



As this term draws to a close and we all look forward to the Easter break, I know many of our students will be looking back proudly to what they have accomplished over the past couple of months. Even the last few weeks have been packed with new experiences from the Lithuania trip to Lambing live, British Science week to the London Rosslyn Park visit in preparation for the SKRUM trip in Swaziland - you can read further about this amazing opportunity for Tavistock students on page 4. I know parents, staff and students appreciated the college Easter service, which was as successful and enjoyable as always.



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For the majority of students this Easter will be a well-deserved rest, but for our Year 11 and 13 students who will be focusing on revision for the summer exams this time is a very important yet stressful point in their school journey. As I mentioned at the start of the year as important as revision is over this time, our students must look after themselves and remember to have a break too. There are some useful revision tips coming home for all parents with how to support students.

I wish you all a good break over the Easter holidays

Barry Palmer, Assistant Principal

Lithuania Trip

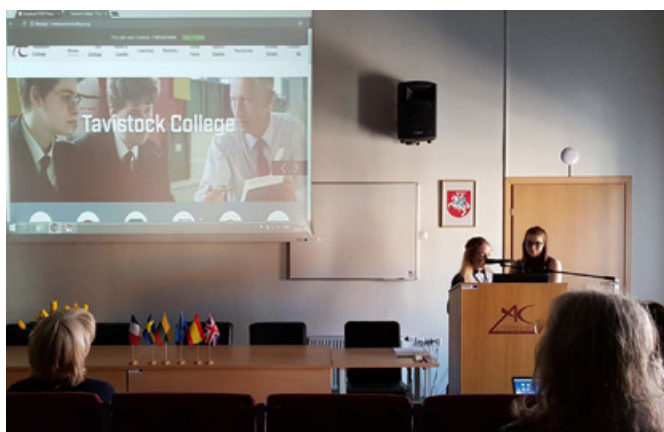
On Sunday 18th March at 2pm we left Plymouth in blizzard conditions... 2 flights 3 airports and 3 time zones later we arrived at Lithuania in warmer and sunny conditions.

Hosted by the Alytaus Kolegija university in a city stricken by outmigration of its young work force the levels of deprivation in certain pockets were replaced by the warmth of the locals to the international delegation from Sweden, France, Spain, Turkey and the U.K. (DHSB were the other English school present).

Having given a presentation on Tavistock College and the Dartmoor TSA to a packed lecture auditorium of local business people, teachers, professors, students and local government personnel the two Tavistock students, Lauren Morris and Evy Spinou-Whiteley later on in the week also led a lesson on how ICT can support Science in real world problems.

We were fortunate enough to have a social and cultural programme laid on for our by our hosts including visiting a national park, a typical rural village, making buckwheat pies the traditional way. As well as bowling and visiting a leading Sport Rehabilitation centre.

We were invited to give interviews to the local press about the Erasmus project as well as our views on Lithuania.



A walking tour of the capital city of Vilnius was incredibly poignant, the Genocide Museum in old KGB HQ was breathtaking and humbling. The students and staff could barely speak when we appreciated the situation of Lithuanian victims of repressions. However the city was stunning, full of sites of beautiful architecture. The students conducted themselves in such a way I was immensely proud of them and they were a pleasure to spend time with. Such as the Sweden SMART week project last March, which I attended in Hudiksvall where the boys conducted themselves impeccably, the Lithuanian SMART week was a complete success and I arrived home at 1am this morning, Saturday 24th March, very tired but extremely satisfied of the work that we have achieved in this international platform. *Mrs Froud*

Congratulations

Rosie Andrews in Year 9

was placed 8th in the country for cycle-cross.

Ethan Baker in Year 7

was placed 6th in the country for trampolining



Cashless Catering Update

As you are all aware we are a bio metric cashless catering college, however we currently still receive over £400 daily on the re-valuers within the college. Please can we request that parents who load their students accounts with £10 and over should be using the online cashless system. The re-valuers are for amounts under £10. Should you require a log in for the school comms system then please contact Gary Young on g.young@tavistockcollege.org who will be happy to assist.

Your support would be greatly appreciated and will assist with our finances as we get charged per bag of cash that we bank.

Thank you from the finance team.

British Science Week

British Science Week was a ten-day celebration in February that aimed to inspire Tavistock College students to become involved with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) by providing entertaining and engaging events and activities.

The build up started before Science week during assemblies that featured 6th form STEM Ambassadors who are taking at least one Science subject at A Level. The STEM Ambassadors clearly engaged their younger peers, highlighting the important of Science in our everyday lives and possible careers involving Science.

The Science Week sessions were supervised by teachers and sixth form students and were designed to provide exciting opportunities to learn about Science:

- Monday 12th – Flowers to dye for....
- Tuesday 13th – Oobleck Slime
- Wednesday 14th – Changing Change (Copper to Silver then Silver to Gold)
- Thursday 15th – Erupting Fizz
- Friday 16th – Catch a rainbow.



Students and staff were involved participating in hands on Science. I think you'll agree that much fun was had by all!

A Fire and Ice show was also organised for years 7-9 during Science lessons; this involved liquid Nitrogen for the "wow" factor and allowed students to understand how freezing cold temperatures can change the state of matter and make elastic and organic materials (such as Bunsen tubing and flowers) brittle. The Fire and Ice shows were led by Science staff and were very popular and well received.

Feeder schools were invited to our evening Fire and Ice show on Tuesday 13th February. This was the first performance of Fire and Ice by Paul Reynolds and I, which started with a "bang"! Personalised guided tours on the Science

Department were provided for parent arriving early; giving them time to ask questions about our spiral curriculum in addition to trying their hands at some Science of their own. This included dissected pigs hearts and making slime amongst much more! Student and parent engagement was excellent.

Below are a few quotes.

Staff "This is just to say "Thank You" for a very enjoyable show, a cracker from start to finish & the students would have easily sat for another hour if it was longer".

Parent 1 "I would like to thank Tavistock College for promoting the British Science Week and organising the tour of the Science Department and the very spectacular Fire & Ice Show. We had a fantastic time, grown-ups just as much as the children! Very friendly, well-organised and inspiring event. My son who's currently in Year 3 can't wait to go to college now!

Parent 2 "I just wanted to say how much fun my son & I had tonight! We're very glad we arrived early to go into your science room. He loved touching the pigs heart & taking his fingerprint. He volunteered a few times & making it interactive like that made it very interesting for him. Thank you everyone for your effort and enthusiasm, it was greatly appreciated and enjoyed".

I would personally like to express my gratitude and thanks to all of the Science staff; their hard work led to a very successful project. Special thank you goes to Jonathan Wates for technical supervision, Tristan Forster and Chantelle Cocker for assistance in organising the feeder school event, and Teresa Tyler and Nathan Perkin our technician team who prepared the equipment.



Lambing Live



A group of students from Tavistock College extended their animal care course to the great outdoors this week. 'This was the best day ever!' was the verdict from one Year 9

student, when Tavistock College took a group of students to Greenwell Farm to see Lambing Live. The trip was organised by Helen Harris and supported by the College Trustees, which allowed 16 students from years 8, 9 and 11, from a range of different classes, to experience life in the lambing barn. Prospective vet students were able to discuss breeding pedigree sheep with the farmer and talk in more depth about details of lambing, while other students simply drank in the experience, feeding the sheep and cuddling baby lambs. 'It was an amazing experience' said another student afterwards - and everyone agreed.

SKRUM

Tavistock College Volunteers, Coaching Scholarships to Swaziland and SKRUM at the RP 7's

During my Chairmanship of Tavistock RFC - eight years ago, the then Club Secretary Jeff Lawson, Rodney Glanville the Membership Secretary and I collected a lot of old and new kit, generously donated from many of you. We raised some cash and took the kit to the small African Kingdom of Swaziland to be found in southern Africa on the borders of Mozambique and South Africa. Back then SKRUM was a recently formed charity, founded by Michael Collinson BEM, an old friend who woke up one day to find his country decimated by the AIDS epidemic. Today there are 200,000 OVC's (orphans and vulnerable children). Without delving into the history of colonialism and Africa's seemingly endless difficulties with corruption and violence, SKRUM is basically all about kids. Get to the kids, educate them, teach them respect and basic safeguarding principles and we make a difference to the way the future unfolds. We bypass the Governments, we bypass the bureaucracy and go straight to the kids in the communities. Michael has a coaching team of three locals and together they set up rugby coaching sessions in schools and communities and through this we raise awareness amongst the youngsters as to how to stay safe, healthy and challenge issues such as gender-based violence. That's always been the plan. We have been going ten years now and it is working.

Today, I'm at the Rosslyn Park National Schools 7's. SKRUM are the Charity Partner for the week. There are over 700 teams taking part over the week-long tournament and SKRUM are awarding the Fair Play Trophy for each age groups competition. The match officials and Michael Collinson BEM choose the winner will present the award each day on behalf of SKRUM. We are all rugby people and much of the income SKRUM receives comes from rugby dinners and functions. We have great ambassadors who support SKRUM including past England captains and present and future England players. On Thursday this week eight Sixth Formers from Tavistock College, many of whom came up through the age groups at

TRFC, will be arriving in London to join the SKRUM team and work for two days at Rosslyn Park to help raise awareness for SKRUMs work and what we are trying to achieve. They are making the trip to Swaziland in July. Later this year, where they will spend ten days in the Kingdom restoring a rural school and running health awareness coaching sessions having worked and saved to raise the money not only to pay for the trip to Swaziland but also to restore a school! This 'School Partnership' is something that we at SKRUM are really proud of. We have had great support from the independent sector, where many schools visit SKRUM, but Tavistock College is the first state school to become a SKRUM partner and the relationship is paying dividends for all concerned. Over the years we have run a Gap Year programme and had many great volunteers who have come over and worked with SKRUM for a month or two. This has been a great success and to run alongside this we have now launched the SKRUM Scholarship. This means that three young people each from the UK, who meet the criteria, can apply for a fully funded trip to visit Swaziland and work with the SKRUM team for a month. This is great way to support youngsters both here and in Africa.

SKRUM have a series of events each year including dinners and lunches. We have a dinner at Brixham RFC in a few weeks with speakers from Exeter Chiefs, a lunch in the City of London in May with John Inverdale and Jason Leonard and then the SKRUM 10th Anniversary Dinner at Twickenham on the 14th of November with some very special guests.

We have a new website. It is easy to navigate and full of up to date info on all things SKRUM; including the newly launched SKRUM scholarship.

Please get in touch if want any more information or just want to say 'hello'. If you want to follow us on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook it would be great to see you there.

Nigel Larcombe-Williams, Trustee, SKRUM

Tavistock College SKRUM Ambassadors work for the Charity at international rugby festival

The Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens has evolved into the world's largest rugby tournament with some 7,000 boys and girls aged 13 - 18 competing annually.

From its humble beginning in 1939, it has been held every year since, becoming one of the oldest continuous tournaments.

Each year the number of schools applying increases. In 1998 the first girls (U18) competition was inaugurated, and a popular inclusion last year was a sevens match between the Old Boys RFCs of Ampleforth and Millfield, who between them have won the senior tournaments a staggering 16 times.

A significant number of current and recent England internationals tasted competitive rugby for the first time at the tournament, and eight of the England squad who were victorious at the 1993 Rugby World Cup Sevens at Murrayfield had played for their schools at Rosslyn Park. Many senior rugby coaches and captains of industry in the UK have played in the tournament.

This year rugby charity SKRUM were named the festivals chosen charity with a significant amount of support being given to the charities aims and ambitions.

The 8 young ambassadors from Tavistock college were working on behalf of the charity for two of the busiest day of the festival, raising valuable funds for the charity, increasing the social media traffic by working directly with the young people competing and conversing with the many teachers, parents and coaches to increase the awareness of the charities work.

As ever our students were fantastic gaining the respect, and applause of many at the tournament.

Chris Oliver, Chair of Trustees SKRUM

'Tristan, please thank all your young ambassadors from Tavistock, they were a credit to the school and for the charity, we certainly look forward to working with them in the future'

Borlase 7's rugby captain

'I'm part of the Borlase 7s team that saw your work at Rosslyn Park sevens tournament yesterday. Myself and my team would like to say how amazing your young volunteers from Tavistock college who carried around the picture board as they were fantastic.



Diary Dates

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

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

Sport Results

Table Tennis

at Eggbuckland Community College
Ben Edmunds - County Champion
Tom Doidge reached the quarter finals
Georger Anderson finished in the last 16
Ffion Edmunds came 3rd in the Devon Under 13 girls

Hockey

1st February - Under 13 Mixed Hockey
Tournament @ Blundells - Tavistock lost
13th March - Mixed Hockey v Okehampton (A)
Tavistock won 2 games

Rugby

13th March - Girls Rugby @ Okehampton -
Tavistock lost 10 - 9
22nd March - Girls County Finals

Football

30th January 2018 - Year 10 v Mount Kelly -
Tavistock lost

Futsal

27th February Year 7,8,9 & 10 Mixed lost against
Ivybridge

Netball

12th March - Year 9 v Launceston (A) Tavistock
8 - Launceston 18
13th March - Years 7,8,9,10 & 6th form v Mount
Kelly
Year 9's won
Year 7,8,10 & 6th form lost



Girls Rugby

Yesterday the U13 girls rugby team represented West Devon at the Devon championships. They took part in a league where they played 8 other schools and ended up 5th overall. All the girls were excellent and represented the College with distinction with a 'never give up' attitude. The player of the tournament was Alba Stewart who was excellent in ripping the ball from the opposition and then turning defence into attack by going on to score lots of tries.

The results: Clyst vale - W 6-1, Ivybridge A - L 5-1, Ivybridge B - L 7-4, Park school - W 2-5, Sidmouth - L 6-3, Kingsbridge - L 4-0, Pilton - W 4-2, Okehampton - D 2-2

Congratulations to the team: Imogen Able, Bethany Cann (captain), Alice Crocker, Chloe Follett, Emilee Foster, Bethany Freeman, Hollie Jenkins, Niamh Kelly, Korynne Morrison and Alba Stewart

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