



The last few weeks have seen a real focus on academic excellence and scholarship at the College. The external terminal exams are now complete. Years 11-13 have given their all and can now enjoy their summer with nervous excitement ahead of the big results days in August. Our remaining year groups have also just completed a fortnight of end of year assessments and PPEs. I have been really impressed on my walks around the College at the commitment and maturity students have shown towards this busy exam period.

With this exam focus now over thoughts are turning to the incredible array of celebration events and enrichment activities that lie ahead during the last 3 weeks of term. As the calendar of events shows, our key stage three students are looking forward to their enrichment rewards trips. These are designed to reward consistent good behaviour, effort and an endorsement of the co-operative values over the course of the whole year. Congratulations to all the students invited to attend these days. Our year 10 students are about to embark on their first work experience placement. Looking at the list of placements secured they should be in for a really exciting and interesting week which will hopefully take many of them out of their comfort zones and promote discussions about their longer term future career path. I enjoyed speaking at their assembly this week where I urged the year 10 students to reflect on the transferable skills such as communication, teamwork and problem solving that they always developing through both their wide ranging curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities. Both local employers and Universities that I work alongside in my job role, attribute great value to these skills which are the key to unlocking the potential shown by a student's academic results.

Our Year 11 students are looking forward to their graduation day and prom and quite rightly savouring an opportunity to look back on their time and experiences at Tavistock College. However thoughts quickly move forward as those same students will be attending the sixth form conference next week which provides a great opportunity to attend taster lessons and fine tune those all-important KS5 option choices. Finally our Year 13 students are busy getting their leavers forms signed and showing their appreciation to staff with thank you cards and presents. This is testimony to the strong relationships that build up due to the support staff give our students and the intense nature of these new sixth form courses. Year 13 have their own prom and graduation to enjoy before a new chapter of their life begins at University, college, an apprenticeship or in the world of employment. Whatever their path they are well prepared to succeed after seven fulfilling years at Tavistock College. *Mr Ruse*

Diary Dates

3 July - 7 July
Year 10 Work Experience
3 July and 7 July
Y6 Taster Days
4 July
Graduation Day
6 July
Y11 Prom
10 and 11 July
Y7/8 Team Building day
12 July
Founders' Day
13 July
Open Evening 6-8pm
18 July
Celebration Evening
21 July
Last day of Summer Term

Tavistock College Site Safety

Tavistock College plans to complete the work started in 2014 to secure the school site against possible intruders. A fence currently runs around the external perimeter of the college with gated entrances and exits. This summer the fence will be extended across the front of the school and will include new pedestrian and vehicular entrances. The design of the fence, along with associated works, has been carefully designed to be aesthetically acceptable has been subject to a best value tender process to ensure that public money is spent wisely. Car parks and bus bays will remain open and unaffected. Sarah Jones, Principal at Tavistock College said 'This fence is not an attempt to separate the college from its community or to keep students imprisoned. It is a necessary step to ensure our site is secure and that all students are safeguarded. The DfE instruct schools to keep their site secure. The multitude of older buildings at Tavistock College prevents us from complying with these instructions unless we complete the fence'.

If members of the public would like any further details they can contact Linda Coe, Site Manager, to discuss the construction plans.



Art & Photography 2017



Friday 7th July
4:30 to 7pm
Tavistock College

Snapchat Warning

Snapchat launches location sharing update 'Snap Map'

On Wednesday 21st June the popular Social Media App, 'Snapchat' released an update called Snap Map that allows for location sharing.

An article posted by the BBC on Friday 23rd June explains that this opt-in function lets people search for places such as schools and see videos and pictures posted by children inside. It also lets people locate their "friends" on a map that is accurate enough to determine where people live.

Whilst the location sharing function may well have its benefits for 'friends' to meet up, it also raises specific safety concerns. Once you get onto the 'Snap Map' it will show where your child's Snapchat friends are and what they are doing there (if they share a picture). The update also allows you to upload Snaps to 'Our Story' so that anyone can see your picture.

Anyone who is a 'friend' on your child's Snapchat account would be able to locate their exact whereabouts if this function is enabled, and could then track them. This has raised some serious concerns regarding safeguarding.

Parents wishing to read the article can find it on the BBC website using the link:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-40382876>

Anyone who is a 'friend' on your child's Snapchat account would be able to locate their exact whereabouts if this function is enabled.

We would recommend that parents and carers check their child's privacy settings for this App and have a conversation with them to determine its safety and how and when the location sharing function is used, if at all.

How to switch off Snap Map location sharing

1. When in photo-taking mode, pinch the screen to open Snap Map
2. Touch the settings cog in the top right corner of the screen
3. Tap "Ghost Mode" to switch off location sharing

Photos and videos posted to Snapchat's public 'Our Story' will still be discoverable on the map

Meningitis update

The 2017 6th form school leaver cohort (teenagers born between 01/09/1998-31/08/1999) is now eligible for urgent catch-up with MenACWY vaccination. These young people should be invited by their GP practice for vaccination over the coming months. The vaccine helps protect those immunised against meningococcal disease which can cause meningitis (inflammation of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). These conditions can kill in hours and those who recover may be left severely disabled.

Since 2009, there has been a large increase in group W meningococcal (MenW) disease in England, resulting in several deaths in teenagers. Older teenagers and young adults who are not vaccinated are at risk of getting MenW infection, so need to get vaccinated. The vaccine also helps protect others around them. These students may have had a MenC vaccination before but still require the MenACWY vaccine as this gives the extra protection needed. The vaccination is free and may save their life.

All Y13 leavers should take up the vaccination when offered – whether going into work or higher education. Those planning to go to university should be vaccinated well before they move. New university students are at extra risk of meningococcal infection in the first weeks of term when they come into contact with many new people of a similar age.

Finally, if students are not up to date with the MMR vaccine which helps protect against measles mumps and rubella, they should get this at the same appointment. More information about both vaccines can be found at the NHS Choices website or through speaking to the nurse or GP at their surgery.

A new leaflet is available to assist you in encouraging vaccination and can be downloaded and printed, using 'product code' MENACWY001, from: https://www.orderline.dh.gov.uk/ecom_dh/public/contact.jsf.

Staff v Students Charity Rounders Tournament

On Friday 26th May, students from the sixth form, year 10 and 11 and members of staff had an enjoyable late afternoon playing rounders to raise money for St Lukes Hospice. To enter, each student team had to pay £30 and each staff team paid £40.

The weather was surprisingly kind, with even a few of the teams looking a bit red by the end of the afternoon. Teams represented year groups and faculties from the across the college, including DT, maths creative arts, science. Mrs Jones competed with the PE faculty. The turnout was fantastic with a good crowd ready to cheer on the teams. A tasty BBQ was on hand to help fuel the competitors as well as raise money. Thank you to Mr Forster for organising this event and congratulations to the Year 13 BTEC team for winning. Great fun was had by all.

Rebecca Banks



Student Leadership Team



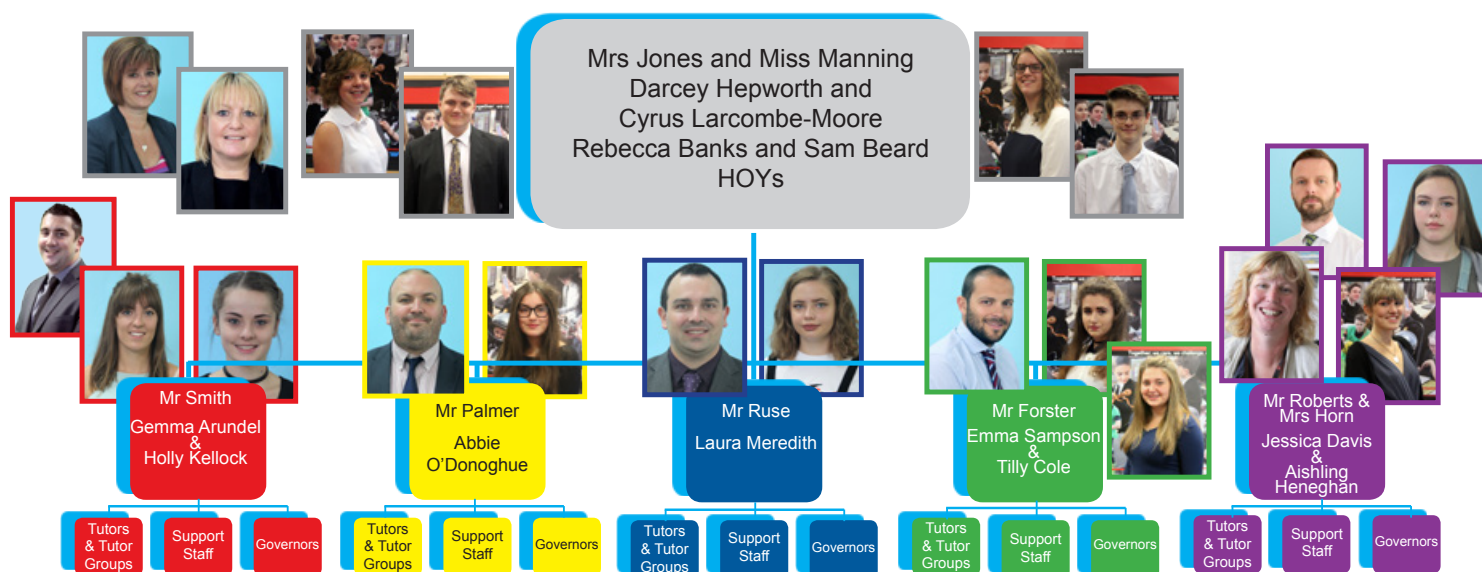
left to right: Jess Davis, Mrs Jones, Laura Meredith, Rebecca Banks, Gemma Arundel, Sam Beard, Darcey Hepworth, Cyrus Larcombe-Moore, Holly Kellock, Aishling Heneghan (Hiding) Tilly Cole, Mr Galli, Abbie O'Dongahue, Emma Sampson

Tavistock College is delighted to present the new student leadership team who were appointed this week. The selection process for these positions in the school was rigorous and consisted of an application letter and formal interview with the Principal, Head of 6th form and Vice Chair of Governors. The students, who are all in the 6th form, are active members of the college community and are considered good role models for their peers. They will be working with the senior leadership team in the college to ensure student issues are given high priority and they are all expected to represent the college at community events.

In addition, the student leadership team are nominated prefects and have a role in maintaining good order and discipline in the college by being actively engaged with the behaviour for learning process.

They will work with groups of students, not linked to the 6th form, to carry out projects to enhance what goes on in the college and to benefit the wider community.

Sarah Jones, Principal of Tavistock College said 'These students are exceptional and I am proud of them all. Between them they have the skills and attributes that will provide the foundations to allow them to gain the highest offices in any profession. Their enthusiasm for the college, along with their loyalty, is infectious. They will play a key role in ensuring Tavistock College success is guaranteed'.



TAVISTOCK COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND 'A Registered Charity'

Do you need financial help to support your education?

The Tavistock College Endowment Fund is a registered charity set up in 1932. Its purpose is to help pupils of the College with the expenses of education.

Grants can be awarded:-

- To support education costs.
- To provide assistance with clothing, tools and instruments on leaving school.
- To fund travel abroad to pursue education.
- To provide facilities for recreation and social or physical training.
- To provide financial assistance to study music or other arts.

Eligibility

Young people under the age of 25 who are attending the college or have attended at any time for not less than 3 years and are resident in either the urban or rural areas of Tavistock (In the opinion of the trustees).

The trustees meet in **January May and October** each year to determine applications. Application forms are available from the Principal's office or can be downloaded from the college website.

<http://tavistockcollege.devon.sch.uk/index.php/our-college/tavistock-college-endowment-fund/>

Applicants should provide **as much detail as possible** regarding family income and reasons why funding is required.

Students should note that Trustees rarely fund the whole cost of a school trip or project. They expect the student or their family to raise funds or contribute towards the cost. **Please supply as much detail as you can when applying for a grant.**

GreenPower - Newquay Grand Prix

This June 8 students from the college's GreenPower Racing and Engineering team took their car 'Silver Surfer' to Newquay RAF St Mawgan airport for the Formula 24 regional qualifying grand prix. The students have been developing the car on Tuesday's after school, applying STEM principals to help enhance the performance of this custom built single seat race car. We pride ourselves on this being an entirely student led Young Cooperative, where students make decisions as a team as to the development of the car. The team were buzzing with excitement on the day and the car looked absolutely beautiful. A mean green aluminium racing machine! The car has to be designed around the sport's detailed regulations to ensure both safety and fairness, but there is still a huge scope for innovation in design and getting to see all the other cars at a race event is so incredibly thought provoking. The team which consists of Ks3 students who applied to become part of the team through a rigorous application process include: Luke Maynard (Team Captain), Ned Hopes, Lachlan Mitchell, Ed Tipton, Elliot Overnell, Tyler Hunt, Charlie Elkington, Nathan Savage, George Anderson and Max Jordan.

During the day, students have a one hour practice where they get to analyse the car's pre-race readiness and explore the racing line of the mile long circuit. There are then two races, both 90 minutes long and all about the car's ability to travel the furthest possible distance on the two 12V batteries installed in series in the car. The six student drivers raced incredibly well and were superbly supported by the pit crew who had several instances where they were able to problem solve, think fast and get the car running properly again when inevitable technical issues occurred. In the second race we were consistently in around 10th place of 32 cars for the first hour but then driver Charlie suffered a tyre blowout and managed to control the car to a safe position off the track. After the car was recovered, the team's pit crew managed to change two tyres and get the car back out allowing for four more laps of the track before the checkered flag. This quick and calm reaction under pressure rescued the team's position in the race dramatically and we finished 18th overall. The team have many ideas for the development of the car and are already building a new car which will hopefully be ready to impress at next season's racing. Students also enjoyed a range of engaging STEM activities at the event, from building a Bloodhound SSC rocket car and racing them with rocket fuel propulsion to some amazing virtual reality activities, that had students quivering away from dinosaurs, and lurking sharks. The next race is Castle Combe which we are already planning and very excited about. You can see the team demonstrating the car at the college's Open Evening on Thursday 13th July. *Mr Keegan*



Dog Blog

Our college puppy has become a real international celebrity in the last few days!

Following on from an article describing her work in the Tavistock College Student and Parent Focus, it was picked up by the Tavistock Times, the Evening Herald and the Western Morning News. It then went viral reaching the Daily Mirror and the Huffington Post, 3 Dutch news feeds, 2 Indian ones (the India Times, and India News), an American site, and several other news sites. Plus countless Facebook posts, with an

overwhelmingly positive reaction from the public, who really appreciated the soulful look of Shola in the photos and the wonderful work she does around the college with hundreds of students each week. She has even received fan mail and parcels from London!

Mrs Harris

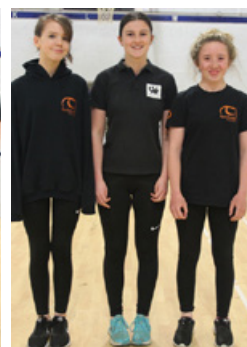


Y11 Prom Fit winners 2017

Congratulations to Jade Coupland, Amy Eaton and Rhiannon Williams who won the £20, £15 and £10 vouchers respectively for Venus Beauty and Hair salon as a result of attending the most extracurricular PE clubs since February half term!



Many thanks to Venus Beauty and Hair salon for their kind donation, and great work by all girls involved in the competition. *Ms Hodge*



Sport Leaders

The PE faculty would like to say a massive thank you to all of the Sport Leaders for their hard work and commitment throughout the year.



Sport Reports

16th May

Y7,8,9 & 10 Rounders @ Okehampton College (inc. Queens College, Crediton)

Year 7 beat Okehampton

Year 8 lost to Okehampton & QEC

Year 9 lost to Okehampton

Year 10 lost to Okehampton

Year 10 beat Q.E.C.

17th May

Year 9 & 10 Boys Tennis @ Heles, Plymouth

Tavistock lost 8 - 4

23rd May

Year 7,8,9, & 10 Girls Tennis v Churston (H)

Under 15 lost 5 matches to 1

Under 13 won their singles & doubles 4 - 2 in matches

24th May

Devon Under 12 Girls Football Competition

Tavistock came 5th overall

25th May

Year 9 & 10 Rounders @Liskeard

Year 9 lost to Liskeard 12-10 1/2

Year 10 beat Looe 19 1/2 - 8

26th May

Staff v Pupils Charity Rounders Tournament (in aid of St. Luke's Hospice)

Year 13's team were the overall winners

8th June

Under 13 & Under 15 Girls & boys Cricket Okehampton won

13th June

Year 8 Athletics @ Brickfields

15th June

Year 7 & 8 Rounders @ Liskeard

Year 8 Tavistock 4 Liskeard 3

Tavistock 4 1/2 Callington 5 1/2

Year 7 won both games

20th June

Athletics @ Brickfields

SPORTS ACADEMY

Athlete Profile

Jack Plummer - Swimmer

What is your greatest sporting achievement?

Achieving 12 Gold Medals from one competition

Who do you see as your role model (s) and why?

Michael Phelps because even when he is going through tough times he still keeps to what he loves, which is swimming.

Describe your typical weeks training in your sport.

Monday night tends to be 200 pace - different distances at 200 pace.

Tuesday is usually recovery

Wednesday - heart rate set

Thursday - threshold work

Friday - technique

Saturday - sprint work

Sunday - easy

What advice would you give to future potential athletes for success?

Don't give up what you love doing. If you get pushed down, get right back up and work twice as hard.

How do you see your development in the next year?

I need to knuckle down on my swimming and set new goals to achieve.

How can the Sports Academy help you?

Weight training

Positive mental attitude



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