

Inspiring Optimistic Learners

## **NEWSLETTER**



#### Academic Year 2019/20 Term Dates:

23rd December - 3rd January -Christmas Holidays (Return 6th January) 17th - 21st February - Half Term 24th February - INSET Day (College closed to students)

#### **Trafalgar Day Parade**

Students from the College have recently been to HMS Excellent in Portsmouth. This was to complete two days of training before going to London for the Trafalgar Day Parade. On Horseguards Parade they performed with the Massed Bands of the Sea Cadets.

One of the students, Matthew, has also visited HMS Collingwood in Portsmouth to undertake a 'look at life' work experience course with the Royal Marines Band Service.

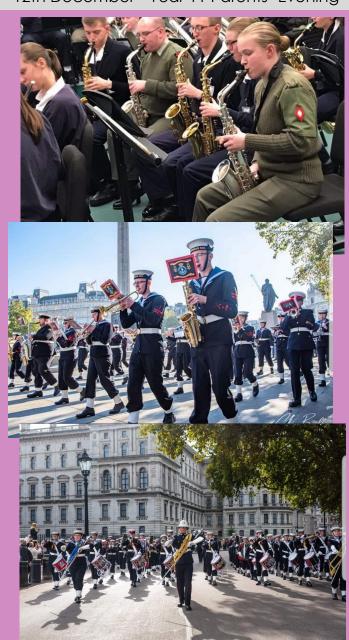
Well done to all of the students who took part in the Trafalgar Day Parade: Matthew, Jayson, Izzy, Ella, Charlie and Issy.



#### **Upcoming Events**

28th November - Academic Review Day Evening

29th November - Academic Review Day 10th December - Senior Citizens' Lunch 12th December - Year 11 Parents' Evening



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#### Attendance Reminder

At Torpoint Community College we believe that the greater the attendance, the greater achievement. We aim for an environment which enables and encourages all members of the community. For our students to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and be at College, on time, every day.

If your child is absent please contact the College as soon as possible on the first day of absence, and on each subsequent day of absence. If it is a planned absence, please complete an Absence Request Form.

Please note that the law does not grant parents/carers an automatic right to take their children out of school during term time. Parents/carers can commit an offence if they fail to ensure the regular and punctual attendance of their child at the school which the child is registered, unless the absence has been authorised by the school.

If your request for absence is refused and you still take your child out of school on holiday in term time then we will refer the matter to Cornwall Council and they may decide to issue a Penalty Notice. Penalty Notices for absences of 5 days are £60 per parent per child.

For more information please refer to the Attendance Policy displayed on the College website.

#### **Money Mules**

Devon and Cornwall Police have recently written to the College about the issue of 'Money Mules' as part of their 'Don't Be Fooled' awareness campaign and we would like to share this information with the parents of our students and with our wider community.

http://www.torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk/money-mules-dont-be-fooled/

#### Taekwondo Success

Year 8 student Grace has recently attended the National Taekwondo competitions at The Nuffield Health Centre.

Grace received a bronze medal in Chon-Ji, which is patterning display and a gold medal for Sparring.



Grace has been attending Taekwondo-Do and entering competitions for almost 3 years and has quite a collection of other medals.

Well done Grace!

#### Science 71A Class—Cell Models

Well done to the 71A Science Class for producing some amazing models of cells for their homework—there was even an edible red blood cell for all to enjoy!



#### **Cross Country Success**

Evan Barnes took part in the Fun Run held at the Millennium Centre in Pensilva on Sunday 3rd November run by East Cornwall Harriers, a Liskeard Running Club. He ran a fantastic race and won his age category.



Evan has been part of each of the Cross Country events that TCC has attended and has performed really well. He is also part of a small group of TCC students who are travelling down to Newquay on 10th November for the Cornwall AA Cross Country Championships.

Good luck Evan and well done!

#### Message from TCC Marketing

Do you have any good news stories you would like to share? We would love to hear from you so we can share them, if appropriate, with the wider College community.

Please e-mail the details to: TCCMarketing@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk





Artwork by Hollie Rickard, Year 12 - Pencil study

#### Plymouth Argyle Football Tournament

A group of Year 7 and 8 girls attended a 6 aside football tournament run by Plymouth Argyle at the Manadon Sports Hub on Wednesday 30th October.

The conditions were less than favourable! The girls were wet through and cold but this did not dampen their spirits. They put so much effort into every game and never gave up, even against some experienced teams.

Hopefully future games bring us some better weather!

Well done girls.



#### **TCC Curriculum Model**

We are proud to share our most recent curriculum model with you on our College website.

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/



## Year 10 Enterprise Day – Apprentice style challenge.

Year 10 students took part in an Enterprise Education day organised by the CSW Group on the Friday before half term.

Students were given a brief to market a product and come up with a business plan. They were helped by a range of STEM Ambassadors and business mentors to prepare presentations to present to the other students in their groups and a range of team working, communication and presentation skills over the course of the day.

The STEM Ambassadors and business mentors judged the presentations and chose the winners who had some great products and well-explained business ideas.

We hope the entrepreneurial spirit will take off with these students.





#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November -Ten Tors Training Walk

In typical Dartmoor fashion the weather turned nasty for the students venturing out on their training walk in preparation for the Ten Tors Challenge.

They set off from Two Bridges in sunshine but had to complete an alternative route due to high river levels. The students successfully completed the walk even though it was wet and misty for their last few tors.

Well done to everyone involved.







#### **Sports Masterclass**

All of the Year 12 and 13 Cambridge Technical Sport students attended a Sports Master Class on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at City College.

The students had a tour of the campus followed by a chance to strap an ankle injury in the Sports Rehabilitation room. They were then put through some strength and conditioning training and finished up with a talk from Next Steps Southwest about qualifications and careers in sport and physical activity. It was a really fun and worthwhile trip.







#### **National Badminton Championships**

Well done to the College badminton teams who took part in the East Cornwall round of the National Badminton Championships at Saltash. Twenty five TCC students competed as singles and doubles matches, many in their first ever badminton competition, against teams from Liskeard, Wadebridge and Launceston.

The Year 9 girls team started the tournament with a bang by winning all three rounds to come 1st overall. They played fifteen matches, losing only two, to qualify for County final in December. The year 10 girls quickly followed on by winning all three rounds again, only losing 2 matches, to qualify and join the Year 9s at the County final. The girls showed great team spirit, fighting back to win several games when behind and giving excellent support and humour from the side of the courts.

Year 9: Holly T, Holly M, Keeley, Maddie, Marley, Mia, Bridgette Year 10: Abi, Ruby, Emily, Hannah, Maddie, Rosie, Lucy

The Year 8 boys showed great enthusiasm and improved with each round and with only four players they had to play every match without a rest. They lost the first round, won the second round and faced a deciding doubles match at the end of the day, with Ethan and Seb paired, against a strong Year 9 boys pair from Liskeard. Despite going behind several times they showed great fighting spirit to come back to win 16-14 therefore coming 2nd overall and also qualifying for the Cornwall finals.

Team: Seb, Ethan, William, Josh

The Year 10 boys team came up against some strong Year 11 opposition but improved with each round and kept their heads up. They showed good humour and team spirit and now know what to work on for next year

Team: Ed, Hayden, Harry, Taran, Jude, Zach, Sorren

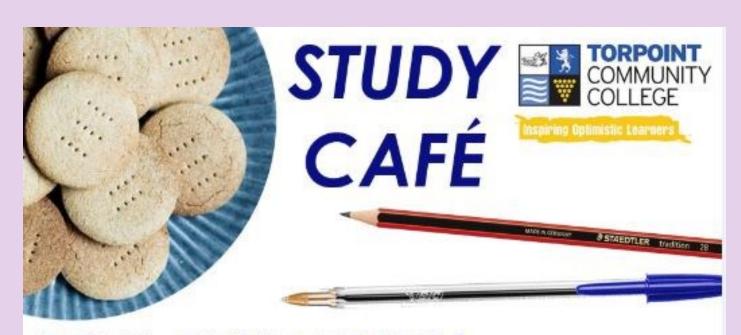
Well done to everyone who took part with such enthusiasm and team spirit.











## TCC STUDENTS!

Need somewhere to study?

Need a space to revise in?
Why not drop into our study café on
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS.

### **COMPUTER ACCESS**

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





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# PROM

FASHION

WEDNESDAY 27" NOVEMBER

2019

7:30-9pm

SHOW

# TICKETS

 $\pounds 2$  per ticket

Available from college reception and Art & 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.