



It gives me great pleasure to welcome all our students and their parents, carers and families back to a new academic year at Tavistock College. As always at this time of year we are able to reflect on some fantastic achievements from our student cohort, celebrating their GCSE and A Level



results. It's equally important to look forward as well to embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie await for us all in this coming year. Students this week have enjoyed an assembly from Mrs Jones that centred on the important message that we must not let fear or self-doubt stop us from achieving and setting high expectations for ourselves and others. Tavistock College is proud to offer a support network of teachers, pastoral leads and support staff who are fully committed and work tirelessly to provide that supportive environment in which everyone can flourish. However that can only happen if everyone holds themselves to account and strives to be the best they can be. Failure should be embraced and the valuable lessons be learnt from to allow success further down the line. I would like to share these five top tips to help our students think about their year ahead:

**FAIL**  
**[F] FIRST**  
**[A] ATTEMPT**  
**[I] IN**  
**[L] LEARNING**

- It is better to have tried and failed then to have never tried at all.
- Having high expectations of yourself will make you work harder and enjoy life more.
- If you set the bar low, you are creating a glass ceiling for yourselves and limiting your opportunities.
- Have no regrets. Whether that is at the end of a week, a term or even your 5 or 7 years at Tavistock College don't leave asking 'what if?'
- Set yourself a challenge. Then remember that feeling when you successfully rise to it.

This edition of fortnightly focus contains information on many of the opportunities that are on offer during this academic year at Tavistock College. May I take this opportunity to thank our staff for the richness of these opportunities and I look forward to hearing and seeing the many success stories and achievements that come from our students this academic year. *Philip Ruse, Assistant Principal*

## Diary Dates

### Open Evening

21 September @ 5.30pm and 7.30pm

### Governors meetings

#### Chairs Committee

20 September @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

#### Full Committee

20 September @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### Curriculum Committee

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

### College Uniform

#### Consultation

5 October @ 6pm in the Octagon

### Non Pupil Day

11 October

### Half Term

23 October - 27 October

### Governors meetings

#### Curriculum Committee

15 November @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### Resources Committee

22 November @ 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

### Christmas Break

18 December 2017 - 1 January 2018

## The Teenage Market

The Teenage Market is a national initiative that is designed to increase the involvement of young people in the business, enterprise and commerce of towns and cities around the country. The concept is simple in giving young people the space and opportunity to sell their home-made or sourced products without having to worry about the fees, overheads or insurance requirements that are often needed to sell in a public space. The first Teenage Market to ever take place in Cornwall or Devon took place in Bedford Square on Saturday 20th May and was a great success, with students from Tavistock College selling apple juice from apples grown at the College, art and photography work, freshly baked cake and even an ex-student selling her own fashion label items of clothing.

The next Teenage Market is scheduled for Saturday 21st October, from 10am until 4pm and we look forward to showcasing even more creative and entrepreneurial talent from within the College.

You can register your interest by clicking on the link below or come and speak directly to Mr Ruse.

<https://theteenagemarket.co.uk/events/tavistock-teenage-market-2/>



# Great set of GCSE results

TAVISTOCK TIMES GAZETTE - LINDSAY TURPIN



Students from Tavistock College were overjoyed last week after achieving some of the school's best GCSE results in years.

Overall results in English and mathematics were much better than expected, with this year being the first time the new-styled GCSEs were completed.

The college achieved way above the 2% national average of the new grade 9 in English with 7% achieving the high grade equivalent to an A\*\*. Staff were also delighted that students performed well in mathematics, English literature, history, construction, art, and resistant materials. In Japanese, 71% of students gained an A\* or A grade.

Top performing students included George Tucker, who gained four A\*s, 3 As, two 9s, one 8 and a B; Amber Turner gained one A\*, six As, two 9s, one 7 and a B; Emily Hill gained seven A\*s, two 9s and one 8; Grace Morewood gained four A\*s, two As, two 7s and a B; Sam Bates gained three A\*s, two As, two Bs and one 8; and Suzie Perkin gained an A\*, five As, two 9s and a B.

One student who was delighted with his results was Conner Earley, 16.

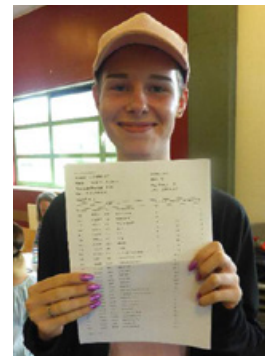
After receiving a 2 - equivalent to an F grade - in his English literature GCSE mock exam, Conner said he was determined to achieve a much higher result.

'In the mock results I failed and I was predicted a 4 [C grade] in both English literature and language - I then worked really hard and did about ten hours of revision every weekend and I managed to get a 6 in English literature [B grade] and a 7 in language [A grade].' Conner plans to stay at Tavistock College for A-levels to study drama, music and hopefully religious studies.

Sarah Jones, principal at the college, said: 'All the staff and governors at the college are extremely proud of our students' achievements this year.

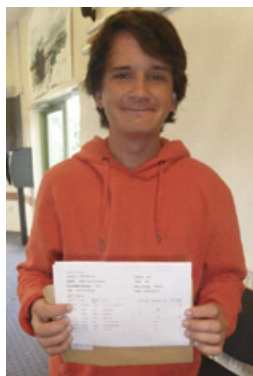
'Results day represents the culmination of a huge amount of work by our students in partnership with my teaching staff and the unsung heroes - the parents at home.

'I am delighted to see so many smiling faces as students look forward to taking the next step in their educational journey.'



# Sixth form students celebrate A-level success

TAVISTOCK TIMES GAZETTE - LINDSAY TURPIN -18 AUGUST 2017



Tavistock College is celebrating one of its best sets of A-level results in recent years.

Sixth form students have performed exceptionally well overall with many successes in both academic and vocational courses.

Many students have met or exceeded their offers from their chosen universities across the UK and gained a pleasing number of A\* and A grades across a range of subjects.

One student whose hard work had paid off, included Peter Alexander, 18, who was the top performing male student and gained an A\* in physics, A in mathematics and a Distinction\* in BTEC music. Peter from Buckland Monachorum said he was delighted with his results and will soon be off to Southampton University to study computer science and electronics.

On his success, Peter said: 'It is thanks to Tavistock College music and creative arts department because without the confidence from them I wouldn't have had the confidence to do anything else.'

Daisy Trewartha-Wyatt was the top performing female student and gained A\*s in fine art and English literature and an A in psychology. She is pictured with her mum Kate who is training to be an art teacher at Tavistock College. She will now attend Loughborough University to study graphic communication and illustrations

Another happy student was Rosie Brown, 18, from Tavistock who received an A\* in English language, A in media and an A in GCE religious studies. She will soon be off to Birmingham University to study philosophy.

'I have no plans for the future, I will see where the course takes me and the opportunities that may come up. 'I feel I

have worked really hard for this and had a very stressful revision time, but the teachers have been brilliant and my family have been so supportive.'

Other notable results were from Amy Willcocks who achieved an A grade in psychology and a double Distinction\* in BTEC health and social care; Kaleena Uzzell gained two As and one B in psychology, law and RS and plans to continue her studies in law; Elizabeth Wilson gained two As and one B in psychology, history and art and she will continue on to study history.

Students also saw success in the BTEC courses, such as Phillipa Allwork who gained a double Distinction\* at health and social care and Distinction\* in BTEC applied science. She will attend BUWE (Bristol) to study Early Childhood; and Stephanie Hutchings who achieved a double Distinction\* in BTEC and a Distinction\* in BTEC public services. She will attend the University of St Mark and St John to study Sport development and management.

Head of sixth form Tom Galli said: 'I am very proud of the hard work of the students and the results they have achieved. The majority will go on to their chosen university courses or further destinations. Overall our grades have improved and I am very pleased with the results.'

Principal Sarah Jones said: 'The grades gained this year are a reflection of the hard work and commitment shown by the students — I am immensely proud of them all. 'It was not an easy journey for some, but the results speak for themselves. Year 13 were a credit to their college and the teachers are delighted with the outcomes from such a wonderful group of students. We all wish our students the best of luck for a successful future in whatever they choose to do.'





# EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Creative Arts break & lunch Clubs		
Day	Break	Lunch
Mon	<b>Drama</b> DR2 Available for rehearsals for year 7-9 DR3 Available for rehearsals for year 10-13 <b>Dance</b> Dance Studio and DR1 Bookable with Mrs Madeley	<b>Drama</b> DR2 available for rehearsals year 9-13 <b>Media</b> Radio Station
Tues	<b>Drama</b> DR2 Available for rehearsals for year 7-9 DR3 Available for rehearsals for year 10-13 <b>Dance</b> Dance Studio and DR1 Bookable with Mrs Madeley	<b>Drama</b> DR3 available for rehearsals year 7-9 Year 7 Drama Club DR2 <b>Dance</b> Dance Studio and DR1 Year 9-13 (Please book with Mrs Madeley) <b>Music</b> Arts Award Bronze Meeting Practice rooms bookable with Mr Lambert <b>Media</b> Film Club Week A in IT Radio Station
Wed	<b>Drama</b> DR2 Available for rehearsals for year 7-9 <b>Dance</b> Dance Studio and DR1 Bookable with Mrs Madeley	<b>Drama</b> DR2 available for rehearsals year 9-13 <b>Dance</b> Dance Studio and DR1 for any years (Bookable with Mrs Madeley) <b>Music</b> GCSE Theory catch up Practice rooms bookable with Mr Lambert <b>Media</b> Film Club Week A in IT Radio Station
Thurs	<b>Drama</b> DR2 Available for rehearsals for year 7-9 DR3 Available for rehearsals for year 10-13 <b>Dance</b> Dance Studio and DR1 Bookable with Mrs Madeley	<b>Drama</b> DR3 available for rehearsals year 7-9 <b>Dance</b> Dance Studio and DR1 years 7 & 8 (Please book with Mrs Madeley) <b>Music</b> GCSE Practical Catch up Practice rooms bookable with Mr Lambert <b>Media</b> Film Club Week A in IT Radio Station
Fri	<b>Drama</b> DR2 Available for rehearsals for year 7-9 DR3 Available for rehearsals for year 10-13 <b>Dance</b> Dance Studio and DR1 Bookable with Mrs Madeley	<b>Drama</b> DR2 available for rehearsals year 9-13 <b>Dance</b> Dance Studio and DR1 years 9-13 (Bookable) <b>Music</b> Open Mic in MU3 Practice rooms bookable with Mr Lambert Barbershop Quartet with Mr Leaver <b>Media</b> Film Club Week A in IT Radio Station

If you need any other space in creative arts please book with relevant teacher to check availability

P.E.	3.30-4.45
1 <sup>ST</sup> TEAM FOOTBALL	Mon/ Wed
1 <sup>ST</sup> TEAM NETBALL	Mon / Wed
ALL YEARS INDOOR CRICKET	Mon / Wed
EXAM REVISION	Mon / Wed
COURSEWORK CATCH UP	Mon / Wed
YEARS 7-9 FOOTBALL	Tue
YEARS 7-8 NETBALL	Tue
ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	Tue
1st TEAM RUGBY	Tue
ALL YEARS GIRLS RUGBY	Tue
YEARS 9-10 RUGBY	Tue
ALL YEARS BADMINTON	Thurs
ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	Thurs
YEARS 9-11 NETBALL	Thurs
ALL YEARS JUDO	Thurs
YEARS 10-11 FOOTBALL	Thurs
YEARS 7-8 RUGBY	Thurs

PE Lunch Clubs	
Mon	Fitness Suite Sports Hall - Basketball
Tue	Fitness Suite Sports Hall - Basketball
Wed	Fitness Suite Sports Hall - Basketball Gymnasium - Cheerleading
Thur	Fitness Suite Sports Hall - Basketball
Fri	Fitness Suite Sports Hall - Basketball

Creative Arts	3.20-4.30
Drama PRODUCTION & KS4/5 REHEARSALS	Mon
Music JAZZ BAND	Mon Mu3
Music VOX SINGING	Mo Mu2
Dance UPPER SCHOOL DANCE YEARS 10-13	Tue
Dance KS4/5 CATCH UP	Tue
Art PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB YEARS 7&8	Tue
Art ART CLUB ALL YEARS	Tue
Drama PRODUCTION & KS4/5 REHEARSALS	Wed
Dance LOWER SCHOOL DANCE YEARS 7-9	Wed
Dance KS4/5 CATCH UP	Wed
Drama PRODUCTION & KS4/5 REHEARSALS	Thur
Art ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY CATCH UP	Thur

## Alumni Success

Pictured are ex Tavistock College students: Chloe Solman, who is now the Marketing and Communications Manager at Richmond Theatre for Ambassador Theatre Group. And Richard Brindley who is playing Swing in the national tour of The Railway Children. They completed Performance Studies A level together in 2009, Chloe went on to do Theatre and Performance Studies (with Arts Marketing) at Warwick University, and Richard read Drama at Exeter and then Musical Theatre at The Royal Academy of Music.



## HPV vaccination

As you are already aware female Y8 students have the HPV vaccination on 27th September. The HPV vaccine for girls aged 11 to 13 years helps protect against cervical cancer. Almost all UK women under 25 and millions of girls worldwide have received the vaccine. There is already evidence from Australia, Denmark, Scotland and England that the vaccine is making a difference. There has been a large drop in the rates of infection with the two main cancer-causing HPV types and the vaccine is already demonstrating longer term protection. We expect it to eventually prevent hundreds of cancer deaths every year in the UK.

Like all vaccines and medicines, Gardasil can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. These commonly include pain, redness or swelling at the injection site and headaches. Any concerns regarding side effects should be shared with a doctor or pharmacist.

Further information on HPV vaccine is available at:  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/628711/HPV\\_leaflet.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/628711/HPV_leaflet.pdf)  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hpv-vaccination-and-cervical-cancer-addressing-the-myths>  
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## LAMDA Results

100% pass rate 71% Distinction

### Acting

#### Entry

Euan Kurdziel 76  
Lachlan Mitchel 80  
Lucy Hignett 91  
Dillon Hemming 91

#### Grade 3

Constance Ballard 84  
Lily Walke 89

### Mime

#### Grade 3

Tom Gourd 89  
Dominic Sloley 90  
Jacob Decieco 93  
Reuben Thomas 93

#### Grade 4

Jack Emptage 82  
David Starkey 82  
Joseph Crosher 89  
Ashton Jones 89

#### Grade 7

Harriet Chakrabarti 82  
Holly Kellock 88

### Speaking Verse & Prose

#### Grade 1

Talisker Pearson 94

#### Grade 4

Laura Oldfield 66  
Chloe Shaw 70  
Isabel Hiscocks 74  
Isabelle Hillman 76  
Emilia Barrett 80  
Any Taylor 82

### Speaking in Public

#### Grade 4

Rosie Duncan 80

#### Grade 5

Mia Anstey 72  
Megan Shaw 75  
Gabriel Hart 80  
Tegan Hughes 87

### Reading for Performance

#### Grade 4

Heidi Turnock 71





We would be delighted if you could join us at our

## Open Evening

Thursday 21 September  
5.30pm - 7.30pm. Presentations at 5.45pm and 6.45pm.



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