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NEWSLETTER

14th June 2024

UPCOMING
EVENTS



Week beginning 17th June: Year 12
Work Experience week
11th, 12th, 13th July: TCC 'We Will Rock
You

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

Summer Term

15th April- 19th July

Headteacher's Message

As Headteacher at Torpoint Community College, the students regularly make me feel hugely proud. In the last fortnight, I have been privileged to see them demonstrate a commitment to our community and a desire to succeed in their schooling.

This is exemplified by the contribution our students made to the 80th anniversary and D-Day commemorations that took place at Sparrow Park on Thursday 6th June. I was honoured to attend the proceedings with a group of four students to pay our respects. The event was, as always, a poignant tribute in which our students, along with Torpoint councillors, veterans and residents all remembered the brave men and women who took part in D-Day 80 years ago, helping to secure the peace we enjoy today. The Proclamation was read by the Town Crier. Children from Carbeile Junior School and Torpoint Community College performed a beautiful reading of the poem: D-Day Heroes by Roy Palmer; children from Torpoint Nursery and Infant School shared a beautiful commemorative poster. Town Mayor Councillor Gary Davis raised the D-Day 80 Flag of Peace and laid a wreath on behalf of the town. The Last Post was played followed by a minute's silence and Reveille, Reverend Jo Northey led prayers and the commemorations concluded with 'God Save The King'.

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 **9am** 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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Tutor	08:45 - 09:10 (25 mins)
Lesson 1	09:10 - 10:10 (60 mins)
Lesson 2	10:10 - 11:10 (60 mins)
Break	11:10 - 11:35 (25 mins)
Lesson 3	11:35 - 12:35 (60 mins)
Lesson 4	12:35 - 13:35 (60 mins)
Lunch	13:35 - 14:20 (45mins)
Lesson 5	14:20 - 15:20 (60 mins)



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In addition, our highly talented Year 9 students who are involved in the ArtsLAB project had the opportunity to work with a practicing Artist exploring sustainable design, photography and media design. This was an excellent creative opportunity for all involved. Parents, families and friends will be able to view the exhibition of this work on Wednesday 26th June from 3.30 to 5.00 pm and I am very much looking forward to attending.

GCSE Geographers conducted their fieldwork last week, students conducted investigations examining the interaction between physical and human processes. Since fieldwork is an essential aspect of geography in the workplace, ensuring students are given the opportunity to consolidate and extend their achievement by relating learning to real experiences of the world is essential.

The school has been a little emptier this week as our Year 10 students have taken part in their work experience. Individual students are experiencing the world of work in a full range of employment sectors. During the week, staff visited or made telephone calls to all employers to hear at first hand and obtain an insight into the learning experience of the students and obtain feedback. Staff have told me that the visits have been an absolute pleasure: the students are embracing the opportunity and impressing the employers they are working with. Well done to all year 10 students. Year 12 students will be out on work experience next week: I wish them well and hope they have really interesting experiences.

Sporting events and enrichment have again been very busy. Students have been participating in the East County Super Athletics Championships. The College also welcomed Lucy Shukner and Katie Grey, tennis athletes, as part of the YST Beyond Baseline Tennis Programme to engage young people into tennis and create links with local facilities. The College has also seen some of their own student athletes participate in County netball trials and County athletic trials. All of the students have done themselves and the College proud.

The weeks ahead are also likely to be very busy as we have many exciting events on the calendar, including Year 6 transition evening, "Get Shirty Day", Year 7 parents evening, Year 13 and 11 proms, Awards Evening, the College production "We Will Rock You" and sports week, to mention just a few of the events between now and the end of term. I very much look forward to seeing many of you at these events.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher



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Poem for Schools D-Day Heroes

To be undertaken by Schools at 11am - 6th June 2024

It is D-Day, the Sixth of June Nineteen-Forty-Four.
Operation Overlord commenced, leaving the world in awe.
The planning started in Nineteen-Forty-three.
Bringing Allies together, to make our World free.
Deception was used, codenamed Operation Bodyguard.
Making rubber tanks and wooden planes as a façade.
An American unit was formed for General Omar Bradley.
Then a web of lies was spread, by his Ghost Army.
Much more was done, to keep the Germans in the dark.
Before the Allies on foreign shores, could disembark.
Everything was Most Secret and kept Hush Hush.
As Allies gathered resources, for their big push.
The Allied Supreme Commander was General Dwight Eisenhower.
With General (Monty) Montgomery as Temporary Ground Commander.
Eleven Thousand Aircraft and Gliders with Paratroopers and Soldiers.
Were dropped behind enemy lines to secure the area.
More than Five-thousand ships, the biggest Armada ever seen.
Sailed from British shores and our fields of green.
Monty's battle plan was written, on one sheet of paper.
Set for June the Fifth, the Day of their departure.
But bad weather, caused a Twenty-four-hour delay.
Then conditions changed, and they got underway.
British, American, Canadian and many other countries, were together thrown.
Going to fight a War, something many had never known.
Over One Hundred and Fifty-Thousand men of every creed.
Will perform acts of courage, that must succeed.
There were Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and the Merchant Navy.
Many Civilians who volunteered to fight against Nazi tyranny.
Over the English Channel and to Normandy, France will go.
To land on beaches called Sword, Gold, Utah, Omaha and Juno.
Were they afraid? Yes! they most certainly were.
But the world must be saved, that was their spur.
The German defences were called, the Atlantic Wall.
Hitler told Field-Marshal Rommel, he must, the Allies stall.
The Allies landed Twenty-Four-Thousand troops on D-Day.
Commencing at Six-Thirty, then things went into disarray.
Wind and rough seas helped landing craft, miss their mark.

Putting the plan in jeopardy from the start.
Fierce resistance was put up, by Germans guarding the beaches.
The time had come to fight, no further need for speeches.
Beaches were Mined, Barbed wire laid, metal tripods and many hazards.
Were set to kill, maim and make things awkward.
Over Ten-Thousand casualties, the Allies had that first day.
With over Four-Thousand dead, a heavy price to pay.
D-Day made Heroes, in that hell unknown.
Helping turn the Tide of War, as the Enemy were overthrown.

*Roy Palmer - Chelsea Pensioner and Herald
Royal Hospital Chelsea.*



D-DAY 80 ANNIVERSARY 6 JUNE 2024 - THE LARGEST NAVAL, AIR AND LAND OPERATION IN HISTORY





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Alfie Richmond, Year 9

PORTSMOUTH D-DAY ANNIVERSARY PARADE

On Thursday 6th June 2024, I was one of only six Royal Marine Cadets selected from around 80 young people to represent the Plymouth RMVCC at the Portsmouth D-Day Remembrance Service. It was an early start leaving camp at 5am to arrive in time to muster at 10:30am in our blues ready for the parade. I was privileged to be able to wear my Dad's locking unions on my belt from when he served as a Royal Marine Commando on my uniform. We were the only cadet group in the whole of Devon and Cornwall to attend, and personally having family members who fought and lost their lives on D-day 80 years ago it was a great honour to be selected and to be part of this historic event. After the service, we gathered on the beach for photos before making the long 4 hour journey back home to Plymouth.





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Athletics

It has been a busy few weeks for our athletes. Well done to our teams who travelled to Par track last week to compete in the County Super 8s championships and the Year 8 teams who represented the College at the County Championships at Carn Brae track this week. The athletes showed great team spirit at both events.

Most notable performances at the Super 8s came from Olivia B for winning the 100m and the long jump, Rory for winning the hurdles, and Jack for winning shot put. We should get the full results this week. We look forward to the Plymouth Championships over the next few weeks.





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Well done to our 8 athletes who competed at the County trials in Par last weekend. They all did incredibly well with notable performances from Maddie T winning senior girls javelin, Jack W winning the inter boys shot put and 2nd in 400m, Saskia B winning the inter girls hurdles and 2nd in javelin, and Josh B winning the inter boys 400m and 800m.

Josh was awarded a trophy for his outstanding performance in the 800m and achieved standards to be selected in both of his events for Regionals. Josh has chosen the 400m and will represent the County at the Regionals championships at Exeter on Saturday. We wish him all the best!





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Cornwall School Games Success

On Tuesday 4th March, 26 students travelled to Launceston College to compete in the Cornwall School Games Qualifiers for Dodgeball, Rounders and Softball.

When we arrived, the students were split up into teams made up with of students from Callington, Liskeard, Saltash, and Launceston. This meant they were working with new people and so socially had to overcome some challenges. Throughout the day, pupils were awarded stickers for teamwork, determination, honesty, passion and respect to recognise their sportsmanship within the game.

Our Year 7 dodgeball team consisting of Declan, Evan, Dylan, Daniel, Josh, Halle and Holly came 1st.

Our Year 7&8 rounders team consisting of Poppy, Holly, Leah, Lauren, Amelia, Maisy, Eloise and Megan were placed 4th.

And our Year 9 softball team consisting of Chris, Jake, James, Brodie, Laurence, George, Charlie, Callum and Zeph were placed 3rd.

The softball and dodgeball teams have qualified for the finals at Mounts Bay Academy in Penzance on Wednesday 26th June, so if you see them, please wish them luck!





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GCSE Geography **Fieldwork June 2024**

Last week, the TCC Geography team took their GCSE students out on their compulsory GCSE fieldwork days.



The first day saw Year 10 conduct fieldwork in Plymouth City Centre, looking at urban regeneration and the impact on different localities. Students started their day looking at the old architecture of Union Street, before moving onto the Barbican and finally the main high street of the city centre. Students conducted themselves excellently and learnt new skills including asking members of the public questionnaires.



Students spent the day in Looe on day two of their fieldwork. Here, students undertook fieldwork to determine the effectiveness of the sea defences. This allowed students to learn a range of fieldwork skills including beach measurements, bipolar analysis surveys and furthering their questionnaire expertise. Whilst on the beach, we had the opportunity for a couple of revision competitions which saw students drawing the formation of coastal landforms and recreating a world map in the sand.



Year 10 were a credit to our College and both fieldwork days were thoroughly enjoyable.



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Year 12 Psychology Zoo Trip

Last week Year 12 students were given the opportunity to witness psychology in practice. They attended a lecture with Dr Farmer at Paignton Zoo, who was able to explain the use of psychology within a zoological setting. Students learnt how researchers used psychology to determine the emotional resilience of the resident giraffes. They also found out how zookeepers and researchers use a range of data collection methods to monitor the behaviours of the wide range of animals that are housed at Paignton Zoo. Additionally, Year 12 students had the opportunity to carry out their own data collection (ethogram) to study the behaviours exhibited by an animal of their choice. It was a great visit which allowed them to apply their skills to a real life scenario and it was enjoyed by all.

Mrs Wilson, Psychology



We Will Rock You

We Will Rock You rehearsals are well underway. Our students are working hard to bring you a fantastic show. Please come and show them your support. Tickets are available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/torpoint-community-college>





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Story and Script by BEN ELTON



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SAT 13th JULY

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ART EXHIBITION



Year 11 GCSE Art Exhibition

On 14th May we held a private view art exhibition celebrating the fantastic work created by our Year 11 art students. There was a wonderful array of artwork on display from painting, to printing, ceramics and more!

Well done Year 11, we are very proud of what you have achieved!





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DesignLab Celebration Event

On Wednesday 5th June, a group of Year 10 students who completed the DesignLab Nation challenge, a partnership opportunity run by The Box and The V & A Museums with our school, were invited to a Celebration Event at The Box Museum. Students saw a presentation of work by all three local schools, including TCC, that participated in the initiative this year. Their architectural models were on display in the museum and each student received a certificate of congratulations for completing their challenge.

Many thanks to Adam Murray, learning facilitator at The Box, Mel Whittaker from the V & A, and Anna Boland, the local artist, for hosting our students at this event. A big well done and congratulations to all the students for their hard work and engagement with this project; we could not be prouder of you all. Thanks also to parents and carers for their support in the project and also to the Geography team for releasing the Geography students during their field trip to enable them to join this event. Well done DesignLab Nation students, you were a credit to TCC!

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Please use this QR code to link to East Cornwall Early Help Team's Newsletter.

This 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



Early Help Newsletter

for East Cornwall Schools and Colleges

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KERNOW YOUNG BARNARD'S CARRIERS

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Kernow Young Carers Service is now in the third year of partnership with CRCC, Disability Cornwall, Promas and Age UK to form the Cornwall Carers Service. Together we deliver a range of free high quality support services for unpaid Carers throughout Cornwall. These services include emotional support, information, advice and guidance, statutory assessment, access to grants, community support, carer specific training and dedicated services for Young Adult Carers (18-25 year old Carers) and Young Carers.



Do remember that the Advice Line on 01736 756655 is available from Tuesday/Thursday 9-7pm and Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9-5pm to advise on any of the above.



Follow us on social media and keep up to date with useful resources, opportunities and activities Countywide for you and your family!

www.cornwallcarers.org.uk
facebook.com/CornwallCarersService
twitter.com/cornwallCS

Especially for Young Adult Carers:
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Living with Parents

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

www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

Contact us

Email: parenting@cornwall.gov.uk



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Parenting a young person aged 12-19



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?

- Mondays from 18:00-20:00, starting 9th September 2024
- Tuesdays from 12:30-14:30, starting 24th September 2024
- Thursdays from 9.30-11:30, starting 10th October 2024



To book scan the QR code or visit:
[Parenting Young People aged 12 - 18](https://parentingyoungpeople.com)
(office365.com)

Contact us:

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Website: www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting



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Bitesize Parenting

Workshop Description

Bitesize parenting workshops are weekly 2-hour sessions delivered by our parenting team to support on a wide range of topics. Please book on by visiting www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

Topics include:

Bitesize Child (for parents/carers of children aged 4-11)

Special time with your child – How quality time with children can help with behaviour.

Praise and rewards – How to use praise and rewards for behaviour you'd like to see more of.

Routines and boundaries – Looking at why routines and boundaries are important and how these can be put in place effectively.

Remaining calm – How to look after yourself as a parent.

Sibling rivalry and conflict – Tips to manage conflict between siblings in the home.

Bitesize Teen (for parents/carers of young people aged 12-19)

Teenage Brain - Learn about the changes adolescents experience in their brain development and how parents can support their young person.

Remaining calm – How to look after yourself as a parent.

Mental wellbeing – Tips about how to communicate with young people about their feelings.

Technology and safety – This workshop focuses on boundaries around technology use at home and how to support young people to stay safe online.



Workshop Dates:

Date	Bitesize Child (for parents/carers of children aged 4-11)
Monday 29.07.24 09:30-11:30	Special time with your Child
Wednesday 07.08.24 12:30-14:30	Praise and Rewards
Monday 12.08.24 09:30-11:30	Routines and Boundaries
Wednesday 21.08.24 12:30-14:30	Remaining Calm

To book onto a Bitesize Child, please scan or click here:



[Parenting children aged 0 to 11 \(office365.com\)](https://office365.com)

Date	Bitesize Teen (for parents/carers of young people aged 12-19)
Wednesday 31.07.24 12:30-14:30	Teenage Brain
Monday 05.08.24 09:30-11:30	Remaining Calm
Wednesday 14.08.24 12:30-14:30	Mental Wellbeing
Monday 19.08.24 09:30-11:30	Teenage Brain
Wednesday 28.08.24 12:30-14:30	Technology and Safety

To book onto a Bitesize Teen, please scan or click here:



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**Good attendance
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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.
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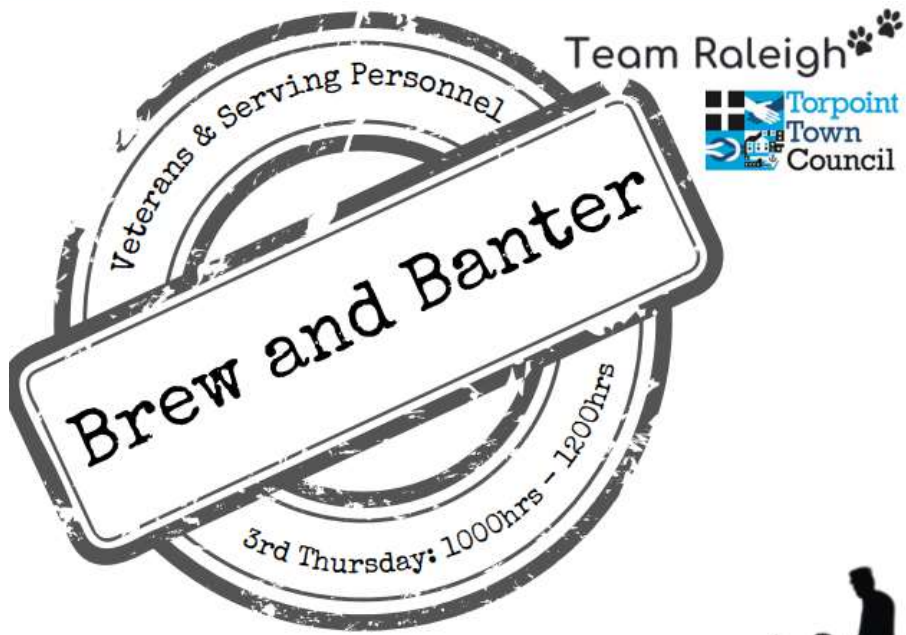
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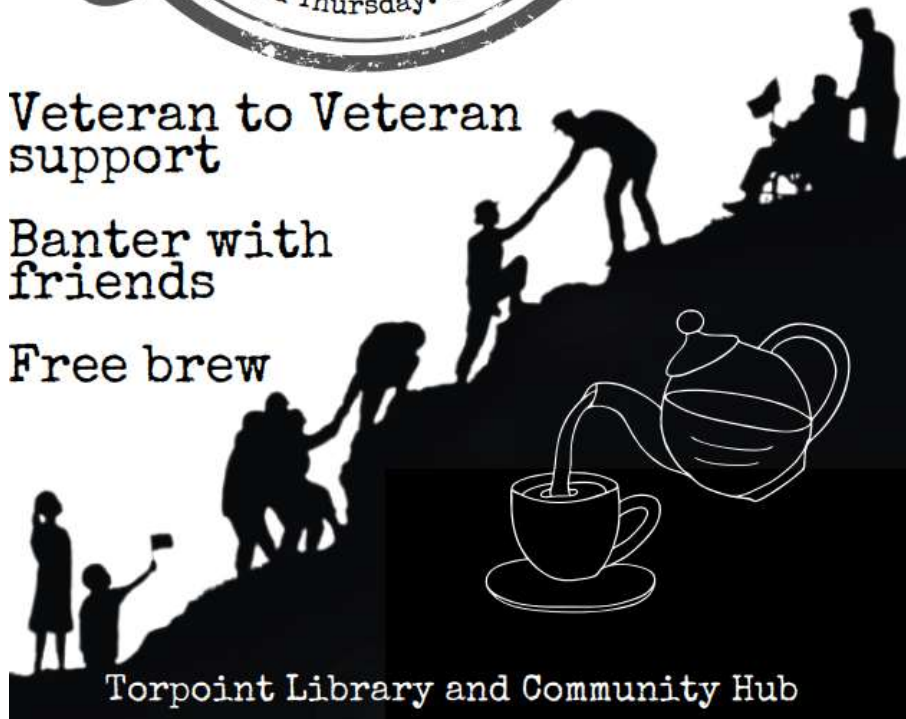
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Veteran to Veteran support

Banter with friends

Free brew



Torpoint Library and Community Hub

Skips Safety Net Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell 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.

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

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

Developed in partnership with



Skips www.skipssafetynet.org



Together for Families

Need Some Health Advice

Come and see the School Nurse Team

When: First Tuesday of the month

Where: at the Torpoint Family Hub 3:00-4:30



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