



I trust that you have been enjoying the warm, sunny weather that has dominated the weeks either side of half term. Today marks the end of the exam season for the majority of our year 11 students. As a year group and collective body of students they have handled the intense nature of the 4 exam weeks incredibly maturely. They have kept their standards high in terms of uniform and punctuality whilst their behaviour has been impeccable at all times in the exam halls. When inevitably one of two students have had tough days it is been noticeable how quickly friends and peers will rally around and support one another. This speaks volumes about the year group and is testimony



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to the hard work put in over recent years by their heads of year; Sonia Fox and Wendy Stephens.

There remain several exams to complete for our Y13 students as they near the end of their time at Tavistock College. When talking to these students there is an evident buzz of anticipation about the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for them, whether that be life as an undergraduate, an apprentice or in the world of work.

Can I please remind parents and carers to refer to the information on the website, on the back page of this issue of the student focus and the letter that has been sent home, regarding uniform and expectations for September

Can I finish by drawing your attention to the diary box at the bottom of the page. There are numerous celebratory and reward based events running across all year groups before the end of term. This half term is always my personal highlight of the academic year as we celebrate success, achievement and in the cases of some students the end of their 5 or 7 years as a member of Tavistock College. It also allows us time to anticipate and look forward to the challenges and opportunities that will face us next year. *Phil Ruse, Assistant Principal*

Respecting your community

Recently there have been a couple of instances when members of the public have drawn our attention to behaviour in the community that does not befit the high standards we set of our students at Tavistock College. These have taken place at weekends and in the evenings, and we are aware that it will only be a small minority of students who are letting us down.

Whilst we are frequently left proud and inspired by what many of our students achieve and create in our local community I would like to take this opportunity to remind all students and parents/ carers of the following:

- A need to respect private property and facilities that are of use for members only. For example the Tavistock Bowls Club is a thriving community club that relies on its immaculate lawn to be able to function fully. Students are reminded that they **MUST NOT** walk across the bowling green as a shortcut from the BMX track into the Meadows.
- Students should be respectful of community furniture and statues when waiting for school buses. In their uniform students very visibly represent Tavistock College in these instances.
- Students should be mindful that local park facilities are sometimes designed for younger primary school students who should feel welcome at these spots.

As a College we benefit a lot from individuals, businesses and organisations in the local community. In response our students frequently go above and beyond when representing the College and really do add to the wider community that we operate in.

Careers Advice and Guidance

As a school we are committed to supporting out students as they are starting to think about their plans for the future. We have arranged for our link Careers Adviser Jenny Wall from CSW Group to be available to offer you advice/support around future options and careers via email on Monday 18th June.

The types of things she will be able to assist with are ensuring you are aware of the options for your son/daughter for the end of the school year, information around careers and what certain jobs require, ways of keeping options open etc. If you would like to take advantage of this you need to email Jenny on jenny.wall@cswgroup.co.uk by 18th of June at the latest. Please make clear that you son/ daughter attends Tavistock College in the email. After she has responded to your query your email address will not be stored (unless otherwise requested by yourself). As a school we will be made aware of any queries you make to ensure we can provide additional support if required.

Diary Dates

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

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

Chairs Committee

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

Full Committee

11 July - 6:00pm - 8:00

GDPR

As you may be aware, the Data protection law in the UK changed on 25th May 2018. The new law is called the General Data Protection Regulations.

The new regulation is about protecting people in the modern information age. It gives more control to individuals and more responsibilities to organisations that collect and hold your data.

Schools must comply too. It affects everyone: staff, parents, children and volunteers.

What will schools be doing to prepare?

We already have strict data protection policies. Data is kept secure and used appropriately. Much will stay the same but with GDPR it will bring even better security and greater transparency. In many areas consent is not needed as schools have a duty to keep children safe and deliver a high standard of education. Where consent is needed, you will be asked for it in a clear manner and be allowed to remove it, if you wish.

What data is held in school?

- Student Education Data
- Student Medical Data
- Parent Data
- Staff Employment Data
- Staff Health Data
- Special Needs information
- Contracts with suppliers
- School Meals Data
- CCTV
- Payments information

The trustees hold all schools within the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust accountable. As a MAT, we have a Data Protection Officer who deals with issues around staff training, audit and compliance.

Within our schools, we also have Data Champions who lead on GDPR related issues.

What do you need to do?

To help ensure that your data is secure and accurate, we are launching SIMS Parent in all schools in the Dartmoor MAT to securely collect, manage and handle key information about your child by from parents directly. Available on iOS, Android and via browser (www.sims-parent.co.uk) the SIMS Parent app provides a convenient and accessible solution for parents to electronically review and request changes to the data held on them and their children via smartphone, tablet, or PC anytime, anywhere, as well as see key term dates.

You will be able to provide additional information on crucial details such as medical information or dietary requirements, using the text information function, ensuring that personal information not previously held in SIMS is collected.

When a change request is submitted by you, automatic emails are sent to the school office. Administrators are able to view previous requests and details of any action taken via the audit trail within SIMS. From time to time, we will send notifications to remind you to update your child's details, eliminating paper based data collection and manual errors.

We will be sending you your activation link in due course. Please look out for this.

There is also lots of information on the Dartmoor Multi Academy Website. If you have any questions, please contact the school or dpo@dartmoormat.org.uk

Mrs Alison Horn, Strategic Business Leader

Congratulations Rosie



This weekend I travelled up to Phoenix bike park in Suffolk for round 4 of the national MTB Xc series. A 310 miles drive.

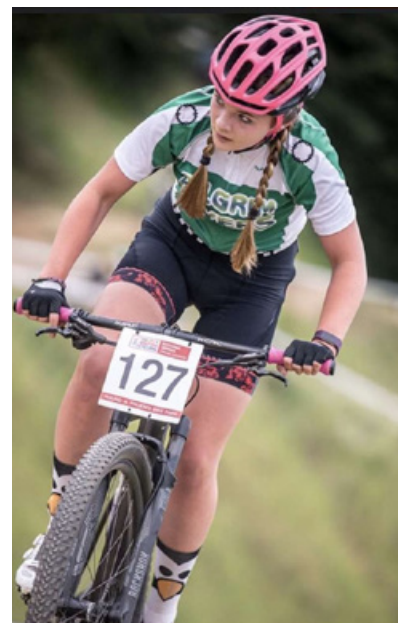
After pre-riding the course I knew the race was going to be fast and technical. The lap was relatively flat but technical, with no let up for the duration of my race.

I was gridded 7th, but had to be on 2nd row down to the narrow start loop, I had a great start and was well placed on my 1st lap of four.

I had a difficult time during my third lap and got caught by a girl behind me who is ranked a place in front of me this series, I stayed with her until the end so I pushed past her and beat her in the sprint to finish in 9th place.

Pleased with my result, would of been happier with a high result but focussing more on the national champs on July 21st.

Thanks for all support from my school Tavistock College, Tavistock College Trust, DRD Sports and social club. *Rosie Andrews*



Tavistock College Uniform and Expectations

We take great care and time in any potential change to the college policies and uniform is no different. Following two terms of research, meetings and gauging the opinions of staff, parents and students we would like to confirm what the College's compulsory and optional uniform will be from September 2018. Please note, there is no significant change to the compulsory uniform.

Compulsory uniform items

- Black shoes, without logos or brands (available widely)
- Black trousers (not jeans, leggings or jeggings, skinny or slim fit i.e. not tight around the ankle)
- White shirt, worn tucked in (available widely)
- Tavistock College logo tie (available from Lawsons or from the College directly)
- Black Tavistock College logo blazer (available from Lawsons or School Trends)

Optional uniform items

- Black Tavistock College logo v-necked black long-sleeved jumper may be worn underneath the blazer as an optional item but not as an alternative to the blazer. Cardigans are not accepted. (Available from Lawsons or School Trends)
- Black Tavistock College skirt embroidered with the Tavistock College logo, either A-line or pleated. (Only available from School Trends)

- Black Tavistock College tailored shorts embroidered with the Tavistock College logo, which can only be worn from May to the end of October. (Only available from Fitness For Sport – the same supplier as all PE kit items)

Physical Education Uniform

(Available from Fitness For Sport and Lawsons and widely)

- Tavistock College polo shirt (Black with orange logo)
- Tavistock College T-shirt (Black with orange logo)
- Tavistock College shorts or skirt or capri leggings
- Tavistock College socks
- Gum shield for contact sports
- Shin pads for football and hockey

Highly recommended

- Studded boots for use on the astro and the field

Optional extras

- Tavistock College rugby shirt
- Tavistock College rain jacket
- Tavistock Hooded sweatshirt
- Tavistock College gym bag

School trends online

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/TavistockCollegePL198DD>

Fitness For Sport online

<http://fitnessforsport.co.uk/shop.php#!/Tavistock-College/c/28576398/offset=0&sort=normal>

Other expectations;

- PE/Music or other representative hoodies may only be worn for their specific activities and not instead of a blazer at any point during the College day.
- Jewellery – students may wear discreet unobtrusive jewellery, for example small earrings or studs and a single ring (to be worn in the ear only).
- A plastic retainer should be worn in any other piercing. Nose and lip rings are not permitted. Health and Safety regulations for some subjects such as PE, Performance Studies, DT and Science, may require jewellery to be removed.
- Make-up, nail polish and hair – natural, discreet colours only.

If for any reason an item cannot be worn for a short time, please provide a note explaining this. They will then be issued with a green slip by their Tutor. Parents will be informed if standards of uniform fall below College expectations.

We appreciate that some pupils in current Years 7-10 will have skirts or trousers that will still fit them in September **and meet school uniform guidelines**. For this reason, there will be a transitional period (of one academic year), so that uniform items that have been cleared by us can still be worn until new uniform needs to be purchased, up to September 2019 where the expectation is that everyone will wear the uniform listed above.

However, if uniform does not meet the guidelines outlined above, parents will be contacted and asked to ensure that new uniform is purchased that does meet these guidelines as soon as possible. This includes short skirts and skirts made of stretchy material. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and ensure all pupils are comfortable, but also smart and presentable in College.

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Year 11 Uniform

On the Year 11 graduation day on 5 July, there will be various celebratory events for the students who are graduating. This day will provide an opportunity for them to sign school shirts in time honoured tradition.

We are also looking for donations of old uniform, particularly ties and blazers, that can be used to support younger students.

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