



What an incredibly busy two weeks have passed in the life of Tavistock College. Within those 14 days there have been a large number of events that have really captured the sense of community and promoted the co-operative values that are so important to us all.

This week many of our new year 7 students participated in the co-operative schools football & netball tournament. You can read about their successes later in this issue. Whilst the sporting expertise and talent is fantastic to see we are also enjoying celebrating the co-operative values that underpin such events. Seeing our young students working together to bring principles such as equality and solidarity to life.

We were delighted to host the inaugural Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust, Ability Games last week. Seeing students from a range of primary schools, and Tavistock, Holsworthy and Okehampton secondary schools, all under the direction of a range of older student Sports Leaders was a joy to watch. Many congratulations to all the participants who were an inspiration to others. Thank you to all of the Sports Leaders from Tavistock College and Okehampton College who made the games a success.

Last week our first Parent Forum of the year was incredibly well attended with over 100 parents filling out our main hall to listen to a range of informative talks from experts within the Devon and Cornwall Police and Y-Smart on drug education and the dangers of the dark web. We were delighted to receive such positive feedback about the event, and have already taken steps to organise a follow up event where DCI Jason Braund will return to the college and give further information on the dangers of drug use for our young people. Given parental demand for this I have postponed the Parent Forum on anti-bullying until later in the Autumn term. I will confirm the details of that at a later date because we have a lot of information to update parents on the work we are doing at Tavistock College to support the health and wellbeing of our young people.

This Thursday saw over 350 parents and carers of prospective year 5 and 6 students attend our Open Evening. This is on the back of well over 100 visitors to recent open mornings where parents have witnessed the college at work during a typical school day. Please do follow the College on facebook or on our youtube channel where you can watch a series of flash videos that give a wonderful insight into the creative and academically challenging life of our students at Tavistock College.

*Phil Ruse, Assistant Principal*



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MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

## Diary Dates

### Non Pupil Day

10 October

### Year 4/5 Open Morning

11 October @ 9:15 am - 10:45 am

### Half Term

Monday 22 October - Friday 26 October

### Last Day of Autumn Term

Friday 21 December



## First Aid in school

At Tavistock College we have trained 'first-aiders' on call should students have accidents or are suddenly taken ill. The college does not have trained medical practitioners who can diagnose conditions or treat them. Appointments should be made with a qualified doctor or nurse practitioner at a health clinic if an illness occurs.



Students should only ask to see a 'first-aider' in the Central Admin Base if:

- They become unwell in the school day (eg are vomiting, have a severe headache). Contact will be made with parents and a decision can be made if it is appropriate for the student to go home.
- They have an accident or an emergency occurs (eg. bleeding nose, a slip or fall). A call will be made with parents and an ambulance will be called if appropriate.
- They take regular medication and this has been stored with parents' permission for administration.

Thank you for considering these expectations, which if we all adhere to the College services will be able to function in a smoother and more efficient manner.

## Parent Forum

Our recent parent forum saw over 100 local parents attend a series of informative talks on drug education and the dark web. Members of Devon and Cornwall Police spoke at length about the law behind drugs, crypto-currency and the dangers of the dark web. Y-Smart also provided a valuable input on how we as a local community can work together both in school and outside to spot the warning signs in our young people and to best support and educate them if they become involved in using an illegal substance.

Parental feedback has been so positive that we are in the process of confirming a follow up event where Detective Constable Jason Braund will speak again on the dangers of drugs for young people. He works in the Serious and Organised Crime Branch of Devon and Cornwall Police and is an expert in the dangers of and misuse of drugs amongst young people. Please look out for confirmation of the date of this follow up event which will be circulated to parents via the usual ways.

# LAMDA Success



Pictured here are Tavistock College students proudly displaying their LAMDA Speech and Communication examination certificates. The students took their examinations in July with the results received on the return to college in September. Mrs Pearson, Head of Creative Arts is delighted to reveal that this group continued the 100% pass rate for the college with an exception 73% of students gaining Distinction in their qualifications. Mrs Pearson would like to congratulate all the students on their hard work in gaining these qualifications as well as thank Mrs McCarty, LAMDA teacher at the college, for her expert dedication and support of the young people. Student examinations were in a range of areas from Speaking of Verse and Prose, Public Speaking to Mime and Acting. The qualifications, which carry UCAS points at the higher levels, are for any young person who wants to develop their communication skills - especially in this digital age those excellent and personable communicators will be in demand!

*Mrs Pearson*

## Results

### Speaking in Public

#### Grade 3

Matthew Pierce 65

#### Grade 5

Rosie Duncan 81

### Reading for

#### Performance

#### Grade 5

Joseph Crosher 83

Ashton Jones 86

### Mime

#### Grade 3

Lucy Hignett 84

Pip Briggs 84

#### Grade 4

Bruno Graziosi 65

Jacob Decieco 70

Euan Kurdziel 87

Connie Ballard 89

Natasha Griffiths 89

Tom Gourd 91

Dominic Sloely 92

### Acting

#### Entry

Samantha Bulley 80

Connor Norman 85

#### Grade 2

Ruby Gauler 80

#### Grade 3

Daisy Duncan 77

Oliver Crosher 80

Isabelle Sutlow 87

#### Grade 5

Emilia Barrett 66

Chloe Shaw 70

Anya Taylor 71

Isabelle Hillman 81

#### Grade 6

Archie Allen 92

#### Grade 8

Holly Kellock 86

25 exams taken 100% pass rate  
7 merits ( 65- 79 marks)  
18 distinctions (80 - 100 marks)

14 level 2 exams  
2 level 3 exams  
Holly Kellock - 24 UCAS points  
Archie Allen - 12 UCAS points



**all different**  
**all equal**



**Tavistock College**  
**Diversity group**

Promoting and raising awareness of tolerance and respect for all in our community

## Help us to help you

### Using the school gateway for Cashless catering

The School gateway is an easy and convenient way to pay online for school meals and avoids the need for students to bring cash to school.

**Schoolgateway**



By using the cashless catering account you will be able to:

- View payments made
- See meals taken by your son/daughter
- Check your balance

To help us reduce the amount of cash being processed in the college, please download the School gateway app on to your smartphone or log in via the School gateway website [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com). There is a minimum online payment amount of £10 to reduce the level of transaction costs that the college has to pay.

Having trouble logging in? It may be because the school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please call the school and we'll update the details on our system.

**Topping up your child's account couldn't be easier!**

(Please note that when students leave the college balances under £10 cannot be refunded)



## Ability Games

On Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th September, Tavistock College hosted the inaugural Dartmoor multi academy trust ability games. This was an athletics based event aimed at key stage 2 students (Tuesday) and Key stage 3 students (Wednesday). The students participating were given the opportunity to develop skills in various events such as hurdles, sprints, long jump, high jump and throwing events. All these sessions were adapted to create both inclusion and elements of competition.



Throughout the two days Tavistock College sports leaders from Year 9, Year 10 and Sixth Form were responsible with organising, planning and leading these sessions. This was achieved with outstanding leadership skills, expertise and fantastic rapport with other students. As well as an excellent sense of solidarity when the Year 10 leaders worked alongside Okehampton college sports leaders on the Wednesday. Many thanks to everyone involved with enabling students to be part of a tiring, enjoyable and challenging event.



Sarah Jones, Principal at Tavistock College said "This was one of the first joint events for students across Dartmoor Multi-Academy Trust, and it was a fantastic place to start. Students with additional needs do not always have the opportunity to be successful at Sports Day so this gave them a chance to shine in their chosen events, and to compete against similar talent in other schools. I am proud of the achievement, attitude and effort that made this event so successful. *Mr Hulbert*



## The Teenage Market

The Teenage Market is a national initiative that is designed to increase the involvement of young people in the business, enterprise and commerce of towns and cities around the country. The concept is simple in giving young people the space and opportunity to sell their home-made or sourced products without having to worry about the fees, overheads or insurance requirements that are often needed to sell in a public space. Bedford Square was the location for the first ever Teenage Market in Devon or Cornwall back in 2017 and was only made possible due to the talents, creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of both current and ex Tavistock College students. Market stalls ranged from our ever popular year 7 Apple co-operative apple juice, to sixth form artists and photographers showcasing their creative talents to home-made baking and stress balls aimed at young people. There were even some ex Tavistock College students present supporting Frances Spry and her fledgling fashion business.

The next Teenage Market is scheduled for Saturday 20th October and we look forward to showcasing even more creative and entrepreneurial talent from within the College. Students wishing to either perform at the event or have a market stall should speak to Mr Ruse and sign up on the official event website: <https://theteenagemarket.co.uk/events/>



## Cornwall Mini Tri-Series

Tavistock junior triathletes have successfully completed the Cornish mini triathlon series.

The grand finale, including exciting beach start and challenging open water sea swim was held at Ghyllingvase beach in Falmouth last week.

The series, organised by charity Intotri, alongside an

adult event, gives children aged 8-16 the opportunity to experience continuous triathlon. For the first time there was also a scootathlon for the under 8s. Over 500 children from 226 schools took part.

All the Tavistock competitors are members of the Tavistock Wheelers Youth Cycling group.

This year Intotri introduced a Schools tri league. Five students from Tavistock College took part and as a school team have done amazingly well to take 3rd place over all. Individual series results included 2nd place for Ewan Dix 11/12 boys, 2nd place for Joe Dix 13/14 boys and 2nd place for Dan Luckham 15/16 boys.

Well done also to Emma Luckham, Orla Maguire, Lara Dix, Elsie Maguire, Olivia Luckham, Evie Palmer Nell Maguire, Ewan Mill, Jamie Young and Mabel Maguire.



L- R Ewan Dix, Joe Dix and Dan Luckham



# Co-operative Games

## Football

The fourth Year 7 co-operative schools football tournament took place on Tuesday 25th September at Ashbury golf club. This is a 6-a-side tournament with two groups of five to six teams with the top two of each group qualifying for the semi-finals.

Tavistock College entered two teams and they started the competition in fantastic style. In group A - Tavistock A finished top of the group, winning four and drawing one of the five group games. What was also impressive was that the team conceded no goals throughout these games. Tavistock B also failed to concede a goal in their four games. They won one and drew three of the group games and finished second in group B.

As a result both Tavistock teams played each other in the semi-finals. In a dramatic game Tavistock A narrowly won 1-0 through a Will Elliott strike.

In the third place play-off Tavistock B finished with a great performance winning 3-1 against Cullompton with goals from Christopher Higgs(2) and Lewis Meeds.

Attention then turned to the showcase final Tavistock College v Budehaven College. Tavistock thrived in this scenario and produced their best performance of the day, convincingly winning 4-0 with goals from Will Elliott(2), Jayden Jessney and Tayden Williams.

All the boys were a credit to the college, performing with excellence and also with great teamwork and a desire to compete. This was also achieved in a sporting way with outstanding encouragement for each other.

## Results

### Group A -

Tavistock A 1 (Will Elliott) Tiverton 0

Tavistock A 3 ( Will Elliott (2), Thomas Townshend) Holsworthy B 0

Tavistock A 0 Okehampton B 0

Tavistock A 2 (Will Elliott (2) Dawlish 0

Tavistock A 2 (Will Elliott 2)Budehaven B 0

### Group B -

Tavistock B 1 (Aaron Hughes) Holsworthy A 0

Tavistock B 0 Cullompton 0

Tavistock B 0 Okehampton A 0

Tavistock B 0 Budehaven A 0

### Semi-finals

Tavistock A 1 (Will Elliott) Tavistock B 0

3/4th place play-off

Tavistock B 3 (Christopher Higg 2, Lewis Meeds)  
Cullompton 1

### Final

Tavistock A 4 (Will Elliott 2, Jayden Jesney,  
Tayden Williams.

*Mr Hulbert*



## Netball

A group of 14 very enthusiastic year 7 girls set off for a high 5 netball tournament at Ashbury Golf Course. This is the fourth year we have entered and once again the year 7 girls held their own against some tough competition against 12 other teams within the co operative. The two year 7 Tavistock teams ended up in the same pool which meant at some point in the draw they would play each other.

Team Cole had a slow start narrowly losing their first two games however they soon found their rhythm and won the next 4 games they played, this included the other Tavistock team. Team Brown had a flying start easily winning their first two games but had some tough games losing the next four. Team Cole came 3rd in the draw followed by team Brown in 4th place, Team Cole just missed out on making the semi final.



The team of fourteen were a credit to the college showing great sportsmanship and determination on and off the court.

Thank you to the captains Jana Cole and Bryony Brown and team managers Alice Brimacombe and Abbie Chamerlain. *Mrs Doyle*

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