



As we start a new term it is refreshing to finally see some lovely weather; it makes a big difference to drive in with the sun shining across Dartmoor. The last few weeks have certainly been a busy time for all, especially our Year 11 students preparing for their second pre public examinations. Many students also had the opportunity to go on trips over the half term break which was a great experience for all. It always amazes me how we squeeze so much in!

As ever, we value the continued support from our parents and carers and we look forward to our Year 7 parents evenings in the coming weeks to share the fantastic achievements made so far. I would also like to thank all of our Year 11 parents who will be attending the progress evening this coming Wednesday to support us in guiding their children through this very important, yet stressful, time.

Many schools will be celebrating world book day on Thursday 7th March, and all of our students will receive a £1 world book day token which they can exchange to buy many books at participating bookshops. Use this link to see the titles available: <https://www.booksellers.org.uk/wbd>

We can never read enough and the joy of children learning to read and immersing themselves in a good book can never be underestimated. With this in mind, if any parents have any books (age appropriate) they no longer require and would be happy to donate to the college library, they would be greatly received and can be left at reception.

Mr Palmer  
Assistant Principal



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## Diary Dates

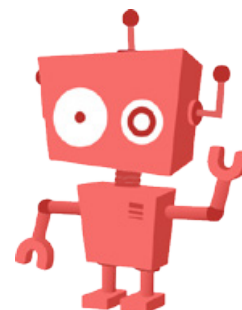
DATE	EVENT	TIME
6 March	Year 11 Student Progress evening	
4 – 8 March	Core PPE Year 11 Exams All Week - <i>Ms Hamilton-Kates</i>	
11 - 15 March	Y11 Drama GCSE final practical exam <i>Mrs Pearson</i>	
14 March	Y7X & Anchor parents-carers evening - <i>Mrs Manning</i>	16:00 – 19:00
18 - 22 March	Y11 BTEC Dance final recordings - <i>Mrs Pearson</i>	
20 March	UCAS fair - Exeter - year 12 - <i>Mr Galli</i>	09:00 – 15:00

## Internet Safety

### Kiddle

When your children use the internet to search for images for projects or anything related to school work, please encourage them to use Kiddle instead of Google.

Kiddle is a child-specific search engine supported by Google, which prevents the appearance of things that are not suitable for them. [www.kiddle.co](http://www.kiddle.co)



### New Phone App

A new phone app that may be useful is called bosco and it's technology monitors children's activity, detects threats, and alerts parents in real-time.

#### Location tracking

Know where your child is while they are out of reach and track their location in real-time.



#### Offensive messages

Be notified on offensive language in your child's text conversations. Bosco alerts on potential risks of cyberbullying, harassment and violence.



#### Inappropriate content

Find out if your child has inappropriate images on their device. Bosco alerts parents whenever we find possible explicit content.



#### Unknown caller

Keep track of who your child is talking to, and if they are receiving unknown calls that might be a threat.



[www.boscoapp.com](http://www.boscoapp.com)



#### Mood detection

Find out if your child is depressed, angry or stressed out. Bosco detects children's mood by analyzing the tone of their phone calls.



#### Daily routine

Be sure your child make it safely to school and back home. Bosco monitors children's normal routine and notifies parents when the child arrives at or leaves safe places.



#### Social media change

A dramatic change in social following is often a sign of cyber bullying. Be there to help if there are any significant changes in friends or followers.



#### Battery level

Monitor your child's battery level. Bosco will automatically send your child's location when their battery drops to less than 15%.



### Tik Tok App

You may have become aware of some concerns over half term regarding the "Tik Tok" App? There has been some very recent media publicity in the national press and we therefore advise any concerned parents to peruse the following.....

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

# Ski Trip

During half term 24 students and 3 teachers headed to Artesina in Italy for a week of skiing and snowboarding. Leaving Tavistock College on a bus very early on Saturday 16th, after the long journey we arrived in glorious sunshine, checked into our rooms, organised our ski equipment and soaked up the amazing mountain views.

We awoke early on the Monday morning, the students buzzing with excitement and anticipation with what, for many, was their first experience of skiing/snowboarding. As there was a range of ability levels the students were divided into four groups to suit their ability, the expert group heading off in search of the black slopes and the beginners starting on the magic carpet on the nursery slopes. Throughout the week the progress made by all the students was superb, with all students progressing onto completing slopes suitable to their levels.



Throughout the week we enjoyed a variety of food, a mixture of Italian and English, with the highlight being the pizza evenings in the hotel. It was an all you can eat pizza night, the students kept asking for more pizza, one student managing to eat a total of 26 slices to himself! While we were away two students also celebrated birthdays, the hotel providing us with cakes for both and everyone joining in singing happy birthday.

The weather conditions were amazing for the whole week, every day was sunny and warm, with the snow conditions on the whole remaining good enough for the slopes to remain open. The students were a massive credit to themselves, their parents and the college while they were away, behaving impeccably and always following instructions, this was commented on by lots of people

Overall, the trip was a huge success and a pleasure to organise and run, the work has already started for the next one! *Mr Read*

## Malaga 2019

A fabulous week in sunny Spain earlier this month gave our group of 18 students a full immersion experience in Spanish language and culture. We were based at a language school in a small seaside resort just outside Malaga, and students were staying with host families. Each day began with 3 hours of intense Spanish lessons followed by a visit or activities every afternoon. We were treated to a leisurely tour of the town as well as other typical Spanish villages in the area, beach volleyball and football with a Spanish coach, and a cookery paella demonstration, with student participation, which we all tucked into afterwards. A day was spent in Malaga visiting the luscious food market, the beautiful cathedral and the thought-provoking Museo de Picasso. We also spent an evening in a tapas bar where students had to work out the extensive menu, and then order and pay for their own food. The group was a pleasure to take around, and they made an excellent impression everywhere we went. They all entered into the spirit of the trip, ready to take on new challenges and step out of their comfort zone, and it was extremely rewarding to see them all grow in confidence with their language skills over the 5 days. *Mrs Westman*



### What the students thought:

"The family was amazing and really kind. And the food was awesome too" *David*

"Speaking so much Spanish and getting the opportunity to practise every day was brilliant." *James*

"The families and teachers were lovely and welcoming. I learnt a lot." *Louise*

"I loved the trip and the families made it feel complete" *Chloe*

"My family and teachers really helped me get more confident in Spanish." *Connie*

"This was an amazing trip as it helped improve my Spanish by so much." *Natasha*



## Ready to Learn

We are very proud of our students who generally behave incredibly well in lessons. They have taken our ready to learn mantra and work very hard. We are always reviewing our policies and procedures and have made a slight alteration to the consequence for students who misbehave in the isolation room. If students misbehave in the ready to learn room they will be removed and spend the rest of their sanction with their head of year. They will also have an after school detention that evening. Parents will be phoned that day to inform them. *Mr Smith*

## Workshops for Parents & Carers

Using 'Normal Magic' for good mental health

28 March 2019 - 16:30 -18:30 pm  
Tavistock College Innovation Centre

To book a place please email: [t.garrod@tavistockcollege.org](mailto:t.garrod@tavistockcollege.org)

**Places limited to 40 maximum  
workshop content relevant to parents/carers only**

The EH4MH Service are delivering a workshop for Parents & Carers at Tavistock College. We would love you to join us! This workshop focuses on what mental health is, how we can all use M.A.G.I.C. in our interactions with children and young people to help support their mental health, the importance of balancing our mental health & positive choices we can make in doing this. You will hear how you can work alongside school in supporting your child or young person's mental health, and learn more about looking after your own mental health!

**Places allocated on a first come, first served basis.**

If you would like further information please contact:

Barbara Manning, Vice Principal

Email: [b.manning@tavistockcollege.org](mailto:b.manning@tavistockcollege.org)

## Clothes Labels

Clothes labels will be available to order from Tavistock College after Easter

15 Iron On Name Labels - £1.99.

25 Iron On Name Labels - £2.99

50 Iron On Name Labels - £4.99



10 Sew On Labels £1.99

20 Sew On Labels £3.50

30 Sew On Labels £5.00

15 Plain Name Labels - £0.99

25 Plain Name Labels - £1.60

50 Plain Name Labels - £3.00



Peel & Stick Shoe Labels –  
5 pairs for £1.50

Have you started learning a brass instrument?

## Stannary Brass Band

invite you to their free

**Welcome back to music / beginners' workshops**

A series of 3 free, hour-long fun workshops for you to come and play in a relaxed atmosphere, with a professional music teacher to teach you. Build on what you know - learn to play simple tunes in a group. All ages welcome from 6 years - no upper limit! Free loan of brass instruments.

**Sundays 24, 31 March, and 7 April 2019  
10.30 – 11.30a.m.**

At Wortham Hall, Mount Kelly Prep School,  
Mount Kelly, Tavistock, Devon, PL19 0HZ

If you enjoy these workshops Stannary Brass Band would welcome you to their Beginners Group or Training Band, with free instrument loan, and lots of support.

To book your workshop place please ring  
01822 841330 or email [stannarybrassband@outlook.com](mailto:stannarybrassband@outlook.com)

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## Have you ever thought

**'I'd like to try to play a musical instrument  
but I'm not sure if I could'?**

Stannary Brass Band would like to invite you to their free

**Have A Go workshops**

A free, fun session for anyone to come and play in a relaxed atmosphere, with a professional music teacher and band members to help you. Absolutely no experience needed. All ages welcome from 6 years - no upper limit! Bring a friend!

**Saturday 16 March 2019**

At 11.30 a.m. and 1.00p.m.

(each session up to one hour but drop-in also welcome)

At Guide Hall, Canal Road, Tavistock  
(in the corner of Bedford Car Park)

If you enjoy this taster session Stannary Brass Band would welcome you to their Beginners Group or Training Band, with free instrument loan, and lots of support. We are also running 3 free, one-hour workshops for beginners and returners to music in March/ April; contact us for details.

To book your place please ring  
01822 841330 or email [stannarybrassband@outlook.com](mailto:stannarybrassband@outlook.com)  
– or just drop in, we'd love to see you.





## Florida Trip

21 students and 3 staff enjoyed a 9 day sports tour to Florida this February taking part in netball and football fixtures as well as cultural and leisure experiences.

Part 1 of the trip took part in Fort Lauderdale (near Miami) and included training sessions, 2 netball matches, a football match. The girls narrowly lost 13-12 v Pacesetters NC in their first match and then played NYSA in a training game where the standard of netball was incredible to see. The boys played Boca FC eventually losing the game 5-2 after competing hard to maintain a 3-2 scoreline for most of the game. The students also spent at the local shopping mall, nearby beach and hotel pool. This was combined with team meals and new experiences of American food. Part 2 of the trip took us to Orlando starting with a games inspired evening at Dave and Busters which appealed to the competitive nature of the students. The boys then took part in their final match against Orlando City youth, leading the match 2-1 until the final 5 minutes before drawing 2-2. With matches now over for both teams, leisure activities such as mini golf, shopping and pool relaxation ensured the students recovered well.

The final 2 days were then spent at Universal Studios enjoying the rides, parades and food on offer.

An incredible trip for students and staff alike. Thank you for the staff who supported the trip and the students who made it memorable. *Mr Corkell*



## Year 7 and 8 Futsal

The year 7 and 8 girls took part in a Futsal tournament at Ivybridge. There were some brilliant passages of play from both teams and there were lots of goals scored. The year 7s managed to finish in 2nd place with the year 8s narrowly finishing behind them in 3rd. A big well done to all the girls for all their hard work and a special mention to Evelyn Bray who scored 4 goals in one of the games.

### Year 8 Team

Chelsey Corney, Liberty Kappes, Korynne Morrison, Georgia Antolic, Ellie Blamely, Saskia Whiting and Katie Murrin

### Year 7 Team

Jane Cole, Leah Cloke, Tess Hopes, Evelyn Bray, Ruby Gauler, Harriett Murdoch and Carla Morrison

Well done again girls! *Miss Davis*



## Badminton

Congratulations to the following Tavistock College pupils took part in the above badminton tournament on Sunday 10th February with the following achievements:

Molly Davies (Yr 13): winner U18 Mixed Doubles, winner U18 Girls Singles, winner U18 Girls Doubles.

Ben Stoneman (Yr 10): runner up U18 Mixed Doubles, runner up U16 Boys Singles

Natasha Romanel (Yr 10): winner U16 Girls Singles, winner U16 Girls Doubles

Mattea Torr-Pomeroy (Yr 7): winner U14 Girls Singles, winner U14 Girls Doubles

*Mr Berry*

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Year 10 student Kina Massey who has made the Devon rugby squad!

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