



It's my pleasure to introduce the first fortnightly focus of November, as well as looking forward to writing to you on this platform for this half term until the Christmas holidays.



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

What an eventful half term we had last half term. We welcomed our largest year 7 cohort in a very long time and I'm very proud to tell you how well they have all settled in. I know Miss Fox and the year 7 team are enjoying making those strong pastoral bonds required to support them in the future.

However busy the last half term, the next one always seems to be just as busy, if not more so. Over the next couple of weeks we will be hosting our year 11 parents evening (November 8th) our key stage 4 options evening for year 8 parents and students (November 13th) and our sixth form open evening (22nd November), each event is being run by experts in their field and we will all be on hand to help if you have any questions.

Talking of questions, I have been asked numerous times over the last few weeks about how new parents can get involved at the college. Our new Parent Council will meet for the first time in November (please see advert below). We haven't had this kind of parent council before and we've taken our time setting this up to get it right. This is an opportunity for parents to become involved in the college at a new level, to bring up items for discussion with fellow parents as well as representatives from the senior leadership team; to give us feedback in a developmental way on certain policies that need updating or indeed new policies that we may or may not end up bringing into the college. The Parent Council will be chaired by parent Jo Persse who can be contacted directly with any potential items for discussion on parentcouncil@tavistockcollege.org

Our first meeting will be at 6pm on Wednesday 14th November and it would be great to see you there. At this first meeting we will be discussing mobile phone usage at the college, homework and some other items that come through the parent council email, so please do get in touch.

I hope that you have a great start to the new half term and I look forward to writing for you again soon!

P.S. check out the advert for the creative arts team production of 'The Railway Children' later this month I've already got my ticket!!!

Mr Forster

The Parent Council

The Parent Council is a committee of volunteer parents and advisors supported by the college to support the organising of parental involvement along with the member of SLT to run matters on the behalf of parents and the college.

A Parent Council is not run by the college or the MAT but by the parents in the school.

The Parent Council will;

- Identify issues for the college SLT to discuss
- Be consulted by the college on changes in policy
- Express views to the college through the Parent Council.

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Parent Council and Voice meetings 2018-19

Wednesday 14th November 18:00-19:30

Wednesday 9th January 18:00-19:30

Wednesday 27th February 18:00-19:30

Wednesday 24th April 18:00-19:30

Wednesday 3rd July 18:00-19:30

All meetings will be in the staffroom, matters arising will come from;

Parental Questionnaires

College Improvement Plan

Individual parental matters brought to the councils attention

Diary Dates

OCRA Netball Festival

7 November @ 9:30 am - 11:45 am

Year 11 Parents/Carers Evening

8 November @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Remembrance Service

Service starts at 1045, Yr 9 students will be out of Period 2 and 3 lessons, back in school by 1200 and then have 20 minute breaktime.

Year 8 Options Evening

13 November @ 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

OCRA Sports Festival

3 December @ 9:20 am - 12:20 pm

Year 8 Parents/Carers Evening

6 December @ 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Local Governing Body Meeting – Full Committee

12 December @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

PE House Matches

17 December - 21 December

Year 7 Carol Service

19 December

Last Day of Term

21 December

Trustee Opportunities

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust are seeking individuals to join their Board of Trustees to

- Set the overall strategy for the Trust
- Monitor the performance of all the academies in the Trust
- Ensure that public funds are used appropriately and effectively

Being a Trustee is a challenging, but rewarding voluntary role. We are looking for an individual who can share our commitment to providing the highest possible quality of education for all local children. The commitment requires an individual who can attend daytime / evening meetings, typically 2/3 times per half term.

We would welcome individuals with the ability to work strategically with any of the following areas of expertise

- Accountancy and / or Finance
- Previous Trustee, non-executive or board experience
- Business experience
- Project management
- General management

Applications would be welcomed from individuals with education, public sector or business backgrounds.

For more information and an application form or for an informal conversation about the role, please contact Sally Wood, Governance Manager swood@dartmoormat.org.uk
Closing date 19 November 2018

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The successful candidate will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure via the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The Truth About the Budget

This week Chancellor Philip Hammond delivered a new budget in Parliament.

Here's what you need to know about this budget:

1. **There's no money for core school budgets**

There is no money whatsoever to plug the gap in core school budgets. Instead 17,942 schools faced cuts yesterday and 17,942 schools continue to face cuts today. This means there is no way to reduce class sizes and to provide support for vulnerable children.

2. **There's nothing for SEND**

Children with special educational needs and disabilities need urgent education funding, more than 2,000 children are still awaiting appropriate provision. But there was no attempt by the Government to address the crisis in SEND.

3. **Only "little extras" for school buildings and equipment were announced**

The Chancellor announced one-off funding for "little extras". This school capital budget was down by £2.6 billion compared to 2010. With Hammond's little extras, it will still be down by £2.1 billion. This simply doesn't cut it when our schools are in disrepair after years of cuts.

This was the Government's opportunity to change course and properly fund the schools our children deserve. Instead the Government has failed children once again. There has been no attempt to redress the paucity of funding for schools.

The campaign against school cuts is still in place, and head teachers across Devon have pledged to continue to fight to improve the situation we all find ourselves in. We need your support as parents: many voices have a greater effect than a few.



Christmas Card Competition 2018

Are you a budding artist?
If so we're looking for creative and festive designs for the 2018 Tavistock Christmas card.

Your entry can be a drawing or a painting. We're keen to see a variety of designs, as long as they have a festive theme. It could be linked to Tavistock, with a picture of the town's Christmas lights or a snowy view of Dartmoor.

Please hand in your entry to any art teacher. Write your name and tutor group clearly on the back.

The deadline for entries is Friday 23rd November.

Good Luck!



Student Rangers Programme

Burrator News - October 2018

On 23 September, 13 year 10 students from Tavistock College began an exciting 10 week programme with us and Devon and Cornwall Police, funded by their Innovation Connectivity Fund. The programme will involve the students joining our midweek conservation group and attending specific skill days to learn about personal safety, team work, orienteering, survival skills, woodwork and outdoor cooking, whilst completing their John Muir Award.

2018 Cambridge University Aspire

Residential Trip for Year 10

On September 13th and 14th we were delighted to be part of the group of seventeen year 10 students who had the opportunity to visit Downing College on the Cambridge University Aspire Trip with Mr Gallii, Mr Chambers and Ms Cocker. We left College at 6.30am and arrived at Downing College at 2.00pm where we were met by Ms Jess Lister, the south-west School and College Liaison Officer. She had organised a comprehensive and informative programme and began by giving us detailed information about applying to Cambridge discussing such aspects as the application process and the importance of the personal statement and how the interview process works. We really appreciated the insight she gave us into life at Cambridge and the in-depth analysis about the courses offered and the type of student Cambridge is looking for. In this sense the trip was a really valuable and interesting experience for all of us.

Then we had a tour of Downing College including the JCR (Junior Common Room) and the beautiful gardens followed by a walk around Cambridge taking all the famous places and sights. We learned that Downing College was founded by Sir George Downing, third Baronet, with wealth left by his grandfather, who served Cromwell and Charles II as well as building 10 Downing Street, the London home of the Prime Minister. We were also particularly interested to hear that in 1893 Tchaikovsky stayed with F W Maitland in the West Lodge in Downing while in Cambridge for a concert to mark the 50th anniversary of the Cambridge University Musical Society (CUMS).

We had the chance to enjoy dinner in the splendour of the College dining hall which gave us a feel of being in a traditional College surrounded by all its history and then spend a night in undergraduate accommodation with each of us having our own room. After dinner we had a wonderful experience being chauffeured down the River Cam past the famous 'College Backs' on a punting tour while the sun was setting. On Friday morning, after breakfast, we took part in two academic sessions to show us what

a typical seminar would be like and these gave us the chance to hone our critical thinking and debating skills. Jess then answered our questions regarding course funding, accommodation, clubs, support for academic studies and how students contribute to College life. After the final Q

& A we were given an enjoyable tour of Emmanuel College including the outdoor swimming pool and had some free time in Cambridge city centre.

We left Cambridge at 11.30am arriving back at the College at 6.30pm after a very enjoyable and successful trip summed up by some of the student comments below:

'The trip to Cambridge was an amazing opportunity. It was lovely to be able to see the inside of Downing College and Corpus Emmanuel College and visit the city of Cambridge.'

Natasha Romanel

'I found it very useful and interesting. It was nice to hear about the interview and application process'

Joe Dix



For me, the Cambridge Aspire trip was beneficial on many levels. It provided a clear insight into the Cambridge application process and showed us student life as it really is. I also found the trip to be very informative about the selection of A-Level subjects and I loved the free time to walk around Cambridge.'

Seth Waycott

'We are very grateful to Downing College for hosting Tavistock College every year and making our time their so rewarding and enjoyable.'

Charlie Elkington and Freddie Fuller

Year 7 Rugby

It was a pleasure to take the Y7 boys rugby team to their first ever game v Liskeard College... winning 65-0. With a mix of club rugby players and players new to the game, the team were fantastic in supporting each other and had the winning mentality to go with their skill. A convincing performance running in 9 tries and kicking 5 conversions. Captain Will Addison contributed 32 of those points and gains the first player of the match award. Other notable performances from Ernie McKechnie and Dan Holman. With more players to play next time, the Year 7 team has a good future in the game.

Congratulations to the team: Dominic Mole, Will Addison, Rhys Lashbrook, Oscar Slater, Ernie McKechnie, Gabe Hilman, Matthew Sleep, Bay Glover, Josh Brownlow, Bradley Lumley, Dan Holman, Sheldon Higgins, Thomas Aldred, Oliver Northam and Michael Stewart-Reid.

Mr Corkell



Netball

It was my pleasure to take two year 9 teams and our year 10 teams to the East Cornwall netball league yesterday evening at Liskeard.

This year we have an amazing three teams worth of year 9 girls which considering that is the highest rate of female drop off in sport and exercise is a brilliant credit to the College especially the PE team and the work they do!

So it's going to be hard to get them all game time but tonight the year 9 first team, playing in blue, played extremely well against Torpoint and beat Saltash in their second game

Tavistock Blue vs Torpoint: 6-12

Tavistock Blue vs Saltash: 5-2

Our second team did well in their first competitive outing of the season, wearing pink bibs they fought incredibly hard to beat Saltash and learnt some valuable lessons against a strong Callington side

Tavistock pink vs Saltash: 4-3

Tavistock pink vs Callington: 2-12

Our year 10 team were very keen to continue their sports tour success from last season but had to work hard to dust the rust of their performances. However they've grown as a team and pulled themselves together as a squad to beat Callington 11-5 in their first game and after some changes fought back from 3-1 down to beat Liskeard 10-7 in a really tough game that led a very highly rated umpire to commend them on the way they have developed over the last two years.

On Monday we have our year 7,8,9,10 and first teams away at Bodmin College so we're hoping for another set of strong results!

Mr Forster

National Cup 2nd Round

Tavistock 3 Liskeard 1

The impressive start to the season continues for the Year 7 football team, as they produced a dominating performance to progress into round 3. Once again the skill level and commitment levels on show were of the highest level.

In the first half Tavistock controlled the game and deserved to go in much more ahead than 2-0 at half time. However a fantastic strike from Tayden Williams and brilliant link play between Will Elliott and Aaron Hughes seeing the latter tap the ball into the net set up the 2-0 scoreline. This continued in the second half as Tavistock increased their lead through the outstanding Will Elliott. Even though Liskeard responded with a late goal, Tavistock deservedly progress into the next round against DHS.

Congratulations to all the boys involved.

William Addison, Thomas Townshend, Daniel Holman, Christopher Higgs, Tayden Williams, Josh Brownlow, Will Elliot, Jayden Jessney, Tyler Bonnet, Michael Stewart-Reid, Sheldon Higgins, Lewis Meeds, Aaron Hughes and Charles Orm

Mr Hulbert

Judo Championships

On the 21st of October, four students from Tavistock College represented their school at the Western Area Schools judo championships. All four competed extremely well, and showed some fantastic skills in their fights. The results were

Olivia Willson (yr9) 5th place

Reuben Frise (yr8) 5th place

Charlotte Hay (yr8) Bronze

Alanna Hopkins (yr7) Gold and now current Western Area Schools champion!

The British Schools National competition will take place in March in Sheffield, so watch this space...

Mrs Hopkins

Tavistock College Faculty of Creative Arts Proudly Presents

E. Nesbit's **The Railway Children**
adapted for the stage by Mike Kenny
by kind permission of Nick Heath

"Hope, there is always Hope"

Main Hall Tavistock College Tickets £8 - Family tickets £25 (admits 4 family members)
Thursday 29th November 7pm - Friday 30th November 7pm
Saturday 1st December 1pm (Family Performance for those with under 7's) Saturday 1st December 7pm.
Tickets available from Tavistock College Box Office direct, or 01822614231 or via j.madeley@tavistockcollege.org

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