Period 4	12.30-1.30
Lunch	1.30-2.20
Period 5	2.20-3.20

Spelling Bee Final

Students at TCC have recently been taking part in the Spelling Bee 2016 heats based on the top 100 most commonly misspelled words.

The final took place on Wednesday 6th July between Ryan Soh, Erin Higgins, Beth Robinson and Jenna Kempster-Taylor. The competition was tough, with some really difficult words, but the winner on the day was Beth Robinson.

Well done to everyone who took part.



Sports Day 2016

Well done Tregantle!



Rio Fiesta Fashion Show 2016

On Thursday 7th July Torpoint Community College hosted the Rio Fiesta Fashion Show. The event showcased all the spectacular and remarkable garments that were designed and made by the hardworking textiles students at the College.

For the finale the audience were transported to Brazil with a fiesta where staff donned the diamante and dazzled with their dancing.

The sell-out show was a great success and a huge thank you goes to everyone who got involved, attended and supported the show. Miss Bell would also like to thank each and every one of the textiles students who have worked so hard again this year and have made some really great pieces of work.

Keep Dancing and Sewing!!

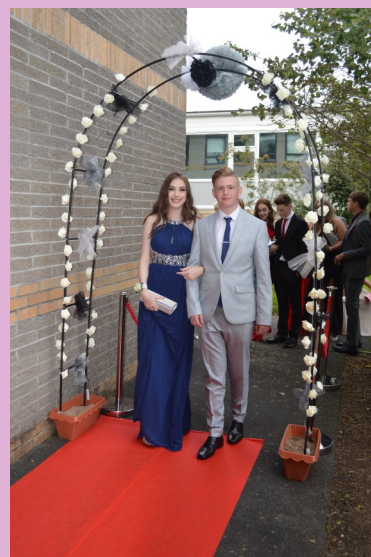
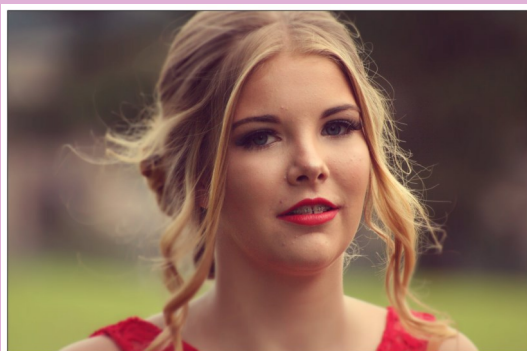


Letter home to parents

A letter has been sent home with students called 'Getting prepared for the new Academic Year 2016 – 2017'.

A copy of the letter can also be found on the College website and Facebook page.

Year 11 Prom 2016



Activities Week 2016

