



Academic Year 2017/18 Term Dates:

Christmas Holidays - 21 December-3 January
(return Thursday 4th January)

Half Term -12th-16th February

Inset Day - Monday 19th February
(return Tuesday 20th February)

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

Upcoming Events

Prom Fair and Fashion Show - 23rd November

Sixth Form Open Evening - 28th November

Year 10 Parents' Evening - 8th December

Community Lunch (fully booked) -12th December

Year 11 Parents' Evening -12th December

Christmas Concert - 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day - 20th December

Poppy Run

Following the second of the Academic Review Days this week 17 members of staff took part in a 'Poppy Run/Walk' in the Torpoint area to raise funds for the Royal British Legion, who provide such valuable lifelong support to members of our Armed Forces.

Well done to all those staff who took part!



Wear Red Muffi for Poppy Appeal

On Friday 10th November students and staff at TCC wore red to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who participated and for their generosity which helped raise nearly £500.

Remembrance Parade

On Sunday 12th November Head Girl, Adelina and Deputy Head Girl, Jess, attended the Remembrance Service in Torpoint and took part in the parade with Dr Plumb, the Acting Headteacher, and Miss Turner, the Headteacher's PA, to represent Torpoint Community College.

Despite the cold and windy weather lots of people lined the streets to watch the parade and to take part in the service outside St James' church to remember all those we have lost.

This is an important community event and it was a privilege to join so many others on Remembrance Sunday.



Royal Marines Visit

Year 9 students have had an exciting and fun opportunity to work with the Royal Marines Visibility Team.

Students took part in some great team building challenges. This highlighted the importance of effective communication and teamwork to solve the problems that they were presented with. Students were engaged throughout and demonstrated their impressive fitness levels.

Later in the day students found out more about the role of the Royal Marines and potential career paths to become part of the Armed Services.



Prom Fair - 23rd November

PROM FAIR

THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER
7:30 - 9pm

Come along and find everything to create your perfect prom look! We have prom fashion where you can view beautiful dresses from local business 'Jane Louise' of Liskeard. Local beauty, hair and prom businesses will have stalls to showcase what they have to offer.

TICKETS - £2
available from reception or from the Art and DT office

Spanish Trip—July 2018



Year 9 trip to Valencia!

A fantastic opportunity to practise your Spanish ready for GCSE, learn about the culture and visit some amazing tourist attractions!

- 3 nights full board accommodation.
- Monday 9th-Thursday 12th July (in activities week)
- Staying in a hostel in central Valencia.
- Flying from Bristol to Alicante airport.



Visits include:

- Valencia Football Stadium tour
- Museum of Sciences
- Shopping in central Valencia and the market
- Valencia Cathedral



Come and collect a letter from Miss Murphy in room 13 if you are interested!

Year 10 Careers Trip

A group of Year 10 students have recently attended the Cornwall Skills show held at Newquay Airport in partnership with BLOODHOUND SSC, the supersonic car.

This was a showcase of a huge range of career opportunities, training courses and routes into work available across the region where students were able to have hands on experience of the world of work. They had fantastic weather for their trip and also got to see the Supersonic car up close.

A second careers trip to the Plymouth Skills Show is planned for March and will be available to Year 10 students – a really worthwhile trip to go on to help with careers research and future planning.



TCC Education Welfare Officer

Torpoint Community College is happy to welcome our new Education Welfare Officer, Sarah Mallard.

The main role of the Council's Education Welfare Service (EWS) is to ensure that children of compulsory school age attend school regularly. The EWS does so in partnership with both school and parents. This can take many forms, from attendance clinics, home visits, school meetings, letters and telephone conversations amongst others. The aim of this is to come up with an action plan that will work towards supporting the student to increase their school attendance, and therefore their future prospects.

Sixth Form @
**TORPOINT**
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**Sixth Form
OPEN EVENING**



**Torpoint Community College Sixth Form
Open Evening**
Tuesday 28th November 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Sixth Form trip to Supertramp

Well done TCC Sixth Form! We had a great time at Supertramp and it was awesome to see everyone 'bouncing' together at our team building event.

A lovely time. Thanks to all who came. We are looking forward to the next event!

Mrs Lear



Rights Respecting Schools Level 1 achieved!

In June 2017 UNICEF assessors came into College to assess TCC with the purpose of deciding whether we had achieved, and were practicing, the criteria required for receiving UNICEF status as being a Level 1 Rights Respecting School. As a College we have been working steadily towards achieving this status for the past 5 years.

The assessors from UNICEF spoke with a total of 47 students, the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and Assistant Heads, as well as teaching staff, support staff, parents and Governors, in order to ascertain the level of impact being a Rights Respecting School - upholding the rights of our students in accordance with the UNCRC - has had within our College, and more importantly, with our students. The assessors took part in a Learning Walk, saw written evidence and visited students and teachers in their learning areas.

The assessors were able to quickly acknowledge that as a College we clearly value Student Voice and encourage our students to actively participate in decision-making that directly affects them. Students were noted as describing their role as being, "to enlighten other students about their rights and what they are entitled to".

It was also understood that being a RRS, and underpinning our ethos within the framework of the UNCRC, is a way of providing students with a "connection with the outside world" promoting a greater understanding of diversity through learning about other parts of the UK and the world, through learning to be a Global Citizen, both through the Tutor Programme and assemblies.

Through their learning about the UNCRC, our students commented that, "Rights make you think about everyone".

Others stated that, "Since joining Torpoint, it has helped me to understand about what happens in the world".

When discussing with assessors how being a RRS has affected the ethos of the College, one student commented that, "I think RRSA has helped change us because we understand different people's views more and it has helped us to come together and be more respectful".

It was also specifically noted in our report that 'the College Behaviour Policy is a true reflection of our students' rights - Respect, Prepare, Focus'; the fact that we are a Healthy School; we have a secure mentoring process within our Student Support Centre and that Ofsted stated that TCC provides "high standards of care and support"; and "pupils make good progress and their safety and well-being are rigorously maintained".

It was noted that our students highly value our Rights Respecting ethos here at TCC, one stating that they wanted to look for a University that, "shared the same values".

We are extremely proud to have achieved this status, and that we believe that we are a College in our community that supports the rights of our students, as well as the members of our community, through a greater understanding of the UNCRC.



Year 7 Science Fun

Miss Carr's Year 7 Science class have recently been learning all about cells.

All students made 3D models and the class voted on the best ones. The winners were Myles, Jack, Zak and Ellie.

Well done Year 7!



Ten Tors training – 5th November

The second walk of the Ten Tors training saw the students and adult volunteers experience some of what Dartmoor can offer. It was very wet underfoot and there was a real mix of weather: sun, rain, cold temperatures and a nasty hail shower. Well done to all who set off from Two Bridges and finished at Four Winds Car Park.

Walk 3 will be on Sunday 19th November.



Headteacher's Message

On Friday 10th November the College held its annual "red mufti day" to remember all those who have lost their lives in previous wars and conflicts. Two minutes silence was held at 11 o'clock where the College spent time reflecting and remembering all those lost. Students and staff dressed in red raised almost £500 for the Royal British Legion. On Sunday 12th November I accompanied our head girl and deputy head girl to the Remembrance Service at St James Church where they laid a wreath in memory of those that have lost their lives.

Thank you for attending the Academic Review evening or day this week to discuss the progress of your son or daughter. I hope you have found this to be useful in finding out more about how your child is progressing and achieving,

together with discussing areas for improvement and development.

This week students in Year 9 were introduced to the option process and the subjects that they will study in Year 10 from September 2018. Students attended an assembly and it was explained what they could expect during the option process and the subjects that are likely to be on offer in the Year 10 curriculum. Students have been asked to complete an expression of interest to find out which subjects they are thinking of following. Please see the table below; this provides an overview of the option process.

Please make a note of the "Year 9 Option Information Evening" that will take place on Tuesday 16th January at 7 pm to provide parents with detailed information.

Jeremy Plumb
Acting Headteacher

Assembly Launch of the option process	Monday 13 th 2017
Complete an expression of interest in option choices	Friday 17 th and November 2017
Options Booklet goes home	December 2017
Year 9 Options Information evening	Tuesday 16 th January 2018 at 7 pm
Year 9 Parents Evening	Tuesday 23 rd January 2018
Deadline for return of options form	Friday 26 th January 2018
Option interview	From Monday 29 th January 2018 to 2 nd March 2018
Confirmation of option choices	Friday 29 th June 2018

Graduation News

Congratulations to the following former TCC students who have recently graduated from Marjon University:

Nicola Smith - BSc Hons Health, Exercise and Physical Activity

Joshua Bowdler - Foundation Degree Arts: Football Coaching and Development

Message from TCC Marketing

Do you have any good news stories you would like to share? We would love to hear from you so we can share them, if appropriate, with the wider College community.

Please e-mail the details to:
TCCMarketing@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

Sports House Captains

All Key Stage 4 students have recently had the opportunity to apply to become a House or Vice-Captain for their house.

There were some fantastic letters stating the reasons why they would like the role and the skills and attributes that they could provide in order for them to be successful.

The successful candidates are Abbie, Kane, Amber and Ewan for Polhawn, Salma for Tregonhawke, Bethany and Cameron for Freathy and Jessica, Grace, Bethan and Jack for Tregantle.

The students had their first meeting in the first week back after half term. They discussed ideas on sports and activities to run in order for students to earn points for their houses throughout the year. A huge well done to all of them and thank you to all the students who took the time to apply for the positions.

Mrs Batty



Medication in College

Please note that medication, including Paracetamol, should not be carried by students in the College. Paracetamol is a high risk medication that can cause long term damage if taken incorrectly. It should never be shared amongst students.

Any medication should be accompanied by a consent form which has been signed by a parent/carer and taken to the College's Medical Room from where it will be dispensed. The medicine forms can be found on the College website or collected from the College's main reception.

Thank you

HEAD TEACHER'S

AWARD

October 2017



KATE TEPPIN

Year 9



Kate was awarded the Head Teachers Award for October due to her commitment to her studies and her conscientious nature. Kate has a fantastic "can-do" attitude, and is a brilliant role model for her peers. Kate's teachers have praised her mature approach to her studies and stated that "she is an extremely hard working student who is always polite and helpful to other students. She has a real thirst for understanding and great empathy skills too." Kate always produces work of an exceptionally high standard, both in terms of content and presentation. In July, Kate's outstanding effort in lessons was recognised when Kate was awarded the Responsibility Award. This award is always given to the student who has gained the most teacher nominations for effort over the academic year.

Kate is an accomplished mathematician who has excellent problem solving skills and is a real logical thinker. Kate has mastered the Rubik Cube and can solve it in an impressive 37 seconds! She also worked solidly for two weeks to solve the "Square 1" cube which is renowned for being even more difficult than the Rubik Cube. An amazing accomplishment and demonstrates how Kate will never give up on a problem. Her resilience is one of her real strengths. During her time here, Kate has volunteered to participate in numerous National Mathematics challenges and competitions. She achieved a Bronze award in year 7 and a Silver award in year 8 in the UKMT Mathematics competition, which puts her in the top 20% of Students her age nationally for mathematics. Kate has also participated in the Junior UKMT Team Maths Challenge held in Plymouth, where she worked as part of a team of four to solve some quite difficult and challenging mathematical problems.

Kate has been a member of Student Council for over a year and is always actively involved in all of the initiatives. She is a popular and well respected member of the group, and regularly contributes to discussions. Kate has also been selected to be a Language Ambassador this year where Kate will be collaborating with a group of year 9's preparing Spanish lessons which they will then go and deliver to Year 3 and 4 students at local Primary schools.

Outside of school, Kate plays the drums and Kate had achieved a black belt in Karate by the age of 11.

Kate has an outstanding behaviour record and her conduct in class is exemplary. Her attendance record is almost perfect with only one day's illness in three years. Kate is a most deserving winner of this award and we wish her continued success during her time here at Torpoint Community College.



STUDY CAFE

YEAR 10 & 11

SIXTH FORM COMMON ROOM

EVERY WEDNESDAY

3.30PM—5.30PM

- * Free Tea and Coffee
- * Computer Access
- * Quiet Place to Work
- * Space for Group Work
- * Stamp for Your Intervention Passport.



Rowing Event

Friday 10th November saw the first House event taking place that the newly elected House and Vice Captains have run.

They worked hard to recruit competitors in the lead up to the event. They then attentively showed the students how to set up their rowing machines safely, how to warm up effectively and then help them to set up the monitors to record their distances over their 2 minute row. There was great encouragement from the leaders and a healthy competitiveness from all of those that took part. The turn out was good but there was not a full complement!

Friday 17th sees Year 8 go head to head for a 3 minute row. There will be a running total of points awarded to each house after each event so keep an eye on the House Captain's board in the hall!!



Year 11 BTEC Sport

The Year 11 BTEC Sport girls went to the High Ropes course at Siblyback Lake last week. They did this in preparation for their next unit which is 'The Mind of the Performer'. Each student completed a personality test before going on the trip to determine which group they were in.

All of the girls did fantastically well and really worked effectively at making sure everyone succeeded in the tasks. A big thank you to Miss Milford who took the students and for being the chief photographer! The girls will now have to reflect on their experience and write assignments detailing this.

