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Academic Year 2019/20 Term Dates:

23rd December - 3rd January -
Christmas Holidays (Return 6th January)
17th-21st February - Half Term
24th February - Inset Day
(students return to College 25th February)

Upcoming Events

7th November - Sixth Form Open Evening
28th November - Academic Review Day
Evening
29th November - Academic Review Day

Cornwall Skills Show

Year 10 students attended the Cornwall Skills Show on Tuesday 8th October. This is a huge careers exhibition and students were able to find out about careers and jobs connected to employment sectors in Cornwall.

Use the CareerPilot website to research your career options further:
<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>.

Careerpilot



Ten Tors introductory walk

Well done to all of the students who took part in the introductory Ten Tors walk. The students were greeted with all that Dartmoor could offer, from rain and mist to lovely sunshine!



There was an opportunity for the students to have a go at navigating around the Princetown area using a map and compass.

The next walk is planned for Sunday 3rd November—the weather forecast is looking wet and breezy!

College Holocaust Education Nationally Celebrated

We have recently had the pleasure of delivering two photobooks to UCL Centre for Holocaust Education. These photobooks consisted of work undertaken by Mrs Debbie Jones (Art & Design teacher) and her tutor group in 2018, as a response to the Holocaust Memorial Day theme of 'Torn From Home'.

Mrs Jones was inspired and motivated to provide research in the form of a sketchbook, following the visit from a Holocaust survivor, Mala Tribich MBE, to the College in 2017. When asked by a colleague, 'Mala...what would you like us to do now?', Mala replied, 'Tell the stories of those who can not'.

Mrs Jones took on this task and following the creation of her phenomenal sketch book, inspired her tutor group to provide art work, as a creative response to the theme, Torn From Home.



UCL Centre for Holocaust Education shared this work nationally through their website and through social media, and commented, "This week the Centre received two copies of a very special photo book...its cover image is Debbie's final piece...a truly inspirational accumulation of all of her thorough and engaging research and a humbling example of how one person's story can inspire not just one colleague, but in turn many young people. We have passed on a copy to Mala, and have retained one in our office.



It's proof of how one teacher, her students, a wider school community can be inspired by a survivor's testimony. It reminds us that knowledge and understanding of the Holocaust can take many forms, including resulting in the most incredible artwork. We know Mala will be as touched, inspired and impressed by the school, its teachers and students commitment to Holocaust education. On behalf of the Centre, many thanks to Mrs Charlotte Lane for inspiring this response as Beacon School Lead Teacher at Torpoint Community College – to the remarkably talented Ms Debbie Jones and to the students who were informed, engaged, inspired and empowered by her sketchbook".

What a wonderful creative legacy as a result of Mala's words!

Sixth Form Open Evening 7th November 2019



*"I feel at home here
and every day I know
I'm getting closer to
my goal of a career"*

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most inspiring and
engaging sixth forms"*

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INSPIRING OPTIMISTIC LEARNERS

Thursday 7th November
6:00- 8:30pm

Preparing to Stand Together HMD2020

Recently we welcomed PCs Turner-Moore and Makowska to talk to Year 8 students about Hate Crime, in preparation for Holocaust Memorial Day 2020. The theme for the next HMD is 'Stand Together'.

As a UCL Quality Mark Beacon School for Holocaust Education, we Stand Together with Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, which encourages remembrance in a world scarred by genocide. We promote and support Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) – the international day on 27 January to remember the six million Jews murdered during the **Holocaust**, the millions of people killed under **Nazi Persecution** and in subsequent genocides in **Cambodia**, **Rwanda**, **Bosnia** and **Darfur**.

As part of this remembrance, some of our Year 8 students have been selected to creatively respond to the themes introduced by Devon & Cornwall Police Hate Crime Division and Diversity Team and to provide work for the annual Hate Crime Competition. Their work will be displayed at Truro Cathedral on HMD 2020 for public viewing. In addition, all KS3 students will participate in a College-wide creative project to provide work for an art installation in the Kensa Gallery in January 2020.

We were honoured to receive PCs Geoff Turner-Moore and Jack Makowska's presentation and are really excited about this opportunity to Stand Together to counter language of hate and Hate Crime.



Student mobile numbers

Recently we have come across some situations where it would have helped significantly to keep a student safe if we had been able to contact them directly on their mobile; however, we do not currently hold student numbers. Lots of schools and institutions do. Starting on Academic Review Day on the 28 November we will be asking parents and carers to add student mobile numbers to the Data Collection Sheet so that student mobile numbers can be collected and saved on SIMS. This is for safeguarding and emergency use only. No student will be contacted directly unless agreed in advance by a member of the Safeguarding Team or CLT.

The protocol will be as follows:

Students will only be contacted on their mobile number if there is an emergency situation that requires it and there is an important safeguarding reason for doing so. Staff must seek approval from a member of the Safeguarding Team or CLT before contacting a student. Staff who contact students directly in this way must do so on a College phone only and never on their own mobile.

If anyone would like to discuss any aspect of this please feel free to contact the College and ask to speak to Mrs Becky Lear, Designated Safeguarding Lead & SENCO, on 01752 812511 ext 231.

ESAA Cross Country

Congratulations to our Key Stage 3 cross country runners that competed in the First Round of the ESAA Devon and Cornwall Cross Country Cup at Mount Kelly on Friday 4th October.

A very hilly course, rough terrain and less than favourable weather conditions at the event created a very challenging race for all involved and the TCC runners represented the College fantastically. With over 180 runners representing 20 secondary schools the standard was very high and we had a number of students in the top 60 competitors:

Kate 24th 10.57
Holly 30th 11.31
Maddison 60th 14.22

Evan 15th 11.32
Malakai 27th 11.56
Oliver 50th 13.10
Seth 59th 13.26.



Well done to everyone involved and we look forward to the upcoming cross country events at Liskeard.

Royal Marines and Zumba

The Royal Marines visited TCC and worked with a group of Year 11 boys and Year 11 girls on 8th October.

The students received an in depth talk from the Royal Marines about their history and roles. They found out how to apply, about the training involved, the career prospects offered and what it is like to be a Royal Marine.

The students then took part in physical challenges with the Royal Marines. These challenges involved team work and determination and both Year 11 groups rose to the occasion, especially the girls' group who stayed out in the rain to complete the rope stretcher task.

Well done Year 11s!



Selected Year 8, 9 and 11 students also took part in some Zumba sessions with Zumba Instructor, Susie Mackenzie.

These activities offered a fun way for students to engage in a new activity and promoted their physical and mental wellbeing. One year boy commented that it is much harder than it looks!

Well-done to all students who took part.

Handball

Well done to the Year 11 BTEC students who travelled to Bude on Tuesday 15th October to play in a handball tournament. Their display of team work, communication and support for each other was fantastic.

They had some tough opposition and put in maximum effort for each game scoring some great goals. They spent the time in between games practising their skills and coaching each other on defensive strategies.

A great day, well done.



Mental Health Awareness Mufti Day

It was brilliant to see so many students and staff in lovely bright yellow on our Mental Health Awareness Mufti Day.

Everyone's support in showing our solidarity, and highlighting the issue of emotion and mental health and well-being on World Mental Health Day, was really appreciated.

Our #helloyellow mufti day raised £539.62!

50% of the funds raised have been donated to Young Mind and the other 50% is staying here at TCC for our future projects related to our community's mental health and well-being.

A huge thank you to everyone!

Miss Pine

Year 12 Biology

Year 12 Biologists have settled into the challenges of studying for their A level.

Pictured below are our Year 12s carrying out a required practical assessment where they were tasked with dissecting a chicken wing. Chicken wings are useful to study as all vertebrate limbs are fairly similar and have homologous structures as we all evolved from a common ancestor. Therefore studying the chicken wing helps us to understand the structures present in our own arms including muscles, bones, tendons and how the synovial joints function.

Well done to all!



Athletics Success

Congratulations to Sky Elliot who started athletics at the College last summer and excelled in throwing in particular.

Sky decided to join Plymouth Athletics Club during the summer on the back of her throwing successes. She recently entered the Last Ditch Throws competition at Par track and won the shot put with a throw of 8.35m in the under 13 girls. Sky's throwing has taken her in to 5th place in the South West.

A fantastic achievement for her first competitive season. We look forward to seeing her progress

Miss Milford



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EVERY WEDNESDAY ROOM 17 3:30-5:30pm

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

Science News

Miss Carr's Year 8 Science class recently had the opportunity to explore a career in the entertainment industry as lighting technicians.



Students have been studying the properties of light and focused on which coloured filters would provide the best lighting for different stage performances. Students were able to reflect on their prior learning and confidently suggest the best solutions based on investigative approaches and scientific theory.

Well done Year 8.

Why do we sweat the small stuff?

Torpoint Community College

The short answer—because we care. It would be easy for us to ignore things that seem small, but we know that by doing so, standards would start to slip. We believe that every student deserves to learn in a professional environment with high standards so we bother to sweat the small stuff...



Wearing the correct school uniform might seem unimportant, but it is actually the biggest visual indicator of our attitude to school and to learning. We expect students to dress smartly so that they can focus entirely on working hard rather than worrying about how fashionable they look. We are preparing our students to aim for successful careers that will require them to dress smartly. Wearing the uniform correctly sets the standard high and establishes that we are here to get on with the business of succeeding.



Coloured nail varnish is lovely for the weekend or the holidays, but is not suitable for school. Natural nails work alongside correct uniform to establish a business-like approach to our learning. Acrylic nails in particular can impede learning as they make basic tasks such as writing and typing a little more difficult.



Small studs in their ears allow students to wear a small piece of jewellery that looks professional and is safe. Facial piercings or large earrings are potentially dangerous and not suitable for the school environment.

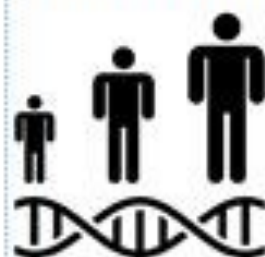


Mobile phones are a huge distraction. They are wonderful devices in many ways, but in school they distract students from the important learning that they are here for. Teachers need the full attention of students so that they can help them to do their very best and if they are trying to look at a text from a friend, they are not learning. Mobile phones can also contribute to bullying as for some reason people feel more comfortable to say nasty things via their phone than they would in person. That is why they must not be seen in school apart from the canteen.



If students are not here, they cannot learn and there is masses of evidence to show that students with high attendance and good punctuality achieve more. We believe that every child at this College can achieve highly and we need them here and focused so that we can support them to great heights.

"Why don't the teachers have to follow the same rules?"



Members of staff at the College are adults and in life it is perfectly normal for adults to have different boundaries to children. Adults are allowed to drive a car, to vote and to buy a lottery ticket to name just a few. At this College all staff dress appropriately to be effective in their role, but as they are adults they don't have the same rules as students.



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