



## Academic Year 2018/19 Term Dates:

Half Term - 18th - 22nd February

INSET Day - 25th February

Easter - 8th April - 22nd April

(return to College 23rd April)

## Upcoming Events

Science Week - 11th - 15th March

Red Nose Day/Mufti - 15th March

Year 7 Parents' Evening - 26th March

## Proud moment for TCC Student

TCC Student Harry Sprague has recently attended the funeral of Former Gunner and Dispatch Rider Garth Wright, aged 99, as Plymouth saluted its last Dunkirk Veteran.

Harry was representing the MKC (Military Kids Club) and proudly carried their standard.



## Science Week

TCC is gearing up for British Science Week, that starts on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, with lots of events planned.

In the meantime all Key Stage 3 students have the opportunity to enter a national poster competition that is being supported by Guinness World Records. The main prize is to spend a day with the Guinness World Record's team at their International Headquarters.

Details have been published on SMHW and further details are here <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/spend-a-day-in-the-life-of-the-guinness-world-records-team/>

## Careers Education News

Many Year 10 students are eligible to apply for a place at a residential held at the University of Exeter during the Easter holidays. The residential is free and offers the opportunity for students to stay in a halls of residence and experience what university life is like. Please watch out for the letter home and apply by the deadline.

The College is planning to take Year 10 students to the Cornwall Skills Show in March – please can parents watch out for the letter that will be sent home and ensure students bring back their consent forms.

## Headteacher's Message

Thank you for your continued support. As we are well into February it is good to see the lighter mornings and evenings – Spring - is rapidly approaching and so are the GCSE and A-level examinations! It is hard to believe that only a few weeks ago the College was monitoring the severe weather warnings from the Met Office with many schools across Cornwall having to close due to snow.

At the College, there have recently been a number of careers events, including an 'I Love My Job' careers event that was organised for all Year 7 students. This event provided students with the opportunity to listen and talk to people about their job role. There were a wide range of occupations represented at the event. Year 10 students then had a visit from the Plymouth Barbican Theatre Company to focus on opportunities within higher education. These events are vital for students to have the opportunity to consider what they would like to do in their exciting futures ahead.

Year 11 recently received their results from their internal mock examinations. Students and their families attended a special evening event, not only to collect their results but to listen to examination and revision advice to ensure students feel confident and fully prepared for the GCSE examination ahead.

Currently many Year 11 students are involved in their GCSE food and nutrition practical examinations and an array of excellent dishes have been prepared by this cohort; the aroma of delicious dishes being prepared by the students has been a welcome addition to the corridors of the College.

Year 9 have now completed their option choices for the curriculum they wish to follow in Year 10. In the near future each will have a one to one discussion with myself to discuss the reasons for their option choices and their future

aspirations. I look forward to meeting them after the half term break.

Many students continue with their Ten Tors training . They attend numerous meetings and exercises within the College and then tackle rigorous training events on Dartmoor, all of which is organised by Mrs Porter and supported by our valued adult volunteers. The commitment of these students is impressive and it is clear their leadership skills are developing together with teamwork.

I wish the students an enjoyable and safe half term break.

Dr Jeremy Plumb  
Acting Headteacher

## PCA Trip

On 12<sup>th</sup> February our post 16 art students visited the Plymouth College of Art. Students were given a guided tour of the workshops and facilities the college has to offer and they were very motivated by what they saw.



They also had the opportunity to look at some work in progress and a browse through some very inspirational sketchbooks, received a formal talk from the course leader and were given advice about higher education.

We would like to thank PCA for being so welcoming to our students.



## Year 7 Employers Encounter

On Wednesday 6th February, Year 7 students took part in an Employers Encounters event. The students were able to talk to local business professionals to find out why they love their jobs.

Research from the Education and Employers Taskforce shows that a young person who has four or more meaningful encounters with an employer is 86% less likely to be unemployed or not in education or training and can earn up to 22% more during their career. The 2016 Education and Skills Survey reported "a gap between education and the preparation people need for their future," as well as "a gap between the skills needed and those people have". Employer encounters help address these gaps in skills and knowledge.

The event was organised with support from David Sellars, our Enterprise Coordinator from the Careers and Enterprise Company, and Julie Putman, our Employer Adviser. Julie was able to find a fantastic selection of people to talk to our students including: Adrian Cocks, MCMI Gilbert and Goode Construction; Julie Wood, Manager at Four Seasons Community Care; Andrew Reed, BAM Construct UK; David Gardiner, Chase de Vere, an independent financial adviser; Leanne Andrews, a former student who has now completed her Masters and supports adults in care; Bernadette Parkinson, Plymouth Construction Training Group; Katie Milford, Torpoint and Rame Community Sports Centre, YMCA and Louise Slee, owner of Cornish Pod. We are very grateful for these busy people giving up their time and engaging so well with our students and also want to thank all the Year 7 students who took part in this event so well.

We plan to run similar Employer Encounter speed networking events with Year 8 and Year 9 after half term.



## Year 10 'Why Would You?' Performance by the Barbican Theatre Company

As part of our on-going work with Next Steps South West, a university led collaborative outreach project to encourage students to progress on to Higher Education, Year 10 students watched the Barbican Theatre Company present a thought-provoking, one-hour in-school production that followed three students and their decision-making process for their post-18 options on Friday 8th February.



This was a great way to get students in Year 10 thinking about their next steps after school and the reasons for and against going to university. Selected students took part in a workshop following the performance where they were able to discover and explore what had happened to the characters in the play. These students were fantastic during the workshop – well done to all involved.

## Alumni Network

We want to encourage as many former students as possible to sign up to our alumni database so that they can help to inspire our current students and get involved with future career events at the College.

To sign up please go to this link:  
<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/signup/>

# The Torpoint Archives

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Come along and view  
Photographs/Artifacts & the History of

### "Torpoint's Past"

at the

**Council Chambers**

**York Road**

On

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

&

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**10am to 3pm.**

Further Details from The Archives – Telephone  
07530976981 – Archives opening Times:

Tuesdays 2pm - 4pm

Fridays 10am – 12noon & 2pm – 4pm.

Email - [torpointarchives@outlook.com](mailto:torpointarchives@outlook.com)

## Activities Week 2019

Activities week payment  
deadline is **10** weeks away.

**Friday 26th April**

## Main Gate Restrictions

A gentle reminder that the gates at the end of the school drive have restricted opening hours during the school day.

For the safety of children arriving at, and leaving, both Carbeile Junior School and TCC the gates are closed at the following times:

8.30am – 8.50am

3.10pm – 3.30pm.

The only exception to this will be in an emergency.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

## Competition Time for Year 10 Spanish GCSE Students!

The University of Exeter Languages Magazine are running a competition for GCSE students:



### UNIVERSITY OF EXETER'S LANGUAGE

**MAGAZINE:** WRITE FOR THE LANGUAGE  
EXEPRESS!

**£50 AMAZON VOUCHER FOR THE WINNERS  
AND £25 VOUCHERS FOR TWO RUNNERS UP!**

If you would like to enter you will need to write an article entitled 'Why I love studying languages' in Spanish (500 word limit) and get it emailed to Miss Murphy to check it by Wednesday 27th February.

[murphy.k@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:murphy.k@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)

Miss Murphy will then send the articles to the University of Exeter.

Anyone who enters from TCC will receive merits and there will be prizes for TCC's top 3 articles. This is a great opportunity to practise writing and show off what you can do! You may get published on the University's language website <https://flc-resource.wixsite.com/language-exepress> and even entering a competition like this looks great on your CV.

For further information please speak to Miss Murphy.

¡Buena suerte!



## Careers Exhibition

The College is holding a Careers Exhibition on Tuesday 12th March 2019.

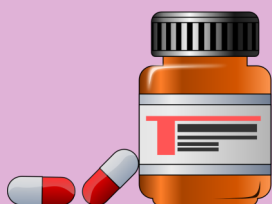
If you or a family member work for an organisation and would like to be represented please contact Mrs Bray or Mrs Clift at the College.



## Bringing medication into College

The College is aware that some students have been bringing their own non-prescription medication to College in case of headaches etc. However, please can parents and carers be aware that this is against the College Policy.

All medication needs to be stored safely with the Medical Room. We are happy to hold pain relief medication for students, but parents and carers will need to complete a medication form which must be collected from and handed in at the College's reception.



It is also important that students go to the Medical Room if they feel unwell and not contact parents directly to be picked up. The College will always contact you if they feel a child is too unwell to be at school.

## 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.



## Badminton Success

Congratulations to our six badminton players who were brave enough to face their first badminton tournament at the Life Centre last weekend. They came up against experienced club players, held their own and did themselves proud.

Rosie and Lucy came 2nd, Keeley and Ellie came 3rd and Bridgette and Holly came 5th in the under 14s doubles competition. In the under 14s singles Bridgette came 2nd in group A and Holly came 3rd in group B. Holly was also awarded the merit trophy for effort and attitude on court.



This was an amazing experience for all of the students and a really good chance to develop as players. We will be looking for more opportunities to compete this year.

Year 7 to 9 Girl's Badminton Club is on every Monday lunch time.

Miss Milford