



## Tavistock College's First Young Co-operative!

### APPLES!

The Young Co-operative movement gives young people a practical introduction to enterprise by helping them to set up their own businesses. Our Year 7 students, supported by Year 13 business students, are starting an apple juice business using apples from our own orchard. This young co-operative is not just made up of students but is supported by our Year 7 transition team and Helen Harris our horticultural lead teacher.



These Young people will take control of their own business – picking and pricing stock, researching markets, devising promotional materials, cash management and so on. Our Young Co-operative produces a business plan to set the agenda for their future development. Through Young Co-operatives young people learn to work with one another. Each member has an equal stake in the business and an equal opportunity to contribute and make decisions. They run their own meetings and learn about the wider co-operative movement. We are hoping to start up more Young Co-operatives in the near future so if you are interested in starting one up or just have an idea let Mr Forster know and he can support you.



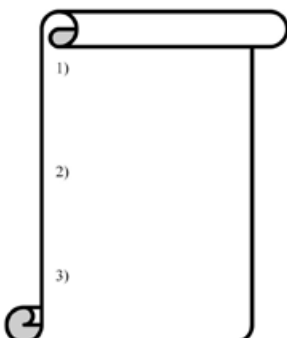
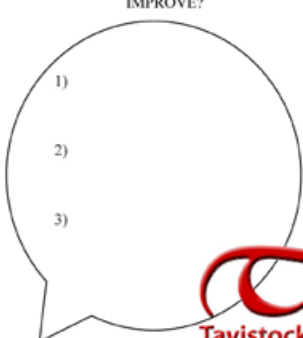
## Tavistock Voice


A simple way to pass on your thoughts about the College

At Tavistock College we are committed to building positive relationships with our students and our parents, so we are developing new ways of how to capture the voice of both sets of people.

We recently started our Parent Voice campaign when Mrs Sarah Jones and Mr Tristan Forster invited parents to come and meet them in their new roles within the college. We had a great turn out and we started to have some very mutually beneficial conversations about everything from our learning environments to the transition process.

We are actively seeking the views of more parents through the use of our comment cards. These cards will be available from reception and we simply ask parents to tell us what they think we are doing well and what we need to improve on. We can then look at the feedback and make decisions based on feedback from parents, teachers and students. So we invite and encourage you to pick up one of these comment cards and place it in the returns box in reception where they will be collected weekly.

<p>WHAT IS THE COLLEGE DOING WELL?</p>  <p>1)</p> <p>2)</p> <p>3)</p>	<p>WHAT CAN THE COLLEGE DO TO IMPROVE?</p>  <p>1)</p> <p>2)</p> <p>3)</p>
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## Dates for the diary

October 2015

6<sup>th</sup> October

University student finance evening for Sixth Form students  
6pm – 7pm in the Main Hall

12<sup>th</sup> October

SEND Open Evening for Year 4/5/6 parents  
6pm-7pm in the Main Hall

13<sup>th</sup> October

Year 7 Settling In Evening, an opportunity to meet your child's tutor and hear some top tips from parents of last year's Year 7. 4pm-7pm (forms to be coming home via satchel post)

14<sup>th</sup> October – Goose Fair Day

School closed for students

23<sup>rd</sup> October

UCAS internal deadline for Year 13 students

21<sup>st</sup> October

Year 8 Meet The Tutor Evening, an opportunity to meet your child's new tutor

26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October

Half Term

2<sup>nd</sup> November

Start of new Half Term, Week A

# Year 7 Teambuilding - A Huge Success



Within the first month of being in their new school, our Year 7 students and tutors attended some teambuilding away days; concentrating on high rope climbing and raft building. The trips were a huge success with every student in Year 7 having the opportunity to build relationships, develop new skills as well as gain in confidence in the outdoor environment in Tavistock and the surrounding area.

A huge thank you must go to Head of Year 7 Mr Read and our Transition Officer Mr Jerrett for running these trips every day for a whole week. Jessica one of our new Year 7's said "it was fun to do lots of activities that we wouldn't normally get to do". Whilst another one of our new Year 7's Isabel said "it was really exciting and the water sports were fun but the high ropes were a little scary!"

## Getting to know your staff

Miss J Solman

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

That every day and every student is different. I could teach the same lesson 5 times a week but in every lesson, someone will say something new and thought provoking to understand the Geographical topic from another view point.

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

Pro tennis player.

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

That every person in the world has access to clean water. I have supported WaterAid since Year 12 when we looked at the role of Non-Governmental Organisations. The charity has done amazing things but it still astounds me that so many people still don't have access to this most basic human right.

**4) Football or Rugby?**

RUGBY - 100%. No hesitation.

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

Music – Loving Peanut Butter Jelly by Galantis at the moment.

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

I'd love to be able to teleport. Then I could visit all my favourite people in 1 day.

**7) What is your favourite song EVER?**

Dakota by the Stereophonics.

**8) Who is the most inspirational person you know?**

Jessica Ennis – she's just awesome. So determined, kind hearted and seems so down to earth. She's certainly someone to aspire to.

**9) Give us one interesting fact about yourself.**

I once baked 400 breads to star in a Subway advert. Only one made the final cut.



## Young Sports Stars

A Busy Start!

As ever our PE faculty have been training and developing our sports teams to be competing in local and regional competitions, below are some highlights from September!

**13/09/15** National Schools Equestrian Association – Tavistock College Team competed at Bicton Arena securing a second place and qualifying the team to go to Addington Manor in October half term.

**24/09/15** 1<sup>st</sup> Team Football & Year 9 Football - v Egguckland  
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**27/09/15** National Schools Equestrian Team. Third overall, Tavistock College were the highest placed non-independent school team in their class.

**28/09/15** 1<sup>st</sup> Team Rugby 10-a-side at Keyham – Training Game

**28/09/15** Under 17's Football v Plymstock. Tavistock lost 3 -2 (extra time)

**29/09/15** Year 8 Rugby – Central Venue at Stoke Damerell, Tavistock lost against Ridgeway 12-0

**29/09/15** Year 7 Netball and Football - Devon Secondary Cooperative Trusts Schools at Okehampton.

Eleven schools took part and the Year 7 Girls Netball Team came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pool 2. Year 7 Boys Football played five games and won three.

**30/09/15** Year 8, 9 & 10 Girls Rugby Festival at Staddiscombe Heights – Girls Rugby Development Training

**06/10/15** Year 8 Football - Tavistock 2 Saltash 3



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