Fortnightly FOCUS

For Students & Parents

As usual, this edition contains notable sporting successes at the College. Where pupils have excelled in the sporting arena, either as individuals or as part of a team, we celebrate their outstanding achievements. But as a College, we also try to celebrate the moral characteristics that our pupils display in sport. That's why we're so proud of our groups, teams and individuals who show high standards of sportsmanship, dedication, determination and resilience.

As well as championing the winners, we want to highlight the traits that got them there. In addition, we also want to showcase the qualities of all those that take part for the sense of unity, or pure enjoyment of sport.

This week witnessed two incredible achievements by English football teams on the European stage. Both Liverpool and Tottenham managed to achieve victories through comebacks that were literally incredible. Now, many of you reading this will not be fans of these two teams. Many of you might not be interested in sport in general, and football in particular. Yet the reason I've chosen to write about these football matches is the parallel we can draw with academic success. These players, to borrow the cliché, "don't know when they are beaten". When everyone else might have reasonably given up, they persisted. When all hope seemed gone, they believed. If our students work hard, believe in themselves and never know when they are beaten, then they too will reap the rewards in time. Mr Roberts, Assistant Principal

Positive Well Being loddr

If students or their families are in need of any help with their mental health and well being and are not aware of; "Make A Difference", then we are pleased to be able to introduce this charity to you and signpost you to it. Make A Difference is supported by "Livewell Southwest" and is a community based mental well being hub based at Trident House on Taylor Square here, in Tavistock. Specifically they can offer help and support for anxiety and depression to adults and young people. There is also mental health awareness training available, again for the young and the more mature alike. More literature will appear on the mental health area of the college website imminently but please feel free to call in at 2 Taylor Square between 12:00-16:00pm , phone 01822 613746 or visit www.makeadifferencetavistock.org for additional information.

Gig at the Wha

Sam Brockington, ex Tavistock College student and now professional musician, returned to Tavistock to play at The Wharf as part of his European tour. Back from Paris and Copenhagen, amongst other places, and before his last show in London he played a one night gig alongside his band (also including ex College student



Oli Larcombe-Moore) to a crowd connected to Tavistock, some who had travelled from as far as Bristol to see him. The gig was particularly special as the supporting acts also had connection with Tavistock College - Ronnie Cooke, guitarist and singer songwriter who now studies Music at Falmouth and Live Allen who is studying Music in Year 10 currently at College. Ronnie was keen to point out that he wouldn't be doing what he now does and loves without the Music teaching he received at the college. Liv did a fantastic, lively set full of well known popular songs; she chatted to the audience and encouraged them to take to the floor. Her confident and relaxed approach alongside her strong vocal and guitar skills made for a great start to the evening and some very proud Performing Arts teachers! Eva Pearson

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Diary Dates				
DATE	EVENT		TI	ME
13 May - 21 June	Exams - Ms	Kates	08: 15:	
13 May - 15 May	A Level Art Exams Mr Byron		09: 15:	05 – 10
27 May -	HALF TERM	1		

WELCOME ABOARD ALEX'S AND WILL'S FUNDRAISING BOAT TRIP THE RIVER YEAL

25TH JUNE AT 6.30 FROM COMMERCIAL WHARF (JUST BELOW MAYFLOWER STEPS)

A STUNNING, TWO-HOUR CRUISE. SET SAIL Beyond Plymouth sound to the tranquil River Yealm, taking in the scenery and Wildlife of the devon coast





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 the College's compulsory and optional uniform. 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.

Sports Scholars visit Paris

Over the Easter holiday, Tavistock College sports scholars went on tour! 49 young people and their teachers pitted their skills and wits against some of the best schools and clubs across the UK in the Sports Experiences International Netball and Football competitions held annually in Disneyland Paris. The boys team returned with the competition cup for football, having beaten Brazil in the final, and the girls returned with three trophies for netball.

Sarah Jones, Principal at the college said "Well done to all the sports scholars who represented their school in Paris. They conducted themselves impeccably and came back with great results. Recognition must also be given to the teachers who gave up their holiday with their own children to give these 49 students the experiences they did, as well as giving up time for the countless practices and fixtures to help them prepare. Trips like these provide memories that last a lifetime for young people." The tour would not have been as successful if it wasn't for kind sponsorship from local businesses who helped supply the playing and training kit. The teams presentation was commented on and this is down to the generosity of our sponsors so grateful thanks go to



- Holmans Coaches
- Tavistock Hire Centre
- Mansbridge and Balment
- Lemon Tangle
- EJFP planning
- Pittstop
- Fitness for Sport

Match commentary from Seth Waycott Boys tour captain days followed various highs and lows when it came to the tournament. In the group stage, we started off against a Brazilian side who had only brought 8 players. Through our

great sportsmanship, we gave them 4 of our players, Alex Piper, Josh Townsend, Luke Maddison and Carter Davies. They helped out one and another out- all playing for the same cause- to have fun and play football. A one all draw followed as did a narrow defeat to a Welsh team. So to a must win game against Beachamps from Essex. Josh Townsend latched on to a Charlie Bulley through ball and was brought down by the keeper for a penalty. Charlie Elkington stepped up and calmly slotted into the bottom right sending the keeper the wrong way. Another ball over the top was this time met by Charlie Bulley who went

round the keeper and fired home to give Tavistock a 2-0 lead at half time. The second half was a more defensive display Sam Smith made some outstanding saves and Lewis Higgs showed excellent strength to see us through to the shield semi finals. In the final, and with 10 minutes to go Tavistock had a corner which was taken quickly by Will Russell was cleared and went straight to Elkington who volleyed home into the top corner from 25 yards. Questions of whether it took a deflection followed! Then a free kick from Billy Sims was spilled by the goalkeeper and Liam Early was first to react and tapped the ball home for a superb 3-1 final win!



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/

Rounders Report

Tavistock College had a great start to the rounders season on Thursday 2nd May at Launceston, we played the host team and Callington. The year 9 team won one game and lost their other and the year 10 team did very well drawing both their games, considering the year 10 team had to borrow two players last minute due to injuries. Thank you Ellie Roper and Charlie Mudge.

Congratulations to Charlotte Ewings and Amelia Aldred who both got player of the match for year 9. *Mrs Doyle*

Future fixtures:

16th May -Year 7/8 13th June 9/10 27th June 7/8 4th July 9/10 11th July 7/8

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