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## Academic Year 2017/18 Term Dates:

**Half Term** - 28th May - 1st June  
(return Monday 4th June)  
Last day of term - 20th July

## Upcoming Events

Open Evening - 7th June  
Year 6 Transition Evening - 14th June  
Year 7 Parents Evening - 19th June  
Year 8 Parents Evening - 26th June  
Year 6 Transition Day - 26th June

## The Ten Tors Challenge 2018

A massive well done to everyone who took part in the Ten Tors Challenge 2018.

After months of training in mainly cold, damp and misty conditions the main event turned out to be quite glorious – ideal for spectators but not necessarily for the walkers! The 45 mile team stormed in at 11 am on the Sunday with Team B finishing the 35 mile route around 3 pm. There was disappointment for Team A who unfortunately ran out of time.

It is a challenge for a reason and all those that took part in the actual event should be very proud of their achievements.



A big thank you to all the volunteers who trained and supported the students and to the parents for supporting their children.





## Netball news

Congratulations to the Year 7/8 netball teams who played Saltash recently and won 15-0 and 10-1. Nominated players were Beth Farrow and Maddy Johnson who both played excellently in centre before switching to GA in the second half. The Year 7s remain unbeaten with only Callington left to play. Year 7/8 Netball Club will continue to run on Wednesday lunch times throughout the Summer Term.

## Athletics news

We now have dates for several athletics competitions this term. Practices run throughout the week at lunch times and after College on a Monday. Teams will be selected shortly from practices.



## PE News

Some keen Year 10 girls are using their lunchtimes to practice athletics events. They are preparing themselves for the upcoming Super 8s athletic event in June.

Each student will have to compete in both a field and track event. These events are javelin, shot putt, long jump, high jump, 100m, hurdles, 200m and 1500m.

We look forward to seeing how they do!



## Year 11 Art Exhibition 2018

On 16th May Torpoint Community College's 'Kensa Gallery' opened its doors to the Year 11 art students and their parents/carers and friends to showcase the amazing artwork that this year's Year 11 have created. There was a really good turnout and lots of lovely comments from impressed visitors.

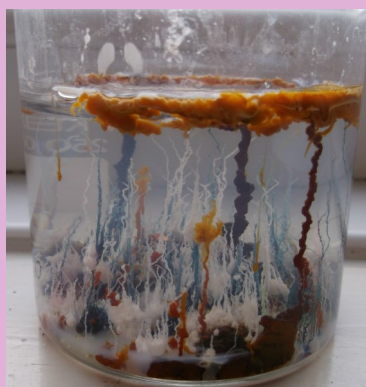
A huge well done to the Year 11 art students for all their hard work and dedication in their GCSE Art course these past two years.





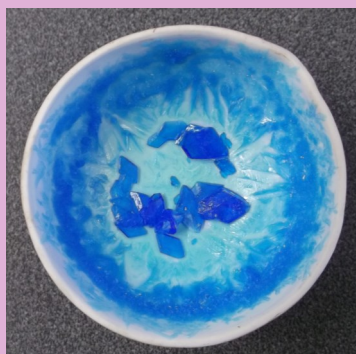
## Science News

**Year 7** – Crystal Gardens. Mrs Preece's Year 7 group have been growing Crystals Gardens in a beaker. The class made a "water glass" solution of sodium silicate. Adding more water forms a dilute solution of sodium silicate which the metal salts are dropped into. When you put the crystals of metal salts into the sodium silicate solution they seem to act like seeds and grow long shoots. These long shoots are long tubes of the metal silicate and the colour depends upon the metal being used.



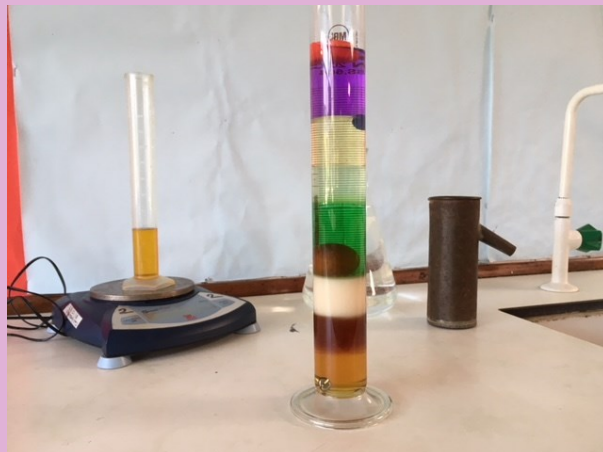
**Year 9** – Copper Sulphate Crystals. Years 9 and 10 have been conducting a number of their GCSE required practicals in Science.

They have successfully made crystals of hydrous Copper Sulphate, a soluble salt, from a reaction between Copper Oxide and Sulphuric Acid. They had to use the techniques of filtering the excess Copper Oxide, and evaporating the water also formed in the reaction, to make the biggest crystals they could.



**Year 9** have recently started their GCSE required practicals with 9.2b looking at density.

They created a rainbow of kitchen cupboard essentials showing the different densities of liquids and solids.



## Gardens for Life update

All Year 8 classes have now had access to our gardening resource room. Their classrooms are full of plants that they have grown from seed and they will be ready for planting out soon.

The collection of large (2litre) plastic drinks bottles is on-going, but we still need more in order to build a greenhouse during Activities Week in July.





## 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.

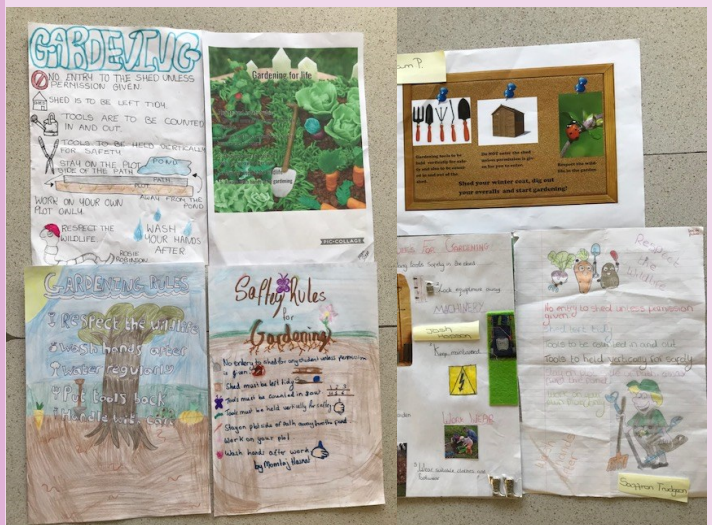
**Completed forms can either be emailed, posted or given to Mrs Hodgetts in the Library.**

## Gardens for Life posters competition

Well done to all Year 8 students involved in producing designs to reinforce how to behave safely and sensibly when out in our garden area.

Judged by our TCC gardening gurus (aka the Science technicians!) top prizes went to Josh Hopson, Saffron Trudgeon and Sam P who all won a large pack of chocolate Buttons. Consolation prizes went to Chianna A'lee, Momtaj Hasnet, Rosie Robinson-Jones and Fern Stepp who also received Chocolates.

Small packets of Haribo were given to Flora Bennetts, Edward C, Maddie Johnson, Jason Ryder, Abi Mann, Will Cutler, Molly Evans, Jorja Robinson, Harry Webber and Taran Purchall. One prize winning poster had no name on so that prize was eaten by the judges!



## STUDY CAFE

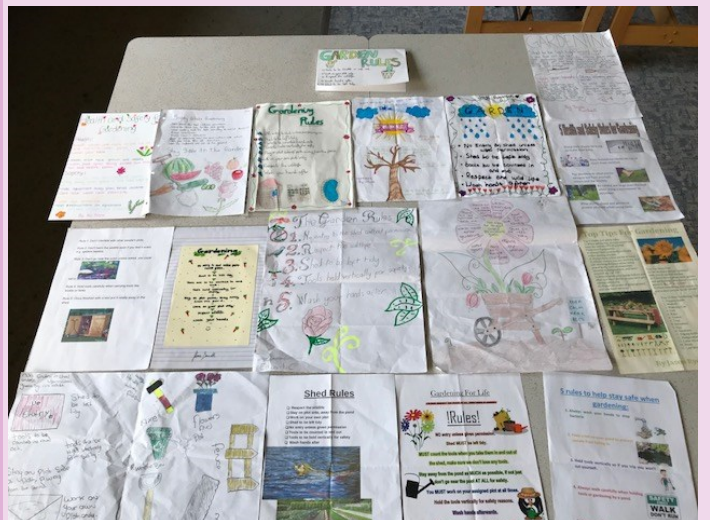
YEAR 10 & 11

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.



## Headteacher's Message

Years 11 and 13 are working very hard tackling their GCSE and A' Level examinations. Their commitment to their studies and revision is very impressive. 2018 is the most significant year of GCSE reform, with 17 new GCSEs being awarded for the first time. This follows the introduction of the first awarding of 9-1 grades in the reformed English Language, English Literature and Maths GCSEs in Summer 2017. Keep focused Years 11 and 13 and you can look forward to a long restful summer break!

A massive well done to the 22 cast of Years 7 to 10 students for their impressive Macbeth performance. The props were great, costumes fantastic and acting superb. However, what was really impressive was the amount of lines that the students had learnt and the way that they delivered a difficult Shakespeare production with skill and precision. The students worked hard at lunchtime, after College and even over the Bank Holiday to fine tune their production. Thank you to the English team for their support, and Mr Baker and Ms Childs for their support with lighting, sound and technology. A huge thank you to Mrs Bertram for the impressive production; she remained calm and smiled throughout the process and it was clear from talking to the students and parents after the performance all have gained a great deal from this event.

Well done to those students that took part in the Ten Tors Challenge 2018. The challenge of this event must not be underestimated, it is gruelling, but each and every student gave it their all and after months of preparation they should be congratulated for their efforts. There was an Awards Evening that took place on Wednesday 23rd May to share the many photographs and stories from the event, and to celebrate the students' commitment to the training and for taking part in this challenge on Dartmoor. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Porter, and all the volunteers, who have selflessly given their time to provide our


students with the opportunity to participate in the Ten Tors Challenge.

The College hosted "Mental Health Awareness Week" from 14th to 18th May. Students were able to share positive comments which had been collated. Many reflective and positive comments were shared by students and staff, for example "Everyone is beautiful in their own way" is just an example of one of the comments shared by our students. Thank you to all staff and students for taking part in this important week and supporting each other.

I wish you a restful half term break.


Jeremy Plumb

**HEAD TEACHER'S  
AWARD**  
May 2018

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**Riley Brightwell**

Year 13



Riley was awarded the May Head Teacher's Award due to his dedication to his studies and his commitment to improve and excel. Riley is currently taking A-Levels in Biology, History and Geography and is working in the top 5% of his year group. He has applied to study Biological Sciences at Cardiff University and is on target to achieve the entry requirements of AAB.

Riley is a bright and inquisitive scientist with a tenacious work ethic. He is quick to pick up concepts and clearly has a passion and genuine interest in Biology that also extends beyond the curriculum. Riley was the first student in the class to complete a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) set up by various universities around the world. From this, he developed an interest in Astrobiology and decided to explore this topic further through completing an EPQ. Here he worked independently, reading and analysing lots of different articles to explore his critical angle. He had a highly organised approach and produced a superbly structured, well detailed, well referenced research project and delivered a highly professional presentation on this without reference to notes.

Riley has also thrown himself into his coursework and has genuinely enjoyed the intellectual challenge of wrestling with a range of viewpoints whilst also developing his own interpretation.



Riley is an active participant in class discussions where his insightful comments and questioning demonstrate his high level of subject knowledge as well as his thirst for deeper understanding. His contributions to discussions are often thought provoking, which shows the higher order of thinking that he has. He is always one of the first students to share ideas and will often offer an alternative perspective that others may not have thought of.

Riley produces excellent detailed written work and he is an extremely conscientious student and works hard to complete tasks to the very best of his ability. He critically evaluates his progress and welcomes advice for improvement. He is always keen to improve and will respond positively to feedback, something which has undoubtedly helped him to improve the quality of his written work.

In practical work, Riley demonstrates excellent problem solving skills and meticulously plans investigations to achieve accurate and reliable results. He is a strong mathematician and analyses data with ease, within both a practical and an exam based context.

Pastorally, Riley is a delightful, mature and respectful student with an excellent sense of humour and is well liked by both staff and peers. He is reliable, punctual and has excellent attendance.

Riley is an intelligent, motivated and hardworking student whose desire to learn is exemplary. Without question, Riley has the both the personal and academic attributes required to thrive and achieve great success at university. We wish him all the very best in his future.

**Sixth Form**  
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## GDPR Privacy Notice for Parents/Carers

The privacy of personal data is of high importance to the College and our updated Privacy Notices, to reflect the changes brought in by the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) with effect 25 May 2018, can be found on the College's website which you may wish to read.



## Lord Mayor's Ceremony

Year 7 student Harry Sprague was recently invited by the Military Kids Club (MKC) to attend the inaugural ceremony of the Lord Mayor of Plymouth where he carried the MKC National Standard in the procession.

Well done Harry!



## Maths Workshop

Four students from Mr Doogan's Year 9 maths class attended a maths workshop at Plymouth University last week.

The students investigated the number of pizza slices they could get depending on the number of times it was cut. It started out as a simple problem but quickly got quite complicated and some complex maths was required! The students also looked at estimation (for example how many litres of water would a human drink in a lifetime), and what presumptions they would have to make for their estimates to be as accurate as possible. Finally they looked at the mathematics behind a clever card trick – again the problem got quite complicated the further students investigated!

The students all really engaged in the day, worked well as a team and were a credit to the College. Well done to Luke, Connor, Joe and Kate.




# HMS RALEIGH OPEN DAY

Wednesday 1 August 2018  
HMS RALEIGH, Torpoint, Cornwall PL11 2PD  
For further information contact 01752 811221



**Free Admission**  
Come for a family day out and see what goes on behind the gates of the Royal Navy's largest training establishment in the South West

**Fun for all the family**  
Noon to 5pm  
Parking is limited  
Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult  
All baggage is subject to search



## Macbeth Performances

On Thursday 10th May, a cast of 22 students from Years 7 to 10 put on a performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth in the Main Hall. It was a pleasure and a privilege to see so many parents and students there at the evening performance, to share and celebrate an evening of theatre, literature and Drama.

The students were cast in their roles before Christmas and have been rehearsing since January, committing to learning their lines and attending both after College and holiday rehearsals. Their dedication and commitment to this project has been outstanding.

The play was performed to both Year 8 students at TCC, as well as to Year 6 pupils from Carbeile Primary School, in two matinee performances on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th May. This was an excellent effort from all concerned and has been celebrated by all who had the pleasure to watch, appreciating in particular the skill of delivering Shakespeare, speaking in language quite foreign to our students!

Our technical team, including two students in Year 8, were extremely committed to delivering seamless support, with an original score written by Mr Baker (Head of Music) as well as sound effects and lighting, generating 'special' effects with few resources.

Congratulations to one and all - you have all been amazing, and I very much look forward to future projects in 2018-2019, celebrating the diverse skills and talents displayed by so many of our students here in the College.'

Ms Bertram



### 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:-

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