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Academic Year 2017/18 Term Dates:

Last day of term - 20th July (Early Closure)
INSET Day - (College closed to students) -
4th September
Sixth Form Induction - 5th September
Years 7, 10 & 12 Return - 6th September
All students return - 7th September

Upcoming Events

Activities Week - 9-13th July
Sports Day - 17th July
Sports Day Reserve - 18th July
College Photographs - 14th September
INSET Day - 28th September

Super 8s Athletics news

Congratulations to our athletes who took part in the Super 8s athletics championships at Par recently.

We are still waiting for the individual results but we have received a letter to confirm that our Year 7 girls athletics team has made the County Super 8s final and will be representing North and South East Cornwall at Carn Brae next week.

They have trained incredibly hard since Easter and we wish them all the best.



Carnegie Awards

Six Year 8 students have recently visited Plymouth College to take part in the Carnegie Book Awards 2018.

The students had to read one of the eight shortlisted books and perform a presentation on it to the other schools taking part. They produced a film trailer to encourage the other students to read the book. TCC was given 'Where The World Ends' by Geraldine McCaughrean and although their presentation didn't win, the book was voted the winner of the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2018.



The students and staff had a great day and enjoyed lunch at Plymouth College. Well done Jessie, Persephone, Momtaj, Jason, Taran and Sam.

Torpoint Student Success In UK Maths Competition! Sports News

Thirty of our top mathematicians in Years 7 and 8 took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge in May.

The Maths Challenge is a one hour paper that contains a variety of questions that involve puzzles, problems, logic as well as maths, which make them challenging and enjoyable to those taking part.

It is a national competition with the best mathematicians from all over the UK 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 fantastic results at Torpoint Community College with eleven of the students participating receiving awards.

Megan (Year 8), Alex (Year 8), Quinn (Year 7), Marley (Year 7) and Oliver (Year 7) all achieved Bronze certificates.

Louie (Year 7), Zak (Year 7) and Maizie (Year 7) all achieved Silver certificates which puts them in the top 20% of mathematicians their age in the country.

Ben (Year 7), Bridgette (Year 7) and Kieran (Year 8) all achieved Gold certificates which puts them in the top 6% of mathematicians their age in the country! An Amazing accomplishment!!

Bridgette and Kieran both also received the Best in Year Certificate. Kieran's score was also so good that he has automatically been entered into the next round. He sat the Kangaroo Round Paper on the 12th June and we are still awaiting his results for this!

So watch this space!

The College's Year 7 athletics team took part in the Plymouth and West Devon Schools Athletics Championships at Brickfields last week, competing against 12 other schools. The team has trained hard since Easter and did really well to cope with the nerves of competing in a stadium as an individual sports person, many for the first time.

Most notable successes came from the following:

- Kate 1st 300m
- Kate 2nd Long jump
- Bella 1st 800m
- Beth 5th 70m hurdles
- Heidi 5th 200m
- Girls 4 x 100m relay 2nd

The girls' team finished 4th overall just behind Plymouth College, DHSG and PHSG (Year 7 girls' team: Beth, Marley, Heidi, Holly, Holly, Kate, Bella and Maddy).

- Kairan 5th 100m
- Ben 4th 200m
- Ben 3rd Shot putt
- Dan 4th 300m

(Year 7 boys' team: Ben, Kairan, Kristian, Jacob and Dan).

Our athletes gained enormous confidence from this competition to take this forward to the SE Cornwall Super 8s at Par athletics track.

Miss Milford and Mr Evans



Visit to Plymouth College of Art

On Thursday 14th June the Art, Design and Technology Faculty took 49 Year 10 Art, Textiles and Product Design GCSE students to the Plymouth College of Art to have a tour of the Degree Shows. We were shown around by three of the Degree Graduates from a variety of the courses on offer – thanks to Sally, Ed and Charlotte for their informative and enthusiastic tours!

The students saw a wide diversity of work across the many Campus' studio spaces and got a great 'feel' for the kind of work that the College produces at this level. They saw the work of Fashion students, Costume Design right through to Illustration and Gaming Design, via Photography and 3D Crafts! There were some highlights and some gasps of surprise at some of the more visually challenging work! But all the students agreed that it was a great experience and that it had inspired them, made them think and made them question their own creative ideas.

The Year 10 students were a credit to the College and their impeccable behaviour and clear enthusiasm for the work was commented on by PCA staff – they were one of the best school groups that they have shown around!"



Carers Week 2018

I am writing this in the dying hours of Carers Week - 11th to 17th of June 2018 – in order to raise some awareness of those carers that may go un-noticed and un-celebrated throughout the year. So, who are carers and why as a school do we care about them? Carers are people who provide unpaid care for a friend or family member with an illness, disability, mental health problem or an addiction who cannot cope without support. As a school, it is important that we recognise who our young carers and young adult carers are.

Caring is a more difficult task than it seems. Many carers live with the person that they care for especially in the YC (Young Carers) and YAC (Young Adult Carers) community, and as soon as someone you're living with is diagnosed with a disability, your life changes. At home you are constantly aware of it; it gives you less time to do the things that so many take for granted and home can sometimes turn into a stressful environment. Even when you go out you have to make sure everything is safe for those you are caring for while you are not there.

I am a carer for two people and that presents many problems. I've been a carer since I was 7 years old, although I wasn't identified as such until I was 13. That is due to there being misconceptions. Some people assume that it is the GP who is responsible for identifying who a carer should be, but the truth is that they have a 10-15 minute appointment to find out about, and solve, the problem that you came with. Realistically do they have time to ask? No. From the perspective of a carer my GP is quite supportive, and over the last few months especially, they have been very helpful. I didn't know about YC and YAC and I didn't really realise that this was what I was. It is just a way of life to us.

So, why tell the school? 1 in 20 YC miss days off school due to their caring role; homework can be difficult to do in time and exhaustion is pretty common. I don't get 8 hours of sleep a night and when you are trying to manage on a 5 hour night, it helps if somebody at school knows what you are going through. Your teachers see you 5 days a week and can help us. When things go wrong as a carer - they go really wrong. Having some sort of understanding of this helps. Teachers also have access to other support networks such as Kernow Young Carers and Kernow Young Adult Carers, which are useful as a support network to all young carers.

How can you help a young carer you know? Ask how they are and just listen to what they have to say. You probably won't be able to help them but just listening is incredibly helpful. Encourage them to tell the school they are a carer. It is something to be proud of!

Caring is rewarding but tough. The support is out there. You may not need the support of the school or Kernow YC yet but have it there ready for when you do. When I was 13 I certainly didn't, however in the last nine months, I certainly have. Talking is the key. Be open minded about it; I hated the word 'carer', but actually when you are in hospitals or dealing with authorities, it pays to speak their language, as people are more likely to listen.

Adam W.

Thank you to Adam for writing this. If you are a Young Carer or a Young Adult Carer, or you know someone who is, and you would like to talk to someone, or find out about support networks available – please let us know. You can talk to your tutor, your Head of House, or any member of staff that you trust.

We are here for you at TCC.

Torpoint Mosquito Sailing Club



OPEN DAY



7TH JULY 12PM – LATE

ON THE WATER TASTER SESSIONS

12:00pm – 3:30pm

Yacht Sailing, Dinghy Sailing (Cadets aged 8-16),

Windsurfing, Rowing, Kayaking & Diving Info

(Please bring appropriate shoes and a change of clothes with you!)



LIVE EVENING MUSIC

Cake/Tea/Coffee Stall, Raffle, Games and More

All Welcome

So Come Along & Have A Go!

For more information please visit www.tmssc.club or

Find us on Facebook and Twitter

Barcelona Trip 2019

Thank you to the Year 7 and Year 11 students who have paid their deposit for the Barcelona trip next year. The countdown can begin! Just over a year until we go!

We are very excited already!

¡VAMOS, VIVA ESPAÑA!



Military Kids Club News

MKC Heroes were at the heart of Plymouth's Armed Forces Week Flag Raising Ceremony. The Standard Bearers were on parade with the Royal Navy, Army and RAF Cadets, as the Armed Forces Day flag was raised.

Year 7 TCC student Harry Sprague attended this event to represent the Military Kids Club.

Well done Harry!



Year 13 Summer Ball - June 2018





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

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