



Well, I suppose it would be right to wish you all a happy half term, which of course I do, but I'm struggling to believe it's February half term already! A whole year has passed since our first level 3 Sport Scholars tour to the USA which I was lucky enough to lead.



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Trips and visits place importance on social responsibility and co-operation. Trips by their very nature test staff and students. They encourage friendship, co-operation and the need to get along, a week or more in the company of someone you don't get on with isn't easy, but it teaches you a lot about yourself.

This week we welcome back our MFL trip from Brittany where we hope the students have been able to not only develop their language skills, but make lasting friendships. We also say farewell to this year's ski and snowboard trip, who, after their long coach journey should experience some of the best snow conditions in recent memory.

These opportunities are important for the personal development of our students, as is the opportunity to take time to step back, listen and reflect. Our Year 10 and 8 students have been able to do just that over the last two weeks with our guests from Humanutopia. Their 'Who Am I?' programme was an outstanding opportunity, and one that I know will have a huge impact at Tavistock College.

You will get a rest from me over the next term or so as my efforts turn to leading the transition team, who will be busy in and around our feeder primary schools to ensure that the transition for the next 240 students to be welcomed into the Tavistock College family goes as smoothly as possible for them.

Amnesty International

The Amnesty International Group at Tavistock College organised a 'Walk for Rights' event on Sunday 28th January. Students, parents and staff raised money by walking just over 12 miles from George's Junction Park and Ride, through Plymouth to the Hoe and back again. Through this event we raised over £250 that Amnesty International will use to help make sure people around the world are afforded the basic human rights they deserve.

Georgia, a student at Tavistock College wrote about the event; 'We walked a total of 12 miles. We were walking because of human rights. We were raising money to support people who have no rights. For example if someone in this country said they didn't like the Prime Minister's idea it's their opinion but in some countries they would be punished for saying their point of view. I really enjoyed walking; the view at the Hoe was beautiful'.

Georgia, a Year 7 student wrote that 'I think it's important to raise money for people that don't have anything so that they can live a normal life just like us'.

Rebecca, also in Year 7 said 'We did this to raise money for Amnesty International, which helps people with inequality. I hope my contribution helps'.



Canada Goose Rescue

Just wanted to share this with you, a complete random act of kindness and humanity demonstrated by two students of the college.

I met both Brandon Rowe and Jamie Roberts on Saturday afternoon, they had found an injured Canada Goose and were trying to save the bird. The two and my children brought the bird home, bathed it and attempted to feed and help drink.

The young men demonstrated such compassion I thought both deserved recognition of their actions.

I suggested a photo to send to your good self, often there is too much negative press so a little balance is always good!

The bird was picked up by RSPB although prognosis did not look good.

In addition both young men popped round yesterday to see if I have heard anything ... bloomin' brilliant!

They truly deserve recognition of this act of kindness.



Governors meetings

Curriculum Committee

7 March - 6:00 pm - 8.00 pm

Resources Committee

28 March - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Chairs Committee

18 April - 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Full Committee

18 April - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Curriculum Committee

6 June - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Resources Committee

20 June - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Chairs Committee

11 July - 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Full Committee

11 July - 6:00pm - 8:00



LAMDA Success

Under the excellent guidance of Mrs Vanessa McCarty, students who took LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Drama Art) examinations at Tavistock College just before Christmas not only maintained the College's 100% pass rate but exceeded it by every student gaining a Distinction! Mrs Pearson, Head of Creative Arts is delighted with the results; 'These qualification results reflect hard work, rigorous rehearsal and a real depth of understanding in their area by the students - we are very proud of them. Currently 35 students across years 7 through to 13 partake in LAMDA lessons with Mrs McCarty, stretching and challenging themselves in a range of areas from Public Speaking to Mime, Reading for Performance to Speaking of Verse and Prose. We are very pleased to be able to offer these opportunities to all students - not just those taking Drama as an option subject - as part of the wider curriculum at the college.'

Holly Kellock Year 13 House Captain for Bedford said, 'I am very proud that I got a Distinction in Grade 8 mime; LAMDA has developed me as a person and performer and is a qualification highly respected by universities. I gained 30 UCAS points towards my application'

Tom Gourd, who achieved an impressive 98% in his exam said 'I took LAMDA because it helps with confidence, it is great fun and it expands your communication and social skills as well as your drama skills. Lamda can open new opportunities to you not just taking exams and learning new drama skills but also being able to perform not just in shows but also in presentations and interviews, showing confidence to get involved in any situation'

Happy Birthday Shola

Shola, Tavistock College's school dog, celebrated her first birthday at the college with some friends - both two legged and four legged. Some Year 7, 8 and 9 students and the young dogs belonging to other members of staff all really enjoyed the occasion.



Mythfits

The Y12 show 'MythFits' lived up to all expectations, a hilarious, witty and imaginative delight!



After endless months of torrential rain (with intermittent snow) Charlie the Tavistock vampire sets his sights on getting to the source of the issue: The Devil. To do this he must summon up a team of superheroes, unfortunately they're all

preoccupied starring in their own movies. He is relieved to be able to assemble a group of misfits, sorry, Mythfits to track down and prevent the devil from taking over the world! If only it were that simple...



In this ragtag gang of ghosts, the famously brave Sir Francis Drake battles for leadership against the... less brave King Arthur Pendragon. Lady Mary Howard swoons over both of them as their confrontations are terribly exciting. Her opinion is not shared by her friend Kitty Jay who is always carrying a bunch of flowers left on her grave the night before with a note on which



the letter 'M' is printed... Charlotte Dymond is fed up by the constant arguments between the men, especially seeing as she was killed by her boyfriend (although we don't talk about that!)



And who could forget the three drunken sailors; Colin, Beatrice and Sandra who would rather go back to the pub... well, apart from one of them who isn't quite what he seems...



Diary Dates

Half Term 12 - 16 February

20 February

- Fire Brigade presentation Y10
- Art Workshop at artist studio Y12

22 February

- Print making workshop Y12/13
- Y12 parents/carers evening 4:30pm – 7:30pm

23 February

- Choir Workshop Y8 - 13

28 February

- Sports Tour meeting - 6:00pm – 7:00pm

1 March

- Skills South West Fair

5 March

- Y12 Work experience 5-9 March
- Y9 Triple Vaccinations

12 -16 March

- National Science Week

14 March

- Skills Show South West
- Y7 Race for the Line
- Triple Vaccinations Y9/10
- Spring Concert

15 March

- Skills Show South West, Pavilions
- Y7 X side Parents/Carers evening 4:30pm – 7:30pm

20 March

- Y12 UCAS fair in Exeter

21 March

- World Challenge planning meeting

22 March

- Y7 Y side Parents/Carers evening 4:30pm – 7:30pm

26-29 March

- Yr 11 BTEC Dance Performance

27 March

- The TAFTAS

28 March

- Y10 Easter Service

Easter Break

30 March - 13 April

6-8 April

- Silver DofE assessed expedition

Summer Term

27 & 28 April

- WHITTY KIDS performance

2 May

- OCRA Quad Kids event

3 May

- Le Navet Bete production

Bank Holiday 7 May

8 May

- Product of the Year

10 May

- OCRA Rounders - Mhairi McCall

11-13 May

- Ten Tors Event, Okehampton army camp

14 May

- Summer season external exams begins

Half Term 28 May - 1 June

8 June

- OCRA Quad Kids - SHU

13 June

- Mop Up vaccinations - MHA

26 June

- Year 6 parent/carer info evening 5:30pm – 7:00pm

2/3 July

- 6th form Conference
- Year 7 Naturemake Workshop

2-6 July

- Year 10 Work experience week
- Art/Photography exhibition

4 July

- Founders Day
- Year 11 Prom

5 July

- Year 11 Graduation

6 July

- Year 13 Prom

9 July

- Primary Step Up day

10 July

- Sports Day
- Y11 6th form Information Evening

11 July

- Primary Step Up day

12 July

- KS 3 & 4 Rewards trips
- Y4 & 5 college open evening

13 July

- KS 3 & 4 Rewards day

17 July

- Celebration Evening

Summer Break

20 July

Futsal Teams

I had the pleasure of taking the Yr 7 boys and girls Futsal teams to Ivybridge CC yesterday to compete in the SSP competition. Both teams performed extremely well and both finished second in their respective leagues.

A special mention for Liberty Kappes (Capt) and Chelsey Corney (VC) who led by example. Chelsey scored 4 goals against Dartmouth Academy helping us achieve a 6 nil win. Similarly a special mention for Archie Wall (Capt) and Liam Wheeler who scored 3 goals in a 4 - 3 defeat to Ivybridge. It was a very close game and despite being 3 - 1 up a one point the boys are hopeful of qualifying for the County finals on 8th Feb at Paignton CC.

Girls results

Tavy 0 - Ivybridge 2
Tavy 6 - Dartmouth 0
Okehampton did not attend

Boys results

Tavy 3 - Ivybridge 4
Tavy 3 - Dartmouth 1
Okehampton did not attend

Congratulations to both teams, they were a credit to themselves and to the College.

Mr Mifsud



Sport Results

25 January - Under 14's Rugby County Finals Tavistock came 7th

23 January - Year 9 & 10 Netball v Bodmin. Year 9 won both their games & Year 10 lost one game.

30 January - Tavistock lost to Okehampton in the netball

29 January - Year 9 & 10 Cricket, Tavistock lost

25 January - Under 16's mixed hockey @ Blundells. Tavistock lost 3 & and drew 1

1 February - Year 7 & 8 Sports Hall Athletics @ Ivybridge. Tavistock came 5th

31 January - Year 7 & 8 Boys & girls Futsal @ Ivybridge. Tavistock came 3rd

5 February - Year 8 & 9 Boys & Girls Futsal @ Ivybridge Tavistock are through to the next round

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