



Carnegie Shadowing Event 2016

For the second year running Tavistock College students have won the Carnegie Shadowing Competition, this year held at Hele's School, Plymouth on June 20th. Participants can be from any year group but all need to be committed readers. A book from those short listed for the National Carnegie Award for authors is allocated to each school who then have to present the "essence" of the book in under eight minutes. Twelve schools took part.

We were allocated the book "One" by Sarah Crossan and the first step was that all needed to read it. The story is very moving and unusual as it tells the shocking story of conjoined twins who have to face the challenges of attending school and finding friends, along with the decision making surrounding their possible surgical separation: a complex and dangerous operation which could save one or both lives...or the reverse.

Such a story line posed us some challenges. After much discussion and false starts, we chose to represent the emotion and message of the novel: namely that the girls are typical teenagers and they share a deep love for each other.

Our quite stark and at times brutally honest presentation included a disturbing bullying scene, a conversation where the twins plan their funeral...a thoroughly teenage event with pizza and chips and finally their separation depicted by the untying and letting go of the single red ribbon by which they were joined. As the red ribbon was stretched across the stage and our students sang the lines from "Bridge over Troubled Water I will lay me down" we all heard the audience gasp and even some muttered, "No" We knew we had hit the right tone. We knew we had conveyed the sense of love and loss contained in the novel.

It was very emotional and the group did achieve their aim of making the audience cry. The book deserved such tears and our students knew how to show this and convey the message of deep love with skill and empathy.

There was a live link to the Carnegie Awards in London and we were thrilled to see Sarah Crossan also pick up the author's award for this brutally honest and moving novel.

Many congratulations go to: Rosie Alexander, Emily Handel, Thanae Garland Tsirka, Ben Moran, Beau Waycott, Charlotte Davis, Issey Hillman, Joe Dix and Lucia Bellamy. The trophy was presented by the author Sarah Mussi who also spoke to all competitors about how she finds the inspiration for her stories. *Mrs Hubbard*



Art Workshop and Exhibition

60 Year 7 students were invited to take part in an exciting art workshop run by Andy Cairns of West Devon Art Workshops and supported by art teacher Ms Barker. Students worked in groups to produce vibrant and colourful images of Dartmoor. It was fast paced and students thoroughly enjoyed creating their textural images which were then exhibited in the first Tavistock Young Artists exhibition held at the town hall in May.

The exhibition saw entries from all the local primary and secondary schools. Tavistock College was given pride of place at the entrance to the exhibition. Year 8 student, Isabel Hiscocks, won an individual prize for her entry for the theme 'Colour' and the group prize winners were Year 7 students, Ellie Guy, Cerys Bray and Eleanor Williams. Well done! *Ms Barker*



Inter House Sports Day

Thursday 30th June 2016

The Physical Education Faculty is delighted to host the showpiece sporting event of the year. Sports Day celebrates the work of our fantastic PE students at Tavistock College and the sporting talents they possess.

Timings of events will be as follows.

Session 1

9:05am – 11:05am

Field Events – All Years

800m & 1,500m Finals – All Years

Session 2

11:30am – 12:30pm

300m & 400m Heats & Finals – All Years

EARLY LUNCH

Session 3

1:10pm – 3:10pm

100m & 200m – Heats & Finals – All Years

4 x 100m Relay Finals – All Years

Competitors will be involved with Sports Day throughout the entire day and therefore will not be in timetabled lessons. The rest of the college will come out to watch and support their PE houses from Period 3 onwards.

Please be advised that all students should wear college PE kit all day.

Any support from parents/carers is much appreciated and the timetable of events is included. If you would like to watch this event, any guests will need to sign in at reception please.

To ensure personal safety, particularly if we experience hot weather conditions, please can we ask that students wear sun cream and bring any necessary inhalers and epi-pens out to the event. To keep athletes hydrated, water is also advised.

Last year's Sports Day saw 14 new school records and as the standard gets higher, I wish all competitors the best of luck.

Mr Hulbert

Head of PE Faculty



Getting to know your staff

Clair Thomas

1) What's the best part of your job?

Working with students one to one and empowering them to make change

2) When you were little what was your dream job?

Riding instructor

3) If you could have one wish, what would you wish for and why?

Balance in life – it's the key to happiness!

4) Football or Rugby?

Rugby

5) If you've had a really rubbish day, how do you cheer yourself up?

Spending time with my horses

6) If you could have a superpower for a day, what would it be?

Take people's pain away

7) What is your favourite song EVER?

Rider on the storm – The Doors

8) Who is the most inspirational person you know?

My best friend Lliz

9) Give us one interesting fact about yourself.

I had a riding scholarship at Eton college!



Sport Fixtures

Tuesday 28th June

Year 7,8,9 & 10 Rounders at Okehampton TBC

Thursday 30th June

Year 7,8,9 & 10 v Launceston College @ Tavistock Sports Day

Diary Dates

Monday 27th June - Year 6 Taster Day

Tuesday 28th June - Year 13 Graduation

Wednesday 29th June - Year 13 Prom

Friday 1st July - Non Pupil Day

Tuesday 5th July - Year 11 Graduation

Thursday 7th July - Years 4 and 5 Open Evening

Friday 8th July – Year 11 Prom

Monday 11th July - Year 7 The Big Hike

Monday 18th July – Celebration and Awards Evening

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