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## Academic Year 2017/18 Term Dates:

**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

Careers Week - 5th-9th March

Sports Relief Week - 19th-23rd March

ARD Evening - 26th March

ARD Day - 27th March

## Science News

Science class 7.2A rose to the challenge of making a model cell in their time with items found at home. They did absolutely brilliantly as you can see from the photos.

The variety of materials used and the ingenuity shown was impressive - everything from newspaper, shoeboxes, buttons, pasta, rice and dried peas to more traditional modelling materials like play dough and clay.

Well done everybody!



## TCC Visit To Plymouth University

Students from Years 8, 9 and 10 have recently visited Plymouth University to see a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) showcase.

Students were given a campus tour to see the amazing facilities at the university such as the ship simulator, animal behaviour labs and a geology lab. They also saw cutting edge Science at the showcase and their eyes were opened to the amazing potential and rewards of STEM careers.



Comments from students included, "this was a great trip for people interested in STEM Careers - the ship simulator was really cool!", and "it was interesting to see all the different types of degrees and careers available – robotics, food and nutrition".

## GCSE Results 2017

Recently we conducted assemblies to share some excellent news with our students on last year's GCSE results.

The College received some comparison data with 20 schools in Cornwall from the National Consortium for Examination Results. It showed the College is 4th out of 21 schools in its achievement on grades 4 and above in English and Maths GCSE, and 7th out of 21 in its achievement on 5A\*-C GCSE s including English and Maths.

It clearly shows that in order to achieve the highest number of good GCSE grades students need to have an attendance above 95% and a low number of behaviour points.

The staff at the College would like to thank you for all your support as parents and carers.

Together we will succeed.

*Ms Blandin - Acting Deputy Headteacher*



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**TCC: 4<sup>th</sup> out of 21 Cornish Schools**

**Students achieving grade 4 or more in English and Maths**

**TCC: 7<sup>th</sup> out of 21 Cornish schools**

**Students achieving 5 GCSE Grades at A\*-C including in English and Maths**

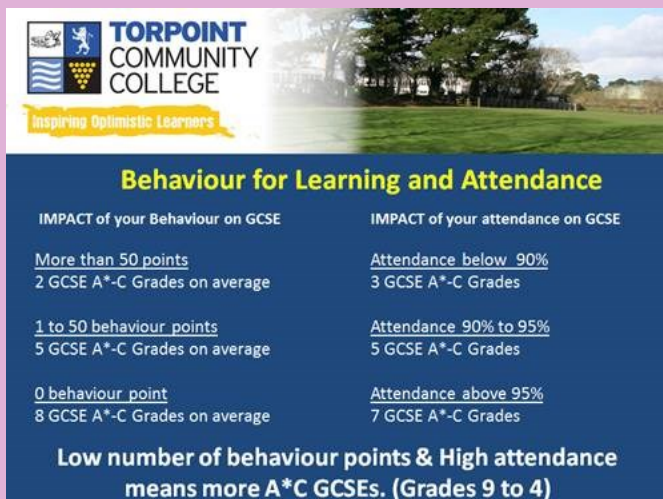
We are extremely proud of all of our students and we look forward to what is promising to be another successful set of GCSE Results in August 2018.

We would also like to share with you this interesting research data which shows the correlation between the number of behaviour concerns and attendance, and the number of GCSEs achieved at A\*-C Grades.

## Sixth Form Success In UK Maths Competition!

Ten of our top mathematicians in Years 12 and 13 took part in the UK Senior Maths Challenge in November. This comprised a one and a half hour paper that contained a variety of questions that involved puzzles, problems, logic as well as maths, which made 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.

There were some fantastic results with five of the students participating receiving awards. Craig (Year 12), George (Year 12) and Tom (Year 13) all achieved Bronze certificates. Sam (Year 13) also achieved a Bronze certificate alongside Best in Year 13.



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**Behaviour for Learning and Attendance**

<b>IMPACT of your Behaviour on GCSE</b>	<b>IMPACT of your attendance on GCSE</b>
<u>More than 50 points</u> 2 GCSE A*-C Grades on average	<u>Attendance below 90%</u> 3 GCSE A*-C Grades
<u>1 to 50 behaviour points</u> 5 GCSE A*-C Grades on average	<u>Attendance 90% to 95%</u> 5 GCSE A*-C Grades
<u>0 behaviour point</u> 8 GCSE A*-C Grades on average	<u>Attendance above 95%</u> 7 GCSE A*-C Grades

**Low number of behaviour points & High attendance means more A\*C GCSEs. (Grades 9 to 4)**



## Ten Tors training - Sunday 21st January

Once again Dartmoor showed its harsh side during last month's Ten Tors training walk.

With wet and very misty conditions the students, as well as all the volunteers, had to use everything at their disposal to successfully complete the modified walk; maps, compasses, route cards, GPS, phones, radios and experience.

Well done to everyone who finished safely, if not extremely wet!



## Careers Exhibition—Request for Support

The College would like to put on a Careers Exhibition on Wednesday 28th March between 9.10am and 1.30pm. This will benefit all students by giving them the chance to find out more about the career opportunities available to them in the future.

If you work for a company or have your own business, and could set up a display in the College's main hall and talk to young people, your support would be hugely appreciated and it would offer a fantastic insight for our students.

Please e-mail Mrs Bray, our Careers Coordinator, at **[bray.d@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:bray.d@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)** if you are able to help. Thank you.

## HMD display at TCC



## Science Department Plea

Please could you save all your 2 litre clear plastic bottles for a Science Department project that will take place in the Summer Term. We are going to build a plastic bottle greenhouse during Activities Week in July and need as many bottles as possible.

Bottles can be sent in with your child and given to the technicians in the Science Prep Room or dropped off in the Library.

Thank you in advance.

The Science Department.



## 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.



## Holocaust Survivor Janine Webber Live Webcast Event

On Friday 26th January, as part of the Holocaust Educational Trust live webcast event, our Year 10 GCSE History and Sixth Form students were privileged to take part in a webinar delivered by HET and Holocaust survivor Janine Webber.

Our students listened intently to Janine's powerful and moving story where she experienced, first-hand, the persecution and systematic removal of the Jewish communities in Poland during Nazi occupation. Janine spoke for an hour and answered questions posed by some of the 40,000 viewers online; our students were inspired and moved by this unique and significant testimony.

Year 12 students commented; "Janine's story was very overwhelming and emotional, yet incredibly informative. It was certainly helpful in furthering my knowledge on the events of the Holocaust...it was an interesting and fascinating story that is inspiring to every student that watched. Her story is something you could not believe experiencing yourself at such a young age...she told us about something we could not imagine in this day and age, yet was her childhood growing up. It offered us a new perspective; that of a child's".

Thank you to all students who took part in the event. For more information about the work that we are doing as a UCL Beacon School for Holocaust Education, visit our Twitter feed; @TCC\_BeaconHolo





## Police Cadets

**Aged between 13 and 18?**

**Looking for an exciting new challenge?**

Join the Devon and Cornwall Community Police Cadets today.

More details and an application form can be found at:-

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/youth/police-cadets>

Or an application form can be collected from Mrs Hodgetts in the Library.

Completed forms can either be emailed, posted or given to Mrs Hodgetts.

## Anonymous feedback apps

Recently we have seen apps appear such as Sarahah, Whisper and Psst! Anonymous which let users create an account to send an anonymous message. The main purpose of this app is to let you get honest feedback from your friends, relatives etc.

In a very short period of time these apps have become the trending stuff on the internet. As a College we encourage our young people and their parents to take care when using apps with any level of anonymity as this can lead to anxiety around unhelpful or harmful comments. There is also a high level of risk associated with contact from any anonymous third party.

For more information or support please visit the Safety Page on the College website or contact:

worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

## HEAD TEACHER'S

### AWARD

January 2018



# Grace Foster Year 10



Grace has been awarded January's Head Teacher's Award due to her kindness, compassion and the exceptional amount of effort she puts into a variety of extra-curricular activities. In particular the amount of volunteering she completes to assist others in College and in the local community.

Grace participates in a number of extra curricular activities at College. Every week, Grace assists with the 'StarBooks Café' in the Library. She helps get things set up, monitors the numbers of students and helps serve refreshments to those who attend. She was a regular and enthusiastic member of the Amnesty International Group, collecting and delivering food for refugees and organising and running assemblies to promote the groups work. This year she is also participating in the Kernow Youth Book Award.

Grace has also been involved with the Lions Young Leaders in Service scheme, where young volunteers engage in a variety of activities which are of great benefit to the local community. Last year Grace received the 'Lions Young Leaders in Service Silver Award', this was due to her completing over 50 hours of voluntary service to the community over a 12 month period. Grace has participated in Daffodil Picking, Beach Cleans, Litter Picks, assisting and running a 'Gwithi' project in College, and has volunteered at the Cancer UK Race for Life in Plymouth, assisting the event organisers and marshalling the finish line.



Grace is a regular member of Torpoint Guides and recently has been awarded the Baden-Powell Award, the highest award you can achieve as a Guide. To achieve this award she has had to undertake and pass a variety of ten activities. Grace is also a keen and talented swimmer, who swims weekly at HMS Raleigh and has achieved numerous awards. Most recently she has achieved her Silver Kellogg's/ASA Swimming Challenge and she has swam over 2000m.

### Challenge

In College, Grace is a very conscientious student, who always makes sure every task is completed to the best of her abilities. Her teachers state that she is "an absolutely lovely student who is committed, motivated and hardworking". Grace's tutor stated "Grace is always punctual, she has prided herself with an excellent attendance record and her behaviour at the College has been impeccable. Grace is always willing to support other students and the College, she gives up her own time to help others and is always organised and efficient." Grace is a very deserving winner of this award, she is a fantastic member of our College community and absolutely deserves the award for her kindness and compassion alone.



## 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 main reception.

## 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

## National Apprenticeship Show

A group of Year 12 and 13 students recently attended the National Apprenticeship Show South West at Westpoint Exeter to find out about the huge range of apprenticeships on offer to young people. Exhibitors included all the Services, including the Merchant Navy, the NHS, Babcock, Mercedes and Construction careers.

Apprenticeships mean that you can earn as you learn, gain valuable on-the-job experiences and receive nationally-recognised qualifications, with lots of opportunities to progress.



There is an Apprenticeship Jobs Fair at Plymouth Guildhall on Saturday 10th March between 10am to 3pm featuring all the top employers offering hundreds of local apprenticeship opportunities in Construction and the Built Environment, and Manufacturing and Engineering.

## Ten Tors Training - 4th February

Ten Tors students successfully completed a training walk on Sunday 4th February, working on navigational skills.

Although it was very cold, the visibility was perfect on Dartmoor and there were even some tiny snow flurries. It is hoped the students will now use the skills they have learnt from the experienced adults to effectively navigate on future training days and of course the Ten Tors event itself!



The next Ten Tors walk is on Sunday 25th February. Training and planning for this will take place in the Library straight after school on Wednesday 21st February between 3.30 – 5.30.

## Activities Week 2018

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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.