



**TORPOINT  
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# NEWSLETTER



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## Academic Year 2017/18 Term Dates:

**Easter Holidays** - 30th March-13th April  
(return Monday 16th April)

**Bank Holiday** - Monday 7th May

**Half Term** - 28th May - 1st June  
(return Monday 4th June)

## Upcoming Events

STEM and Maths Week - 12th-16th March

Sports Relief Week - 19th-23rd March

ARD Evening - 26th March

ARD Day - 27th March

## Ethics Visitor

Key Stage 3 students from Years 7 to 9 were visited during Ethics lessons by Sister Iqbal Warsi, a Muslim chaplain, who explained her life as a Muslim and also as a former scientist. She helped foster understanding of the prophets in Islam, as well as the 5 Muslim pillars that are followed worldwide by the Muslim community. In addition she was more than happy to share her experiences of going on 'hajj' to Mecca, an expectation once in a lifetime for all Muslims if able to afford to do so.

Students asked questions about Islam including asking about marriage, family, the mosque, wearing a hijab, war and peace and halal food laws. Students now have a greater understanding of the role of prayer in a Muslim's life and beliefs followed by what is the fastest growing religion in the world at present.



## Headteacher's Award—February 2018

### HEAD TEACHER'S

### AWARD

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## Ebren Purchall Year 10



Ebren has been awarded February's Head Teachers Award due to her talents and achievements in music and drama.

Ebren is a very talented, passionate and committed musician who has had singing lessons since she was 6 years old. Ebren has regularly trained and sung with the school choir, 'The Torpettes', and more recently as one of the lead singers of the Stage Band. Ebren has taken part in performances at the Plymouth Pavilions, the Stage Band are hopefully also playing at Looe Festival later in the year. Ebren has also sung at several events, in and out of College with her musical partner Bella Spicer, a highlight being the local 'Feel Good Festival' in Torpoint on the lawns last summer. This year they are working towards recording their own CD in College.

Ebren also performs at a regional level with the Cornwall Youth choir, this involves many trips to Truro to rehearse and perform and as part of the choir, Ebren has also sung and performed at the Royal Albert Hall twice in the last two years as part of different national choir events.

Ebren has also taken drama lessons and has achieved a Grade 2 in verse, prose and acting. She has also achieved a Grade 6 in Musical Theatre, where her performance skills in singing and acting were assessed. Every Tuesday, Ebren participates in a Drama Workshop at Plymouth Theatre Royal; here she has the opportunity to act and sing alongside others, rehearsing and working towards producing a show which is then shown in the theatre. Ebren is taking GCSE's in both music and drama and is on target to achieve some good results. She is then keen to follow a career linked to her passion for music and drama.

Outside of College, Ebren also spends many hours involved with the local parish youth group and supporting church functions. She has also attended a local badminton club.

Ebren's teachers have stated "Ebren is a wonderful student, she is mature; however she has a strong sense of fun and a witty nature. Ebren is able to balance the serious demands of academic success with enjoying life, seizing opportunities to experience new things and make the most of her time at College. She is a real pleasure to teach and a credit to the College. She never complains or demonstrates a negative attitude, but comes to every lesson keen to learn and committed to success. She works diligently throughout every lesson, listens attentively and consistently produces high quality work. She always takes on-board feedback, constantly pushing herself to improve and aim higher." Ebren's tutor said "Ebren is always punctual, well presented and has prided herself with an excellent attendance record. She is extremely organised and has a brilliant ability to combine a busy extra-curricular schedule alongside her studies. Her behaviour and attitude to learning is exceptional."

Ebren is an all-round fantastic student and a most deserving winner of this award.



## Student Council

This past half term the College's Student Council have addressed many different issues as a group. These range from meetings with LGBTQ Cornwall to discuss updates, discussing school policies and a meeting with the Business Manager to discuss site facilities. As Student Council we are proud to represent our school and we try our hardest to make the College a better place for every student.

The Head Boy and Head Girl, their deputies, and Chair of Student Council recently met with the Senior Leadership Team to discuss issues raised by the Student Council in meetings. These included getting Year 11 students involved in supporting Year 7 students in PHSE lessons; toilet improvements, a whole College emotional health and wellbeing initiative for all students, possibilities of changes to the canteen menu and how to improve the effectiveness of the Year 10 and 11 revision folders.

Students are encouraged to speak with members of the Student Council regarding any issues or concerns they would like raised.

Adelina Babii (Head Girl) and Jess Mason (Deputy Head Girl).



## Activities Week 2018 - 7 weeks until payment deadline

The majority of Year 7 to 9 students have now been assigned activities for Activities Week in July. This has been a significant challenge and every effort has been made to try and meet the choices made by individuals.

For those who have chosen an activity for which there is a charge, payment details have been posted on ParentPay. **We would be grateful if you could settle any balances owed by Friday 27th April 2018 at the latest.** If you require a letter for payment to be made via a PayPoint please contact the Finance Team through Main Reception, or ask your son / daughter to collect a letter from the Finance Office.

Please note that in the event there are payments outstanding after 27th April 2018 your child will be removed from the activity for which money is still owed.

Should you have any questions regarding Activities Week please contact Mrs Stone via the Main Reception.

## Year 11 Geography Revision

There are six revision sessions available to Year 11 students over the two week timetable. Students should be aiming to attend at least one of these sessions a week in the lead up to exams.

All Year 11 students have been provided with a Case Study and Exam Question Revision booklet to use as part of their homework and independent study. This booklet can also be found on the Year 11 Google Drive.

Year 11 Geography Revision			
<b>Week 1</b> Monday <i>Exam Question Workshop</i> Room 55 1.35-2pm		<b>Week 2</b> Monday <i>Content Revision</i> Room 54 1.35-2pm	
<b>Week 1 &amp; 2</b> Tuesday <i>Content Revision</i> Room 55 3.20-4pm		<b>Week 1 &amp; 2</b> Thursday <i>Geography Study Café</i> Room 55 1.35-2pm	



## World Thinking Day

World Thinking Day has taken place on the 22nd February since 1926 and is a day when Guides and Scouts celebrate being part of an international movement.

It is a day when they think of others around the world, global issues and help to raise money for their organisations. The day was chosen as it was the birthday of both Lord Baden Powell, founder of the Scout & Guide movement, and his wife Olave, who served as World Chief Guide.

Students were allowed to wear their uniform to College for the day.



Year 9 student Bella told us about her involvement. My name is Bella and I am part of the Torpoint Explorer Scout Group. I have been part of the group for eight years and they have been the most amazing years.

With the scouting community you can start at age 6, at Beavers, then from there you can go onto Cubs, Scouts and then my group, the Explorers, which you can start at age 14. During these years you will learn many new skills such as knot tying, swimming, canoeing and you will get to go on many exciting camps that can last for a whole weekend.

When you join the Scout group you will be given a 5 to 6 week trial to see if you enjoy it before you are enrolled. When you are enrolled there is a ceremony where you say the Scout law, you will be given a Necker, a badge and certificate to say well done and welcome to the Scouting Community.

Every time you learn a new skill you will earn badges that you sew onto your jumper or shirt. Although we have lots of fun at Scouts we also do important things like parades. We usually do St George's Day and the Remembrance Parade to show off our group and to show we are proud to be a Scout.

Overall Scouts is a fun activity for all and teaches you the best skills you will need.

## Ten Tors training – Sunday 25th February

Once again it was very cold for students training for the Ten Tors Challenge. This was the first time the teams had the opportunity to put their navigational skills to the test as they were not accompanied by an adult.

The route took them from Leeden Car Park, walking on the south moor to finish at Postbridge. Although a few mistakes were made there was some really good team work and they were able to complete the walk. Well done to all the students and volunteers.

The last one day walk took place yesterday - update to follow!



## 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.**

## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March is Onesie Day at TCC!

For a £1 donation students will be encouraged to wear their onesies to College to raise awareness of autism as part of National Autism Week. Proceeds will go to the National Autistic Society.

A growing number of adults and students within our community live with autism every day. Plymouth now has an Autism Friendly Hour every Saturday in the Mall.

You can find out more about autism from the National Autistic Society <http://www.autism.org.uk> or from our own local support group for families, A.R.T, who focus on the Torpoint and Rame area.

You can find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/291315248046127/>



## Royal British Legion Presentation - 9th March

The College had the pleasure to welcome members from the local Royal British Legion last week to present them a cheque for £458, money raised during a Red Muffin Day for last year's Poppy Appeal.



 Save the Children  
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Torpoint Community College

By popping on your pullovers for Christmas Jumper Day this year, you've helped make the world better in a sweater.

**YOU'VE RAISED**

£ 285.00



## ASD Awareness Coffee Morning

There will be an ASD Awareness coffee morning in the College's Student Support Centre on Tuesday 27th March, Academic Review Day, between 10am -12pm.

Please come along if you are interested.



## Headteacher's Message

The start of Spring has seen some adverse weather conditions, particularly last week when the 'Beast from the East' met Storm Emma. May I take this opportunity to thank all students, parents and staff for their rapid response to our emergency closure procedure as a result of the snow and further supporting the College during the period of closure due to the prolonged amber weather warning by the Met Office.



Last week I have had the pleasure of meeting Year 9 students to discuss their curriculum choices for September 2018 when they start Year 10. The option interviews provide an opportunity for us to discuss future careers, option choices and for any questions to be answered. Meeting Year 9 students individually is a real pleasure and Year 9 should be proud of the manner in which they have articulated the reasons behind their curriculum choices and their future plans.

On Wednesday 7th March the College had the honour and privilege in welcoming Mala Tribich MBE to deliver whole staff training on "The Holocaust in Education". For most of us, this was a once in a life time opportunity that has been secured with the UCL Beacon School in

Holocaust Education. Staff from a number of other schools in Cornwall also attended. Mala has delivered her story to many schools across the country to thousands of children. Listening to Mala's story provided a deep learning experience that staff would have gained from this event for their own subject area and the important work staff conduct daily with the children here at Torpoint Community College.

In addition to the above event the College welcomed Dr Nic Wetherall from the UCL Beacon School in Holocaust Education at the end of February. This was an assessment for the Quality Kite Mark to recognise the important work of the Holocaust in Education to empower students with deeper knowledge and critical thinking. We are currently awaiting the outcome of the assessment but may I thank Mrs Lane for leading on this for the College.

The College is hosting a Careers Fair on Wednesday 28th March 2018 where over 22 employers will be visiting to discuss an array of employment and career opportunities. Thank you to all those who have offered their support for this important event.

Finally, as you are aware the Headteacher, Mrs Andrea Hazeldine, is currently on a two term sabbatical and was due to return to College in April 2018. Unfortunately I have been informed she is currently unwell and is unlikely to return at the start of the Summer Term. The likely timescale of her return is not known at this stage but I will keep you updated once I receive any further information. The College Governors have agreed that I will continue as the Acting Headteacher, and Ms Blandin and Mrs Lear as Acting Deputy Headteachers. Should parents or students wish to send cards or messages to Mrs Hazeldine please pass them to our Main Reception for the attention of Mrs Jones, HR Manager.

J. Plumb  
Acting Headteacher

## Mala Tribich MBE Visit to TCC

On Wednesday 7th March, UCL Beacon School Torpoint Community College hosted a unique event for staff, also attended by our Chair of Governors and colleagues from several schools in Cornwall, entitled 'Engaging Teachers with Survivor Testimony'.

Mala Tribich MBE, accompanied by Ruth-Anne Lenga from UCL, spoke to staff about her experiences as a survivor of the Holocaust.

In her 90 minute presentation, Mala gave



us her personal story of incredible resilience and fortitude from her childhood and family memories of Piotrków Trybunalski in Poland, where Mala was born in 1930, to her experiences of the Piotrków ghettos, the first Jewish ghetto to be established in Nazi-occupied Europe. She spoke about her deportation to Ravensbrück, the largest concentration camp for women in the German Reich, and then her journey to the concentration camp Bergen-Belsen. When the camp was liberated in April of 1945, Mala was 14 years old.

Staff also had the opportunity to ask Mala questions at the end of her presentation. It was very clear that all staff had been part of a very unique and special event, which will forever remain in our hearts and minds.

We have invited Mala and Ruth-Anne back to Torpoint Community College to work with our students, as part of our ongoing work as a Beacon School in Holocaust Education, which we are very much looking forward to.

Follow our Beacon School story on @TCC\_BeaconHolo



Don't forget  
Academic  
Review Day!

### Academic Review Day

**Date and Time:** 4pm—7pm Monday 26th March

8.30am—1.30pm Tuesday 27th March

**Venue:** Torpoint Community College, Trevol Road, Torpoint

**TOGETHER WE WILL SUCCEED!**