



As we move into the Summer term, there is a buzz around the College about revision. Year 11 and Year 13 exams are fast approaching, while other year groups have end-of-year exams on the horizon. It's reassuring to see so many pupils staying behind to refresh their knowledge in after-school sessions, and to see evidence of the hard work that takes place at home. I'm sure revision is a hot topic in many of your households at the moment!

Yet, at the same time, as a College we're trying to change pupils' perceptions about what revision is, and how revision works best. It's our belief that the traditional notion of revision – which sees revisiting topics and ideas as something that students do at the end of Year 11 – is outdated and fails to fully prepare pupils for the final assessments they sit. Instead of putting the emphasis on revision as something for later on in the course, we'd like pupils to see it as an ongoing process. For this to work well, pupils need to regularly revisit their learning to help them consolidate their knowledge and skills. In assemblies recently, I've been sharing tips from cognitive science with students, helping them to understand how we might study most effectively. A key part of the research is the finding that last minute studying in blocks of time – known as "cramming" – is much less likely to help students remember the things they need to know in their exams. To help embed this message in our students' long-term memories, we'll be frequently reminding them how best to retain and recall information.

Mr Roberts, Assistant Principal



Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT	TIME
29 April – 3 May	MFL GCSE Speaking Exams	
29 April - 30 April	GCSE Photography Exam - Mr Byron	09:05 – 15:10
1 May	BTEC Dance level 2 written exam Mrs Pearson	09:00 – 12:00
6 May	Bank Holiday	
7 May - 11 May	Yr 13 Perf Arts final practical exam Mrs Pearson	09:00 – 18:00
8 May - 10 May	A Level Photography Exam - Mr Byron	09:05 – 15:10
13 May - 21 June	Exams - Ms Kates	08:30 – 15:30
13 May - 15 May	A Level Art Exams Mr Byron	09:05 – 15:10
27 May -	HALF TERM	

First Aid Training

First aid training for students and families is a programme currently running at Tavistock College.

Learning first aid develops vital skills in young people together with the confidence to take the right actions should an accident ever occur.

CPR, choking and how to deal with a casualty in an emergency have all been covered in part one of a 2 part course. In partnership with Joe Rice First Aid training and Learn Devon we have hosted this very enjoyable session in our innovation centre. Students (and parents/carers) involved have undoubtedly grown in confidence during the practical first aid session delivered by Joe and are looking forward to the final session next term.

Mr Hosking



Monitoring

In 2016 the Government updated its statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education to state that all schools need to have an appropriate level of monitoring and filtering in place for internet usage. At Tavistock College we plan to introduce a new system for monitoring called AB Tutor.

AB Tutor does not rely on decisions being made remotely. No matter how amazing the technology, nothing can understand context quite like another human. For example, if a student has been searching terms relating to mental health or suicide, the technology may well classify this as a serious violation, but a teacher may realise that they may have been researching for a project about wellbeing.

The new version of AB Tutor will permit us to centrally monitor and log IT usage. All monitoring will be done on-site with no data exiting the college network and will be customisable to suit the desired level of monitoring. We plan to monitor keywords typed into any computer or device accessed through the college IT network. We will store any evidence of concern on a central on-site server for access by designated safeguarding personnel only. Any concerns that arise from the AB Tutor monitoring will be communicated to parents and students as soon as possible, usually by email.

Work Experience Success

Comments from work experience employers

"Eva has been great. She's been holding the fort when I am not around – maintaining my relationships with clients, fielding calls and emails, and making sure nothing falls through the cracks."

"I've been very impressed with how well she has taken instruction, particularly on IT she's never worked with, and how hard she has concentrated on doing the work to a high standard."

"I appreciate it may not have been very exciting for her having to work on her own and not with a large group of people, but she's shown commitment and maturity."

"It has been a pleasure to have Morgan at the salon with me, she has been very keen to help and get stuck in with anything I have asked her to do, she has been on time every day, and communicating with the clients and attending to their every need."

"Tegan was engaged, polite and to a delight to deal with. We discussed all elements of a show build, from finances to production aspects."

"She helped set out the artist dressing rooms, with signage, assisted with getting Nao to the B-Stage and showed artist to their dressing rooms. The touring production team were also very impressed with her abilities."

"I honestly could not be more impressed with her, especially considering that I train experienced promoter reps / production teams on a regular basis. To be frank she was easier to work! Teagan's integration into a very busy production team was seamless, a compliment to her professional demeanour as it's not an easy thing to walk into."

"I wish her the greatest success with whatever she pursues. I know she is interested in both Drama and Psychology, but she can be sure of one thing and that's she has a future in production if not!"

William Rawlings has just completed a one-week work experience placement with us in the Democratic Services and Scrutiny Secretariat.

This has involved various tasks including attending Committee meetings and Member training and Induction events on Brexit, the importance of 'Digital' and 'Corporate Communications' shadowing Councillors, meeting various officers within the Council to learn about Democracy and Scrutiny as well as attending other meetings with key senior officers of the Council.

He carried out these duties diligently and made excellent use of his time here.

William is an intelligent, pleasant and smart young man who demonstrated excellent time keeping skills and all who met him during his time with us spoke highly of him.

I am sure he would be an asset to any organisation in the future.

Yours Sincerely,

Karen Strahan

Head of Democratic Services

Judo Championships

During the Easter holidays, three students from Tavistock College took part in the Western Area Judo Championships in Torbay.

Reuben Frise (Y8) achieved third place and a bronze medal, Isabelle Walker (Y7) achieved second place and a silver medal, Alanna Hopkins (Y7) achieved first place, a gold medal and is now Western Area Champion.

Congratulations to them all.

Mrs Hopkins

House Match Results

There was a great competitive spirit during the House matches at the end of the Spring term congratulations to all of the students who participated. Here are the overall results so far after 4 sports.

Mr Corkell

Position	House	Points
=1st	G	104
=1st	B	104
3rd	T	100
4th	D	98
5th	F	80

Athletics Opportunity

Plymouth and West Devon Athletics Championships

Thursday 9th May.

If you are a club or keen athlete please come and add your name to the sign-up sheet in PE - just putting your name and chosen events.

This sheet will be up from Monday 29th April for the rest of the week.



Cashless Catering Update

From September 2019 we will no longer accept cash for catering, you will need to register for online catering – the link to set this up is on the website under "parents"

www.tavistockcollege.org/parents/catering/cashless-catering/

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