



### Academic Year 2016/17 Term Dates:

Christmas 19th December-2nd January  
(College reopens Tuesday 3rd January)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

6th December—Year 11 Parents' Evening  
9th December—Year 12 GCSE Breakfast  
16th December—Christmas Jumper Day

## TCC Awarded UCL Beacon School Status

Torpoint Community College has been awarded UCL Beacon School in Holocaust Education status for 2016-17. This is a very exciting opportunity as we will be working closely with the University College of London's Centre for Holocaust Education to develop teaching aspects of Holocaust Education across the whole College.

Our History Department worked in London during the October half term and are now busy planning events and lessons for the coming Academic Year. Follow our story on Twitter @TCC\_BeaconHolo



Please see the College website for more information on being a beacon school:  
<http://www.torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk/ucl-beacon-school/>

## Ten Tors

Training for the Ten Tors Challenge is well under way.

At the beginning of November 37 students set off from Two Bridges and finished at Four Winds Car Park. On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November the students completed navigation and safety training after school and planned their routes for last Sunday's walk. Luckily there was a lull in the storm and the students and adult volunteers walked up the west side of Dartmoor to finish at Willsworthy Range Car Park.

The next walk takes place this Sunday with the prospect of festive hats!



## Learning for Life Day Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016

The focus for the Learning for Life Days has been on student and staff wellbeing which is of great importance to the College.

Year 7 students were engaged in activities organised by the Mathematics department and included games such as Smite, Noughts and Crosses, Monopoly etc.

Year 8 sessions were developed by the English team and involved students learning how to knit, communicating by storyboard and going on a sensory walk.

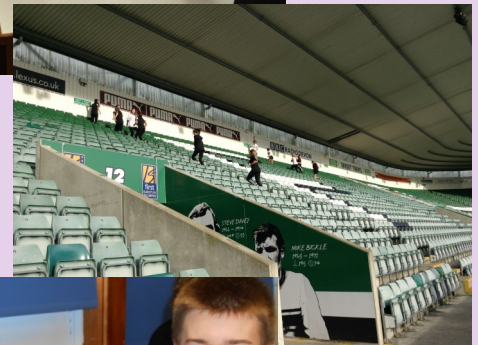
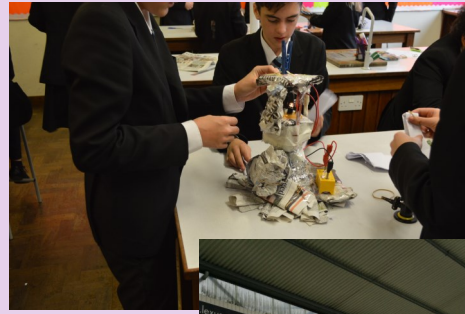
Year 9 Science groups experimented with pressing seaweed, making bath bombs, burning chemistry and investigating leaf litter.

Year 10 had presentations by Brook, LGBTQ Cornwall, Addaction, Heads Up and Devon and Cornwall Police Prevent Officers. Our external visitors were extremely complimentary about the behaviour and attitude of our students when exploring and discussing what can be sensitive issues.

Finally Year 11 visited Super Tramp and Plymouth Argyle.

This was a really enjoyable and productive day for all involved and it achieved the aim of promoting student and staff wellbeing whilst learning new skills.

Well done to everyone.



## Love In A Box

TCC is a Rights Respecting School, and as such we are launching our 'Love in a Box Appeal', in conjunction with our Amnesty Group and Open Hearts Open Borders (a local charity based in Saltash). We are encouraging our students to bring in anything they can from the list of items posted on the TCC Rights Respecting Schools webpage and on the OHOB website, to build a shoe box (or boxes) in their respective tutor groups, to send to children across Europe spending Christmas in a refugee camp.

We are asking them to consider the plight of these children, letting them know through personalised messages that will go into each box, that they are not forgotten, and offer some care, love and support that we know they will so greatly appreciate. Our little gifts and messages will remind both us and them, of what the spirit of Christmas truly means.

**Deadline for donations - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

Please help our students to show their support – THANK YOU



## TCC Visit To Plymouth Raiders

TCC students have recently attended an Under 16's basketball competition hosted by Plymouth Raiders.

The competition was played on the main Raiders court and hosted by two of their players. The standard was very high with squads containing Raiders U16 players, and national and international players from Devon and Cornwall. TCC finished 5<sup>th</sup> with some really positive performances – notably against the eventual winners DHSB and by beating Ivybridge Community College.

This is a real achievement for some of our players – especially Finn and Theo who were playing two age brackets up and Callum who only started playing in September.

All students involved were excited at meeting the players and watching Raiders beat Newcastle Eagles after their tournament and were a credit to the College.

Well done



## Activities Week 2017

The College's Activities Week Booklet for 2017 will be distributed on Monday, with a copy of the booklet also published on the College website.

Activities Week will be taking place from 10-14 July 2017 and there is an excellent choice of activities to choose from.

Please note that activities will be allocated on a strictly first come first served basis and the forms returned to Mrs Stone will be numbered accordingly.

Once the activities have been allocated details will be confirmed on an Activities Card and published on ParentPay.

Don't miss out—please return your forms as soon as possible.

## Fundraising Totals

Children in Need £415



Poppy Appeal £310



There will also be a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> when students can wear their festive knits for a £1 donation to Save The Children.

We appreciate your support with our fundraising efforts.



## Message from TCC Marketing

Do you have any good news stories you would like to share with the College? 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](mailto:TCCMarketing@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk).