



Principal's Introduction

The College has had yet another busy term. We have many successes to celebrate and I hope you enjoy reading about them all in this newsletter. We are extremely proud of all our young people who have participated in these events. I am also particularly proud of Crispin Chambers who has won the South West Regional Finals of the Pearson Teacher of the Year Award in a Secondary School. Crispin will be going to London for the National Finals in October and we wish him well.

A number of primary schools are currently consulting and considering joining the Co-operative Trust. If this goes ahead it will be an excellent development and enable us to work collaboratively and effectively across the learning community.

The College is forming a number of good partnerships both in the Co-operative Trust and beyond. One of these is the teacher research project we are running with Plymouth University. This has been extremely successful and a number of teachers at the College are now undertaking research into Teaching & Learning at Masters Level. We are now almost at the end of the busy examination season. Indications are that the current Year 11 are doing extremely well and should achieve some of the best results the College has ever seen. We expect them to be above the national average and very close to our target for 5A* - C including English and Maths. We also anticipate good results from Year 13 students.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all an enjoyable summer break.

Helen Salmon
Principal



Key dates

9 July

Year 6 Taster Day

10 and 11 July

Sixth Form Conference

13 July

Year 11/12/13 History/
Business Trip to China

15 July

Year 10 Work Experience
Week
Inspiration Day

22 July

Swimming Gala

23 July

Sports Day

24 July

Last Day of Summer Term

15 August

GCE Results

22 August

GCSE Results

9 September

First Day of Autumn Term
(Week A)

New Governors



After working closely with the College as a parent, professional and also with my involvement in the PTA for a number of years now, I am looking forward to being involved further as a Parent Governor.

My "day job" is as Business Manager for Tavistock Learning Community, where I am responsible for helping our 17 schools to work collaboratively – I have a son in Year 9, and another who has just finished his GCSEs and will be starting sixth form in September.

I strongly support the College in its journey as a co-operative Trust, and I am looking forward to working alongside parents, staff and of course the students as plans for the College evolve further...

Sharon Samuel



I am really excited to have the opportunity of being a Parent Governor for Tavistock College. With two sons at the school in Years 9 and 11, I am encouraged by the changes that

have occurred over the last couple of years and am keen to work with the school as it continues to improve and develop. Professionally, as a Personnel Practitioner, I am the Head of Corporate Services for West Devon Borough Council responsible for a range of support services including Legal, Personnel, Elections, Democratic Services, Media and Communications.

I strongly feel that the views of parents have already gone a long way towards improving the College and I am keen that our voice be heard even louder on the Governing Body. I am delighted to be able to represent those views.

Jan Montague





Tavistock College Students Win Headlight Competition

Following on from last terms success in reaching the finals of the Coca Cola Real Business challenge I am extremely pleased to report that Year 10 Business Studies students have also won both first and second place in a competition organised by the Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI). This is a national competition for which the students had to design a new car with the focus on brand, product and promotion.

Members of the winning team, named Team Regent were Jack Morewood, James Kerswill, Hardy Hopkinson, Alfie Beattie, Joe Sellars and Isaac Hammond. Their luxury car which had the tag line "The Gent is Back" was a premium car designed to appeal to the wealthy male market. Their design included the use of technology to create a multimedia experience and gadgets such as a built in suit carrier and champagne chiller to ensure it appealed to their target audience.

Second place was won by Team Echo who designed an environmentally friendly hybrid for the modern woman. The judges were impressed with the unique range of gadgets included in this design especially the talking mirror!

The whole experience helped develop the students understanding of product design and allowed them to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they had learnt during their Business Studies lessons. The winning team are now looking forward to their visit the Land Rover Heritage Museum and a 4X4 experience. *Sarah Holt*



After being told that the Headlight Competition - a national competition run by The IMI - would be used in our Business Studies lessons as a way to apply techniques and ideas that we have learned over the course of the year, we had no idea how successful we would be. Having elected our group leader (Joe) we settled on Regent as the name of our car. We chose our target market to be wealthy males looking for a sporty yet business friendly car that would be marketed with our male-orientated strap-line: "The Gent is Back."

With this knowledge we each set about designing the car. Some of us focused on designing a prototype whilst others began to develop a brochure and presentation to showcase our idea. This idea was presented to the other Business Studies students during a lesson and feedback received. This feedback helped with providing the finishing touches before the idea and brochure was entered into the competition.

Two months later it was announced that we had triumphed and gained first place in the competition, winning a trip to the Jaguar Land Rover Heritage museum and the opportunity to present our idea to industry experts Dr Adrian Birch, Steve Nash and Jacqui Nelson. We also benefit from an exciting off-road experience in one of the finest all-terrain vehicles in the world. Having the opportunity to enter this competition has been amazing and that our Business Studies teachers idea of a fun way to extend our learning has concluded with such an exciting day out is brilliant. We were also pleased to find out that second place had been awarded to another team from Tavistock College - Team Echo. *Jack Morewood Yr 10*

Teaching Award Success



Congratulations to Mr Crispin Chambers for winning the South West Regional Pearson Teaching Award for Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School. Crispin, a Japanese teacher at the College, was recently surprised in a morning assembly when presented with the award.

"The whole college community feels so proud of the achievement of Crispin Chambers. He is an inspirational teacher who can create magic in his classroom. Many of our young people learn Japanese and some go on to work and study in Japan. Like all great teachers Crispin changes lives. He is the teacher that the students never forget and for all the right reasons. In spite of this incredible skill and passion, Crispin has a humility and kindness which is also recognised by all who know him. Tavistock College is only one of 5 comprehensive schools in the country to offer Japanese teaching. We all hope that he will progress to the National final of the Teaching awards." Mrs Helen Salmon

Anna Mills, Head of the Modern Language faculty added "As a faculty we are hugely proud of Mr Chambers and this award which is so richly deserved.

He is a truly outstanding teacher and has made a real, significant and lasting impact on the lives and future aspirations of thousands of young people. Many have gone on to study Japanese at University and are keen to live there in the future. Perhaps his greatest legacy is that students of all ages and abilities have had a wonderfully positive experience of learning another language and discovering a new and exciting culture which is different from their own. His passion for Japanese and his unwavering commitment to teaching and learning have had a very positive impact upon our whole faculty and Tavistock College as a whole. A brilliant accolade for a brilliant teacher!"



Eco School Design Success at this year's Go4Set Awards

Congratulations to six of our Year 8 and 9 students who received the award for the most innovative design at this year's EDT Go4SET project which took place on Friday, 10th May.

Sponsored by Babcock Marine, the team worked closely with teacher, Mr Alex Jackson and Babcock mentors Mr Alex Hook and Miss Jen Walker to 'move' Tavistock College to an island of their choice and 'transform' it so that it was still a fully functioning school. To do this, the team had to research the College's needs, adapt existing solutions to island life and ultimately ensure that the College still functioned and worked in the ways it needed to.

The students researched, planned, designed, discussed, wrote, read and modelled, and finally came up with a finished proposal: a school placed on the island Gili Trawangan in Indonesia, powered by a wind/wave generator and heated by a geothermal system that doubled as a desalination plant for fresh water, while also supplying power to the school.

The Judges were really impressed with their finished report and even want to use it as a model of good practice for next year!



Soapbox Derby Award

Through May and June four Y10 Resistant Materials students have been stretching their engineering skills by designing and constructing a Soapbox Derby Racer, ready for the big race day at the Buckland Village Summer Fair. Sam Rodgers, Will Dax, Joe Jordan and Josh Blake spent every lunch and break time as well as time after school to prepare the cart. They really wanted to focus on the aerodynamics and the completed cart really demonstrated this.



The carts were lined up in the village for their pre-race inspection the evening before the event and the judges went to work scrutinising the designs, inspecting the wide variety of steering mechanisms and braking systems. There were six entries in all and a great deal of variety in design approach was evident. Our students were delighted when their vehicle was named as the 'Best Engineered Cart'! Sam happily collected the medal that he later mounted on the cart ready for the main event.

The race day arrived and the lads were so proud of what they had achieved. They wheeled their cart to the start line at the top of the Buckland Monachorum main street and for those of you who know it, this is one steep hill! The first run was to be driven by Mr Keegan who decided it was only right that a test dummy should be used first. Mr Keegan and Mr Deeves helped the students build the cart at school in the design and technology block. On the countdown of three the cart was released and quickly built speed. With the driving position only 5cm off the ground, the ride felt fast and smooth. The street was lined all the way down with spectators cheering the shark themed cart and driver on. At the bottom of the course after an eye watering decent the cart came to a nice controlled skidding stop with the breaks proving really effective.

Josh Blake drove as our under 17s entry, Josh had to make his decent after watching some pretty nasty crashes from some of the earlier descents, including his own brother Jason whose cart flipped twice in one run! Josh kept his head though and made a smooth run with a fast time and the crowd went wild as he flew under the chequered flag. We were so close to getting a spot on the podium but unfortunately our impressive time fell slightly short.

The cart mounted video camera captured some brilliant footage and will help a new group of students next year to develop an even faster cart. Overall, the event and the build up to it were both inspiring and motivating, the students and other youngsters at the event now have an even stronger passion for design and technology.



Animal Hour



In recognition of consistent good conduct throughout their first year at Tavistock College, 38 students have been offered the opportunity for an 'Animal Hour'. The first group

completed their session, meeting Fleur the pony, Sheba the dog, the college guinea pigs and some bantam chicks. The purpose was to reward the students for their exemplary behaviour, at the same time teaching them how to care for and handle the different animals safely, along the way learning more about the evolution of the various species.

This first session was a great success – Brittany Cummings, a year 9 student assisting, said: 'The Year 7 students thoroughly enjoyed seeing and learning about the animals. They were taught where the animals originated from, how they developed, how to care of them and what signs to look out for if the animal isn't well.'

The hour flew by, and all the staff would like to thank Lawrie Harris for giving up his time and bringing in some of the animals.

Helen Harris



Improving Literacy

Tavistock College recognised as a reading school

The following is an extract from an article published by the National Literacy Trust

“One of the first things a visitor to Tavistock College notices is the colourful notice at the receptionist’s desk outlining the title and author of the book currently being read. This visual promotion is to be found throughout the corridors and on the classroom doors of the college providing a clear indication of how staff have embraced the school’s current whole school initiative to promote reading and enhance all staff’s skills to support all learners in their reading.

As James O’Connell, Assistant Principle, explains, “The link between reading, academic success and enhanced life chances is undeniable”. He is leading projects which, whilst drawing on the skills and expertise of Liz Rowe, Head of English, Ann Morgan, Literacy Coordinator and Charlotte Meneer, Literacy Administrator, are remarkable in the fact that the school is concentrating on promoting an enthusiastic and enjoyable approach to reading and not just focusing on better test results.

Students and teachers all bring their own reading material to the classroom. Almost all students and all staff have recognised the power and importance of reading and an overwhelming majority are valuing this reading time. An important part of the

scheme is that teachers are expected to read their own texts during this time. What has been generated and observed are a wealth of conversations about books. Students have even begun to compare and discuss not only what each other are reading but also what their teachers are reading. A number of weaker and more reluctant readers are becoming, voluntarily, regular readers. Also, several members of staff who are not English teachers and who have not previously ‘taught reading’ have been inspired to work directly with students with their reading, to become more skilled teachers of reading and, in two cases, to begin action research into reading.”



Accelerated Reader

Since November all our Year 7 students have been taking part in the Accelerated Reader scheme during both Tutor time and English lessons. During this time we have had a number of occasions to celebrate the progress made by both individuals and groups.

As of the end of June, 15 students had read more than a million words on the scheme and received Millionaire badges and certificates; each week a cake is awarded to the tutor group making the greatest progress and Mrs Worrall has given out hundreds if not thousands of smaller prizes to students who have successfully completed a book quiz.

The final Year 7 assembly before the Easter holidays saw a number of students winning prizes including Easter eggs and gaining achievement certificates to celebrate their commitment and success on the Accelerated Reader scheme.

We are delighted to be able to announce that we have recently received sponsorship from the Lions Club which will enable us to recognise our most committed readers through the opportunity to win a Kindle along with a £10 gift voucher enabling the purchase of e-books; this prize will be awarded termly giving students 3 opportunities to win across the academic year.

I am delighted by how enthusiastically Year 7 have embraced the reading initiatives and opportunities on offer here at the College and I look forward to celebrating many more reading achievements as they move into Year 8. *Ann Morgan, Literacy Coordinator*

A First for Tavistock

Get Hooked on Books!

Devon Adult and Community Learning and Tavistock College are proud to be the first in the country to pilot a course which encourages reading for pleasure with Year 7’s and their parents.

Engaging in reading for pleasure.....

- is one of the most effective ways of developing literacy skills
- builds a lifelong love of reading
- has been revealed as the most important indicator of the future success of a child

The free and informative sessions were supported by Kathy Worrall, College Librarian. There were visits to Tavistock Library and WHSmith where a £10 voucher was given to each student to purchase a book. Students also benefitted from a further two free books.

Get Hooked on Books is funded by, and run in conjunction with, The National Literacy Trust. It is a fantastic opportunity for West Devon to be asked to trial this course before it is offered across the UK.

There will be a catch up session in September to see what impact the course has made and what has changed for the students.

If you would like to know about future courses on how to spark an interest in reading then call or text Penny on 0781 697 3926 or e-mail penny.westlake@devon.gov.uk

“Pure Awesomeness”

Tavistock College Hosts the Carnegie Shadowing Event 2013



Tavistock College hosted the Carnegie Shadowing Event this year, welcoming 6 other schools to join them in this celebration of literature for children and young people. On Wednesday 19th June, the 7 schools from Plymouth and Cornwall represented and championed different shortlisted texts in an enjoyable day to celebrate our love of reading. Author Ally Kennen also attended the event, giving an inspiring talk about her writing and her ‘top 23 books to read before you hit sixteen’.

As hosts, the students from our College had a very busy day – not only did they have a

presentation to perform in front of the gathered students and teachers, but they also had to welcome our guests and support the catering staff and booksellers. The College was well-represented by the delightful manners of Charlie Lowe and Kate Mugridge-Guest, who served refreshments. Weng Vooi helped organise arriving buses, score-keeping and generally making sure our team was ready to present! Ryan Maloney and Molly Bolding provided technical support.

The Tavistock College Carnegie ‘crew’ was assigned the title *Wonder* by R J Palacio to represent this year. This is an emotional and heart-warming story and a boy who grows up with facial disfigurement and is about to start middle school for the first time. Supported by Miss Jenny Strongman, their English teacher, the team shaped their presentation into a special edition of the panel show *Would I lie to you?* communicating key ideas from the text in a unique way. The College was represented in this presentation by the talents of: Weng Cheng Vooi, Grace Kelly, Jazz Rice (all year 10); Vicky Scawn, Sophie Manton, Clarissa Mears, Molly Bolding, Amy Stephens, Ezra Rickman, Katelyn Goodbourn and Siobhan Mackie (all year 8) and Amy Eaton (year 7).



What did the students have to say? Ryan: “The day was a fun-filled event with a social and relaxed atmosphere. We could clearly see everyone having a wonderful time with lots of schools interacting with each other.” Molly: “My favourite bit was meeting the author Ally Kennen, who signed my books and has inspired me to continue my writing, giving me lots of helpful advice.” Weng: “It was great to watch their performances which made me want to read some of the other Carnegie books.” Jazz: “Pure awesomeness!”

The event itself was organised by Mrs Kathy Worrall, the College librarian, who enjoyed that a special, enjoyable day was had by all, with many staff and students keen to be involved next year too. Callington College won with their presentation on *A Boy, a Bear and a Boat*, which included a drama sketch, ukulele playing and a recorded interview with the author of their book, Dave Shelton.



Book Bistro



The year 7 focus on reading has taken many forms, including the Accelerated reader scheme, community mentors and “drop everything and read sessions.” Some classes have also enjoyed, a “Book Bistro” These were lessons based on an American idea of allowing students to talk about their favourite book in an informal, non judgemental setting. Classrooms were transformed by the students into cafe/ coffee shop style settings with desks covered in tablecloths, scones and cream,

tea and juice and students contributed home baked buns and flowers for table decorations. While soft music played students talked to others about their favourite book and read sections to each other.

Everyone felt the Book Bistro was an excellent way to share book recommendations and allow everyone to share why their own book was special and important to them. In an evaluation students made positive comments which ranged from, “I felt proud to be able to talk about my book” .to “ I really want to read some of the books we talked about.” They have many plans to improve the Book Bistro to lead to even more discussion. The classes will now compile a list of their recommended books with Michael Morpurgo’s “Farm Boy” a firm favourite following an enthusiastic discussion of this sequel to “War Horse.”





Ten Tors and Jubilee Challenge

The 2013 Ten Tors and Jubilee Challenge events were held on Dartmoor last weekend in what can only be described as difficult and challenging conditions! The four Jubilee Challenge students completed route 1 in four and a half hours, a tremendous effort in the conditions with two students being pushed along the route, in special all terrain wheel chair buggies, for the last leg, wrapped in foil against the cold and wet.

The 45 team featured in the news clip, all completed the challenge, even managing to cross the finish line at Okehampton camp wearing pink tutus! A fantastic effort.

The 35 mile Team finished just before 45 team, a brilliant effort, minus one team member who had to come off the moor due to injury on Saturday evening.

The 55 mile Team despite a supreme effort in extreme conditions, were forced to retire on Sunday late afternoon after a severe time delay waiting to cross dangerously swollen rivers, heroically taking time to rescue a member from another team who was stuck up to her shoulders in a swollen river and the fallout of two of their team members due to injury.

Congratulations and well done to everyone who took part.

Thank you to all the Team managers who have given their time over the last five months training the teams and to the numerous parents, friends and colleagues who offered help and support, without you this event wouldn't happen.



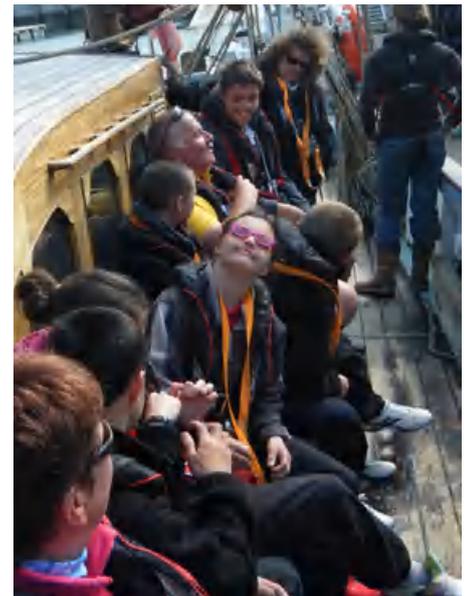
Tall Ship Expeditions



Tavistock Tall Ships organisation was formed in 2006, following 3 years of successful sail training programmes run via Devon Curriculum Services. It's main objective is to provide opportunities for young people, supported by adults, to develop skills and maintain an interest in traditional sailing vessels whilst retaining sailing skills and techniques which have been passed down through generations.

The group activities are directed by a management committee, which raises funds and applies for bursaries in order to subsidise expeditions.

Since its formation 'Tavistock Tall Ships' has supported hundreds of young people, and to date the training team on the committee have been involved with a total of 36 Tall Ship Expeditions involving young people from Tavistock and the rural West Devon district. Working closely with Trinity Sailing



Foundation, an excellent sail training organisation based in South Devon which owns four superb traditional vessels; the associated Sailing Trust has generously awarded sailing bursaries in recent years, these have subsidised students aged 12 - 19 years, mostly attending Tavistock College.

Expeditions usually take place during the months of May through to October.

Students receive a personalised voyage certificate upon completion and also have the opportunity to train for a Royal Yachting Association internationally recognised and certificated course during their expedition. Tavistock Tall Ships currently has a 100 percent pass rate for all 'start yachting' and 'competent crew' RYA courses taken.



Tall Ship Expedition V36

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June 2013 (5 days, 4 nights).

Departing from Brixham Marina. Sailing Provident, a 95 foot sailing trawler built in 1924 and recently restored by the Trinity Sailing Trust.

Tall Ship Expedition V37

Saturday 22nd - Saturday 29th June 2013 (8 days, 7 nights).

Departing from Brixham Marina. Sailing: Provident

If you would like to support the work of Tavistock Tall Ships please contact: John Collacott on 01822 615050

Product of the Year 2013

In May the Technology Faculty held its annual celebration event, Product of The Year 2013. The event was attended by several hundred parents and inspired students who all came along to see and vote for their favourites in the exhibition. The hall was full with 72 competition entries spanning categories from Product Design through to Textiles and Fashion, Food Technology and more. The products looked fantastic and students presented them with professionalism and passion. The exhibition was also a competition and visitors eagerly filled out their voting cards selecting their favourite from the nine different categories on show. The most awe inspiring category was probably the Key stage 5 group who had created contemporary lighting and a range of other products that were both beautifully made and very innovative in their design. Visitors and students



were also given the opportunity to try their hand at controlling and building robots, using augmented reality and using Computer aided Design in the event's 'Tech Zone'. The College's Jazz Band and solo musician Tei Daratsa added some fantastic performances making the evening thoroughly enjoyable for all. Local businesses joined the event by setting up craft stands and selling their creations and this added a really nice community feel to the evening.

Mr Pete Keegan presented the awards alongside College Principal Mrs Helen Salmon. Mr Keegan commented "We were delighted by the reaction of all those who



visited the event, the hall was buzzing with enthusiasm and pride and people seemed genuinely impressed at the quality of the products on show and the achievements of the students.

Overall Product of the Year 2013 went to Roger Blandford aged 18, with his sycamore display cabinet which was inspired by undulating sand dunes.

There was a wonderful buzz at the event and students were brimming with pride as they left. We are very proud of the achievements of our students and cannot wait to celebrate in a similar fashion at the event next summer, where students will now have even more ambition to succeed in Technology subjects.



Raising Aspirations in Year 8

A very dull Summer Solstice Day saw twenty-five Year 8 students board a coach and head off to Plymouth to pay a visit to Marjons. Students were greeted and taken to a very plush conference suite where they were joined by a party of students from KEVIC college in Totnes.

The students divided into three groups and had a question and answer session with one of the three Student Ambassadors present. They had an opportunity to ask about all aspects of university life, courses available and about the Ambassadors themselves.

They then sub-divided into groups of four and had to come up with two words they associated with "university" and a question for the panel. Feedback revealed all aspects of university life being covered from food to finance and there were some extremely intelligent questions from students from both colleges.

A break followed where juice and doughnuts were readily welcomed and we then divided into four groups for a tour of Marjons. It was at this point that students' aspirations did indeed start to rise. When they saw the facilities available, including some amazing equipment in the newly refurbished £13 million Sports Facility, many of our students decided that they wanted to attend university there.

Lunch followed where conversations continued about going to Marjons in the future which opened up a dialogue about the need for Maths and English and good qualifications, with many students concluding they need to "up their game".

After lunch we returned to the Sports Hall where a number of team-building activities were enjoyed, ending with an inter-schools game of Dodgeball nobly fought by our students against the thirty-five from Kevic.

We returned to College after what had been a very enjoyable and informative day and the girls sang all the way back to Tavistock! They were impeccably behaved, gave it their all and really worked as teams.

It was a great day and for many, an inspiring one. My thanks go to Nick Read who accompanied us, worked really hard and was rewarded by being bombarded by softballs at the end of the visit – by both schools! *Gill Brunt Head of Year 8*





Summer Concert 2013



Art and Photography 2013



Saxon Miles



Will Lane

Once again the students of Tavistock College have produced an Art and Photography exhibition of which to be proud. Much of the work would not be out of place in a university Degree show.



Henry Blackie



Lauren Dillon



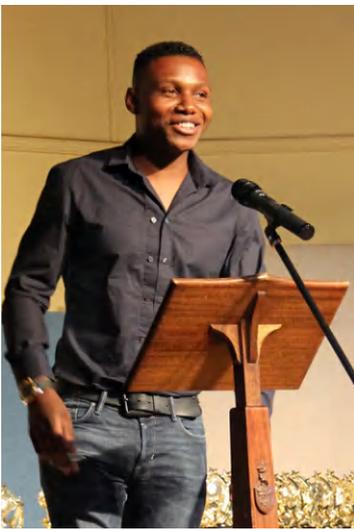
Marnie Pemberton

Fran Phillips



It was fantastic to see so many parents and students as well as the Mayor and a visit from renowned Photographer David Bailey.

Learning and Achievement Evening



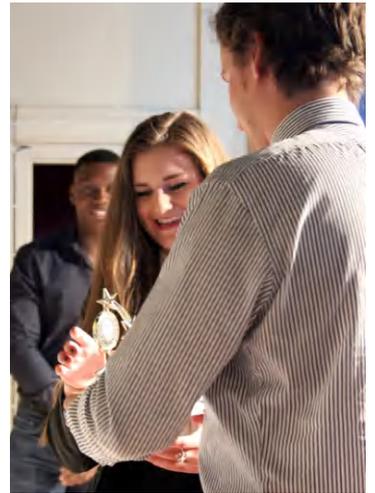
Tavistock College held a Learning & Achievement Evening for their Year 9 and Year 10 students on Tuesday 25th June at the prestigious Town Hall. A total of 96 students were nominated to receive awards for their Effort and Achievement over the past year. The evening of celebration was attended by the inspiring and motivational guest speaker Ben McBean, who gave a wonderfully



fruitful insight into his drive to survive. Heads of Year, Miss Sonia Fox and Mr Peter Hake, ran the evening along with a team of teaching and support staff, who presented awards in subjects such as Japanese, Spanish and Psychology. The overall 'Contribution to College' awards went to Josie Clarke (Y9) and Nicholas Hill (Y10). Well done and many thanks to all who attended this successful evening.

Mrs Salmon, the Principal commented that she was very pleased to see so many students from

Years 9 and 10 being rewarded for their success at the college. She also added that Ben Macbean, our guest speaker was very inspirational for all who attended. He was able to show that if you really put your mind to it you can achieve against all odds.



ZooLab experience



Year 9s had the pleasure of meeting Barbara, Marvin, Vincent, Harry, Ghost, Crazy Pete and Gordon, amongst others during a fantastic workshop. The tarantula,



Vincent caused quite a stir, but very soon Gordon the Giant African Snail and Barbara, the millipede had a fan club. Although the opportunity to handle Ghost the Corn Snake appeared to be the most popular!

ZooLab allow students to handle creatures from the



Tropical Rainforest supporting their study of ecosystems at the moment, whilst in the classroom. It is hoped that ZooLab will be regular visitors each year to allow the students to learn about animal adaptations and the habitat of Tropical Rainforests.

College Archives



Gerry Woodcock, former Head of Sixth Form at Tavistock College, came into college recently with a collection of photographs of

the college dating from the 1920s, for the online digital archive. These will be available for everyone to see shortly when the archive is up and running. We are all really grateful to Gerry for his help in this – he was also able to name many of people shown in some of our old photos. On 28th June there was a drop in day when members of the public were invited in to see if they could name some more of the past students and staff shown in the photos.

Gerry Woodcock is well known for his series on the history of Tavistock and his collection of photographs features

the development of the college buildings, various drama productions, sports teams and whole school photographs.





Aspire 2013



After the success of last year's Aspire Trip another group of students headed to London to discover some potential pathways to take in the future. I was lucky enough to be one student on this beneficial and hugely enjoyable trip. Our 3 days in London were jam packed and every moment was filled with enriching experiences. We visited a number of places that specialised in different careers that members of the group were interested in exploring, one of these was the banking and insurance company ING, we visited their office, and many of us completely changed our perception of the world of banking. I personally would have never thought of myself as a potential banker but after hearing the diversity

of the roles in the world of international trading even I thought it was fascinating and exciting! We then received a tour of UCL which really gave us a feel for what it would be like to be a student at one of London's top universities. We also visited the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, where we were given a talk by an engineering graduate who was in a similar position to us a few years ago and is now designing artificial hips, he had travelled to some amazing places to do research and encouraged us to take every opportunity that came to us. After exploring careers in banking and engineering we raced to the Royal College of Surgeons where we were shown videos of surgeries in action, and had the opportunity to talk to a current medical school student and ask questions As well as visiting all these places we managed to fit in some cultural activities, we went to Leicester Square and China Town, had an awesome meal in Covent Garden and managed to squeeze in a trip to the Natural History Museum. I think that we all gained so much from the trip and I would like to thank Mrs Gallie, Mrs Russell and Mr Bird who put up with us for the weekend! To anyone who gets the opportunity to go I would highly recommend it!



Year 13 Leavers 2013

Samuel Martin

Subjects Studied at AS/A2: Maths, Further Maths, Computing, Product Design

What I hope the next year will hold for me? Next year I am planning to study computer science at Cardiff University. I have already secured a placement year with Sony Ericson at Southampton in their R&D department working on codecs such as MP3 and H.264.

I'm planning to travel abroad over the next few years; I've always wanted to go to Japan and America, as there is a much broader range of game developers there.

In 5 years... well this would be my first year outside of university, I'm planning to be on the move and I don't intend to ever do the same job twice. So I think I would probably be working for a post-production or computer company such as IBM. After that, I would like to move to America for a bit. Go and work for Valve, and finally find out if they're releasing HL3. I would like to be creating my own music and have made some more films. As well as making some great friends at University.



Theresa Brown

Studied: Biology, Chemistry, History, Maths (AS)

What I hope the next year will hold for me? I'm planning to take a gap year after year 13. My intention is to find some work experience in the medical profession as I intend to study Nursing at University the following year. I have hopefully got some work experience as a health care assistant at Derriford Hospital starting in September which i intend to do for half the year. The rest of the year I plan to go abroad to do projects in hospitals in countries such as St. Lucia and Mexico.

I haven't decided on a University just yet, But I was looking at Leeds, King's College and Oxford Brookes, depending on my results in Summer.

In 5 years... I would have hopefully finished my nursing degree and started work in a hospital. I hope to have specialised in Critical care or work in A&E. If Travelling doesn't go to plan on my gap year I would like to work abroad for a year or so, some universities have that integrated in their course so I could try and look into that.



Jessy Quinn

Studied: French, History, Maths and Further Maths (English Literature AS)

What I hope the next year will hold for me? Hopefully, I'll be going to Oxford University next year to study History and French at Hertford College

In 5 years... I'd like to be living/working in France.



Peter George

Studied: Photography (AS) Geography, Biology, History, French

What I hope the next year will hold for me? Hopefully going to either Oxford or Exeter to read History and French.

In 5 years... Maybe either still studying, or living abroad teaching French.



Luke Austin

Studied: Japanese, History, Chemistry, French (AS)

What I hope the next year will hold for me? I am hoping to study Russian and Japanese at Leeds, as I want to pursue a career involving languages.

In 5 years... Either studying for a masters in Japanese or Russian or maybe starting a career with the diplomatic service.



David Walker

Studied: Maths (AS), Chemistry, Biology, Physics

What I hope the next year will hold for me? Studying Biochemistry at University College London.

In 5 years... I would like to travel after getting my degree, and then studying for a PhD or being in a research job somewhere, whatever opportunities present themselves.



Adult Learning Opportunities Coming Soon To Tavistock College

Following a recent survey with Tavistock College parents, new adult learning courses will be offered in September at the College. More arts and craft courses were requested with pottery being a favourite! Courses will be promoted on the College website and on the Devon Adult and Community Learning – Tavistock Facebook page. Call or text Penny on 0781 697 3926 to find out more information

Tavistock College - Autumn Term

Subject	Start Date	Finish Date	Time	Tutor	Cost to Learner	Additional Information
Genealogy - Research Your Family Tree Online	Tuesday 17th September	Tuesday 22nd October	7.00 - 9.00	Simon Longstaff	£4.50 per hour (TBC)	6 weeks
Sustainable Living - Growing Herbs	Tuesday 17th September	Tuesday 22nd October	7.00 - 9.00	Beth Haymer	£4.50 per hour (TBC)	6 weeks
Pottery for Beginners	Wednesday 18th September	Wednesday 27th November	7.00 - 9.00	Gwen Corbridge	£4.50 per hour (TBC)	10 weeks
Drawing for Beginners Bring out the Artist in You!	Wednesday 18th September	Wednesday 27th November	7.00 - 9.00	Tanya Morel	£4.50 per hour (TBC)	10 weeks
Sustainable Living or ICT depending on interest	Tuesday 5th November	Tuesday 10th December	7.00 - 9.00		£4.50 per hour (TBC)	6 weeks
Festive Cooking	Tuesday 5th November	Tuesday 10th December	7.00 - 9.00		£4.50 per hour (TBC)	6 weeks

Primary Language Day

Children from Years 1 and 2 at Tavistock Community Primary School have been attending a French Club with a difference this term. Thanks to Tavistock College Year 10 Language Leaders, Ryan Maloney and Nick Hill, along with their teacher, Sally Bartlett, and KS1 teacher, Dawn Sherrell, the children have been having a great time learning French in a fun and creative way through songs, games and other interactive activities. They have also been introduced to various aspects of French culture, a particular favourite being French food tasting! The culmination of the children's learning was a French Day at Tavistock College, organised by Ryan and Nick, where the children took part in lots of exciting activities and had a very tasty French lunch.



Language Leaders, Nick and Ryan said "We started our day with some songs following our 'Day at the Zoo' theme. Next we had a tasty French lunch before making some colourful animal masks and practicing some French greetings. We concluded the day with some games and some of the songs we learnt in the morning. The children all had great fun and were quite tired after an action-packed day, with many of them saying they enjoyed every part of the day! This language day was one of the remaining things we needed to do to complete our Language Leaders Award which has been really enjoyable and is going to look great on our CVs!" Tavistock Primary Headteacher, Lynnette Selbie, added 'This is a terrific collaboration between the College and our school, and we are very grateful to Nick and Ryan for giving up their time and making language learning such fun for our KS1 children.'



Summer Class Schedule

Day	Time	Class Name
Monday	18:00-19:00	CycleFit
	18:00-19:00	Zumba
	19:00-20:00	Pilates
Tuesday	17:00-18:00	Body Conditioning
	18:00-19:00	Strength and Conditioning
	18:00-19:00	Step and Tone
Wednesday	18:00-19:00	Total Abs
	18:00-19:00	Yoga
	18:00-19:00	Circuits
Thursday	19:30-20:30	Boxercise
	18:00-19:00	CycleFit
	18:00-19:00	Legs, Bums and Tums
Friday	19:00-20:00	Zumba
	19:00-20:00	Nutrition Workshop First Thursday of every month
	18:00-19:00	20 Twenty 20
Saturday	18:00-19:00	Kettlercise
	19:15-20:00	Aqua Aerobics
	09:00-10:00	CycleFit

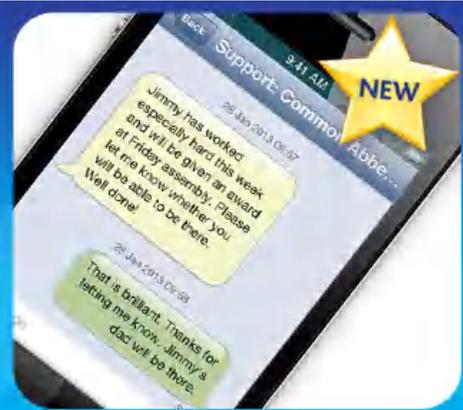
Please contact the Sports Centre for more information
www.tavistocksportscentre.co.uk
 01822 813238



Improving Links with College

To keep your child/ren safe and ensure their well-being, we are constantly looking for ways to improve our links with you and keep everyone up-to-date and well informed. As sending written information home is sometimes unreliable; we have decided to implement Schoolcomms, an electronic school communication system. This will enable you to receive all your information from school quickly and reliably. We can send letters by email to your inbox and short messages directly to your mobile phone as a text message, or if you have an Apple or Android mobile phone, by app message.

Free instant messages with our School Gateway App



Improved text messaging system – and you can help the school save money

From time to time, we send information to parents via text message to your mobile phone. A new, free, smartphone app for parents is now available for download called 'School Gateway' for Apple (iPhone 3GS or later, iPad, iPod Touch) and Android (2.3 / Gingerbread or later) devices.

Please could you download this new app to your phone (it's free) as it will help us improve communication with parents – and save the school money.

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

1. Search for "School Gateway" in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android)
2. Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications"
3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school
4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you. As soon as you've got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you'll receive notifications/alerts as normal.

Communication

We have invested considerable time and effort into improving our lines of communication with parents, carers and the local community as a whole. You can now keep up to date with day to day College news and essential information via these sources:

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|  | Facebook.com/TavistockCollege |  | www.YouTube.com/tavicollegeuk |
|  | Twitter: @tavicollege |  | www.tavistockcollege.devon.sch.uk |
|  | pinterest.com/tavicollege/ | | Groupcall: This is a facility where we can text parents short messages direct to your mobile phone. |

In addition we also have the facility available for you to sign up to updates from the College direct to your personal email account.

Parent Forum

Once again a big thank you to everyone who attended this terms parent forum on Monday 10th June. The focus of which, was whole College literacy. At the meeting James O'Connell, Assistant Principal and Ann Morgan who leads on literacy shared the rationale for developing reading across all aspects of the College. A copy of the presentation can be viewed on our website: www.tavistockcollege.devon.sch.uk > parents > parent forum



Work Experience Information

Work experience week for Year 10 commences on the 15th July 2013.

The majority of students have now secured a placement and are looking forward to taking advantage of the opportunity to experience the world of work. Work experience coordinator Cathy Sharp is supporting the remaining few who are still searching, please contact her if you need any assistance.

Any students without a placement are expected to be in college and will be attending catch up sessions in English and Maths and Science.

All students will receive a health and safety briefing, in assembly and via tutor time, during the week of the 24th June. Students should contact their work placement during the week of the 8th July to confirm start time, hours etc. They will also be given a work experience diary to complete during their week, providing a useful record of their experience for the future.

A member of the Year 10 teaching staff will contact and/or visit each student whilst on placement.

If a student is unable to attend their work placement e.g. due to sickness on any day during work experience week, both the employer and the college will need to be informed. We hope the students will find the week enjoyable, useful and enlightening.

Please contact Cathy Sharp if you have any questions. 01822 614231 ext. 203



Careers Events

“On Wednesday 19th July employers who have provided long term work experience, students and parents were invited to a an appreciation evening. The event was a great success enabling the students and staff to thank employers for supporting them throughout the year. Mr King thanked the employers and spoke about the importance of work experience and the positive effect and outcome it gives the students.



This academic year 16 students from year 10 and 11 have undertaken a day a week’s work experience as part of an adapted curriculum. They have learnt valuable work skills, grown in self-confidence and aspiration and gained a head start for their future career pathway. Work experience Year 11 students have undertaken has formed part of a GCSE equivalent qualification either in community volunteering or developing skills for the workplace. Many are now moving on to Further Education College or an apprenticeship as a direct result of their work experience. Without the support of local businesses this would not be able to happen. Thank you.” *Cathy Sharp work experience coordinator.*



Fred Jenkins Careers South West has continued to support students with Careers advice; this term he has also been running a programme for 8 Year 9 students called “Right Track” helping to raise self-confidence, aspiration and future career awareness.

Exam Results

Results Date for GCE is
Thursday 15th August
in the Octagon
Y13 results available
from 09:00 – 12:00
Y12 results available
from 10:00 – 12:00

Results Date for GCSE
is Thursday 22nd August
in the Octagon
Y11 results available
from 09:00 – 12:00
Y10 results available
from 10:00 – 12:00

If you are unable to collect your results in person, you can Write a letter authorising a named person to collect them on your behalf (the named person would need to bring ID). Provide a stamped addressed envelope.

To ensure results are given to the correct person you will be asked to provide your exam number or personal ID.

J Hamilton Kates
Exams Officer



Important Information

Educational Visits and Trips

Please note that ALL cheques for trip/visit/activities MUST be made payable to Devon County Council and NOT Tavistock College. Monies can be paid at the hatch in Student Services at the following times each day 0830 - 0855 and 1055 - 1120

Can you please ensure that the following information is clearly written on the back of cheques:

- Student name
- Tutor group
- Details of what the payment is for



Child Protection

Tavistock College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people. The Child Protection Officers for Tavistock College are:

Senior Designated
Child Protection Officer
Aimee Mitchell, Vice Principal

Designated Child Protection Officer
Janet Piper, College Nurse

Deputy Child Protection Officer
Jo Northmore

Behaviour Intervention Manager

Deputy Child Protection Officer
Jane Brown
Inclusion Hub Coordinator

If you have any concerns regarding the safety and welfare of any student please feel free to discuss your concerns in confidence with any one of the Officers. All can be contacted via the school switchboard on: 01822 614231

Summer Holiday Club

Tavistock Community SPORTS CENTRE

Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5th August	Tadpoles and Frogs Multi-Sport Day	Tadpoles and Frogs Multi-Sport AM Swim-4-all PM	Tadpoles and Frogs Multi-Sport Day	TRIP Tree Surfing	Friday Fun Day
12th August	Tadpoles and Frogs Multi-Sport Day	Tadpoles and Frogs Multi-Sport AM Swim-4-all PM	Tadpoles and Frogs Multi-Sport Day	TRIP Woodlands	Friday Fun Day
19th August	Tadpoles and Frogs Multi-Sport Day	Tadpoles and Frogs Multi-Sport AM Swim-4-all PM	Tadpoles and Frogs Multi-Sport Day	TRIP Paignton Zoo	Friday Fun Day

This year the holiday club will be split into 2 age groups; 7-9 year olds (tadpoles) and 10-13 year olds (frogs) The children will dictate the activities on Multi-Sports days, with a selection of climbing, football, badminton, basketball, dance, tag rugby, athletics, Wii Sports and many more Each day runs from 10am-4pm, with the opportunity of attending early (8.30am-10am) and late (4pm-5.30pm) sessions at a small additional cost

Please contact the Sports Centre for more info on prices, days, trips and bookings
www.tavistocksportscentre.co.uk
01822 813238
tcscholidayclub@hotmail.co.uk



College Uniform

We are pleased to inform you that College uniform can now be purchased from Lawsons, 1 Parkwood Road, Tavistock who stock a selection of College blazers, jumpers, ties, trousers and shirts. Alternatively ties and badges are still available to purchase direct from the College Inclusion Hub at the following prices:

- Clip-on Ties £6.95
- College Blazer Badges £2.20



Free School Meals

Parents/Carers receiving the following support payments are entitled to apply for Free School Meals:

- Income Support (IS)
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Child Tax Credit without Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMR&C) of less than £16,190
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If a child is in receipt of FSM in Primary school this will automatically continue into Secondary school.

Parents / Carers applying for free school meals will, in most cases, no longer need to provide paper proof of qualifying benefits. All enquiries should be directed to Devon County Council who now check eligibility through a Department for Children, Schools and Families hub for all applications. In order to perform a hub check you need to contact Devon County Council, by either telephoning on 0845 155 1019, or via email on freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk providing parent/carer surname, date of birth and National Insurance number. . It is still your responsibility to let us know if your circumstances change and your child is no longer eligible for Free School Meals.

Although the College will no longer be directly involved in the application process we are always happy to offer any help with the application should you need it, so please do not hesitate to ask. The school receives additional funding for each student in receipt of Free School Meals through the Pupil Premium Grant which can be used to provide additional support where necessary. See our Pupil Premium Guarantee on the College website for more details.

Claiming Free School Meals can provide additional support for your family and for the school so if you think you may qualify please make a claim! *Aimee Mitchell – Vice Principal*

Why Good Attendance is Important...

1 school year at 90% attendance
= 4 whole weeks of lessons missed!

90% Attendance
= 1/2 a day missed EVERY week

90% attendance over 5 years
= 1/2 a School year missed

Research shows that 17 missed school days a year will result in a GCSE grade drop in achievement.....Just remember this when booking holidays

What Parents Can Do...

- Monitor your child's attendance at College.
- Always contact the Attendance Officer on the first and third day of any absence using the schools Attendance line. If you need to speak to the Attendance Officer please request a call back.
- Ensure your child arrives on time with the correct equipment and full uniform
- The school can not accept notification of an absence by fax or email.
- Holiday Request Form (S2) which can be collected from the Attendance Officer, must be submitted 4 weeks in advance. Mrs Salmon will make the final decision on all holiday requests.
- Talk regularly with your child about school and how they feel about it. They are more likely to attend if they feel supported.
- Please inform the Attendance Officer of any unforeseen circumstances that may affect your child's attendance.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance please contact:
Mrs Morewood
Attendance Officer
01822 614231 ext 218

Bus Pass Information

No Pass, No Travel.

Any lost passes will need to be replaced, at a charge of £5.

Temporary passes can be issued, they must be collected during either break or lunch times, they will only be valid for a two week period.

Buses will wait for a maximum of 10 minutes after school for students.

At Tavistock College we are aware of our environmental responsibility and are therefore sending the Newsletter electronically. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the Newsletter please let us know

New Cricket Wicket for the College



To celebrate the grand opening of the new cricket wicket the staff and students of Tavistock College put on an exhibition game for fellow peers, colleague's and distinguished guests to attend and watch.

The new pitch was bought through a grant from the ECB charity 'The Lady Taverners' and yesterday saw the official handing over of the cheque and therefore the new wicket. Stuart Monday presented the cheque on behalf of 'The Lady Taverners' to the College Principal and the Mayor of Tavistock before the two teams played their exhibition game.

There is a saying that age and experience will always beat youth and enthusiasm but unfortunately this didn't turn out to be the case. However, seeing so many students, staff, guests and parents attend goes to show that things are on the up for cricket at Tavistock College.

There are more fixtures planned for the future both against other schools and between staff and students.

Western Power Support Student Bowlers

Gary Beasley team manager from Western Power presented four sets of bowls and carrying bags for the use of students at Tavistock College who have been receiving coaching on the green at Sir Francis Drake Bowling Club Tavistock.

The coaching sessions take place on a regular basis with up to 28 students taking part, these sessions are coordinated with the P.E. faculty at the college by George Blackburn along with several members of the club.

Photograph-G.Beasley,G.Blackburn and Tavistock college students – Charlotte Henbest, Weng Vooi, Emily Friend, Martha Walke, Sam Rogers.



Quadkids

On Monday 17th June, Tavistock College hosted the annual Quadkids primary school Athletics event. This is a team based competition where students from Year 5 and 6 perform in four events (75m Sprint, 600m Run, Vortex Howler Throw and Standing Long Jump). The students scores are then added together to create a team total. This was a very competitive event which was reflected in the final standings. Tavistock Primary finished in third place, second place went to Lady Modifords and the winners of the competition were Whitchurch primary. The total score from Whitchurch was the highest in West Devon and they will therefore be representing West Devon at the upcoming Devon Championships.

This event was supported by the Tavistock College Year 9 sports leaders, who are currently studying GCSE PE. These students worked tirelessly to prepare for the event and then lead the delivery of the event. This gave them valuable experience of how to organise an event. It was fantastic to see the college students working so closely with primary schools and it made the event even more successful.

