



### Academic Year 2018/19 Term Dates:

Last day of term - Tuesday 23rd July

### **Upcoming Events**

Transition Evening - 25th June Sports Day - 2nd July Awards Evening - 2nd July Academic Review Days - 4th & 5th July

### **iDEA** Awards

More fabulous students have received iDEA awards from Buckingham Palace this half term.

iDEAhelps young people learn how to make, create, build and shine in the digital world. There is a special mention to Kieran and Harry who have now gained their silver award in addition to their bronze!

Well done to all the students for their hard work and effort.







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## Headteacher's Message

It is my pleasure to share with you, after a rigorous selection process and democratic voting by students and staff, that the College has appointed Chloe Vincent as Head Girl, Lewis Cook as Head Boy, Liv Calladine as Deputy Head Girl and Archie Borlase as Deputy Head Boy. I have every confidence in this team and wish them the best of luck in their respective appointments.



The College recently held it's annual "Open Evening" for Year 4 and 5 students who are interested in applying to attend Torpoint Community College in the near future. We welcomed very large numbers to the Open Evening with the main hall iam packed with visitors wanting to find out more about the good work we do here. Mrs Blandin-Neaves and I spoke about the College motto "Inspiring Optimistic Learners" and our three values; Prepare, Respect and Focus. In addition our recently appointed Head Girl, Chloe, Head Boy, Lewis and deputies Liv and Archie delivered their first public presentation talking about their experiences and strengths of the College. I am always hugely impressed with the confidence of our students and their speeches were both very informative and delivered with great skill.

Our visitors then had the opportunity to tour the College and were greeted by student helpers and staff and able to engage in the many

subjects and further provision offered here at Torpoint Community College.

Our Year 11 and 13 students are now at the end of their examination season. Our invigilators have been very complimentary about the manner in which they have tackled the examinations. They can now enjoy a long summer break before receiving their results in August. I would like to take this opportunity to praise these students for the commitment to their studies and I wish them great success on examination results day.

Year 10 are now in the middle of their internal examinations, being run in exactly the same way as the public exams, to ensure they are well rehearsed in what to expect this time next year.

The recent art and design exhibition in the Kensa Gallery showcasing the creativity of our current Year 13 students was simply outstanding. Many students, parents and staff attended the exhibition and had the opportunity to study and view the array of exceptional work. We now look forward to the Fashion Show that takes place in the College on 4th July (tickets are available from reception).

Further events that we look forward to this term include the Year 6 Transition Evening, Sports Week and Day, Awards Evening, Year 6 Taster Day, Year 12 Taster Day, Academic Review Day, the Year 11 Prom, Year 10 work experience and of course Activities Week. Busy times ahead!

Jeremy Plumb Headteacher

Inspiring Optimistic Learners

# HEAD TEACHER'S

AWARD

May 2019



# **Rosie Richardson**

Year 11



Rosie encapsulates what it is to be a great student - and human!

As a younger girl, Rosie was an absolute pleasure to teach as she always had a huge smile and an enthusiasm for life which could lift the spirits of her peers and teachers – even on a gloomy winter's day.

As she has grown up, she has not lost that spark and ability to bring joy to others.

She has always been a hugely dedicated and hardworking student and that has become particularly apparent in year 11 as Rosie is not only hardworking in class, but also dedicates a lot of time to independent learning and revision.

Rosie is an exceptional young woman in the sense that she is interested in the world beyond her own direct experiences and cares about the world beyond Cornwall/ the UK. Rosie chooses to do things to express her views and to improve conditions for others.

An example of this is when she wrote a letter as part of an Amnesty International Campaign, fighting for the release of imprisoned journalist Raif Badawi.

At College level, along with one of her friends, Rosie presented to Dr Plumb and then to the middle level leaders at the College, expressing her views on the home learning system that we had in place. She advocated changes which would make homework more meaningful for students by actively teaching and prioritising revision strategies. As a result of this, the ways that teachers set homework, and the types of homework set, have changed in order to develop more effective revision strategies. Presenting to teachers was out of Rosie's comfort zone, but she was – as always – able to rise to the occasion and exceed her own expectations of herself.

Rosie appreciates the value of education – she doesn't take it for granted but ensures that she makes the most of her chance to learn knowledge and to understand more about the world. She recognises that across the world not everyone has access to education and ensures that she makes the most of the chances she has.

Rosie has been an outstanding representative of Polhawn House throughout her career at TCC; always willing to go the extra mile in support of her peers and to push herself beyond her own personal limits on behalf of "The Team". Rosie has demonstrated great determination and humility in everything that she has

done, from being the leader of the Samba Band, giving her all on the athletics track on Sports Day, to maintaining the heartbeat at the centre of the Stage Band Rhythm Section; Rosie has been everything I could have hoped for in a Polhawn Student, and then some; Polhawn House salutes you as one of the greats!

Rosie is joyful, dedicated and kind human being who has an awful lot of potential and we wish her every success in all of her current and future endeavours. You are a very worthy winner indeed Rosie, congratulations!





#### Hat trick for Olivia!

Congratulations to Year 7 student Olivia, who plays for Plymouth Argyle under 12 girls, who has recently played in the County Cup for her Saturday Team, Signal Box under 12 girls.

Olivia played in the County Cup final on Friday 17th May. Her team went on to win 4-2 with Olivia scoring a hat trick and being awarded player of the match; a very proud moment for her parents. She then travelled straight to Liverpool with Plymouth Argyle. Olivia and her team played against Everton and Woolton FC where they came away with a 5-4 defeat against Everton and a 9-0 win over Woolton FC. Woolton FC was the childhood team of Steven Gerrard which was exciting for the girls.

Well done Olivia!



### Carnegie Awards 2019

Eight students from Year 8 have recently had the opportunity to attend the 2019 Carnegie Book Awards held at Tor Bridge High in Plymouth.

The students looked at the 8 shortlisted books and watched performances from other schools with very interesting and different interpretations. They also had the chance to meet students from other schools as well as buy books at a reduced price from a local bookseller.

There was a live link up with London during the lunch break where we saw the announcement of the 2019 winner—this year it was 'Poet X' - a novel by Elizabeth Acevedo.

Author Tanya Landman spoke to the students about her inspiration for becoming a writer and answered many of the audience questions.

Voting then took place for the book that the students wanted to win and the presentation that they thought was best.



Well done Imogen, Leila, Kayleigh, Kaci, Chloe, Isabella, Maisie and Georgia,

