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NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th May 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

6th June: Year 8 Parents' Evening Week beginning 10th June: Year 10 Work Experience week Week beginning 17th June: Year 12 Work Experience week.

REPORTING YOUR ABSENCE REMINDER

We are currently experiencing a high number of unreported student absence.

When a student doesn't arrive at College, and we haven't received any notification from the parent/carer, this is a safeguarding concern. In order to support the College, and to allow us to quickly identify any potential safeguarding concern, we ask that you contact us before <code>9am</code> on the day of absence. If your child is likely to be absent for more than one day, please inform us of their expected return date.

How can I report absence?

Email: absence@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

Call: 01752 812511

Timings of the day



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09:10 - 10:10 (60 mins) 10:10 - 11:10 (60 mins)
10:10 - 11:10 (60 mins)
11:10 - 11:35 (25 mins)
11:35 - 12:35 (60 mins)
12:35 - 13:35 (60 mins)
13:35 - 14:20 (45mins)
14:20 - 15:20 (60 mins)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24 Summer Term

15th April- 19th July

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a difference the sunshine makes! It finally feels like Summer has arrived and the children are happy that they can now use the school field over the lunchtime period. We have reminded them if they are outdoors to ensure they have applied suncream, to keep hydrated and to take the appropriate measures if they suffer from hayfever.

Last week we hosted formal mock interviews for our Year 12 and 13 students. Interviewers included members of our leadership team, Torpoint's Mayor and town councillors, as well as members of our governing body. The students certainly rose to the occasion, they dressed very smartly and had clearly prepared for their 20 minute interview. Feedback from all those involved was very positive, and both verbal and written feedback has been given to each of the candidates to highlight their strengths and any areas that they could improve upon.

This week there have been safeguarding assemblies focusing on information circulated to schools by the National Crime Agency on financially motivated sexual extortion. Details on this were also sent out to parents and carers last week which I hope you found both useful and informative.

The great weather we are seeing has been welcomed by most people, but please spare a thought for our students who have started their formal written GCSE and A level examinations this week. This includes A level Art, and GCSE French and Biology. I wish them all the best of luck over the coming weeks. They have worked hard to prepare for their exams, and please encourage any students to speak to their teachers should they have any worries or concerns.

This weekend the College has three teams taking part in the Ten Tors Challenge. We have one 35 mile team and two 45 mile teams entered into this fantastic event. The students will be fed with bacon sandwiches on Friday morning, and after Year 11 have finished their Biology GCSE exam they will all be heading out to Okehampton Camp in preparation for the early start on Saturday morning. The students have been really committed to the training and we wish them all the best of luck with the weekend ahead. I would also like to pass on my thanks to all the staff and volunteers for their continued support with Ten Tors.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb Headteacher



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Careers: Trip to My Skills, My Future 2024

A small group of students attended this careers event held at the Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge. They found out about all sorts of careers and got involved in the activities.

Thank you to Mrs Lawrence for driving and to Mrs Blandin-Neaves for taking the students. Thank you to the students for getting involved and being a credit to the College. It is such an exciting time to think about all the possible paths you may follow in your future careers!

Mrs Bray, Careers Leader









Torpoint Students' Success in UK Junior Maths Competition

Sixty of our top mathematicians in Years 7 and 8 took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge last month. The maths challenge is an hour paper that contains a variety of questions that involve puzzles, problems, logic as well as maths, which makes it challenging and enjoyable to those taking part. It is a national competition with the best mathematicians from all over the UK taking part. The paper is designed to challenge the most able students and get them to think about the maths skills that they need to use.

We want to congratulate all the students that participated in the challenging competition, they all did very well and an amazing twenty three students achieved awards.

There were four students in year 7 and ten students in year 8 that achieved Bronze awards. Well done to Nikita, Hurley, Mollie, Isla, Freddie, Jenson, Daisy, Fred, Zak, Reggie, Antony, Ruby, Adam, Evie, and Poppy.

There were four students in year 7 and three students in year 8 students that achieved Silver awards. A huge well done to Joshua, Nell, Harry, Phoebe, Adriana, Thushalan, and Beau.

We also had one Gold Award for James in year 7. This is an amazing accomplishment especially for a student in year 7. James did so well that he now has the opportunity to participate in the next round of the competition, the Pink Kangeroo Round!

Best in Year Awards also went to James and Adriana.



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Dear Parent/Carer

The entitlement criteria for automatic payments from the Household Support Fund is changing

In order to be entitled to a payment from the Household Support Fund scheme in 2024, you must be responsible for at least one child and on 3rd June 2024 either:

- Be entitled to Council Tax Support or
- Have been placed in emergency accommodation by the Council.

Payments will continue to be made at £80 per child. If you are already in receipt of Council Tax Support, then you do not have to do anything else – you will receive your payment automatically.

To find out if you are eligible for Council Tax Support, please check the information here https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators.

You can make a claim for Council Tax Support by using this link https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/council-tax-support/apply-for-council-tax-support/

It is important that you submit your application by 31st May 2024.

You may also be entitled to help from the Household Support Fund via one of the Household Support Fund partners. Their details can be found here https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/household-support-fund/

Why has the Council made this change?

Because entitlement to Free School Meals has been protected since 2018, parents of children who are entitled to free school meals aren't always still on a low income. By using the Council's Tax Support data, they can ensure that the Household Support Fund awards are going to parents who currently have a low income and are struggling with the increased costs of running their home. By better targeting the awards, the Council are able to help families with children of any age, rather than just school age children.

Families of children in receipt of free school meals can still access help through the Time2Move holiday programme. This scheme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a meal for all children during the main school holiday periods.

Yours sincerely

Dr Jeremy Plumb Headteacher



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Sixth Form PE students visit to Marjon University

On Monday 22nd April, Miss Rowe took 9 of our Sixth Form students to Plymouth Marjon University to take part in some workshops alongside their studies. The students were given access to the university's' fitness testing facilities and conducted some fitness testing on each other. This included testing their power, speed, body composition and muscular strength.

The students were also given the opportunity to use their anti-gravity treadmill to see how people with injuries, particularly of the lower limbs, can strengthen their muscles to return to exercise. Holly was fortunate enough to use the treadmill to feel what it was like walking on the moon.

The students then took part in an one hour sports rehabilitation workshop where they learnt about the 5 stages to rehabilitating an injury. They were then given a time limit to think about an injury and exercises they would suggest for an injured client.

It was a valuable day for our students and an exciting opportunity to use Marjon's facilities and learn from the expertise of the staff at the university. I know the students really enjoyed the day. Thank you to the staff at Plymouth Marjon University for allowing us to attend the workshops and for helping out students with their studies.

















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PE Trip to watch Bristol City WFC vs Manchester City WFC

On Sunday 28th April, 40 students attended a trip to watch a Women's Super League football match between Bristol City and Manchester City.

We were lucky enough to witness a 4-goal thriller with each goal being scored at our end of the stadium. Also, there were some key players from the Lionesses squad playing: Chloe Kelly, Alex Greenwood, Lauren Hemp and ex captain Steph Houghton.

The students conducted themselves excellently and were a credit to the school.







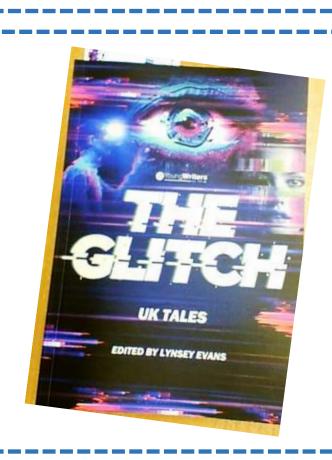






KS3 Students Become Published Authors' in Young Writers' *The Glitch* Anthology!

A few months ago, students in Year 7 and 9 were challenged with writing a story that focused on the 'What If's, as if a glitch had happened in society. This was a competition for Young Writers, and 13 of our fabulous writers were chosen to have their work published within the book! Congratulations go out to Daisy, Grace, Ruben, Charlie, Mia, Florence, Mary, Ethan, Luke, Rose, Jasper, Max and Henry.





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Year 12 and 13 Mock Interviews Thursday 2nd May 2024

On Thursday 2nd May all our Year 12 and 13 students took part in a morning of mock interviews with a guest panel interviewing.

Dr Plumb (Headteacher), Mr Smart (Director of Business and Finance), Miss Lockett (Assistant Headteacher: Curriculum, Teaching and Learning), Ms Wooldridge (School Governor), Mrs Robinson (School Governor), Councillor Mr Davis (Town Mayor) and Councillor Mrs Martin (Deputy Mayor) all gave up their time to interview a range of students in preparation for any future careers or higher education interviews they may have.

This proved to be a most beneficial experience for all of our students who were prepared for their interview and arrived looking very smart in their formal outfits.

Feedback from the panel was extremely positive noting how ambitious our students are and how willing and confident they were to talk about their future plans and interests. This is a process we will be repeating in the future, and we wish to thank our interviewing panel for their support and also our fantastic Sixth Form students here at TCC.

Miss Bell









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A Level Biology

A Level Biology students have had a busy month. They have been learning all about exchange surfaces in animals focusing on how mammals, insect and fish exchange oxygen for carbon dioxide. We finished the unit with a dissection of fish gills to study their structure and how they are adapted to exchange. Some students enjoyed this more than others with one choosing to turn up in a hazmat suit!

The students are now learning about Biodiversity and an improvement in weather should see us venturing outside to study the biodiversity of our local area.







Year 9 Ceramics

Well done to Year 9 art students who have created some beautiful ceramics using the coil built method. A hard technique to master but they smashed it!

Well done Year 9.

Congratulations to the students who have been awarded the VIPA for April 2024!

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

- **Bessie E**
- Tia J
- Laurence R
- Ellis E
- Jack F







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Mock Ten Tors

It was the final training walk for the Ten Tors Challenge and as usual Dartmoor's weather proved difficult. The students set off early on the Saturday morning and spent many hours walking in very poor visibility. It wasn't until they were heading South to Postbridge that the mist lifted, and they could see where they were going.





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Thanckes Park tennis courts reopen after renovation

Park tennis courts in Torpoint have been officially reopened after a £60,000 renovation, managed by the LTA and Torpoint Town Council with funds from DCMS within UK Government, LTA Tennis Foundation, Torpoint Town Council and Local Donations.

Tennis courts Thanckes Park hosted a ceremony attended by Mayor Gary Davis and MP Sheryll Murray, along with representatives from the LTA and Torpoint Town Council. There was an opportunity for people from the local community to pick up a racket and get on court and try the tennis courts for the first time. Refreshments were provided in Bénodet Park which included a fantastic cake courtesy of Cornish Pod with help from Print Options LTD and Awenek Studio CIC.

Through the Parks Tennis Project, the LTA is delivering the biggest ever investment in parks tennis facilities across Britain, which has been used to bring back to use 2 courts in Thanckes Park, Torpoint, providing a significant boost to sporting facilities in the town.

The courts have undergone extensive work to ensure viability for years to come, including resurfacing, repainting, new nets and gate system. An appropriate accessible pathway has also been installed to court 1 to enable wheelchair users to enjoy games of tennis. This nationwide programme of investment is seeing thousands of existing park tennis courts in poor or unplayable condition brought back to life for the benefit of communities across the country, providing vital opportunities for children and adults to get active.

Weekly free park tennis sessions are planned in the future, with equipment provided, the new courts will host Local Tennis Leagues, giving people the opportunity to get involved in friendly and social local competitions.

The tennis courts will be available to book via the LTA website. New booking systems and gate access technology means it is now easier to get on court by booking in advance to guarantee availability.

The courts have an affordably priced annual pass (£35 per household per annum with no further charge) or a one off of price of £6 to book a court. The income is secured to ensure that the courts are maintained at their new high standard for years to come. The LTA, Torpoint Town Council will now work together to ensure coaching sessions in the park are available on the courts providing regular opportunities for anyone to pick up a racket and play.

Torpoint Town Council is also looking for local people to deliver a free tennis session for local people at the weekends. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for 'Free Park Tennis' activator, please see further details on the LTA website.









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This QR code which will link you to East Cornwall Early Help Team's Newsletter.

Thid offers information on:

- Early Help Hub and Open Sessions
- Multi Agency Referral Unit
- Family Hubs
- Early Help Parenting
- Family Information Service
- Links to Local Services
- Your Early Help Linked Worker
- East Early Help Contact Information







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Early Help Newsletter

for East Cornwall Schools and Colleges

Summer Term 2024





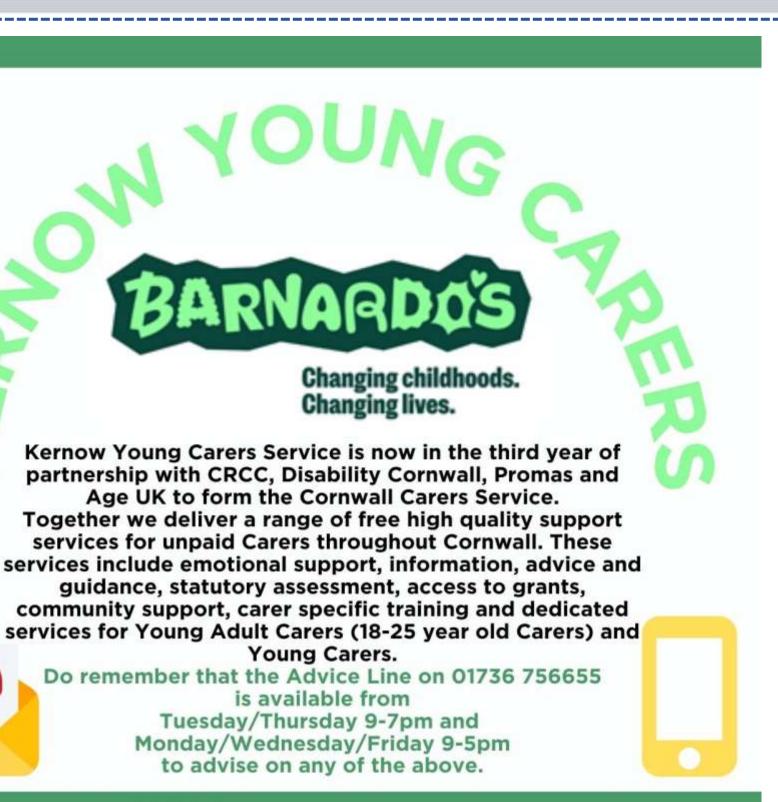
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Do you have a teenager?

Join us at Torpoint Family Hub on 19 July 2024 from 9:30 – 14:30

This is an evidence-based workshop for parents and carers to attend with their young person. This workshop will focus on:

- Interactive/structured activities
- Guided discussion
- Group work
- Strategies and top tips
- Discussing effective communication
- Relationship building
- Boundary setting



To book visit

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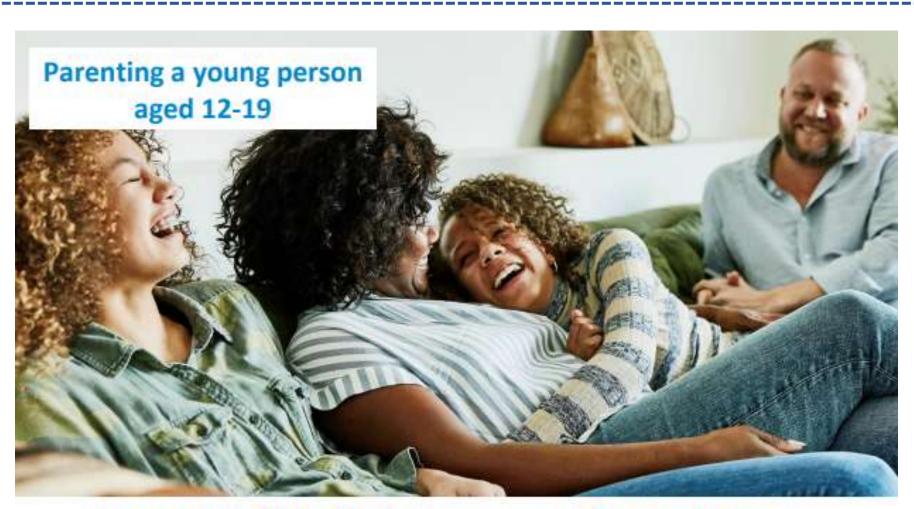




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Parents Plus Adolescents Programme

A virtual 9-week workshop delivered weekly, over Microsoft Teams. Each session is 2-hours in length.

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- Understanding teenagers
- Pressing the pause button
- Getting to know your teenager
- Establishing rules with teenagers
- Connecting with your teenager
- Communicating rules positively
- The power of encouragement
- Using consequences

- Active listening
- Creating a discipline plan
- Empowering teenagers
- Dealing with conflict and aggression
- Problem solving with teenagers
- Establishing routines
- Family problem solving
- Parent self-care

When?

- Wednesdays from 18:00-20:00, Starting 1st May 2024
- Mondays from 9:30-11:30, Starting 3rd June 2024



To book visit

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Parenting Workshops April - August 2024



Parents Plus Adolescent Programme

Workshop Description

Delivered over 9 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

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- Getting to know your teenager
- Establishing rules with teenagers
- Connecting with your teenager
- Communicating rules positively
- The power of encouragement
- Using consequences
- Active listening
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Workshop Dates

Ages 12-18	Wednesdays	01.05.24-26.06.24
	18:00-20:00	Virtual MS Teams
Ages 12-18	Mondays	03.06.24-29.07.24
	09:30-11:30	Virtual MS Teams
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Ages 12-18	Thursdays	16.05.24-18.07.24
	09:30-11:30	Saltash Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Mondays	13.05.24-15.07.24
	12:30-14:30	Wadebridge Family Hub
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Ages 12-18	Fridays	19.04-24-21.06.24
	12:30-14:30	The Park Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Mondays	13.05.24-15.07.24
	12:30-14:30	Newquay Family Hub
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Ages 12-18	Tuesdays	28.05.24-23.07.24
	12:30-14:30	Penzance Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Wednesdays	05.06.24-31.07.24
	12:30-14:30	Helston Family Hub

To book onto a workshop, please scan here:







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Liskeard & Looe Foodbank now open in **Torpoint**

We are open Mon/Weds/Fri 9.30-12.30 under The Old Rowing Club next to the ferry lanes.

The Library staff can refer you to us for help.

For more information:

07512 011452 liskeard.foodbank@gmail.com











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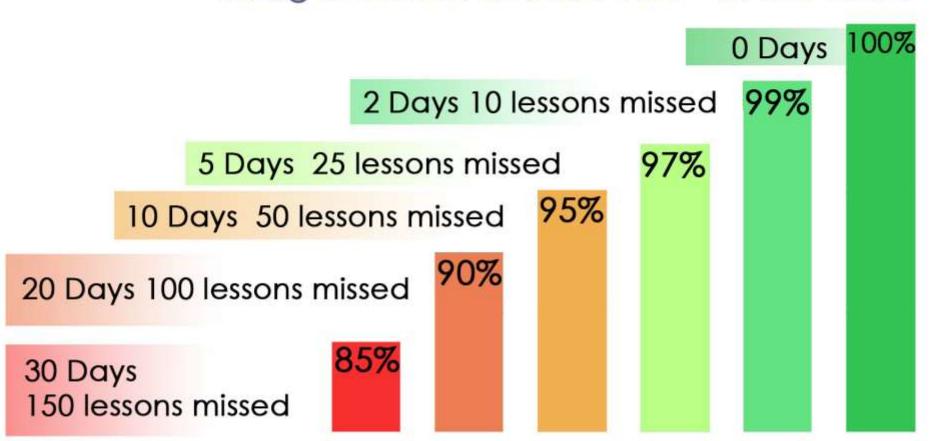
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EVERYDAY COUNTS

Why is attendance important for my child's education?

Good attendance means:

Being in school at least 95%+ of the time.



85%-75%
Serious cause for concern.
High impact on
student attainment.
Potential for
fines or prosecution.

90%
Student is now
a persistent absentee.
Progress and achievement
will be effected.

Well Done! Learning maximised.



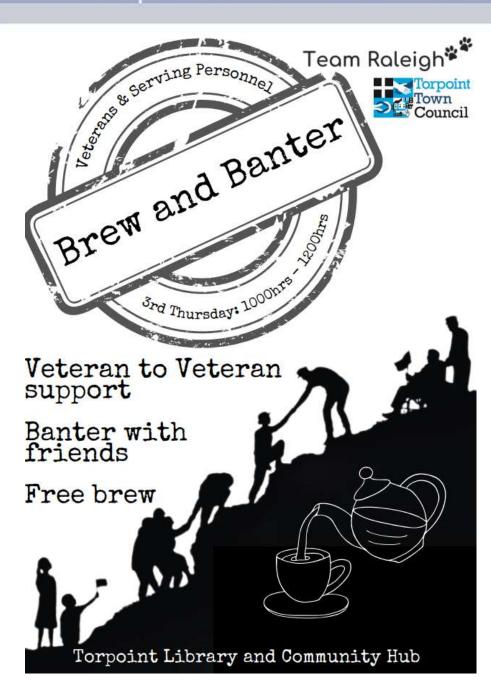
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if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.





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Email any worries to the above email address OR leave a note in our

worry box.

You can find it outside the library.

Dr Plumb

If you have any concerns or worries, please speak to one of the child protection team.

Or speak to a member of staff you trust and feel comfortable with.



