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NEWSLETTER



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Academic Year 2018/19 Term Dates:

Christmas Holidays- 21st December to 6th
January

Upcoming Events

Year 10 Parents' Evening - 4th December
Year 12 GSCE Certificate Breakfast—7th
December
Christmas Jumper Day—20th December

Health and Wellbeing Fair!

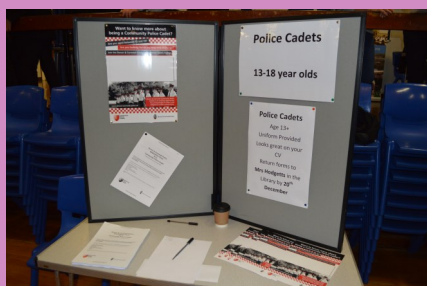
Students in Years 7-13 all had an opportunity to visit our Health and Wellbeing Fair hosted by the College on 15th November .

Approximately twenty outside agencies were represented from across the area. Students got to circulate around the stalls chatting with a range of professionals, including educational psychologists and youth workers, about their how health and wellbeing issues impact their lives.

It was brilliant to see We-Do-Football, Plymouth Raiders and Cappola Performing Arts school encouraging the students to actively learn how they can raise their fitness and energy levels. The Sugar Smart Team also arrived with lots of food for thought to go alongside the free fresh fruit and water provided by our College fresh produce supplier. It was also fantastic to see our local RBL and Blood Bike team chatting to the students about their role within the community.

All of the students were well behaved, with a special mention to our School Council and TCC PRIDE group who helped run stalls all afternoon.

Next year we want to extend the time into the afternoon even more to allow more parents and primary students to get involved. If you are interested in joining us for next year's health and wellbeing fair please contact Ms Childs childs.j@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk



Headteacher's Message

As we approach the festive Christmas break, we as a College look forward to hosting our senior citizens within our community at their Christmas lunch on Tuesday 11th December. We also look forward to our Christmas Concert on Tuesday 11th December and "Christmas Jumper Day" on the last day of term (20th December). This will allow all students and staff the opportunity to wear their favourite Christmas jumpers!

Many staff and students were recently involved in the Prom Fashion Show. This event, as in previous years, was a massive success and thoroughly enjoyed by all that took part.

Many of our Year 10 and 11 mathematicians have experienced a workshop led by Margaret Harding from the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme. This is a national organisation working with students to further develop their problem solving skills and to encourage more students into the array of exciting careers related to mathematics.

As we progress through this Academic Year our Post 16 and Year 11 students have their internal examinations at the end of December and the start of January respectively. We know that many students are using the study café and various subject intervention sessions to ensure they are fully prepared to tackle these examinations. I wish all of these students the best of luck!

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to remind Year 9 students and their families that the College will host a Year 9 Options and Information Evening on Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7 pm. This event will provide information on how the options process works at the College and help students to decide what subjects they wish to study in Years 10 and 11.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Acting Headteacher

More Netball Success

The winning streak of our College netball teams continues this season with the Year 7 green team beating Looe 19-7 this week.

Captained by Freya and Maisy, our team played with confidence and communicated well on the court. Lily and Ella's defence was effective at stopping Looe from getting the ball in to shoot. Freya and Maisy's efforts and movement on the court was really effective and, along with Roxie, their accuracy in shooting gave the girls a good lead by the end of the second quarter. Sian and Megan worked hard on the wings to get the ball in to the D. Well done to our new players, Skye, Ella, Bridie and Flo, who played very well in their first College match.

Congratulations to Freya who was nominated as Torpoint player of the match. Team: Sian, Megan, Roxie, Maisy, Freya, Lilly, Ella, Skye, Flo, Bridie

Miss Milford



Ten Tors training – Sunday 18th November

The third Ten Tors training walk was successfully completed on Sunday 18th November.

Fortunately the conditions were much drier than on previous walks which provided a welcome opportunity for the students to further develop and practice their navigational skills. Although it was cold everyone did very well, with just the odd mistake!

They set off from Pork Hill Car Park and finished near Willsworthy.

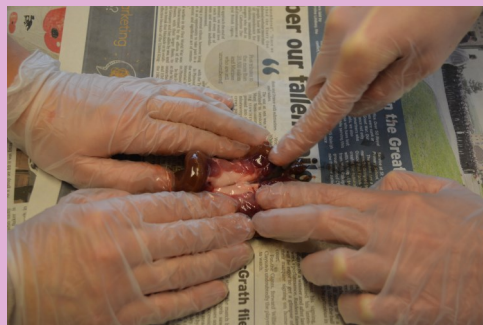


Coming up this weekend we have the Christmas walk on Sunday 2nd December. There will also be a training session on Saturday 8th December at the Family Centre (Hub).

The College would like to thank Mrs Porter and her team of outstanding volunteers for their continued support in providing this amazing opportunity for our students.

Science News

Miss Carr's Year 13 A Level Biology students enjoyed dissecting kidneys in their lesson as part of their studies on kidney structure and function. They practised their dissection and biological drawing skills.



Good news

Congratulations to Jayson Truelove on his recent promotion to Ordinary Cadet.



Immunisation Programme - Consent Forms

The College has recently received information from Kernow Health regarding HPV vaccinations planned for all Year 8 and 9 girls, and the meningitis ACWY, Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio vaccinations for all Year 9 girls and boys, that will be administered in the College on Monday 21st January 2019.

Letters explaining the immunisation programme will be given to students to take home to parents / carers; these include details on how to access the online **consent form** which **must be completed by no later than Monday 14th January 2019**. The letters can also be accessed on the College's website.

Please note any student without consent will not be immunised.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the immunisation programme please contact Kernow Health (contact details are provided on the letters) in the first instance.

Well done Harry!

Congratulations to Harry Sprague for recently representing the Military Kids Club at various Remembrance events across the country during the Remembrance weekend.



Police Cadets

This is the last chance to join the Police Cadets. Unless there are more members, Police Cadets will finish in Torpoint.

The deadline for the return of forms, to Mrs Hodgetts in the Library, is 20th December 2018.

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.

Medication in College

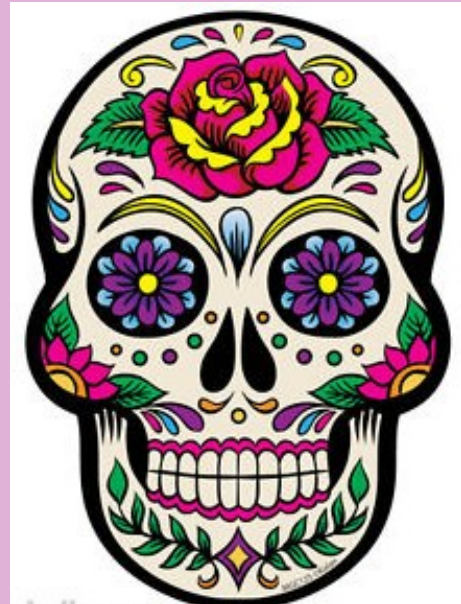
Please note that medication, including Paracetamol, should not be carried by students in the College. Paracetamol is a high risk medication that can cause long term damage if taken incorrectly. It should never be shared amongst students.

Any medication should be accompanied by a consent form which has been signed by a parent/carer and taken to the College's Medical Room from where it will be dispensed. The medicine forms can be found on the College website or collected from the College's main reception.

Spanish News

Well done to the A Level Spanish class for planning and delivering a superb lesson to 8a2 about Día de los Muertos. The Year 8s thoroughly enjoyed it and learnt a lot about Mexican culture.

Well done Nicole Maunder, Grace Crawford and Catrin Rigby for your efforts.



Library News

Our annual book advent calendar starts again in December. The first line of a book is emailed to tutors each day for students to guess before the window is opened to reveal the answer. Good luck!

