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NEWSLETTER

28th June 2024

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

Summer Term

15th April- 19th July

UPCOMING EVENTS

11th, 12th, 13th July: TCC 'We Will Rock You

16th July: Award's Evening

18th July: Sports Day (weather dependant).

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)

Headteacher's Message

The life of a headteacher is certainly never dull, and the past few weeks have been no exception. The summer term is always particularly enjoyable because there are numerous events and activities happening every week, but it is also a time of change as some students reach the end of their studies at TCC.

As we approach the end of another school year, our year 11 and 13 students have finished their exams. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to such a wonderful group of young people, but also immense pride that we see them heading off on exciting new adventures. Many of our year 11 students will return to us in September to study for their A 'levels while others will start courses or careers elsewhere. We wish each and everyone of them the very best of luck.

Last week included one of my favourite events in the College calendar: our annual fun run. This is an afternoon when the students and staff come together to raise some money by running a mile around our beautiful College site. We were treated to glorious sunshine which made it all the more enjoyable to spend some time outside together. It was a pleasure to welcome Torpoint Mayor Gary Davis together with local councillors who joined the one-mile fun run. The students were dressed in array of sportswear as we marked "Get Shirty Day", which meant that students and staff wore their favourite sport's team shirt to school. Carbeile Junior School and Torpoint Nursery & Infant School, also took part in Get Shirty Day. This event provided an opportunity to raise funds for the proposed 3G Football Turf Pitch.



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It has been an aspiration in the local community to have improved sporting facilities in Torpoint for many years, with exciting plans for a MUGA or all-weather type facility being developed on the College site. The College is working in collaboration with the Torpoint Town Council, Plymouth YMCA, Torpoint and Rame Active Community Network and Cornwall FA to have a 3G Football Turf Pitch built behind the YMCA Sports Hall by the end of 2025. The group is also working with local football clubs and the Argyle Community Trust who will be key to the delivery of football and wider sporting outcomes. We have been involved in working towards this for many years so seeing the plans come to fruition is hugely satisfying. It is a credit to the hard work of many in the local community who have driven this project with passion and energy that future generations will have access to this facility. I am very much looking forward to the next stage of development.

I also had the pleasure of attending an Artslab Exhibition this week which showcased the creativity of some year 9 students. The Art and Design students were given the opportunity to work with a practicing artist, focusing on sustainability, working collaboratively and developing practical skills. Students investigated a photographic fashion story, making garments and accessories using recycled clothing and materials. Every student should feel very proud of themselves as the quality of their work was excellent. There was a wonderful mermaid costume and a very dapper Peaky Blinders outfit to mention just a couple. Many parents came to see the exhibit and it was a pleasure to be able to chat to you about the work.

I would also like to say a huge well done to the group of year 9 students who spent a day participating in the Plymouth Carnegie Day. They went to Plymstock school and shared some drama linked to a book they had read. They had been rehearsing for quite some time which resulted in excellent success as they came in second place for their presentation. They were an absolute credit to the school in their behaviour, engagement with students from other schools and their performances.

Looking forwards, Sports Day is now getting close. Mr Evans has been delivering Sports Week assemblies in preparation for the events our students will take part in. All students will represent their house - Freathy, Polhawn, Rame, Tregantle or Tragonhawke - in a week of sporting events. Our sports day is planned for Thursday 18th July, weather permitting of course.

And of course – don't forget We Will Rock You! Tickets are selling fast and the rehearsals I have seen, suggest that the show is going to be wonderful. The students and staff are working really hard and very much looking forward to performing for the community.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Headteacher



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TCC's Fun Run





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Year 9 Students Win 2nd Place at Plymouth Carnegie Day!

On Thursday 20th June, a group of Year 9 students grabbed their glittery baseball caps and jackets and headed out to Plymstock School along with 7 other Plymouth schools to participate in Plymouth Carnegie Day.

Each school was tasked with presenting on one of the eight books nominated for this year's Yoto Carnegie Award for Writing before participating in a vote for the best presentation and watching the live awards ceremony to see the official winner. All schools put on fantastic shows which were a pleasure to watch, and our students were thrilled to take home the 2nd place certificate for their performance on Nathanael Lessore's *Steady For This*.

We ended the day with a presentation and Q&A session with YA author Rachel Delahaye which helped students learn how they might find themselves published authors later in life.

Thanks go out from us to Plymstock School for organising and hosting the event.





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Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience

The Year 10 and Year 12 work experience weeks were a resounding success, with a variety of businesses and employers warmly welcoming our students into their workplaces.

From local retail stores and schools to larger corporations, students had the opportunity to explore diverse industries, gaining invaluable insights into the world of work.

Feedback from both employers and students has been overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the students' enthusiasm, adaptability, and eagerness to learn.

This experience not only broadened their understanding of different career paths but also equipped them with practical skills and a clearer sense of their future aspirations. Here are just a few samples of the feedback received:

'Teagan and Layla are clearly having a great time at the Aquarium. They've been really involved and have both been able to work closely with their favourites, the sharks and jellyfish. They've taken school groups around as well and seem really well looked after.' Miss Milford (Placement – National Marine Aquarium.)

'Jake's work experience supervisor has given me a glowing report of him! She couldn't compliment him enough saying how impressed she was and actually surprised at his maturity for a young person asking all the right questions when watching and then excelling at the tasks he had been asked to do.' Miss Murphy. (Placement – Kaefer)

'Our 4 surfers have had a fantastic week with Tor at Adventure Bay. He really sang their praises, and they looked very happy this morning. They've been involved with teaching adults to surf and have been really helpful getting the equipment all cleaned and stored well for the summer season.' Miss Milford. (Placement – Adventure Bay Surf School.)

"I just wanted to say what an absolute pleasure making visits to students for work experience was! I found it so enjoyable, fun and worthwhile."

"I went to Magpies Cafe to visit Kacie who was doing fantastic, putting herself out of her comfort zone and thriving. Fabulous with customers and staff members alike. I then went to Torpoint Library to visit Warren and Ellie who were given a glowing report by their supervisor who commented on how the pair will give anything a go, super polite, obliging, and kind hearted."

Here are two photographs from my visit to the library. In one, the students are organising the bookshelves to find old books no longer required, and the other is of a display the pair created for the summer reading challenge.' Miss Lee. (Placements – Magpies Café and Torpoint Community Library and Hub.)





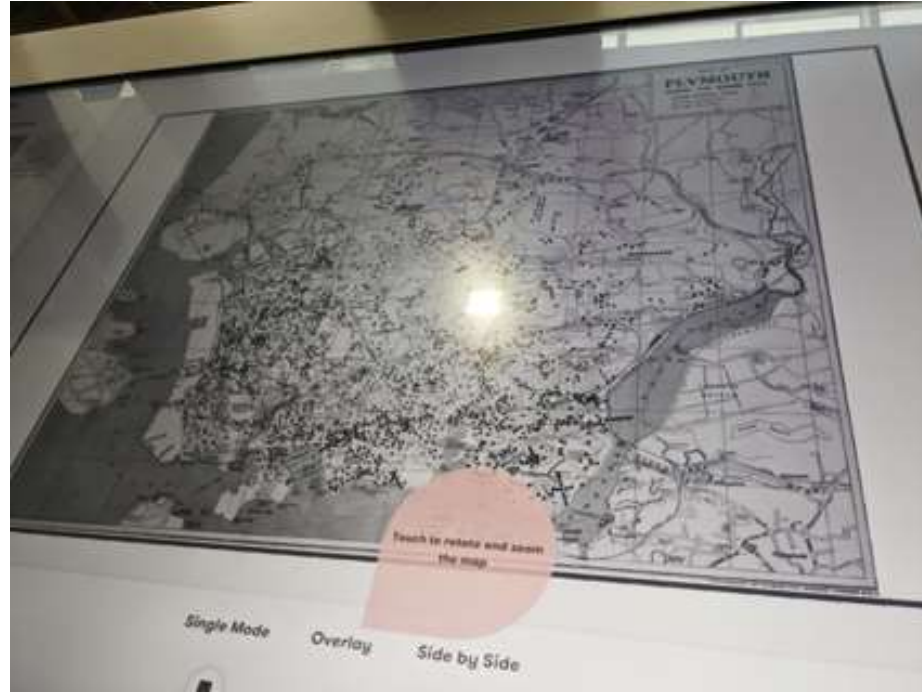
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Tomas spent time at The Box Museum in Plymouth, he was particularly interested in learning more about the Plymouth bombings. (The Box Museum)



'Hi I'm Jess I'm 15 and I'm studying textiles and art which is one of the reasons I picked the Upcycled Home Co to do my work experience. This week has definitely inspired me to really do what I enjoy, get a job in something creative and follow my dream.'

Jess Year 10. (Placement – The Upcycled Home Company.) To read Jess' full blog, follow the link

<https://www.theupcycledhome.co.uk/post/what-it-s-like-to-work-at-the-upcycled-home-co>

'Seb's placement provider was very positive regarding his punctuality and attitude to work. Seb feels that the skills he has been applying will be very beneficial in the future.' Miss Wilson. (Placement – DCA PR.)





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ArtsLab 2024

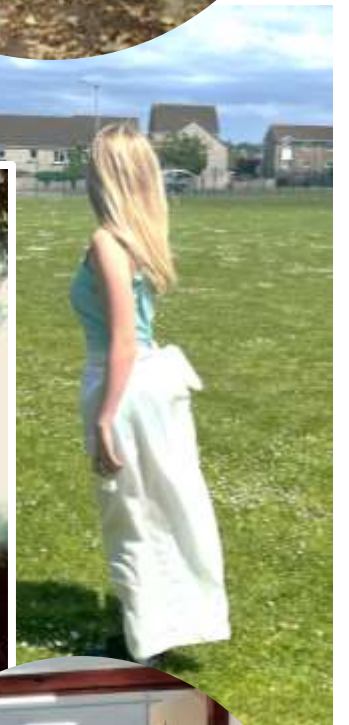
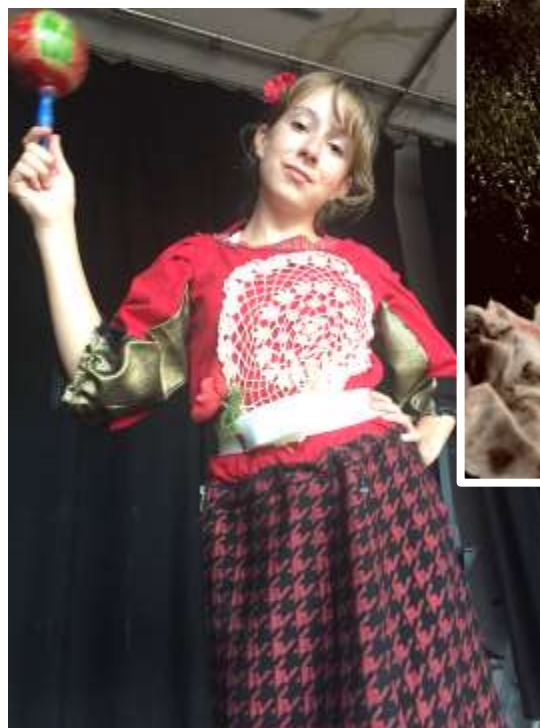
A group of budding year 9 Art and Design students were given the opportunity to work with a practicing artist/designer, Sarah Brittain Edwards, over a number of practical sessions. Their focus was Sustainability, working collaboratively and developing their practical skills. The students investigated a photographic fashion story, by making garments and accessories using repurposed and recycled clothing and materials (sourced from local charity shops and scrap stores), which culminated in a series of fashion styled photographs. The students started with a brainstorming, discussion, and planning session followed by a series of practical sessions, where they either worked individually or in small groups to create their fashion garments and accessories, using the materials provided. Once the make was complete, they then set up the 'staging' for the photo shoot and did the photography themselves, taking on board Sarah's expert advice. They then selected and edited their photographs ready for this amazing final Exhibition which showcases all their hard work and creativity.

Students have been working with visiting Artist **Sarah Brittain Edwards**

Making



Photo Shoot





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Music and Lyrics by QUEEN
Story and Script by BEN ELTON

Scan the QR code to book tickets!
Tickets available from tickethelp.com

Adult: £9
Student/OAP: £7.50
There will be a small booking fee.

THUR 11th JULY
FRI 12th JULY
SAT 13th JULY
7:30 pm

Tickets on sale now!

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First up is **Lilly** in **Year 12** playing the characters of Aretha (a bohemian) and Killer Queen (who hates people and music!)



A bit about the actor:

Lilly has been involved with musical theatre since 2010 and has performed in various musicals and shows since; she aspires to be working in the musical theatre industry when she's older. Her favourite thing about We Will Rock You has been the 'laughs we have behind the stage' and the 'opportunity to sing with a live band'.



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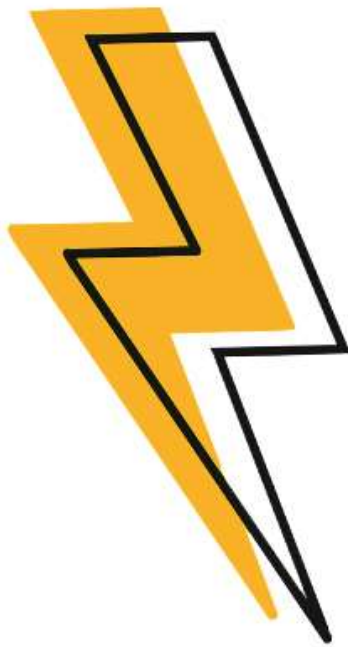
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Next is **Evan** from **Year 11** playing Galileo, one of the show's protagonists who helps bring around the end of Killer Queen's rule.



A bit about the actor:

Evan recently completed his Drama GCSE and it is his first time performing on the TCC stage. His favourite Queen song is *Now I'm Here* and his favourite thing about the show has been putting what he learnt in class into practice. He thinks you should come and watch because the performance showcases the skills of TCC students!



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Introducing **Charlie** from **Year 9** as Khashoggi, the evil Killer Queen's sidekick, who everyone runs from when he enters a room.



A bit about the actor:

This is Charlie's first big stage performance having only contributed to smaller productions in primary school. His favourite thing about this production has been building relationships with other members of the cast across year groups and he thinks everyone should come and watch because it gives a 'real insight into the genius of Queen'!



Look out for more cast profiles on our Facebook page!



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TCC School Sports Council

Students were recently invited to apply to join the TCC Student Sports Council. This is a new venture for the PE department with the aim of providing a student voice to help the department develop the PE curriculum and extra-curricular programme further to enthuse all students to be active and healthy.

Another aim is to have a student team involved in planning and leading a variety of sporting activities over the coming year.

The response was excellent, and we now have a really strong Sports Council of 20 students from all year groups. We met with Mr Evans this morning for the first time to get a student voice on how they would like Sports Week and Sports Day to look this year. With lots of ideas presented from the students Mr Evans will be taking these on board to plan a programme which all students will learn about in assemblies.

The Council will be involved in leading and officiating some of the activities for Sports Week and will meet a few more times this term to help with other ideas for the coming year.

Miss Milford



Sports News Netball

Year 12 CAMTECH Sport student Maddie, hosted a Year 7 Netball Tournament as part of her Unit 8 assignment: organising a sporting event.

The year 7 students took part in a series of drills and fun Netball activities, all delivered by Maddie who also had Teagan helping and acting as her teaching assistant. Maddie organised the students into matches for the second half of the session, where they competed against each other, and all matches were scored and umpired by Maddie.

All girls involved thoroughly enjoyed themselves and Maddie planned and delivered an excellent session. A big well done to all!

Miss Pearson.





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Sports News – Tennis

Miss Pearson applied to be a part of the 'Beyond the Baseline' tennis programme for 2024, in partnership with the LTA. This programme focusses on leadership and building tennis aspirations in the College and with the local community. As a school we were assigned Lucy Shuker who is a British wheelchair tennis player as our tennis mentor. Lucy has competed in the Paralympics and is currently the highest ranked woman in the sport in Britain.

On the day, the students were presented with information on how Lucy gained her injury, looking into her career highlights to which the students also got to hold and see all her Olympic Medals!

We also had Kate Grey a Paralympic Swimmer and Sports Reporter join us for the day. In the afternoon, the students took part in some practical sessions for the rest of the afternoon, where they began to learn more skills and tennis drills. The second session will involve Lucy teaching the students more tennis drills and techniques, so they can think about ideas when planning their event, where they will lead other young students.

We look forward to welcoming Lucy to TCC again soon. A big well done to all involved.





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Food Containers

We have a number of food containers that have been left in the Food room (room 16).

Please could students pop in to check for any containers they may have left.

Any containers that are not claimed by the end of the academic year may be given out to other students to take their work home.



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Times: 9am - 2pm
Age: 5-13 Years

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Bikeability Summer Holiday Sessions



- **Between Monday 29th July and Wednesday 24th August**
- **At the Sports Centre, Callington Community College PL17 8PJ**
- **Please bring a bike without stabilisers and safety helmet**
- **For more information on each Bikeability programme and how to check your bike is road worthy [CLICK HERE](#)**

Free Learn To Ride - Scan To Book

- **Ages 4-16**
- **Sessions are one hour, most children only require one session**
- **From balancing to pedalling**



Scan To Book - Level 1 and 2

- **Ages 9-16 years old**
- **0930 to 1400 includes a hot meal**
- **Level 1 is taught off road building confidence and skills needed for Level 2**
- **Free to FSM pupils or £10 per session**





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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!

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Especially for Young Adult Carers:
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Parenting a child aged 0-19

Parenting Support Open Sessions

Are you a parent of a child aged 0-19 in Cornwall?
If so, we would like to invite you to join us for an open session with members of our parenting team.

Join us for tea, coffee and biscuits and the opportunity to speak to our friendly parenting team, who can offer support, advice and information. It will also be a chance to meet and chat with other parents. Children are welcome to come along with you.

When?

Date:	Time:	Venue:
Tuesday, 30 th July 2024	9:30-11:30	Callington Family Hub
Thursday, 1 st August 2024	9.30-11.30	Bodmin Family Hub
Tuesday, 6 th August 2024	13:30-15:30	Launceston Family Hub
Thursday, 8 th August 2024	13:00-15:00	Bude Family Hub
Tuesday, 13 th August 2024	9:30-11:30	Wadebridge Family Hub
Thursday, 15 th August 2024	9.30-11:30	Saltash Family Hub
Tuesday, 20 th August 2024	13:30-15:30	Liskeard Family Hub
Thursday, 22 nd August 2024	9.30-11.30	Callington Family Hub

Contact us Telephone: 01872 324323 | Email: parenting@cornwall.gov.uk



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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

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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)

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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

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[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

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- Early Help Parenting
- Family Information Service
- Links to Local Services
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We are open Mon/Weds/Fri
9.30-12.30 under The Old Rowing
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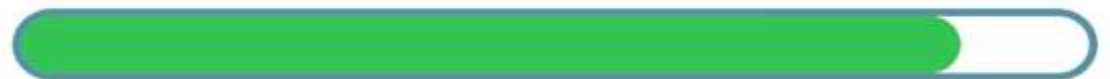
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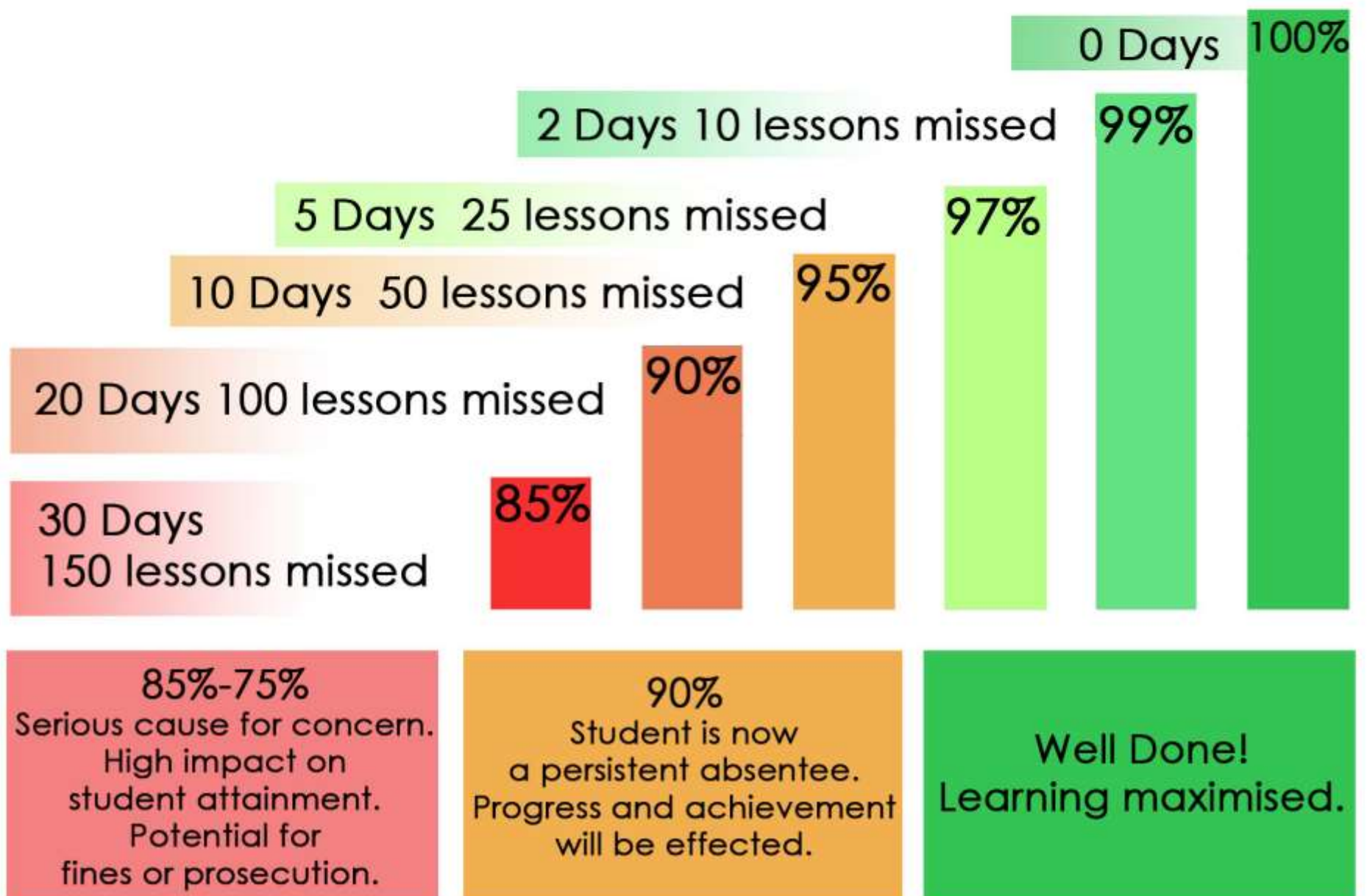
EVERYDAY COUNTS

*Why is attendance important
for my child's education?*

**Good attendance
means:**



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





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Dr Plumb



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