



What a great opportunity to welcome you all to this new half term. I hope that you have had a restful half term holiday. As ever, it seems, we have an incredibly busy half term ahead for all of our students with a half term full of excitement and potential success for the college's students. We are looking forward to the next fantastic installment of the Creative Arts faculty live shows with 'Twice Told Tales' we have our very own Sports Personality of The Year awards night and we will be hosting the years first house assemblies to see which house is currently on top of the standings.

On the house theme, the House captains from the 6th form leadership team will be running their house councils, with representatives from every year group in every house using their democratic voice to good affect giving the college ideas of how they can improve for the future. Democratic voice is vital to the running of a Co-operative school and we are striving to improve how all of our constituent groups are using that voice to the best effect.

Solidarity is another of the Co-operative values we show through our actions and the upcoming remembrance service will see all year 9 and 13 students attending our Remembrance service at St Eustachius church on Friday the 10th November. Parents are welcome to attend and we would ask that you are seated by 10:40am.

Please check the diary element of the fortnightly focus as there is lots going on.

Mr Forster, Assistant Principal

KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

I am very pleased to be able to invite you to an information and advice event, at the college, on **Tuesday 28 November 2017**. Between **17:30 and 19:00** you are most welcome to come along and access free information, advice and guidance which is intended to support you in the increasingly difficult and complex task of protecting and safeguarding your child(ren) online.

The programme for the event includes the following:

Key Note Speaker

Michael J Day MSc

PhD Researcher and Industry Partner
Digital Literacy and Learning
The Web Science Institute
University of Southampton

Presenters

Elton Lane

College Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOPs) Ambassador

PSCO Kevin Williams (unconfirmed)

Local Community Policing Officer

It is hoped that there will be significant time available during the evening for you to ask questions and obtain answers to alleviate and hopefully ameliorate concerns and issues you may be facing yourselves regarding your child's engagement with and use of the world-wide web, the internet, social media and associated matters.

I would be very happy to welcome you on 28th in the college's Innovation Centre at 5:30pm (17:30).

I very much look forward to seeing you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if you require further information. NB: Tea and coffee will be served during the evening.

Miss Manning, Vice Principal

Parent Voice

We have made expectations about poor behaviour at the college clear. We are now looking to ratchet up these expectations further. We are looking at our behaviour policy again. Our proposal is based on the Ready to Learn system that other schools have recently implemented. We are consulting with staff, students and parents to hear their thoughts and to see if it would work at Tavistock College. There will be a parent voice meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 7th November in the Octagon to discuss the proposal

Diary Dates

Venice Trip

2 November - 5 November

Year 11

Parents/Carers Evening

2 November @ 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Parent Voice

7 November 6pm

Remembrance Service

10 November @ 10.40am-11:30am

Japanese Exchange

13 November - 24 November

Ski Trip

Parents/Carers Information

Evening

14 November @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Governors meetings

Resources Committee.

Full Governing Body

Extraordinary Meeting.

Curriculum Committee.

15 November

6th Form Open Evening

16 November @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Miss Ivy Events

Christmas Fair

18 November @ 7:00 am - 4:30 pm

Year 8 Option Evening

21 November @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sports Personality of the Year

23 November @ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Governors meetings

Resources Committee

4 December @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Chairs Committee

6 December @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Full Committee

6 December @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Nativity Musical

Theatre Royal

6 December @ 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Year 8

Parents/Carers Evening

7 December @ 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Year 7 Carol Concert

13 December @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

and 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Christmas Break

18 December 2017 -

1 January 2018

Free Online Solihull “Understanding Your Child” Training Course Opportunity

I am delighted to be able to write to you to offer you the opportunity to take advantage of highly regarded and renowned “Solihull” parenting advice and support programme; “Understanding Your Child”.

The college have purchased a twelve month multi use licence and we are very pleased to be able to offer this package to all our parents, absolutely free of charge.

I have personal experience of the Solihull approach and am a firm advocate of the philosophy behind the approach and, of this resource. I commend and recommend it to you unreservedly as practical tool to support you in the often taxing and yet joyful task of raising and engaging with your secondary school aged child(ren).

If you wish to access the programme:

- Go to www.inourplace.co.uk
- Create an account using an email address and password
- Scroll down and click on Take Course in the ‘Understanding your child’ box (with the green heading)
- Click on ‘Already got a discount coupon?’
- Insert the code (below), and click ‘Apply coupon’
- Enjoy the course! On returning to the website and signing in, the user’s account will ‘remember’ that they have access to the course and where they had got up to.

The code you will need to redeem is: TAVISTOCKSECOCT18 .

If you tweet about the course please remember not to include the actual code.

Feel free to tag Solihull @solihullapproach (note only one ‘p’) and the course providers will re-tweet for you. *Barbara Manning, Vice Principal*

Other ways to support your child’s learning

The BBC Launches Parental Advice for ‘Surviving Secondary School’ here is an installment

You may not be reading with your child as you did at primary school but you can still support good reading habits. Talk to your child about the books you’re both reading. Ask what books your child would like for birthday and Christmas presents. Go to the library together - if your child is stuck for a new author, ask the librarian for guidance or look online at book reviews.

Keeping up-to-date with the news helps with schoolwork. Try to encourage your child to read a newspaper at least once or twice a week. Find news stories that connect to lesson topics. If your child is researching a subject, suggest the online archives of a good newspaper or the BBC website.

If you’re planning a day out, visit a museum or gallery that will tie in with work your child is doing in subjects such as Art, English, History, Geography or Science - this can be a fun way to add depth and interest to your child’s learning.

Ambrosia visit

On 1st November we had a visit from the Ambrosia outreach team. Selected students consisted of year 12 Biology, Applied Science and Triple year 11 Biologists. They explained how microbiology is essential in their line of work. They introduced the company, their field of expertise and discussed the importance of aseptic techniques (as a vital part of the Biology specification). They even showed some inoculated agar plates, which the students found interesting and disgusting. They proposed the project title “How aseptic techniques are used in microbiology lab to ensure



confidence in the test results is constantly maintained”.

As always the students were exemplary and found the experience and opportunity rewarding. Here are some comments from the students from their experience:

“I found this presentation very interesting and it made me want to find out more about how the company keep their products and workplace hygienic.” Erin Bolding

“I really enjoyed the presentation as I found it very interesting and I never realised how much background biology went into keeping products up to standard. I really want to find out more about how biology is linked to my everyday life” Year 11 Anon.

Students were asked to produce an information poster or 2000 word essay addressing the

title. All the entries from Tavistock will be whittled down to the top five judged by myself and Miss Hayward. These five students will then go to Ambrosia HQ and be given a guided tour of the labs, observe aseptic techniques in industry, visit the tasting/ QA room and have a chance to converse with Scientists leading in their fields. They will each receive an Ambrosia gift bag. The day will end with them giving a short presentation of their project to leaders and site management.

The lucky winner will then receive £50 and a gift of £200 will be given to Tavistock College Science department. They will also be enrolled on the Lifton Legacy Work Experience Project; this is an industry led accredited work experience programme which was inspired by HRH Prince of Wales. Upon graduation, students will receive access to an online network designed to give them wider career opportunities and to a bank of resources. These include

- Some of the techniques used
- Scanning Electron Microscopy
- High Performance Liquid Chromatography
- Gas Chromatography
- Polymerase Chain Reaction
- Infrared Spectroscopy
- X Ray analysis

I wish them all luck!!! *Mr Stroud*



Christmas Card Competition 2017

Are you a budding artist?
If so we're looking for creative and festive designs for the 2017 Tavistock Christmas card.

Your entry can be a drawing or a painting. We're keen to see a variety of designs, as long as they have a festive theme. It could be linked to Tavistock, with a picture of the town's Christmas lights or a snowy view of Dartmoor.

Please hand in your entry to Ms Barker, Mr Byron or Mr Galli. Write your name and tutor group clearly on the back.

The deadline for entries is Friday 17th November.

Good Luck!

Year 7 Rugby

I had the pleasure of taking the Year 7 rugby team to the West Devon championship on a sunny November day.

The boys were a credit to the college and competed to the highest level again all other school in mini match throughout the day.

Captained by Ted Wilkinson, the team showed team spirit combined with a high level of rugby skill to end the day with just one narrow defeat, two draws and 4 wins. William White provide many of the tries with an outstanding individual play but it was the contribution from the whole team would impressed myself the most.

Results: 3-0 Lipson, 2-2 St Boniface, 1-2 DHSB, 5-3 Stoke, 3-2 Hele's, 3-3 Plymstock, 4-3 Eggbuckland

Congratulations to the whole team: Back row (right to left) Theo Marshall, Rufus MaKensie Smith, Ted Wilkinson, Chris Francis, Sam Palmer, Brandon Hunt

and William White
Front row (right to left) Finn Jordan, Ethan Baker, Joel Blake, Sam Burbage, Sam Boyle and Charlie Kingsland.

Mr Corkell



Police Warning

There have been some concerns raised by local police about students from other schools trespassing and committing acts of vandalism on private property in the local area. This is not the behaviour we expect from our community and it would almost certainly lead to serious consequences for anybody engaged in this sort of behaviour. Please try and avoid these temptations and respect at all times the local community in which we work and live.

Sport Results

10 October- Year 8 Rugby

Tavistock 5 St.Damerell 5
Tavistock 10 Plymstock School 5
Tavistock 20 Eggbuckland 0

11th October - 6th form netball @ Heles

Tavistock 7 Studio School 7
Tavistock 7 Mount Kelly 6
Tavistock 2 Ivybridge 9

12 October - 6th Form Football v Ilfracombe

Tavistock 5 Ilfracombe 2

17 October - Year 7 Football ESFA cup

Saltash 2 Tavistock 3
Year 8 Football ESFA cup
Saltash 0 Tavistock 2

18 October - 6th Form football team v South Dartmoor College @ Paignton

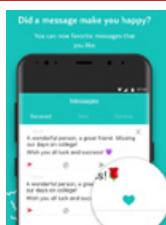
South Dartmoor 4 Tavistock 1 (extra time)

19 October - Year 10 Football

Callington 5 Tavistock 0

Year 9 Girls Football @ Torquay Academy

Tavistock 2nd



E-Safety

The Sarahah App

It has been brought to our attention that some students are using an app called Sarahah. The app is a way of sending entirely anonymous messages to users. The app producers designed it so that users send anonymous flattering messages, however, due to the anonymity it has been used for bullying. Please encourage your child to delete their accounts and the app if they have it on their phones as they are putting themselves at risk online.

US Sutton Trust Programme 2017

This summer Tavistock College 6th form student, Rebecca Banks, was selected for the prestigious Sutton Trust US Programme 2017, enabling her to apply to the top US universities. For any students interested in university study in the US, applications for the Sutton Trust program are now open. <https://us.suttontrust.com>



Dickensian Evening

Tavistock College
Car Parking from 5pm



£3 all evening

Friday 1 December
car park staffed until 9pm



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