



As we begin the Summer term, with final exams looming, our Year 11 and 13 students will be dedicating themselves to their revision schedules, working hard at college and at home. They will also need support, however, to maintain a balanced routine, which is rigorous but sensible, ensuring they eat well, take regular exercise and get plenty of sleep! Looking out for each other, offering reassurance and support, is a key part of avoiding anxiety during this stressful exam period.



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

This leads nicely to this term's key co-operative value: solidarity. Solidarity involves taking care of our peers, considering the feelings of others, showing community spirit and working collectively. An example of solidarity in action that I've spoken about in assembly this week is making sure that we don't spoil the community and our college by dropping litter. Of course, showing solidarity isn't just about taking individual responsibility for our actions, but also reminding others who drop litter that it is an unacceptable blight on our environment and an unpleasant addition to the school, and the streets and green spaces of Tavistock and surrounding areas. A further example is showing unity through pride in our appearance. Following extensive consultations, we've included important details about amendments to our uniform policy. I know you will work hard to support the college with upholding our high standards when it comes to uniform.

Mark Roberts, Assistant Principal

Update From Parent Forum

Just before the recent Easter holidays, a group of parents met to discuss the issues of anti-bullying and student welfare.

The forum was extremely positive in providing an opportunity for parents to comment on what the College is getting right and to look constructively at how we can further support the pastoral care of our students to ensure they are all able to succeed and thrive at Tavistock College.

Tavistock College has begun the process of working towards an Anti-bullying Quality Mark which is testimony to the high importance we hold these issues. I will continue to provide regular updates and opportunities for parents to add to the debate. Initially the following key issues are being explored:

How can we further develop the role of form tutor as the first point of contact for students at the College?

How can we use technology to help students who feel isolated to be able to raise an issue or concern regarding bullying?

How we can utilise student leadership to provide support and care for students who may need it?

Phil Ruse, Assistant Principal

Uniform update

As you will be aware, we have been running staff, student and parent voice groups over the last two terms regarding our uniform and the policy to which students must adhere.

I am glad to share with you that we have been working with some suppliers to vary the uniform, allowing for both compulsory and optional items. Following some meetings this week, I hope to be able to bring you more specific information in due course about what this will mean for you and your children at the college.

However, I can confirm that we are looking into the introduction of some college-specific shorts, as well as more specific college skirts, so that all students have optional uniform in hot weather over the summer months.

Red & Black Club

Please remind your children not to use the Red and Black club as a footpath, and that they should not be using it as a hangout in the evenings. There have been complaints about damage to their pitches from bikes and also from litter/smoking. We appreciate your support in working with us and the football club to prevent any further damage or nuisance.

Governors meetings

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

Save the Date! Thursday 24 May 2018
TAVISTOCK & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ANNUAL BUSINESS SHOW

Tavistock & District Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce the return of the **TDCC Business Show** with an added twist...

business stands • educators • professional guest speakers • music performances • speed networking • craft demos • free prize draw and much more...



tdcc Come and support West Devon businesses!

Tavistock College students are involved in the forthcoming Tavistock Business show. 6th form music students will be providing some musical interludes whilst some of our Y12 business studies students have formed a working group to assist in the marketing and operations of the event. This sees a real life application of the marketing and recruitment theory that they learn on their course being applied to a local setting.

Diary Dates

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

14 May

- Summer season external exams

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



PE Extra-Curricular Clubs

3.30 – 4.45PM

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | THURSDAY |
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| YEAR 11 GCSE PE REVISION - PE1 HBL/SHL | ALL YEARS TENNIS - HARD COURTS RCO | ALL YEARS ATHLETICS - TRACK SHL / NHO |
| YEAR 11 SPORTS STUDIES CATCH UP - PE1 RCO | ALL YEARS CRICKET - ASTRO/SPORTS HALL James Carr | ALL YEARS BADMINTON - SPORTS HALL ABE |
| ALL YEARS GIRLS ONLY FITNESS SUITE JHO | ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE DJA / SHU | ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE DJA / SHU |
| | ALL YEARS ATHLETICS - TRACK SHL and trainees | ALL YEARS JUDO - GYM Instructor |
| | ALL YEARS HOCKEY - ASTRO Miss Owen | ALL YEARS ROUNDERS - FIELD JHO/RDO/HBL |
| WEDNESDAY Period 5 | LUNCH CLUBS EVERY DAY | ALL YEARS SOFTBALL - FIELD TGMF |
| 6th FORM SUMMER SPORTS SHL / TGMF | FITNESS SUITE BASKETBALL - SPORTS HALL | INVITED PUPILS SWIMMING (TBC) RCO |

Cashless Catering

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.

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