



Academic Year 2019/20 Term Dates:

Friday 27th September-**INSET** day
(College closed to students)
21st-25th October - Half Term
23rd December - 3rd January -
Christmas Holidays (Return 6th January)

Upcoming Events

Year 8 & 9 Immunisations - 25th September
Staff INSET Day 27th September
Year 9 Parents' Evening - 17th October
6th Form Open Evening—7th November

Student Fundraising

Year 11 student Archie, along with his friends Jake, Liam and Korey, has recently done a sponsored head shave to raise money for the Antony Nolan Trust.

They raised over £1,700. Archie decided to give something back after his Granddad was diagnosed with cancer and will be receiving a stem cell transplant through the Trust.

Well done boys!



Half Price Rail Travel

In August the Government introduced a new railcard for 16 and 17 year olds which will entitle them to half price travel on trains across the country.

This new railcard will guarantee 50 percent off travel until the cardholder reaches their 18th Birthday.

University Residential Experiences

We are very proud of last year's Year 10 students who took part in residenceals at both the Streatham and Penryn Campuses of Exeter University this year.

Ten students took part in residential experiences during the Easter holidays as part of the Exeter Scholars programme and six more students took part in residenceals, organised by Next Steps South West, at the start of July. The residenceals allow students to experience what life is like as a university student. They got to see the amazing facilities on offer, took part in academic workshops and stayed in university accommodation.

We received excellent feedback about the conduct and enormous potential of our students. Well done to all who participated and pushed themselves out of their comfort zone by meeting new people and experiencing new things.

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

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the start of a new Academic Year and a very special welcome to all the new students that have joined us at the College, in particular the 146 Year 7 students and their families.

I hope you had a really enjoyable and relaxing summer break and are now back into the routine as we already work rapidly through the Autumn Term.

Students returned to the College with enthusiasm and energy and looking very smart. I would like to thank you for your continued support with the College's Uniform Policy.

The number of students joining the College has significantly increased over the last two years with 146 and 148 students in Years 7 and 8 respectively. To accommodate this increase in our student population we welcome a number of new staff this year.

May I take this opportunity to introduce you to the following colleagues that joined the College in September:

Miss Dolmore (Geography)

Mr Lowe (DT/Art)

Miss Reilly (English)

Mrs Rule (MFL)

Ms Shiel (Science)

Miss Stacey (Mathematics)

Miss Webber (Drama)

Miss Williams (English).

I am sure you have heard a great deal of information in the media about this year's examination results nationally and of course more locally, including press releases from Torpoint Community College. It is clear from the results that the class of 2019, in both Years 11 and 13, were a very special group and staff enjoyed sharing the student celebrations as they found out their results. They should be very proud of what they have achieved. The College's press releases can be found on the College website.

It is an absolute honour to be the headteacher of Torpoint Community College and I would like to share the five College priorities that we will be working towards this year:

Torpoint Community College provides an outstanding quality of education

Student behaviour, attitudes and personal development are outstanding as a result of outstanding leadership and management by all members of the College community.

Health, Well-being and Resilience

The College continues to create new and refine existing strategies so that individual students' resilience is further developed - both academic resilience and health related resilience to raise the achievement, attainment, the health and wellbeing of all individuals and groups of students.

Independence in Effective Learning

Build and secure students' optimism and curiosity for learning, their learning independence, literacy skills, numeracy skills, experience of and expertise by providing a broad and balanced curriculum. The curriculum is at the heart of the College vision and values. The intent is to provide a progressive curriculum that enables students and staff to build knowledge and understanding, resulting in a "deep sequenced learning experience" for all.

Careers and Aspirations

Provide clear subject links to careers to further facilitate student progress and achievement to be equipped for further education and employment.

Pastoral and Curriculum Structure

Continue to develop the "pastoral and curriculum structure" to ensure the College is sustainable in the future, whilst building around the 3 core values of the College; Respect, Prepare and Focus and the College motto "Inspiring Optimistic Learners"

These 5 priorities are fundamental to our College motto "Inspiring Optimistic Learners" as staff at the College, with the great support of parents, help shape and equip the students with the skills and knowledge required for their future lives ahead.

Furthermore, together with all other secondary schools in Cornwall, we have signed up to a "Green Charter". As educators we are committed to teach our young people to be environmentally literate and to develop their knowledge, skills, motivation and confidence to practice and promote sustainability in their community. As organisations, we are committed to ensure any decisions we make about our working practice take into account the impact on the environment, with the aim of adopting sustainable practices wherever possible. To this end, we will (and have already achieved a number of these):

Collectively declare a climate emergency in September 2019.

Attend the 2019 Cornwall Schools' Eco-Conference and any subsequent conferences.

Gain Eco-School status within two years, then maintain it thereafter.

Significantly reduce the use of single-use plastic with the aim of becoming 'plastic free'.

Create a garden, pond, orchard, vegetable plot, bee hive and/or farm on site.

Promote the benefits of eating less meat and aim to have a regular meat-free day

Engage with parents & the local community to promote sustainable action in the home.

Engage with another school (nationally or internationally) about action in schools.

We will support Cornwall Council's aim to become carbon neutral by:

- reducing energy consumption by at least 10%
- using some form of renewable energy source on site, where possible
- buying energy from renewable suppliers, where possible
- Explore ways to lessen the impact of petrol and diesel vehicles on the environment.

I am pleased to report that all students appear to have settled in well at the start of this new term. Year 7 students are gaining in confidence as they get more familiar with the College site, and enjoy the offerings in our excellent Canteen! Year 9 students need to start thinking about their subject option choices for next year, and there is a sharp focus for Year 11 and 13 students as their GCSE and A' Level exams are rapidly approaching. There is a wide range of support available to support students throughout this critical time which I strongly recommend they make the most of. I'm sure Year 11 won't thank me for reminding them that their mock exams will be taking place in November - less than two month's time!

Finally, please pencil in your diaries the Sixth Form Open Evening that will be taking place on Thursday 7th November between 6 - 8.30pm. We would very much like to see you there.

With my kind regards

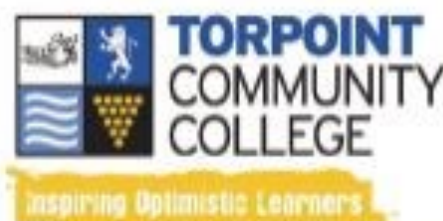
Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher



HEAD TEACHER'S

AWARD

July 2019



Seth Doyle

Year 7



Seth has received this month's Head Teachers Award as a result of the inspirational way that he has settled into life at Torpoint Community College. Seth has begun his career at TCC with a really positive intent and this is reflected in the way that he conducts himself amongst his peers and the professionalism that he applies to his learning on a daily basis; these are exciting traits to see in someone so young and I anticipate that the best is yet to come.

Seth is an engaged, inquisitive and friendly member of our College community. He has faced up to the challenges of transition to secondary education and channelled his considerable energy into the college STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Maths) club where he is flying the flag for the College. Recently Seth and his STEM club associates were invited to test out the new STEM education facilities at the Tamar Bridge Education Centre, this proved to be an exciting experience for all involved and the feedback from Seth and the STEM club students was overwhelmingly positive. Seth's interests in Science run quite deep, and this is evident from the comments made by his Science teachers; "Seth is passionate about Science and has been a pleasure to teach this year! Seth is a star!"

Outside the laboratory Seth is a very highly regarded individual "he always arrives with a smile; ready to learn and do the best he can. No matter what the task he tackles it with an enthusiasm which is infectious to his peers – and motivates them to try their best as well". This is a fabulous trait to have and this is what makes Seth such a great role model for his peers.

Seth is a highly creative individual and has produced some lovely work in DT – his CAD/CAM jewellery was thoughtfully designed and challenged his skills. If Seth continues in the way that he has started here at Torpoint Community College the world will indeed be his oyster!

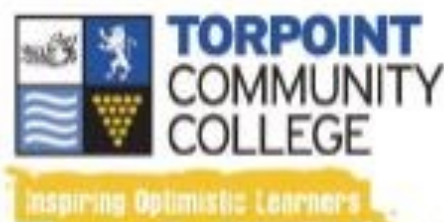
Seth is a real inspiration to his fellow Year 7 peers and Freathy House, and I wish him every success with his future endeavours.



HEAD TEACHER'S

AWARD

August 2019



Amelia Wotton

Year 7



Amelia is very organised and is a high achiever and it came as no surprise to see her name on the nomination list for this award. Amelia has really hit the ground running since her transition to Torpoint Community College and is taking the College by storm thanks to her exceptional attitude to learning and commitment to everything she does.

Amelia has achieved 99.7% attendance and 0 behaviour concerns, her attitude to learning scores have been a superb 1 across the board. Amelia's reports have made for very satisfying reading with fantastic comments from teachers from every subject area.

Amelia was nominated in multiple subjects as being More Able, including Art & DT, Computing and Science and has racked up a phenomenal 290 merit points making her the highest achiever in Tregantle House by some considerable margin.

Amelia has put the needs of her peers first by volunteering as a member of the Student Council where she has campaigned hard to bring about changes and improvements for the students in Tregantle and the College community. Quite simply Amelia is "just a fantastic student in Year 7 and definitely a role model for future Year 6 students".

She has worked exceptionally well in all Science lessons this year. She has supported the college by carrying out student ambassador duties; giving up her lunchtimes to help ensure that our Year 11 students had the best possible working environment in which to complete their GCSE exams. "Amelia is a great example of the values we believe in at TCC" and she should be commended for her service to the College.

Amelia has a fantastic and mature attitude to her own learning, her teachers have highlighted her continued hard work and resilient approach to learning, I look forward to seeing what Amelia can achieve over the next few years.

Outside lessons Amelia is a keen reader, artist, and equestrian, she has represented the Student Council and the College at a number of high profile events.

"She honestly is just a really nice young lady that does everything you would want a student at the College to do."

Enough said; congratulations on your achievements Amelia.



Sports Clubs

There are a number of Sports Clubs now up and running which students are encouraged to attend:

Key Stage 4 Football. Lunch time on the back field (behind the Sports Hall).

Year 7 Netball Club. Tuesday lunch time in the Sports Hall

Year 8 / 9 Netball Club. Thursday lunch time in the Sports Hall.

Year 7-8 girls and boys Rugby. Friday (after College) in the Sports hall.

Year 8-10 Netball Teams. Monday after College in the Sports Hall.

Key stage 3 Volleyball. Tuesday lunch time in the gym.

Badminton. Tuesday after College in the Sports Hall (letters from the library to be signed by parent before attending).

Cross Country Club. Tuesday after College - Front Field (by the main drive).

Year 10 5 aside Friday lunch time Sports Hall

Indoor rowing. Friday lunch time in the Rowing Room.

Commit to Get Fit for boys (Friday lunch time - gym) and girls (Monday lunch time - gym) for those who signed up.

Year 7-8 Basketball. Wednesday lunch time in the Sports Hall.

Year 9-11 Basketball. Monday lunch time in the Sports Hall.

School Football Team trials

Players are needed to represent the College in a national cup competition!

Monday 23rd September – Year 7
Tuesday 24th September – Year 8

Boys **AND** Girls are welcome to attend. You just need to bring with you studded boots and shin pads and meet at the gym changing rooms on the appropriate days. We will then be on the school's front field!

Come along and have a go!!!

Show My Homework

We are thrilled to announce the launch of positive behaviour points in Show My Homework (SMHW) for all our students.

As a parent you will now be able to see your child accumulate positive points for upholding the values of the College via the Show My Homework app on your chosen device. This means that you can now monitor your child's homework and share in their successes simultaneously. Your child will be able to convert their points into prize winning opportunities over the course of the year.

To get you started with Show My Homework you will have received a parent activation PIN code alongside your child's activation code. Simply use this to login to the Show My Homework app where you will then be prompted to choose a password for your account. If you are already a SMHW user you can add additional children to your account using their individual activation code. This will have been sent home in a letter with your child.

We recommend that you login to SMHW regularly for a positive snapshot of your child's achievements.

Please feel free to contact us using the enquiries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk e-mail address should you require any support setting up your account.

We hope you find this a useful addition to the information that is already shared on your child.

Exam Regulations Update

Please note the current Exam Regulations have been updated on the College website.

<http://www.torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk/exam-information/>

These came into effect 1st September 2019 and are for the new Academic Year 2019/20.

Sixth Form Open Evening

7th November 2019



*"I feel at home here
and every day I know
I'm getting closer to
my goal of a career"*

**ENRICH YOUR EXPERIENCE...
...JOIN THE SIXTH FORM @TCC**

*"TCC is one of the
most inspiring and
engaging sixth forms"*

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 2019 @TCC

Sixth Form @
 **TORPOINT
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Thursday 7th November
6:00- 8:30pm