



March certainly announced its arrival with a bang with the College being forced to close on Thursday and Friday last week. As ever, such a decision was not taken lightly and always made with the safety of both students and staff in mind.



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MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

We are thankful for the positive feedback we have received from our local community over the clarity and speed of our decision making. It also demonstrated the positive

power that social media has in quickly spreading such important information.

This week is yet another hectic time at the College. It is National Careers week with a big focus within the tutor programme and assemblies on careers education and the importance of transferable skills. Our Y12 students are out of College on their work experience placements. As ever the range of interesting placements secured by our students always impresses me and there will be a chance to hear more from some of these experiences in the next edition of Fortnightly Focus.

Can I also take this opportunity to draw your attention to the

next parent forum meeting which is scheduled for the 28th March as per the advert below. We are always keen to hear the views of our parents and carers, especially on such an important issue as the welfare and safety of our students, so please don't hesitate to contact me either by email or to join us for the parent forum meeting.

Phil Ruse, Assistant Principal



Careers Education at Tavistock College

In January 2018 the Government released a new National Careers Strategy. This is built around the premise that schools are responsible for providing all students with high quality, independent careers advice and multiple opportunities to engage with local employers, complete dedicated periods of work experience or work shadowing and to develop their employability skills that may be transferable during their future career.

The College would appreciate any support or help that local businesses or organisations are willing to provide our students. Opportunities that you as parents/ carers may be able to help and assist with;

- Offering work experience placements. Schools have a statutory requirement to provide a week of work experience for students before they are 16, and a further week before they are 18. Our Year 10 work experience takes place this year from 2nd – 6th July 2018
- Offering a work shadowing experience for a student. This may be a short one off experience or could be a more regular opportunity – particularly for our sixth form students.
- Give a talk or presentation to a group of students who may be interested in a particular career.
- Contribute to our programme of mock interviews for students.
- Mentoring students to support their studies with a link to their future career and aspirations.
- Contribute to a careers fair type event that showcases possible career paths and options for students once they leave Tavistock College.

As a College we are always keen to work with and support our local community so please do get in touch if there are any ways in which you think our students could benefit you as local employers and organisations. Please direct any queries to Phil Ruse, Assistant Principal:

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Parent Forum

We would be delighted to see as many of our parents and carers as possible attend our upcoming Parent Forum where we will discuss the sensitive issue of Bullying and what the College is proposing to do to further eradicate bullying and ensure that Tavistock College is a safe and inclusive school for all of its pupils.

This event will take place in the Innovation Centre at 6.00pm on Wednesday 28th March. If anyone cannot attend on that date but would like the opportunity to discuss their thoughts on this important issue then please contact Mr Ruse on p.ruse@tavistockcollege.org

STOP

BULLYING

Royal Shakespeare Company Workshop

by Archie Allen

On the 6th of February, 30 students from Tavistock College, took part in a drama workshop with Sophie Hobson from the Royal Shakespeare Company. The company are currently touring their Graffiti Ghanaian twist on 'Hamlet', so the workshop itself drew from many aspects from the play. We were encouraged to just completely let ourselves go of all reserve and as a result we all threw ourselves into the vocal, physical and mental warm ups and the exercises that followed. These exercises all revolved around Hamlet, whether it be script, plot or theme focused. After warm up, the group worked to create several freeze frames reducing down the plot of Hamlet, from a happy family, to the death of a father and the subsequent twists of the tale.



We utilized script from Hamlet's opening monologue, memorizing lines and portraying our concept on the meaning behind them. After experimenting with text and language form, we had a chance to create and perform the argument between Hamlet and his mother, Gertrude. We played with the way we performed it, using different techniques to convey a variety of emotions, spinning the scene whichever way we were asked to, for instance having to perform an otherwise tense scene in an ecstatic manor or repeating key phrases from another character. All in all the group partaking in the mentally and physically energetic workshop thoroughly enjoyed it, as each of us took away something interesting that we had learnt from the experience. Two days later, with a further 20 students, we then went to see Hamlet at the Theatre Royal Plymouth, which was by many accounts an incredible, memorable piece of theatre, that we would all highly recommend anyone to go and see.

Matthew Bourne Workshop

by Amber Turner Year 12

Members of Matthew Bourne's prestigious New Adventures Dance Company have been working with students from year 8 - 13 from the Faculty of Creative Arts at Tavistock College. The recent workshop was based on the New Adventures' production of Cinderella, which students then went to see at the Theatre Royal Plymouth.

After a fun energetic warm up, swing style, the interactive workshop taught students a piece of repertoire from the show based on an air raid. In true Matthew Bourne style which they were then able to combine this movement work with their acting skills to create a full scene. This was a dance routine that was highly enjoyable and fun to perform, yet rather challenging. The instructors taught the routine at a very fast pace - allowing students to ultimately gain an insight into how a professional dance company runs. In the question and answer session that took place after the workshop, students further learned that ability to pick up material quickly and sustain long rehearsals was essential as a New Adventures production typically is up and performing within 3 weeks. Students said one of the most enjoyable moments in the workshop was when they all collectively recreated a scene from the show - based at the Cafe de Paris - which portrayed each character slowly coming back to life. The instructors explained that the motifs they created were inspired by the bombing of the Cafe de Paris in 1941, so students used this as a stimulus (in combination with our own creativity) to add their own take on the material, creating an altogether mesmerizing scene with a "slow motion" effect.

The highly practical and hands-on workshop was an thoroughly enjoyable experience for anyone with a passion for dance, regardless of their ability. The instructors were very informative, answering any and every one of our questions along the way. Overall, they gave a highly detailed and critical insight into both their own dance journeys and what life is like as part of a professional dance company.



SPRING CONCERT

6pm

Featuring Musical Acts From Year 7 to Year 13

All proceeds go to SKRUM

14/03 Tickets are £2

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MAIN HALL

Rotary Young Photographer Awards in Tavistock

Congratulations to Tavistock College student, Ewan O'Toole for winning the Intermediate Group Photography competition. He will receive a certificate and a gift voucher for £25.

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Diary Dates

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

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

1st Netball Team

I've always been proud of our students in sports fixtures especially this year with our 1st netball deciding to enter the adult league in Plymouth. Thursday nights, although long, have been a pleasure, seeing them develop as a group through sport.

But when you lose players like Darcey Hepworth Abbie Wilkinson and Laura Meredith to injury or illness it starts to look like you're thin on the ground! So tonight we gave two players a first team debut and they were brilliant!

Year 9 students Charlie Myler and Maddie Wall, at 14 played one and two quarters respectively they did amazingly well and really contributed to the team effort to win the game 26-12

Congratulations to the sixth form girls, and particular congratulations to Charlie and Maddie on their achievement.

Mr Forster

STAFF VS



EX STUDENTS

Stade de Tavistock Astro

Mon 19th March 18:30

£1.00 Proceeds to SKRUM charity
Hot Drinks!

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