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Academic Year 2015/16 Term Dates:

Summer Term - 11 April - 19 July

Half Term - 30 May - 3 June

Last day of term - 19 July

GCE Results - 18 August

GCSE Results - 25 August

UPCOMING EVENTS

Transition Evening - 16 June

Year 7 Parents Evening - 21 June

Year 8 Parents Evening - 28 June

Sports Day - 29 June

Fashion Show - 7 July

Activities Week - 11-15 July

TCC Mock EU Referendum Results

Landslide outcome for the UK to remain in the EU at the mock EU Referendum held at Torpoint Community College.

Students were given the opportunity to give their opinion by voting to Remain In or to Leave the EU in a Mock EU Referendum at Torpoint Community College last week.

The College's Student Leadership Team and Student Council felt young people's views should be heard and that students too young to be able to take part in the real EU Referendum should have an opportunity to have their say.

Students were given the chance to debate the issue as part of the tutor programme. Students were then given a voting card, a replica of the one used for the EU Referendum on 23rd June, and asked to vote. The votes were collected in a confidential "ballot box" in the College's Library.



The College saw a 58% turn out of the student population in the mock EU Referendum and the result of the vote was announced on Monday 23rd May just a month ahead of the national vote.

77.88% voted in favour of remaining in the EU with just 25.43% wanting to leave the EU. With only a couple of spoiled papers the result was clear.

"It is important that young people engage with and are involved in the democratic process and have a say in something that will affect their futures. The stimulus materials they used in the College represented both campaigns: Remain and Leave and students exercised their choice."

Cornwall Teacher Awards Winner

TCC Science and Psychology teacher, Ms McCarthy, has recently won a teaching award at the Cornwall Teacher Awards 2016 held at Truro Cathedral. Ms McCarthy was nominated by Sixth Form student India Crawford, in the Student Nominated Teacher of The Year category, for her 'faultless dedication, engaging charisma and immersive enthusiasm in engaging all students that have been fortunate enough to be taught by her'.



Ms McCarthy said, "I am both amazed and delighted. The ceremony at Truro cathedral was incredible and the award is and will be the biggest and best recognition that I've had in my whole career. The fact it was student-nominated, with considerable effort, makes it even more meaningful for me."

Final Challenge Complete!

Mrs Lynn Trotter, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager and PA to the Headteacher, has successfully completed her final challenge in raising essential funds for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) participants at Torpoint Community College and as part of the DofE Award 60th Year Diamond Challenge – the tandem skydive! Lynn described the experience as "Done it!! Main challenge, in the bag!! Awesome, amazing, wonderful, scary, awesome - words can't explain what an experience that was!!"

Funds raised so far are:

- £500 via crowdfunding
- Torpoint Lions have very kindly given £500 for kit and equipment and there will be a formal presentation in due course - great news!
- £52.62 raised from a cake sale at Torpoint Community College; £20 was donated by Torpoint's Sainsbury's Store to purchase ingredients - thank you!
- £115.30 raised by a Pyjama Day held by children and staff at Foulanesend Primary School - awesome!
- £100 donated by Browne Jacobson Solicitors - amazing!

There will be a raffle very shortly to win surfing lessons for two at Adventure Bay Surf School – thank you to Dan Kinsman.

The DofE students are hugely appreciative of all of the support that has been given. The crowdfunding page is still open for any further donations - thank you!

<https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/lynn-trotter-2>



Year 12 Drama and Theatre Studies

Well done to the Year 12 students who performed their examination work to a full audience on Wednesday 11th May. The standard was high with some truly sensitive and mature acting skills being displayed.



Food Technology and Catering

Roasted vegetable pasta with pesto and feta cheese (serves 4)

Ingredients

300g wholemeal pasta

2 courgettes

1 red onion

10 cherry tomatoes

1 aubergine

2 red peppers

25ml olive oil

$\frac{3}{4}$ jar of red or green pesto

$\frac{1}{2}$ packet of feta cheese

Method:

Put the pasta onto boil

Cut up the courgettes, red onion, peppers and aubergines and add the cherry tomatoes whole. Drizzle with the olive oil and bake for 20 mins gas mark 6/200oc

Drain the pasta and stir through the pesto sauce Cut up the feta cheese into cubes and mix with the pesto pasta

Remove the roasted vegetables from the oven and add to the pesto pasta. Stir and serve.



Athletics success

The Year 10 girls have been training hard this year and their efforts have paid off. They recently competed at Brickfields against seven other East Cornwall schools for the Super 8s. Every competitor had to take part in a track and field event and a relay. The team worked fantastically together and won the event by 70 points. They will now represent East Cornwall in the Cornwall School Games in July.

Individual successes at the Super 8s include Molly Mather 1st 80m hurdles & 1st High Jump, Liv Francis 1st Shot, Grace Cowd 1st Javelin, Molly Johnson 1st 300m & 2nd Long Jump, Meg Brockbank Naylor 3rd Long Jump and Molly/Molly/Iona/ Meg 1st 4 x 100m relay.



After athletics successes at Brickfields over the past few years a number of our students train regularly with Plymouth Athletics Club.

Molly Mather is having another very successful season having just won the Gold medal for 300m Hurdles and the Silver for 80m hurdles at the Cornwall Athletics Champs at Carn Brae. She has also been selected for the Regional Youth Development Programme.

Any students interested in athletics can attend our school practices at lunchtimes and can also start at Plymouth Athletics Club on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For more details see Miss Milford or visit their website www.plymouthac.co.uk

Chess Champion

Year 8 student Gabriel Rusalowicz has recently become the Cornish under 13 Chess Champion. He attended the Delancey UK schools chess challenge "Cornwall" Megafinal and won. He has now qualified for the Southern Gigafinal to be held later in the year.



Well done Gabriel!

Swimming Success

Year 10 student, Annalise Burgess, has recently taken part in the International Para Swimming Championships. She made the 100m Breaststroke final and achieved lots of new personal bests.



Annalise has had an amazing experience and is now back in training and looking forward to her next competition. She will be attending a training day in Nottingham in June with the England talent development team.

PE News

Year 12 BTEC National Sport students have completed a Squash block at the Life Centre this term for the Practical Individual unit of their course. They are also currently completing their own 6 week sport specific training programmes which include developing power for rugby, developing muscular endurance and core strength for netball and developing flexibility for cheerleading.



They are training hard using circuit training, interval training, HIIT and boot camp to achieve their aims. They will then undertake a fitness re-assessment to establish how successful their training programmes were and they will evaluate how their bodies have physiologically adapted.

GCSE Year 11 Exhibition 2016

Thank you to all who came to the private view of this year's GCSE final exhibition on 18th May. The exhibition really showcased the hard work and effort that Year 11 art students have put into their art projects in the last two years.

Visitors commented on the variety of artwork on display not only through the different materials and artistic processes that have been used, but also the wide range of subjects covered through each student's work. The students' personalities really shined through in their art pieces.

A huge well done to this year's Year 11 art students and congratulations to them for a wonderful exhibition!



The Ten Tors Challenge 2016

Huge congratulations to all those who took part and successfully completed the 2016 Ten Tors Challenge. Both the 35 mile and the 45 mile teams from Torpoint Community College had almost perfect conditions for the weekend expedition. The 11 students and 1 past student travelled out to Okehampton on Friday in preparation for the 7am start on Saturday morning. After camping overnight on the moors, in their team of 6, they returned to finish at Okehampton Army Camp. The 45 mile team finished at 12.30pm and the 35 mile team by 4.15pm.



Thank you to all parents for supporting their children throughout the training and at the finish of the Ten Tors Challenge. A huge thank you also to all the adult volunteers who have continually supported the students throughout their training and on the main expedition.

Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent results and commitment to reading at TCC.

Top Reader

Year 7 – Sam Lewis

Year 8 – Amber Dibble

Year 9 – Karen Taylor

Millionaires (words read)

Amber Dibble – 3,970,535

Jess Cowlard – 2,864,567

Karen Taylor – 2,407,503

Kirsty Bickle – 1,738,083

Ebren Purchall – 1,719,785

Sam Lewis – 1,708,707

Salma Tye-Kent – 1,463,015

Siobhan Smith – 1,267,810

Kane Reed – 1,251,124

Kostek Szewczyk – 1,135,677

Charlie Woodburn – 1,097,903



100% in quizzes since

September

7E1 – Evie Barton

9E1 – Grace Crawford

9E2 – Nicole Maunder

9E3 – Caroline Ham

100% in quizzes this term (must have read at least 2 books in the half term)

7E1 – Evie Barton

Emma Burges

Jess Welch

7E3 – Leah Shrimpton

Cameron Stephens

Thomas Walker

7E4 – James Birch

Tierney Strong

8E1 – Grace Coppock

Jess Cowlard

Madison Douglas

Charmaine Heald

Neve Holland

Deryn Matthews

8E2 – Jess Bright

Hollie Rickards

8E3 – Kirsty Devine

Finlay Mackenzie

8E4 – Jess Devey

Zach Stephenson

Leah Underwood

9E1 – Jacob Adams

Logan Beadnell-Davies

Sam Johnston

Salma Tye-Kent

9E2 – Zach Colwill

9E3 – Charlie Woodburn



Ethics News - The Schools Bible Project 2016!

Entries from Year 7 to Year 9 are being sent off this week for the Schools Bible Project 2016! Students have creatively responded to the invitation to find out about the life of Jesus Christ by studying the Gospels. They have imagined themselves actually present at one of 6 different events in one of the gospels. Some brave TCC students have even taken on the character of Jesus, his mother Mary, a disciple, a fly on the wall or even the wine itself consumed at the last supper!

The main prize winners will go to London with their families for a tour of parliament and tea at Westminster. Plus possible cash prizes also for our College!

Mrs Fry has fingers firmly crossed to hear about prize winners in the Autumn term. A huge well done to EVERYONE that has taken part!