



Student & Parent

# Fortnightly

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# FOCUS

## Youth Speaks

Two intermediate teams from Tavistock College represented the College at the second round of the Rotary Youth Speaks competition. They spoke with eloquence, humour and displayed great intelligence. Both teams received a warm and genuine appreciation from the large audience and we are so proud of their commitment and effort in this intellectually demanding and nerve wracking contest.

Emily Handel, Thanae Garland Tsirka and Isobel Prout spoke about their love of reading and explored why they love reading so much. They concluded that reading came to represent "all the best things about home," it reminded them of "yellow lights and warm duvets." It was a beautifully crafted speech, delivered with passion.



our teams. They are an essential and inspiring part of Youth Speaks at the College and my thanks go to: Joe Jordan, Freya Chambers and Marianne Quinn. As accomplished former youth speakers their input has been invaluable and, although studying hard for their A levels, they have given freely of their time to help others excel and have fun! *Mrs Hubbard*

Max Jordan, Reuben Thomas and Adam Hutchin, "newly out of primary school" spoke about their concern that world leaders had forgotten the values they learnt in Primary school. They let the audience imagine our world leaders playing "Stuck in the Mud," or "Circle Time" and although their speech was utterly charming and at times hilarious, they made an earnest and very worthwhile point. This team won their age group and will represent the College at the District Final at Bodmin College on Feb 27th. 1.30pm They will be well supported by family, friends and fellow public speakers from the College and we invite anyone who would like to hear their delightful speech, to join us.

All our speakers are helped in College by three 6th formers who have given their time, every lunch time, to coach, reassure, time and question

## LAMDA Success

The first cohort of LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Drama Art) results qualifications have been received. Year 11 students, Holly Kellock, Harriett Chakrabarti and Megan Jewell all gained Distinction in Grade 4 Mime. Particular congratulations should go to Holly as she was the 3rd highest of the 155 candidates.



Year 9 students, Katie Gray and Rhiannon Packwood achieved Distinction in Grade 3 Mime.

In the exam students have to both perform and discuss their work with confidence, articulating technical detail about their work.



The students have been working under the careful guidance of experienced LAMDA teacher and examiner Vanessa McCarty who joined us as peripatetic Drama teacher in September.

*Mrs Pearson*

## Girls Active and Venus Beauty and Hair Salon

The PE department here at Tavistock College are continually striving to increase girls participation in physical activity and were given an extra boost recently from local business, Venus Beauty and Hair Salon. The salon based in Tavistock kindly donated £40 of vouchers to be used as prizes for the top three Year 11 female attendees of extracurricular clubs between February half term and the summer term, the competition is entitled 'Prom Fit'.

The PE department would like to thank the staff at Venus Beauty and Hair Salon for supporting this national agenda on a local level. *Ms Hodge*



## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 2nd March**

Author, Anna Perera, visiting the Library  
9.05am -3.10pm.

**Wednesday 9th March**

Year 12 Parents Evening

**Friday 11th March**

Year 12 Oxbridge Conference at DHSB

**Tuesday 22nd March**

Year 10 Parents Evening



# Devon Winter Ability Games

In January, eleven students from Tavistock College took part in the Devon Winter Ability Games at The Plymouth Life Centre.

This event is part of the Devon School Games Programme which gives children with varying disabilities, the opportunity to take part in competitive sport. The School Games is supported by Sport England Lottery funding and aims to inspire young people to participate in competitive sport and provide a long term legacy as a result of the London 2012 Olympics, to enable every school and child in competitive sport.

## Sport Results

**Tuesday 2nd February**

Secondary Sports Hall Athletics at Ivybridge College

Tavistock College came 7th (Boys 7th, Girls 6th)

Year 7, 8 & 9 Netball v Okehampton (Home)

Year 7 lost

Year 8 won 10 – 9

Year 9 drew 1 match and lost one match

**Thursday 4th February**

Year 7 Netball @ Liskeard (East Cornwall League)

Tavistock College 6 Liskeard 5

Tavistock College v Torpoint - drew 2 all

**Tuesday 9th February**

Year 9 Netball v Plymouth College (Away)

Plymouth College 8 Tavistock College 6

**Half Term**

Tavistock NSEA - The National Schools' Show

Jumping Event at Bicton Arena

Tavistock College team won the 75cm class and

came 2nd in the 85cm class with Frankie McKechnie

winning individual in both classes

**Monday 22nd February**

SSP Girls Football (Home) v Ivybridge

Under 12 Tavistock 1 Ivybridge 6

Under 14 Tavistock 1 Ivybridge 0

The Under 14 qualified for the Devon Finals in March (date to be confirmed)

**Wednesday 24th February**

Devon Under 18 Rugby Schools Sevens at

Delganey Fields in Plymouth

## Sport Fixtures

**Monday 29th February**

Under 18 Boys Football v Mount Kelly (Home)

4:00pm K.O.

**Tuesday 1st March**

Under 14 Girls Football v Callington

**Thursday 3rd March**

Under 14 Girls Football v Callington (Home)

The students had the opportunity to take part in various taster activities throughout sport with an opening and closing ceremony. The Tavistock College team performed very well and thoroughly enjoyed this sporting experience. Two members of the team who entered the rowing event did very well and gained medals, congratulations and well done to them all. *Mrs Preece and Miss Biggs*



## Getting to know your staff

**Miss J Giles**

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

When I see pupils performing in shows and seeing their passion and dedication in the arts

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

Firstly it was a vet but when I decided I didn't like blood it was to be an actress!

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

That the world didn't revolve around money!

**4) Football or Rugby?**

Well football when my fiancée is playing but rugby I prefer to watch!

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

Go and spend time with my family and friends and have an indian takeaway!

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

To be able to click my fingers and be anywhere without having to travel!

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

I don't actually have one as love sooo many! But Ed Sheeren 'thinking out loud' is one of them

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

My mum

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

I've been on River Cottage on Channel 4 and had to go out to sea with Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall catching mussels!



## Show Jumping Event

The Tavistock College equestrian team of Frankie McKechnie, Heidi Littlejohns, Natalie Cole and Becky McArthur made a very successful start to their 2016 season at the National Schools' Show Jumping event at Bicton, winning the 75cm class and coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 85cm class, with Frankie McKechnie the winning individual in both classes. Well done to all of our competitors – they all rode really well and their ponies performed to a very high standard. *Mrs Harris*

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