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Academic Year 2017/18 Term Dates:

Easter Holidays - 30th March-13th April
(return Monday 16th April)

Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May

Half Term - 28th May - 1st June
(return Monday 4th June)

Upcoming Events

Kernow Youth Book Awards - 25th April

Memorial Mile - 4th May

Macbeth - 9th & 10th May

Open Evening - 7th June

Language Ambassadors

Our Year 9 Language Ambassadors have recently visited Carbeile Junior School. They taught the Year 4s some useful Spanish greetings, numbers and days of the week.



This was their third visit into a junior / primary school and all students represented the College fantastically. They worked really hard to prepare number cards, and greeting cards with Disney characters, which the Year 4s all loved!

We hope to go back to Carbeile again to teach animals next time!

Ten Tors training – 11th March

Students were out on Dartmoor on 11th March to complete the last of their day walks as part of their Ten Tors training.

They set off in thick mist from Four Winds Car Park. This cleared later in the day, but not before they were showered with hail and rain, finally navigating their way to the finish at Princetown. Well done to all involved.



Torpoint Library Open Mic Session

Students from TCC were recently invited to Torpoint Library to perform at an Open Mic session to celebrate World Book Day.

The students read poems, extracts from books and performed short plays to highlight bullying issues. Members of the public, as well as the Torpoint Librarians, also read poems and the students attempted to read some text in Cornish.

Many thanks to Torpoint Library for inviting us, and well done to all of the students involved who thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Maths Week 12th-16th March

During this year's Maths Week students from Years 7 to 10 were placed in House Teams to take part in a whole year group competition.

The challenge was a Kahoot quiz with 3 sections of questions. One section was questions based in and around College, one was general knowledge, and one was based on observation and memory using posters which had been placed around the College in the week before Maths Week. All of the questions and answers were maths based.

Students worked hard to gain as many points as possible for their House teams. Overall best House (average points score) was Tregonhawke. Best overall team was a Year 9 Polhawn team comprising Eliza, Eleanor, Olivia, and Kate. Well done to all the teams who took part.

Maths Week also saw the return of the annual 'Pi competition' in which students from various year groups tried to remember as many correctly ordered digits of pi as they could. Sam, last year's winner, was confident he could remember over 200 digits of pi. However, one small mistake from Sam on the 108th digit let in Tom who managed to recall 109 digits! It was that close. Well done to all the students who took part. Everyone was given a prize for taking part....an apple pie of course!

This year's top 3 students were:

1st place with 109 digits - Tom (Year 13)

2nd place with 107 digits - Sam (Year 13)

3rd place with 73 digits - Luke (Year 9).



Headteacher's Message

Welcome to Spring and British Summer time! We can now look forward to lighter evenings and hopefully warmer weather.

I am pleased to report the College has achieved the UCL Quality Mark in recognition of the outstanding work completed with Beacon School in Holocaust Education, led by Mrs Lane. This is a significant achievement for the College. The UCL Centre for Holocaust Education works with schools to enable young people to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the significance of the Holocaust, and to explore its relevance for their own lives and the contemporary world. Developing this area of the school curriculum has also been shown to have significant benefits for broader educational goals, for student engagement and achievement, and for teaching and learning across a range of subject disciplines.

Year 8 students, who had won a hate crime competition, had the privilege of seeing Prince Charles in Truro. They were presented with a certificate and prize by Devon and Cornwall Police in Truro Cathedral and signed a slate for the new cathedral roof. The students produced some amazing art work and poetry that has been on display at the cathedral, with Prince Charles viewing it on his visit.

This has been another busy term and just this week's activities that students have been involved in include a successful Ten Tors Training Expedition, a Careers Exhibition, Geography Fieldwork, GCSE Drama performance examinations, Cake sales and a Muffin day. This is just to mention a few of the many events that have taken place and I am sure students and staff are looking forward to the Easter holiday to have a well deserved break.

Year 11 students have been working hard in ensuring they are fully prepared for their GCSE written examinations that are now

rapidly approaching. Students are following their revision timetables and are attending subject specific revision sessions and the study café. I would like to praise the hard work and commitment of the students in ensuring they are fully equipped and confident in tackling their forthcoming examinations.

May I wish you a happy and relaxing Easter break.

Jeremy Plumb
Acting Headteacher



HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD March 2018



Chloe Hjarne

Year 13



Chloe has been nominated and awarded March's Head Teacher's award due to her amazing work ethic and working incredibly hard to overcome barriers which she developed in Year 10 and Year 11.

In Media Studies, Chloe has consistently been a hard-working, well-organised and determined student who has managed to combine her love of One Direction into her A Level coursework! Chloe has demonstrated an ability to undertake and complete extended research projects, which show her independence, engagement with the subject and strong work ethic. This has then informed her construction of Media texts showing creativity and technical skill. Chloe approaches all tasks with a high level of commitment and always seeks support and advice to develop her work further.

Chloe has always been hard working, focused and extremely dedicated. She has been determined for a long time that a career as a primary teacher is right for her and she has done everything she can to ensure she is ready and prepared for this, including choosing to do additional qualifications such as the Extended Project and extra voluntary work experience outside of College. Her Extended Project is focused on Early Years policy and she has done significant amounts of research into what this country and what other countries think is the right age to start school. Outside of College, Chloe took upon some work experience linked to her desired career at 'The Corner House Club'. This is a childcare setting which offers breakfast and after-school clubs for children aged between five and eleven years old. Since September, every Tuesday afternoon Chloe assists the staff and children at the club, letting the children participate in a range of activities.

Chloe is especially warm and empathetic to others and she is an endlessly kind and caring friend. Having overcome such significant barriers to learning herself, she understands what it is to struggle and she is highly supportive of others. Chloe is a fantastic team player, she is always happy to help others and work collaboratively. She never misses a deadline and is always happy and willing to listen to advice which she then acts on. She isn't somebody who enjoys the limelight and she hates putting herself forward, but she knows that she needs to sometimes and her confidence has grown and grown. She is now a fully qualified driver and she has the confidence to travel independently.

Chloe is an absolute pleasure to work with and is a real asset to the Sixth Form.



Year 8 Gardening Update

A timetable has been drawn up by Mrs Preece which will commence in April with the Year 8 groups preparing their seeds.

The Science Department have already sown some of the early season varieties including beetroots, herbs, parsnips and tomatoes. We are all looking forward to a bumper crop this year!

Thank you
from the Science Department



Activities Week 2018 - 4 weeks until payment deadline

The majority of Year 7 to 9 students have now been assigned activities for Activities Week in July. This has been a significant challenge and every effort has been made to try and meet the choices made by individuals.

For those who have chosen an activity for which there is a charge, payment details have been posted on ParentPay. **We would be grateful if you could settle any balances owed by Friday 27th April 2018 at the latest.** If you require a letter for payment to be made via a PayPoint please contact the Finance Team through Main Reception, or ask your son / daughter to collect a letter from the Finance Office.

Please note that in the event there are payments outstanding after 27th April 2018 your child will be removed from the activity for which money is still owed.

Should you have any questions regarding Activities Week please contact Mrs Stone via the Main Reception.

Unclaimed Exam Certificates

Have you collected your examination certificates from Torpoint Community College yet? If not, please do so before **1st May 2018** when compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations along with JCQ regulations mean that any certificates over 2 years old will be destroyed.

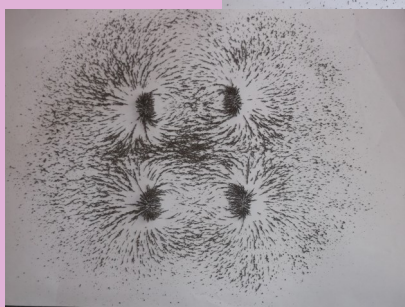
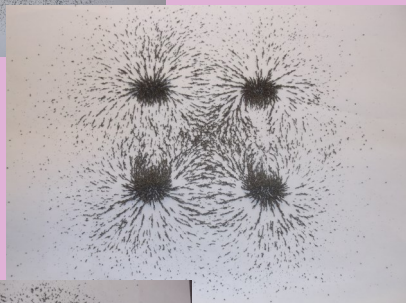
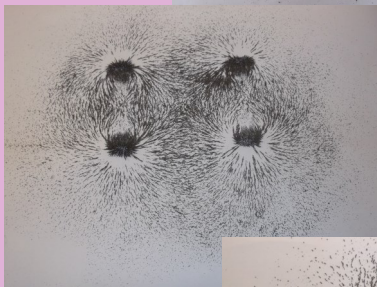
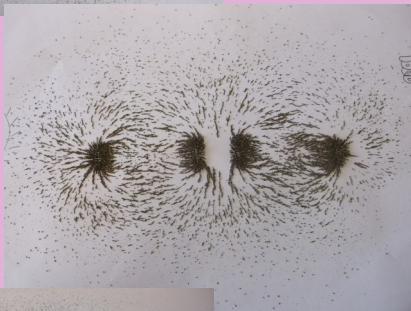
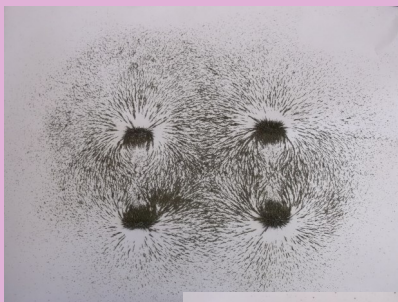
All future requests for achievement information will need to go direct to the Examination Boards (AQA, Pearson, OCR, WJEC) details of which you will be able to locate on their websites, including their fee for this service.

Please be aware that the College currently charges ex-students a £30 search fee (cash or cheque) to collect unclaimed certificates which were achieved over 2 years ago. This service will terminate on the **30th April 2018**.

Year 11 Combined Science Physics

Mr Cameron's Year 11 class have been investigating magnetic fields. They have traced the magnetic fields around permanent magnets using iron filings.

Can you see which photos show lines of attraction between opposite poles and which ones show repulsion between like poles?



Fly the Flag for Commonwealth Day

Representatives from TCC Student Council were invited to take part in a ceremony at Sparrow Park to commemorate Fly the Flag for the Commonwealth Day. The students were joined by pupils from local primary schools and listened to a speech celebrating the Commonwealth from Mayor Lambert Keise.



Our Head Boy, Jacob Adams, then joined the Mayor in raising the Commonwealth flag. Afterwards the students attended a short reception at the Council Chambers. Here they had the opportunity to talk to the Mayor and look at photos from the council archives explaining the history of Sparrow Park, and photos of past park ceremonies attended by TCC students.



Indoor Climbing

Congratulations to our Year 12 and 13 A' Level Sports students who have completed 2 days of intensive indoor climbing instruction for the Outdoor Education unit of their course at the Climbing Barn, Tavistock.

They managed to overcome their fears to complete their aim of Level 1 and, due to their ability, also most of their Level 2 of the Indoor Climbing Award Scheme. The 2 days involved learning safe practice, understanding the equipment for wall and bouldering, and supporting and encouraging each other up 10 metre walls and overhangs. They are now able to confidently belay their climbing partners and support a fall.



Having completed Wakeboarding and Kayaking this has been an exciting unit for an excellent A' Level group who are successfully going on to Physical Education, Primary Education, Outdoor Education, Accountancy, Marine Biology and Sports Science degrees in September as well as the armed forces.

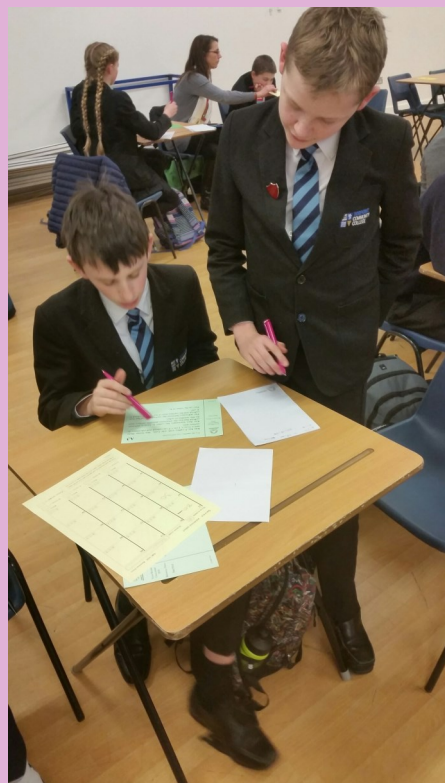
Miss Milford

UKMT Team Maths Challenge Regional Finals

A team of four Year 8 and Year 9 students recently took part in the regional final of the 2018 UKMT Team Maths Challenge held at Coombe Dean School.

The students had to take part in a variety of challenges including a group round working together, a shuttle round working in pairs, a cross number round and a relay round. The students gave a really good account of themselves. They demonstrated some excellent problem solving skills, good teamwork and real perseverance on some tricky problems.

Out of the 17 schools that took part, we finished a creditable 10th. Congratulations to Kieran and Jason in Year 8, and Joe and Kate in Year 9 for a superb effort.



Year 7 Netball News

Torpoint vs Looe

The Year 7 Netball Squad has been really committed to training this year. They train every Monday after College and Wednesday lunch times as well. Their hard work and dedication has really paid off so far this season.

They played Looe two weeks ago showing excellent team work and communication to win 9-4. Hollie was strong and commanding as centre and Keeley was very consistent with her movement and shooting as GA. Marley played excellently as WD in the first half and WA in the second half to be named as nominated player of the match.

Torpoint vs Liskeard

Last week we were able to play both of our Year 7 teams against Liskeard following the disappointment of tournaments being cancelled again.

Hollie and Mia showed some excellent movement and passing as C and WA, feeding really well in to the circle for Bridgette and Keeley for the red team. Beth worked incredibly hard and was difficult to get past as Centre for the green team, with Hollie confident with her circle play and shooting. Again our teams showed really competitive spirit with our red team winning 11-0 and the green team winning 3-0.

Bridget (GS) and Hollie (GS) were both named nominated players for their excellent shooting.

We also took the opportunity to play the Liskeard Year 8 team as they were keen to play. These were narrow losses but really good experience against an older and much bigger team.

We look forward to playing Saltash in the Summer Term.

(Year 7 squad: Lottie, Maddie, Marley, Hollie, Mia, Bridgette, Keeley, Isabelle, Kaci, Emily, Beth, Hollie, Bella and Kate.)

Year 8 Netball News

The Year 8 netball team has found it frustratingly hard to find a consistent squad of players who are committed to training regularly this year. However, they took on a tough Looe team with several County players two weeks ago.

Rosie worked tirelessly as C and then GD against a Cornwall County shooter to deservedly be named as nominated player. Despite losing they came away positive and happy with their performance.

Well done to the small squad of girls who have remained dedicated and keen to keep training and improving.

(Year 8 squad: Rosie, Maddie, Emily, Hannah, Taya, Chloe and Lucy).



Netball training will continue over the summer for Years 7 and 8, but keep an eye out for athletics training which will start soon

Miss Milford

Year 10 Careers Trip to the Skills Show at Plymouth Pavilions

The Skills Show is an interactive Careers Show held at Plymouth Pavilions each year. Students were able to chat to employers such as Vosper's, find out about the Services, talk to Apprenticeship providers and local Colleges, as well as trying out the interactive elements of the exhibits.

It is never too early to research your next steps; remember to use the CareerPilot website to help.

Mrs Bray



Marine Careers Workshop and STEM Challenge

As part of the activities for Careers Week and Science Week taking place in the College, students in Miss Pine's Year 7 and 8 classes took part in a workshop led by the South West Regional STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Coordinator for the Sea Cadets South West, Les Mitchell.

Students were able to find out more about the different types of careers available within the field of marine engineering. They then participated in a STEM challenge where they were asked to build a boat that could hold marbles.

The students rose to the challenge and the winning students were able to design and construct a boat that could hold 384 marbles!

Well-done to the students involved.

Mrs Bray

