



## The Antibullying Ambassadors

There is an amazing group of young people in Tavistock College who give up their free time to explore the issues of Antibullying. They are available to students during Tuesday lunchtimes on patrol around the school – you can spot them because of the official blue lanyards they wear. They are motivated because: 'we know bullying can adversely affect your school work; makes people feel embarrassed and they don't feel safe in school.'

A particular issue is the role of the bystander; someone who sees what is happening but does not do anything, the ABAs say if you are a bystander go and tell someone what is happening. Support the person who is being bullied. Don't feel like a snitch – you are helping someone.

Whilst we don't have a big issue with bullying, some people do need to learn that unpleasant comments that they think are funny are not. Making smart comments at someone else's expense just shows others how unpleasant you are prepared to be.

**Project** The ABAs are working on a video and presentation they are taking out to primary schools and presenting in assemblies in September. *Mrs Greener*



## Hope24

On the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May two teams consisting of Tavistock College Staff, friends of the College & Year 13 student David Jones took part in the Hope24 non-stop ultra-Marathon at Newnham Park near Plympton. Starting at 12 midday on Saturday and finishing at 12 midday on the Sunday both teams completed over 250 miles by running non-stop in relay around a 5 mile trail route on challengingly steep terrain. Staff included Mr Forster, Mr Hearne, Mr Read, Mrs Greener, Mrs Thomas, Mr Jackson, Mrs Mabey as well as former staff member Mr Cochrane and friend of the College Mark West. Many other staff supported the event, in particular Mrs Stephens who was at 'Team Tavi' base camp for the whole event managing team logistics, nutrition and individual wellbeing. This was particularly challenging during the night when temperatures dropped to 2°C.

Sporting custom Team Tavi running tops and proudly displaying our new Tavistock College event flags, the College brand was prominent at the event. Over £1150 in sponsorship was raised by the College for the Hope for Children UK charity and we appeared second on the leaderboard of fundraisers.

Considering many of the participants had never run in an event before and had only just taken up running before the Hope24, achieving a near Marathon distance each was a real world example of how a seemingly unachievable target can be reached by breaking the challenge down into smaller manageable goals; an approach to a task that, for example students can use to maximise the efficiency of revising for exams. In addition to this, the 'feel good' factor achieved from taking part in a team event as well as individual resilience and a huge sense of achievement benefits all aspects of a person's wellbeing.

With an overwhelming interest in becoming involved in the event, Team Tavi will return to the Hope24 in 2017 with enhanced staff and student teams and we aim to have more students involved in participating and fundraising for this fantastic community charity festival of running. Many congratulations to year 13 student David Jones and all who ran and many thanks to those who supported. *Mr Hearne*



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## Open Evening

Thursday 7th July 6pm - 8.45pm



**together; we care, we challenge, we excel.**



# Diary Dates

**Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June**

Half Term

**Tuesday June 14th from 5.00pm**

Year 6 Parents' Evening

**Thursday 23rd June**

Parent Forum

**Monday 27th June**

Year 6 Taster Day

**Thursday 7th July**

Year 4 and 5 Open Evening

## Sport Fixtures

**Monday 23rd May**

Under 14 & 15 Rounders @ Mount Kelly 4pm

**Thursday 26th May**

Year 7,8,9 & 10 Rounders @ Launceston College

**Thursday 9th June**

Year 7,8 & 9 Rounders @ Okehampton

**Monday 13th June**

Under 14 & Under 15 Rounders v Mount Kelly @ Tavistock College 4pm

**Tuesday 14th June**

Year 7 & 8 Grass Track Cycling @ Ivybridge TBC

**Thursday 16th June**

Girls County Cricket Finals @ Tavistock College

Year 7 & 8 Rounders v Liskeard . Leave @ 2:50pm

**Tuesday 28th June**

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

**Thursday 30th June**

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

Sports Day



## TEN TORS

Over the weekend of the 7th and 8th May, 14 of our students took part in the Ten Tors Challenge and 5 in the Jubilee Challenge, all successfully completing their specific events.

There may be many challenging walks in Britain today, but Ten Tors & Jubilee Challenge is still alone in catering solely for young people and is the largest and most challenging event held nationally.

The determination, commitment and dedication that these young people have shown in preparing themselves for this event, most training every fortnight since December, 2015 should not be underestimated.

A MASSIVE well done to everybody who participated

**Year 10 - 35 miles:** Archie Allen, Poppy Pain, Alice Brimacombe, Emily Hill, Jason Blake and Dylan Wood. **Year 11 - 45 miles:** Poppy Field, Darcey Hepworth, Ben Roberts, Ryan Brimacombe, Josh Lethbridge and Sam Chambers. **Year 12 - 55 miles:** Olivia Bates and Henry Ware **Jubilee Challenge:** Will Down, Ash Ormandy, Jenny Ogle, Rachel Perkin and Franklin Scarth.

## Dog Show

On 14th May Tavistock College held what is hoped to be its first annual charity dog show. The event was expertly organised by Year 13 student Sophia Buckingham-Wood and Year 10 students, with help from college staff Miss Hastings, Mrs Coe, Mr Hoskings and Mrs Sharp. Members of the public travelled from Devon and Cornwall to enter their much loved pets into categories such as the cutest puppy, the handsomest dog, shiniest coat, waggiest tail and best in show. Children had fun on the bouncy castle and inflatable slide whilst their parents enjoyed delicious cakes donated by Tavistock College PTA and locally sourced burgers cooked and supplied by the Tavistock Lions Club.

The event was sponsored by local businesses, Ron's Pet Supplies, Devonshire Dogs, Tavistock Pet Emporium, Frosts, Worth Electrical Wholesalers, Play Planet, Tavistock Happy Tails, Cakes Bakes n Shakes and the Oggy Oggy Pasty Company. A total of £647.00 was raised and will be split between Dartmoor Search and Rescue and the 2016/17 Year 11 prom.



## Getting to know your staff

**Mrs S Brown**

**1) What's the best part of your job?** Teaching students to communicate in a different language.

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

**3) If you could have one wish, what would you wish for and why?** For all the weapons in the world to disappear.

**4) Football or Rugby?** Football.

**5) If you've had a really rubbish day, how do you cheer yourself up?** Talk to my dogs about it.

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

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

The Beatles – In My Life.

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

**9) Give us one interesting fact about yourself.** I once painted my chicken coop to look like the TARDIS.



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