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## Academic Year 2018/19 Term Dates:

Christmas Holidays- 21st December to 6th January

## Upcoming Events

Prom Fashion Show - 22nd November  
Post 16 Parents' Evening - 27th November  
Year 10 Parents' Evening - 4th December

## Ten Tors Training

Students completed their Ten Tors introductory walk on Sunday 14th October and a quick change in the weather forecast meant the students set off in wet conditions!

They completed a circular route from Leeden Tor car park, with a few route adjustments due to the rivers. The students did really well and we are very grateful for the support of the adult volunteers who taught them some navigational skill using a map and compass. The rain cleared away in the afternoon and there were only a few minor hiccups, one of which as a student losing their sole (luckily just from his boot)!



The second walk on 4th November was a wet and misty one, but the students did very well.

They set off from Two Bridges and, with the support of adult volunteers, learnt about navigating in poor visibility, crossing rivers and keeping safe. All teams finished at Holming Beam before the weather conditions deteriorated even further.

The next walk is on Sunday 18th November



## Gardens For Life

The Science Department's Gardens for Life just keeps giving with another bumper crop of vegetables in October.



Planning for next year's planting is already under way with our Year 8 students.

## **Headteacher's Message**

Students, staff and parents have had the opportunity to visit the "Health and Well-being Fair" this week. It was attended by over 20 different outside agencies to provide guidance and support on the array of methods and opportunities to ensure we all remain healthy and well.

Recently students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have attended careers assemblies to provide vital careers advice for their many opportunities ahead both in education and employment. Year 9 have also been introduced to the Year 9 Option Process, an important process in which they will select their option choices for Year 10 in September 2019. An important date for your diary is the Year 9 Option Information Evening on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30 pm.

The College attended the Remembrance Service in Torpoint on 11<sup>th</sup> November to remember all those that have lost their lives or have been injured in past conflicts. Accompanying me were the Head Boy, Girl and their Deputies. The students laid a wreath together with students from Carbeile Junior School and Torpoint Infants and Nursery School and reflected deeply on the readings within the service.

It is with deep sadness that Mr Phil Shingler, a long-standing College Governor, passed away earlier this month. My deepest sympathy and thoughts go out to his wife, daughter and son. Phil gave a considerable amount of his time to driving improvements at the College. He was also involved in driving improvements within education and for young people wider afield throughout South East Cornwall. Phil had a great understanding of many aspects within education and worked hard supporting the College to ensure the best possible outcomes for all students. One of his passions was to ensure students were provided with a broad and balanced curriculum and his support for the arts, performing arts and design technology was immense. In recognition of his support

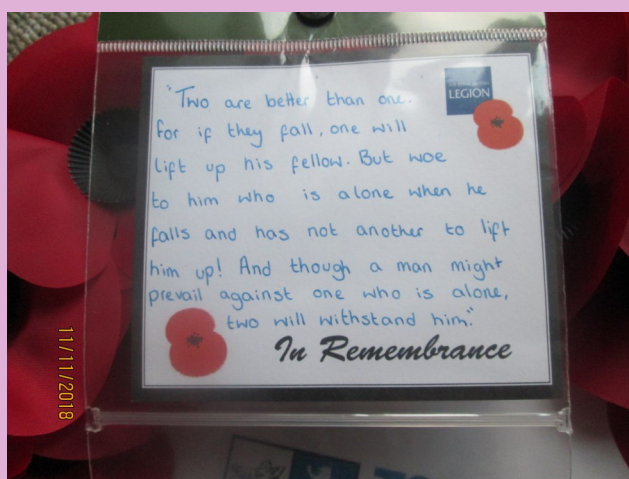
and in his memory an award in his name will be presented at the Rewards Evening in July 2019. He will be deeply missed by colleagues at the College.

You may also be aware that Mrs Lane, curriculum Leader and teacher of History, was recently involved in a road traffic collision. Mrs Lane sustained multiple injuries including two broken knees, a broken foot, collar bone and one of her vertebrae. She has had a number of surgical operations and currently remains in hospital. On a recent visit I can report that, although she has been subjected to a serious accident, she remains in very good spirits as she embarks on a period of recovery. I am sure you will join the College in wishing Mrs Lane a speedy recovery and our very best wishes.

During the absence of Mrs Lane we welcome Mr Waters to the College who, along with Mr Golding, has taken on the teaching of History.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dr Jeremy Plumb—Acting Headteacher





## Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day

After an amazing response from students on 10<sup>th</sup> October the College raised over £490! This means that we have been able to donate a massive £245 to the charity Young Minds for their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hello Yellow appeal.

It was great to see so many young people wearing yellow on World Mental Health Day. We hope that all of the work we are doing with our young people around positive mental health stays with them through their exam times and beyond.



## Graduation News

The following students have recently graduated from Plymouth Marjon University:

**Jack Hodgetts**, BA Hons Journalism

**Chris Westall**, Bed Hons Secondary Education with Physical Education

**Kerrie Livick**, BSc Hons, Health, Exercise and Physical Activity.

Congratulations to all the above former TCC students.

# PROM FASHION SHOW



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THURSDAY  
22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER  
7:30-9pm 2018




**TICKETS**  
£2

available from college reception and ART and DT office

Come along and find your perfect prom gown!  
At our prom fashion show you can view beautiful dresses from local business 'Jane Louise' of Liskeard.

**HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD**  
October 2018



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# Amber Dibble

**Year 11**

Amber was nominated and won Octobers Head Teachers award due to her being an exemplary student who has demonstrated dedication to achieving excellence throughout her time at Torpoint Community College.


During KS3 Amber read millions of words each year as part of the AR programme. She is a voracious reader and she has also fully embraced all reading enrichment activities organised by Mrs Hodgetts, representing the school admirably at the Kernow Youth Book Awards.


As Amber has moved into KS4 her absolute dedication to learning has proven unwavering as she is a model student: she is very hardworking and willing to embrace challenge, displaying resilience and a desire to succeed. Amber's classwork books are incredibly impressive as she completes everything that she does to an impeccable standard. Perhaps even more impressive, is Amber's commitment to independent revision. She personifies the qualities of an effective learner as she has a focused revision programme in place and has produced copious pages of detailed revision notes in English that demonstrate an excellent level of understanding. Amber is a quietly hardworking student, but one who goes above and beyond expectation to do the best that she possibly can.

For the past three years Amber has volunteered to help with the Summer Reading Challenge at Torpoint Library during her summer holidays. Each year she has given up around 25 hours of her own time to support the Library and local children/community. Amber would sign primary aged children into the reading challenge and would explain to them what the challenge involved. She then helped children choose books and when the children came back Amber would have discussions with them about the books that they have read. The Torpoint Librarian praised Amber, stating "Amber's passion for books has enabled her to support the children really effectively as she has such a good knowledge of books to draw upon. She was a massive help and it would have been really hard work for us at the library without her"

During her time at Torpoint Community College, her behaviour record has been exemplary. She is always punctual and has an excellent attendance record. Her teachers have stated "Amber always gives 100% and she is quite simply a superb student".

Congratulations Amber, you are a very deserving winner of this award!







## Science News

Year 12 A Level Biology students look very smart in their new lab coats. They recently worked with precision and skill in order to extract the DNA from some onion cells. One group of students produced the best results I have ever seen.

Miss Carr



## Basketball-a-thon

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October students at Torpoint Community College held their first basketball-a-thon. Challenging themselves to maintain one game of basketball for 12 hours, the students were fundraising to develop the outdoor basketball facilities at the College.

Starting at 9am at the Torpoint and Rame Sports Centre, everyone involved worked collaboratively to create a fantastic atmosphere and students successfully completed their 12 hours at 9 pm with the support of Plymouth Raiders, TCC teachers, YMCA staff and parents and carers. A high standard of basketball was on show throughout the event and the black team eventually triumphed over the reds 395 points – 367 points.



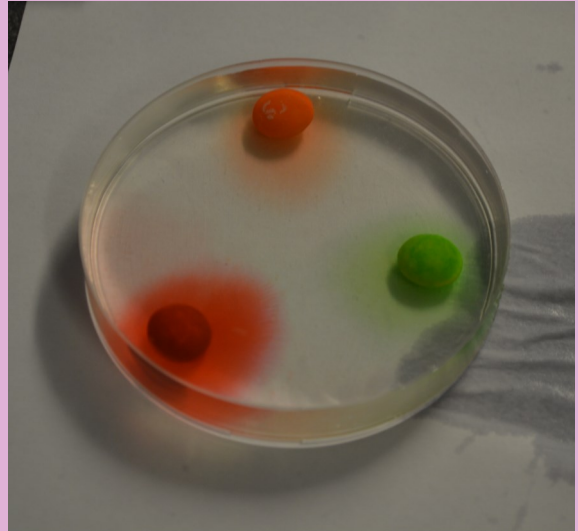
With over £300 raised thus far through the event our students have once again demonstrated their determination and commitment. Thank you to everyone who generously donated both their time and money towards the event. Any future donations towards this project would still be gratefully received.



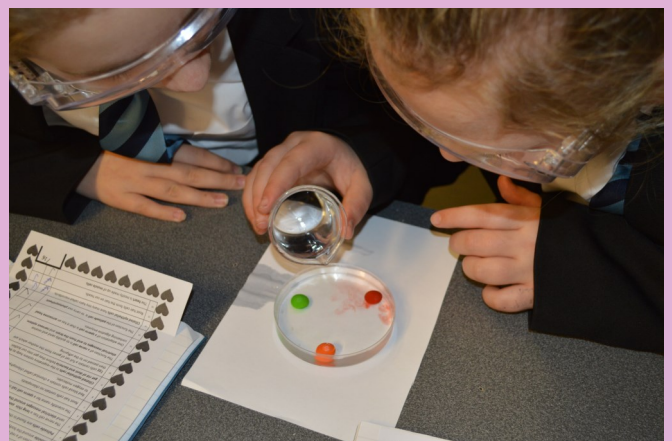
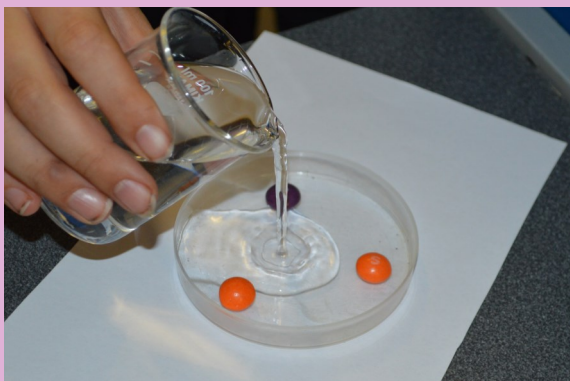
## Science News Continued.....

Students in 71A Science have produced amazing work for the Cells topic. They have dissected a chicken wing to find out more about how cells become tissues and work together, and have investigated diffusion using Skittles.

Students have put a jaw-dropping amount of effort into their homework to make a model of a cell. A fantastic variety of models were brought to class, including a fantastic plant cell cushion, 3 scrumptious cakes, red blood cell cookies that were eaten and enjoyed by all and some thoroughly well-labelled and researched models. Well-done 71A. Mrs Bray.



Miss Carr's Year 7 Science group used skittles to demonstrate diffusion in a recent Science lesson. They are now going to apply their new knowledge of diffusion to their work on cells.





## TCC Education Welfare Officer

Torpoint Community College is happy to welcome our new Education Welfare Officer, Tonia Durie

The main role of the Council's Education Welfare Service (EWS) is to ensure that children of compulsory school age attend school regularly. The EWS does so in partnership with both school and parents. This can take many forms, from attendance clinics, home visits, school meetings, letters and telephone conversations amongst others. The aim of this is to come up with an action plan that will work towards supporting the student to increase their school attendance, and therefore their future prospects.

## Graduation News

Ex TCC student, Jack Hodgetts, has recently graduated from the University of St Mark and St John in Plymouth. He was awarded a degree of Bachelor of Arts, with Upper Second Class Honours (2:1), in Journalism.

Jack is now working as the head of social media and marketing for Plymouth Raiders, with whom he has previously volunteered.

Well done Jack - we are very proud of you!



## Science News Continued.....

Miss Carr's Year 7 class have been learning all about cells.

There were some fantastic models made for homework and brought in for all to enjoy. Students have been very creative this year and special mention goes to the students who made cakes or cookies, printed a t-shirt, recycled a Halloween pumpkin, made a Christmas decoration and creatively used a block of wood with some fishing tackle!

A great effort – well done Year 7.

