



Good Luck

Well, it seems as though the sun has finally decided to join us, just in time for exam season. Our staff and students have been doing everything they can to ensure that they are prepared for what lies ahead. At this time we would like to say a very public GOOD LUCK to all our students taking examinations over the coming months. Eat well, sleep well, revise well.

The sun also brings a change of curriculum for some colleagues and our Physical Education team have been busy redesigning their curriculum due to our swimming pool breaking down in April. Unfortunately this issue will take a long time to resolve, but it is not the end of our outdoor pool, we are very proud to have such a facility the pool is not, as has been rumoured, permanently out of commission. Through the examination period we are changing the structure of the college day to

ensure that examinations can be taken without any disturbance, therefore the college day will look like this from May 16th until further notice.

Enjoy the sun whilst it lasts! *Tristan Forster, Assistant Principal*

8:40 – Start of college day

8:40 – 9:05 – Tutor period

9:05 – 10:05 – Period 1

10:05 – 11:05 – Period 2

11:05 – 11:30 – Break time

11:30 – 12:30 – Period 3

12:30 – 1:10 – Lunch time

1:10 – 2:10 – Period 4

2:10 – 3:10 – Period 5

3:10 – End of College Day / Extra Curricular Clubs



Home Learning

We are seeking some students and parents to join us to look into the development of a new home learning policy, following some feedback from both parties.

If you would like to be part of a working party looking to move home learning forward please get in touch.

Students need to contact Miss Solman in Geography

Parents need to contact Mr Forster by email

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Uniform Plea

Next year we would like to set up a second hand uniform shop and would be very grateful for donations from any year groups but specifically our students leaving us in Year 11!

Donations of college uniform or PE uniform would be appreciated.

Please bring them to reception marked for the attention of Mr Forster

THANK YOU!

GreenPower

Students from the college's two GreenPower racing teams and the SWAT team (Sustainability Working at Tavistock) enjoyed an afternoon investigating environmentally friendly vehicle design. The 12 students ranging from year 8 to year 10 learnt all about the new electric eco car, the Renault Twizy. The car was kindly brought in by Amberon Traffic Solutions who have a fleet of Twizys for chaperoning traffic at many of their temporary traffic light sites. The students also used the opportunity to show off their own electric race cars and compare the two technologies. It was a great experience for all and for the students, the love of engineering is growing by the day.



Tavistock College Year 9 students out SMART their peers

Year 9 Tavistock College students, supported by resistant materials teacher Rob Moore, have won an exclusive prize in a recent SMART (Science, Maths and Relevant Technologies) competition funded by the European Union. The prize is an opportunity to visit one of Tavistock College's partner schools, in Sweden.

The joint project being run across 4 European countries, Lithuania, France, Sweden and the UK is aiming to raise the awareness and standard of SMART subjects in their schools using both online and face to face support.

The competition, open to Year 9 and Year 12 students at the college concerned the ability to build a boat that could transport a doll for the greatest distance and at the fastest speed whilst using the least amount of power. It was judged by students from Sweden and documented by their French and Lithuanian peers.

Tristan Forster, Tavistock's project lead commented 'it was a fantastic opportunity for the students of the four countries to get together for the first time in this SMART week, not only did they build some great boats but also some lasting friendships.'

The winning students were Year 9 boys Harry Wilkinson, Tom Gardner and Oli Venning. The boys will now represent the College in a trip to Sweden next March where they will be judging and documenting the exploits of their Swedish peers in their SMART week.



Sport Fixtures

Friday 6th/7th May

Year 11 GCSE Residential trip to Ivybridge

Friday 6th May

Army Royal Logistics' visit 9am – 11am in the gymnasium

Thursday 12th May

Year 7 & 8 rounders' v Liskeard College (A)

Monday 16th May

Under 14's & Under 15's rounders' v Mount Kelly (A)

Tuesday 17th May

Primary schools Quadkids on Tavistock College track 9am – 1pm

Year 7,8,9 & 10 Cricket – 10am start

on Tavistock College All Weather Pitch

Thursday 26th May

Year 7,8,9 & 10 rounders' v Launceston (A)

Getting to know your staff

Mrs T Adams

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

Seeing someone suddenly realising how interesting and amazing maths is!

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

I wanted to be a helicopter pilot!

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

For science to be able to minimize/reduce illnesses.

4) Football or Rugby?

Rugby.

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

Giving my children a massive cuddle and playing with them.

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

Healing.

7) What is your favourite song EVER?

Sophie Milman singing 'It might as well be spring'.

8) Who is the most inspirational person you know?

There are so many amazing people who we all know on a day to day basis, I'm inspired by them.

9) Give us one interesting fact about yourself.

There is a sculpture of me in Exeter!



Diary Dates

May 6th 2016

PE Residential

Ten Tors

May 23rd 2016

Exam period starts for Years 11,12 and 13

June 27th 2016

Year 6 Taster Day

June 30th 2016

Sports Day

July 7th 2016

Open Evening

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