



With the longer days and occasional sunny mornings, it is hard to believe that we had snow just over a week ago. The last few weeks have certainly been a busy time for our students; with Year 11 revision in preparation for their second PPE, the amazing Spring Concert organised by Year 12 students to raise funds for charity, and science students and teachers getting ready to showcase another spectacular fire and ice show for National Science Week. It always amazes me how we squeeze so much in. As ever, we



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value the continued support from our parents and guardians and we look forward to our Year 7 parents evenings over the next two weeks to share the fantastic achievements they have made so far. I would also like to thank all of our Year 11 parents who will be attending progress evening this coming Monday to support us in guiding their children through this very important yet stressful time.

Finally, many thanks to all parents (over 400) for setting up a class charts account to enable us to keep you updated with your child's daily progress.

Barry Palmer

Assistant Principal

Governors meetings

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

Auschwitz Project

Tess Jordan and Tom White (Y12) represented Tavistock College in the 'Lesson's From Auschwitz Project 2018'. Tess writes...

'The Lessons from Auschwitz (LFA) project is a four part course which explores the universal lessons of the Holocaust and its relevance for today. The four stages of the project are the orientation seminar, the visit to Poland, the follow up seminar, and next steps. During the half day orientation seminar we were split into groups of about twelve and each group had an educator to lead group discussions. We reflected on Jewish life in Europe before the war, considered why we are visiting authentic Holocaust related sites in Poland, and also had the privilege to hear the testimony of the Holocaust survivor, Mala Helfgott. The second stage of the project was a one day visit to Poland where we visited the Polish town of Oświęcim, Auschwitz 1, and Birkenau. Having visited these sites, I can agree with the statement "seeing is not like hearing" because, for me, it made the situation feel more real and more personal. It helped to humanise and put the number of victims into perspective, as I was able to witness the size of the camps and develop a further understanding of what life might have been like there. The follow up seminar the third stage of the LFA project. It gave us the opportunity to discuss our experiences in Poland and how what we witnessed teaches us about both history and humanity.'



Both Tom and Tess will be sharing their experiences with the college and wider community, with the aim of increasing knowledge and understanding of the Holocaust for young people and to clearly highlight what can happen if prejudice and racism become acceptable.

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



Diary Dates

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

Spring Concert

On 14th March 2018 Year 12 Music students at Tavistock College organised a charity concert in aid of SKRUM. A large supportive audience watched, listened and joined in as students from year 7 through to 13 entertained with an eclectic mix of musical performances; from Year 11 Music GCSE examination compositions to solo covers of popular songs, from the college's ever present Jazz Band and VOX showing off its new members to the final performance from the exiting Year 13s. The evening was sewn together with triple bill performances from the Year 12 organisers, compared by them and met with rapturous rounds of applause and shouts of 'Bravo!'.



The concert raised £150 for SKRUM which supports young people in Swaziland as they battle with the highest rates of the HIV/AIDS infection in the world. Through the core values of Rugby SKRUM aims to educate, inspire and offer hope to the youth of Southern Africa. Students and staff from Tavistock College will travel to Swaziland in the summer to work with SKRUM. *Mrs Pearson*

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