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# NEWSLETTER

28th June 2024



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**18<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports Day (weather dependant).

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

#### Summer Term

15<sup>th</sup> April- 19<sup>th</sup> July

### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another academic year and what an incredible year it has been. As I reflect upon the achievements of the children, I am full of pride for the wonderful young people they are. In the classroom, they are hardworking and dedicated; on the stage they are inspiring performers; on the sports field they are impressive athletes. It's been a year filled with learning, growth, and unforgettable experiences. In these last couple of weeks, the College has been buzzing with activity and the events have very much reminded me of what a vibrant and talented community TCC is.

This was very much evident during our recent Awards Evening, a night dedicated to celebrating the fantastic achievements and talents within our College community. It was great to see so many parents in attendance, and for them to see their children receiving thoroughly deserved recognition for their efforts. Students were recognised for their array of achievements, sporting prowess, artistic talents, and contributions to the College and wider community. Each award presented was a testament to the effort and passion our students brought to their respective areas. A special thank you to the teachers and staff who have supported and guided our students throughout the year, as well as to the parents and carers for their unwavering encouragement. I would also like to thank those staff who helped organise the event, and HMS Raleigh's Commanding Officer, Captain Jane Roe, for allowing us to host this event at HMS Raleigh.

#### 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](mailto:absence@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)

**Call:** 01752 812511

### Timings of the day



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<b>Tutor</b>	08:45 - 09:10 (25 mins)
<b>Lesson 1</b>	09:10 - 10:10 (60 mins)
<b>Lesson 2</b>	10:10 - 11:10 (60 mins)
<b>Break</b>	11:10 - 11:35 (25 mins)
<b>Lesson 3</b>	11:35 - 12:35 (60 mins)
<b>Lesson 4</b>	12:35 - 13:35 (60 mins)
<b>Lunch</b>	13:35 - 14:20 (45mins)
<b>Lesson 5</b>	14:20 - 15:20 (60 mins)





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And of course, our stunning College musical production, "We Will Rock You", was a real success last week. With over 500 people coming to watch the shows between Thursday and Saturday, they showcased the incredible talent and dedication of our students. From the vibrant costumes, professional lighting and band, impressive vocals and acting, the energy and enthusiasm of the cast was infectious and provided a thoroughly enjoyable evenings' entertainment for the audience. I would like to thank all the performers, musicians, and backstage crew who worked incredibly hard to make this show a reality. Their hard work and passion have paid off in a performance that will be remembered for years to come. A special thank you goes out to our dedicated staff and volunteers who provided guidance, support, and countless hours of preparation. Additionally, we are grateful to the parents, carers, families, and friends for their support throughout rehearsals and on the three performance nights. A special thank you and well done to Mr Colquhoun, Mr Entwistle, Miss Bell, and Miss Jump. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the show. Your presence and applause meant the world to our students.

Our final big event of the year was our College sports day. The majority of our students competed in at least one event and demonstrated excellent spirit and determination. I particularly enjoy sports day because the team spirit is abundant. Students who have little experience of competing step up and give it their all to win points for their house, enthusiastically supported by their peers. I know how much the students who took part enjoyed the day. We have been notified by School Games that Torpoint Community College has achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2023-2024 academic year. This recognises that the College has a balanced and inclusive PE curriculum, provides opportunities for students to aspire to careers in sports, and offers a wide range of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities accessed by students across the whole College. The College also values students' voices in PE and offers opportunities for students in curriculum time, extra-curricular activities, and sports day. I send sincere appreciations to Mr Evans and the PE team for providing the children with so many wonderful opportunities to participate in sport throughout the year.

We have two members of staff leaving this year, Mr Riley, curriculum lead for MFL, and Mr Ayles, teacher of History. Both have made an excellent contribution to the College, and both are moving on to other schools; we wish them the very best for the future.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their dedication and enthusiasm, and we extend our thanks to our parents and carers for their continuous support. Our teachers and staff have worked tirelessly to create a nurturing and inspiring environment, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts.

I am fully aware our current Year 11 and 13 students will now be waiting anxiously for their examination results following a busy summer exam season. A reminder the Post 16 exam results day is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August from 0800 to 1000 hours in the sixth form and the GCSE results day is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August from 0900 to 1100 hours in the sixth form.

Now, as we look forward to the summer holidays, we encourage everyone to take this time to relax, recharge, and enjoy special moments with family and friends. Whether you're travelling, exploring new hobbies, or simply taking it easy, have a fantastic summer break and please stay safe in whatever you are doing. I look forward to welcoming our Year 7 and 12 students back to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, and all year groups on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September, ready for the start of a new Academic Year.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Plumb  
Headteacher





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We Will Rock You: A cast of champions! Some photos from our 'We Will Rock You' Production 2024. Huge well done to them all for doing our College proud. Massive thank you to Mr Maestri for taking these fantastic photos!





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## Awards Evening 2024



We had the pleasure of holding our awards evening at the Roebuck theatre for the second year running. Huge appreciations to Captain Jane Roe for the opportunity. Over 140 families attended to enjoy the celebration of our young people and their amazing achievements and effort.

A huge number of certificates were handed out as well as some personalised trophies. Our Headteacher Dr Plumb and Commander Malcolm McCallum were able to say a few words. We had the pleasure of seeing snippets of the recent TCC school production "We Will Rock You" as well as enjoying some incredible live performances. The commander closed the evenings sharing how impressed he was with the achievements of our students and the real sense of support and community throughout the evening. Our TCC students really are the Champions. Well done to Mrs Blandin-Neaves for organising the whole event.





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Year 11 Prom  
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**Prom King: Josh L**  
**Prom Queen: Goldie**

**Cutest Couple : Lennon and Alannah**





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# SUMMER PARTY 2024



## Year 12 and 13 Summer Party 2024

A great time was had by all at our Post 16 summer Party at the AFC in Torpoint. It was a lovely opportunity to say goodbye to our Year 13 students. Thank you to the tutor team and Mrs Peach for supporting this event.  
Miss Bell





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## Year 12 Induction Day



## Year 11 Induction Day

Our new Sixth Form students attended their induction morning last Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. They engaged in a range of activities with our current Year 12 including a volleyball session, quiz and treasure hunt around the College. This was rounded off with an assembly, lunch and information packs to take away.

We look forward to working with our growing Sixth Form, the atmosphere in the common room was lively, friendly, and very positive.

Good luck to all of the Year 11 joining us on your GCSE Results day. It is not too late to join the Sixth Form at TCC, for further details and courses on offer please

email: [bell@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:bell@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)  
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## Rowing

On Saturday 13th July, Jake, Elyse, Megan and Brodie competed in the U16 mixed rowing regatta championships at Saltash. They had to row 2.5km as a team. They were the only U14 team in the competition and were up against teams much older than them. They came 3rd overall! Well done team.



## Football

The annual year 9 & 10 TCC 5-a-side football league has come to a close for another year. Congratulations to this year's champions Henry, Liam, Sol, Rory, Ollie and Alex who stormed to victory without losing a single match. Once again, the tournament was played in great spirit throughout.







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## Girls Football Tournament at TCC

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, there were around 120 girls playing football at TCC for our annual Year 7&8 girl's football tournament. There were 12 teams in total, and we had schools from Tavistock, Cambourne, Callington, Saltash and Coombe Dean join us for a fun day of football.

Callington were the winners on the day, but it was great to have so many girls playing football.

We had 25 girls representing Torpoint for the football matches, and an additional 15 leaders made up from our Sports Council who helped run the day. They behaved brilliantly and the other schools commended our young leaders on how they conducted themselves. They assisted with scoring, refereeing and general coordination on the day.



## Cornwall School Games Success

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 16 students travelled to Mounts Bay Academy in Penzance to compete in the Cornwall School Games Finals for Dodgeball and Softball. Pupils arrived excited at 7.30am to start our two-hour journey to Penzance. This was the school finals for the whole of Cornwall which schools qualified for from previous rounds.

Our year 7 dodgeball team consisted of Declan, Evan, Dylan, Daniel, Josh, Halle and Holly. They were faced against some very tough opponents however they managed to secure some wins too!

And our Year 9 softball team consisting of Chris, Jake, James, Brodie, Laurence, George, Charlie, Callum and Zeph were up against some well rehearsed Cornish schools. It was a great day out for TCC and many students had never been to Penzance before so it was lovely to take them on a tour of Cornwall. A massive thank you to Mr Cameron for driving and Dylan's Mum who also joined us for the day. A great day was had by all!







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### Kurt Jackson Gallery Trip







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## Bernie Graham's Visit

This term students have been completing studying twentieth century history in Year 9. Students have been learning about the causes, events and consequences of the Holocaust, including the reasons for and long-term history of antisemitism, both in Europe and the UK. It is important to remember that beyond the frightening statistics of 6 million people being murdered, including 1.5 million children, each victim had a story to tell; mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, cousins, girlfriends and boyfriends; wives, husbands and friends.

Torpoint Community College has framed the study of the Holocaust around an investigative project into learning about the lives of the Federmann family. Students worked as 'archivists', analysing a variety of sources, reading these closely and sorting by family members. Students found out that during the Holocaust experiences were different and individual. Often, it was luck that could mean the difference between survival and death.

Soloman Federmann's grandson Bernie Graham, who has appeared on the BBC Documentary, "My Family, The Holocaust and Me" with Rob Rinder, was kind enough to come into school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July to discuss his experiences of visiting Germany and learning about the involvement of his parents and grandparents, and families during the Holocaust. Bernie took many questions from Year 9 students, which led to an informative and emotional discussion around the topic.

Students reflected that it is important that we continue to remember the past. Mr Truan, Mr Miller, Mr Ayles and Mr Richardson would like to thank Bernie for taking time to come into the College to support the discussions that have taken place within History lessons this term.

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

George Santayana







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## Young Fisherman Antony Excels in Crab and Lobster Business

Antony, a Year 8 student, continues to make impressive strides in his crab and lobster business, establishing himself as the youngest fisherman in Cornwall. Antony is not only managing his thriving enterprise but is also exploring traditional fishing methods. Recently, he has begun experimenting with willow pots, a technique that reflects his commitment to sustainable and environmentally friendly fishing practices.

In addition to his business endeavours, Antony is actively involved in a significant scientific investigation. He recently had the exciting opportunity to meet with the head scientist from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). During this meeting, they discussed the ongoing project in which sharks are tagged to monitor and record their behaviour. Well done, Antony! Keep up the great work!

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**COURSE DATES**

29TH - 30TH JULY 2024  
5TH AUG - 8TH AUG 2024  
12TH AUG - 15TH AUG 2024  
19TH AUG - 22ND AUG 2024

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

Lunch and nutritional snack included

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# Cornwall Young Archaeologists' Club

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The Cornwall National Landscape, Monumental Improvement (MI) project in partnership with the Council for British Archaeology (CBA) and heritage professionals and organisations right across Cornwall are about to re-launch Cornwall Young Archaeologists' Club in July as part of The CBA's Festival of Archaeology 2024.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Maker Heights Visitor Centre, Maker with Rame:  
([www.rameconservationtrust.org.uk/maker-heights](http://www.rameconservationtrust.org.uk/maker-heights))

Come along and find out about our plans to relaunch the YAC in Cornwall. All activities are drop, in and **free with no need to book!** We will also be joined at Maker Heights by the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Historic Environment Team. Who will show **everyone** how to find out more about your particular interests in Cornwall's historic environment.



Budding Young Archaeologists (8-16yrs olds) and their carers\* are invited along to these drop-in sessions running between 10am and 2pm to find out more about membership of the club and other planned activities throughout the year.

\* Children and young people under 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all times at these drop-in sessions.



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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



Are you between 10 and 16 years old?  
Are you a non-swimmer?

Do you receive free school meals?

If yes; Why not come along to Saltash Leisure Centre and **LEARN TO SWIM** for free with a qualified swim coach.

What to bring: a swimming costume and a towel, goggles are optional

You will need to commit for five consecutive mornings 0830 to 0930



Scan for more information and to book



# Art Club

8 - 18 YEAR OLDS  
TUESDAY'S  
23 JULY - 27 AUG  
11:00 - 12:15  
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# KERNOW YOUNG BARNARD'S CARRIERS

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Changing lives.

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!

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[facebook.com/CornwallCarersService](https://facebook.com/CornwallCarersService)  
[twitter.com/cornwallCS](https://twitter.com/cornwallCS)

Especially for Young Adult Carers:  
[instagram.com/cornwallyacs](https://instagram.com/cornwallyacs)





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

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- **Solihull: Understanding your Child** – Supporting parents/carers of children aged 1 to 11 (10 x 2-hour sessions)
- **Parents Plus Adolescents Programme** – Supporting parents/carers of teenagers aged 12 to 19 (10 x 2-hour sessions)
- **Living with Parents** – a one day workshop for parents and their young person aged 12 to 17 years.
- **Supporting Healthy Relationships** – (3 x 2-hour sessions)



- **Me, You and Baby Too** (for parents pre-birth – 12 months)
- **Arguing Better** (for parents of children aged 1 – 19)
- **Getting it Right for Children** (for separated/separating parents with children aged 0 – 19)

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- Tuesdays from 12:30-14:30, starting 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- Thursdays from 9.30-11:30, starting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024



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

### Contact us:

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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](http://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

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# IMPORTANT

## >>> ANNOUNCEMENT <<<

### 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**



## See our needs in real-time

Liskeard and Looe Foodbank are proud to be working  
with BanktheFood

Download BanktheFood app for FREE using the QR  
code

Follow Liskeard and Looe Foodbank and get regular  
updates of any items we need

### COLLECTION BASKETS

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Costcutter Torpoint







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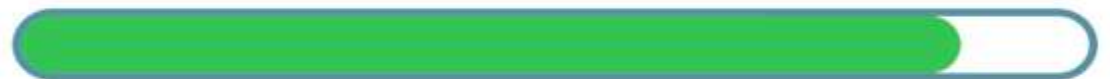
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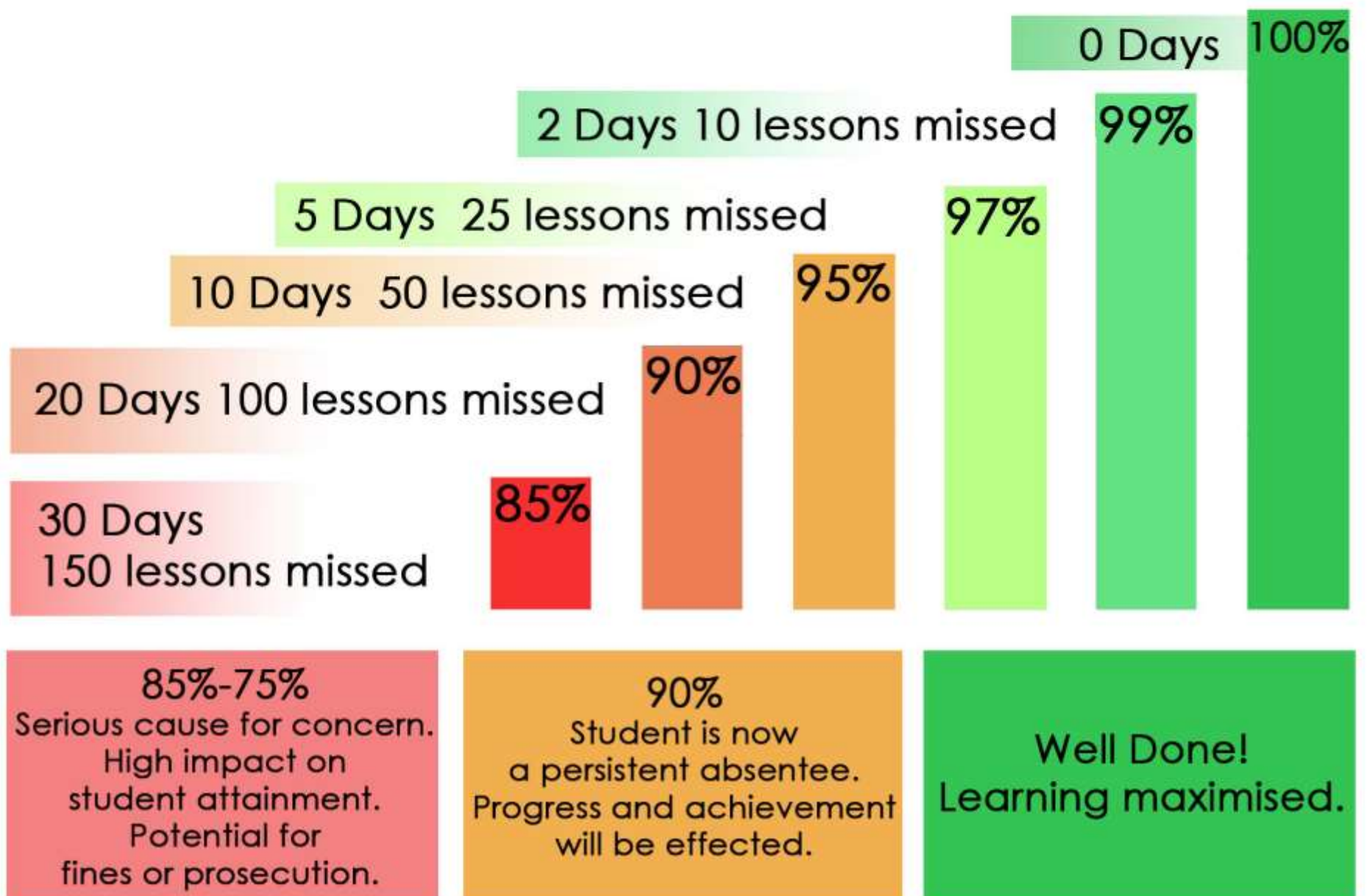
# EVERYDAY COUNTS

*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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# SAFEGUARDING YOU

[worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:worries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)

Our main priority is that students feel safe and happy.

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.

**Mrs Lear**



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