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## Academic Year 2019/20 Term Dates:

17th - 21st February - Half Term  
24th February - INSET Day (College closed to students)  
30th March - 13th April - Easter Break

## Upcoming Events

6th-15th March - Science Week  
9th-13th March - Sport Relief Week

## Ten Tors training – 26<sup>th</sup> January

Unfortunately students were unable to complete part of the training walk due to the weather. They set off from the Y-junction near Okehampton Army Camp and endured heavy rain and strong winds. It certainly tested everyone's wet weather gear! Well done to all involved, including the volunteers, who were out supporting the students.



## Year 7 Netball News

Well done to the Year 7 second team who started their SE Cornwall netball league fixtures last week at Liskeard. With Hermione, May, Amy, Jazmine and Ruby defending for the team, Emily, Olive, and Olivia working through the centre court and Emily, Isabelle and Bethany shooting, the girls made a really good start to their season against Looe and Liskeard.

They were nervous in the first game against a strong Looe A team but supported and encouraged each other well. After losing 9-0 they showed good team spirit, picked themselves up and were determined to space out more and make less errors against Liskeard A team. The nerves disappeared in the second match. The girls worked hard for the ball, controlled their play much better, took their shooting opportunities and were delighted to win 5-2.

Nominated players were Olive and Emily C. This cheerful, supportive squad of girls were a delight to take away.



## TCC Curriculum Model

Please take a look at our most recent curriculum model on the College website which we are proud to share with you.

All of the teachers and curriculum leaders have been working hard over the last few months to review our existing provision and ensure that all students at Torpoint Community College receive the highest standard of education. Our College vision has been at the forefront of our thinking when developing curriculum models; we believe that all of our students need to know important things about the world that will empower them to succeed within and beyond the College.

When our students tell us "I can't do..." or "I'm not clever enough to do...", we simply respond with the word "yet". Our vision is Inspiring Optimistic Learners and a key aspect of this is ensuring that every student knows that we believe in their capacity to succeed.

All subject areas have thought carefully about what we want our students to learn and how to best sequence that learning over time. This is an on-going area of work and we will refine and evolve the model over the coming year.

We have created a document to showcase some aspects of our curriculums and tell the narrative across the College. Please use the following link to access it:-

<http://www.torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk/our-curriculum/>



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## Headteacher's Message

This has been another busy half term with lots of sporting events including cross country, badminton, football and netball. In addition, the College has welcomed members of the community to the Holocaust Memorial Day exhibition and students have been involved in an array of exciting events.

Year 9 students have now all submitted their option choices for September 2020 and after the half term break will each have a meeting with myself or Miss Bell to discuss their option choices in more detail. Year 11 have also had meetings with Mr Golding and Mr Pease to discuss their plans after their GCSEs and the subject choices on offer in our Sixth Form.

Mrs Porter has kept me well informed of the dedication of those students training for the 2020 Ten Tors expedition. The weather has certainly been challenging for them this year. However, I believe spirits are high and their training to date has been very successful.

The College has provided many successful and informative careers events for all learners this Academic Year thanks to Mrs Bray, and it is my pleasure to share the excellent news that she has successfully completed the Level 6 Careers Guidance Course and is now a qualified Careers Advisor. This is a massive achievement as I believe she is the first and only Careers leader in East Cornwall to successfully complete this course.

We are now half way through the Academic Year and I would like to thank all parents for their continued support. Year 11 and 13 are now weeks away from the start of their examination season and I encourage all to continue their hard work within College lessons and their own structured revision.

Please remember Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February is a non-student day due to staff training.

I wish you a safe and relaxing half term break.

Dr Jeremy Plumb



# We Reading at TCC

We are buzzing about books!

"Reading is important. If you know how to read,  
then the whole world opens up to you."

Barack Obama

We aim:

- To provide a safe and positive learning atmosphere for **all** students
- To develop a love of literature, language, media and reading
- To provide Accelerated Reader access for all Year 7 and 8 students to use as a tool to facilitate sustained progress.

We ensure that we have a detailed understanding of progress and attainment at KS2 so that we can focus on:

- Securing and building on core literacy skills
- Encouraging independent reading through the Accelerated Reader programme
- Group and collaborative work so that students have opportunities to discuss, probe and evaluate texts
- Developing writing skills to equip students to write for real audiences and purposes.

## Accelerated Reader Programme

AR is an exciting national reading programme that uses cutting edge diagnostic tools to support teachers to improve the reading ability of students. All students in Year 7 and 8 are star tested at the beginning of the year and a ZPD score is generated. This gives each student a reading range and ensures that they are able to select a book from the library that will be accessible, but also challenging, for them. Once students have selected a book they will complete a period of 20 minutes engaged reading in every English lesson. Once the book has been read an online quiz is then taken to test the understanding of the book and allows staff to monitor progress and offer intervention and support if necessary. Students are also encouraged to take their book home to read as this has proved to accelerate progression.

At TCC Library we love reading and we love offering our students opportunities to select challenging and interesting texts from a wide range of genres. We monitor all of our books closely and endeavour to maintain high standards in the quality of literature that we issue to students, but we are very much aware that some authors who are very popular with our students do tackle some important, but at times adult, themes and issues. If you have any concerns about the book your child is reading, please let us know and we will change the book for them.

**Top tips for reading at home -  
Have a 'phone free' hour and  
read instead.**

## Reading isn't just for English...

If you like History  
then why not try  
this...



## Accelerated Reader Stars Millionaire Readers

### Year 7

**Josiah Anderson - 3,054,163 words**

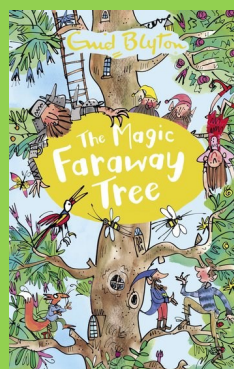
**Ruby Potter - 1,257,895 words**

**Scarlett Smith - 1,084,650 words**

### Year 8

**Phoebe Callow - 1,544,673 words**

**Sian Humphreys - 1,084,625 words**



## My Favourite Book

**Mrs Hodgetts**

The most popular author for library  
issues in January was...

**Jeff Kinney**

## Important Dates

**World Book Day - 7th March**

**Kernow Youth Book Awards -  
29th April**



# STUDY CAFÉ



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## TCC STUDENTS!

**Need somewhere to study?**

**Need a space to revise in?**

Why not drop into our study café on  
**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS.**

### COMPUTER ACCESS

**FREE TEA, COFFEE  
& BISCUITS**

**ACCESS TO  
REVISION GUIDES  
& SUPPORT MATERIALS**

**EVERY  
WEDNESDAY  
ROOM 17  
3:30-5:30pm**





# EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING



Congratulations to the logo competition winners...

Jess F (yr 9) & Mr Lumbard.

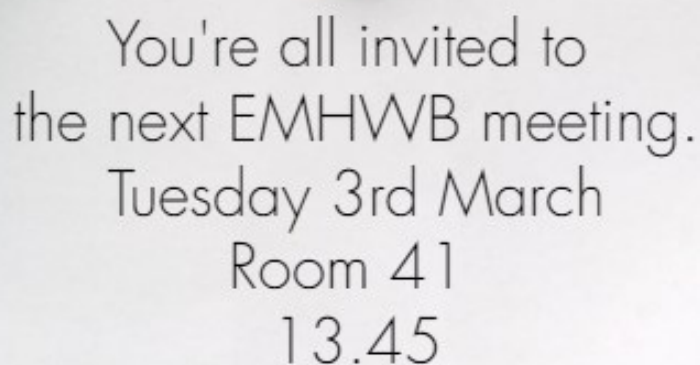
The 2 winning designs are going to be combined so watch this space...!

The mental health & well-being provision in Cornwall is currently being reviewed to understand what social support is needed in the Cornish communities.

**[www.cornwall.gov.uk/mentalhealthsurvey](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/mentalhealthsurvey)**

Do you know where you can go for support/advice with mental health?

Check out: NHS Every Mind Matters, Kooth.com, Headstart Kernow.



You're all invited to  
the next EMHWB meeting.  
Tuesday 3rd March  
Room 41  
13.45

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