



Tavistock College is a thriving and popular school. Over the last few years, we have continued to increase our roll, and look forward to a further increase in numbers in September. With this success, however, comes challenges, particularly around social time. Our aim is to best accommodate students' eating habits and fulfil our desire to ensure that there is adequate time for children to participate fully in the life of the school.

In an effort to meet the challenge of our growth and development, we recently consulted with parents, students and staff about changes to the school day. The vast majority of comments we received in response to the consultation were positive. As a result of these positive comments, the school day will be changed, from September, and will run as detailed in the attached table. We trust that these changes will enhance your child's experience of school, and are confident that the transition to a new day will run smoothly. If, however, you have any additional questions, please do get in touch.

*Mr Roberts, Assistant Principal*



**Dartmoor**  
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Current time of the day	New time of the day from September 2019	Activity
0840	0840	Start of the day in tutor group
0905	0900	Start of lesson 1
1005	1000	Start of lesson 2
1105	1100	Break to be called Recess 1
1130	1130	Start of lesson 3
1230	1230	Start of lesson 4
1330	1330	Lunch to be called Recess 2
1410	1400	Start of lesson 5
1510	1500	End of the college day.

## Amnesty Walk

Tavistock College's Amnesty group set out on Sunday morning on a ten mile sponsored walk through Plymouth. They were supported by family and staff from the college who walked with them. The students have campaigned vigorously to raise awareness and money for Amnesty International.

Amnesty International is a London-based non-governmental organisation focused on human rights. The stated mission of the organisation is to campaign for a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments.

There are six key areas which Amnesty deals with:

- Women's, children's, minorities' and indigenous rights
- Ending torture
- Abolition of the death penalty
- Rights of refugees
- Rights of prisoners of conscience
- Protection of human dignity.

Sarah Jones, Principal at Tavistock College said 'I am delighted and proud to see students from Tavistock College supporting such a worthwhile cause. The group have organised all of their own activities and are role models for other young people who should aspire to play their part in the world caring for others'.

If anyone would like to contribute to their just giving page you can do so here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tavistockamnestywalk>



## Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT	TIME
13 May - 21 June	Exams - Ms Kates	08:30 – 15:30
27 May -	HALF TERM	
19 July	Last Day of Summer Term	

## BLOW AND GLOW FUNDRAISER FOR CATALYST

Saturday 8th June

**FAMILY DISCO, RAFFLE,  
TOMBOLA,  
BBQ BY JULIE @BLUE SKIES  
CATERING**

Adults £10 | Under 14s £5 | Under 3s free  
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM BLOW AND GLOW

Food and dessert included in ticket price  
Under 18s to be accompanied by an adult

Tavistock  
Red & Black club  
Door open @ 6pm  
Food 7pm-8PM

# Kernow Youth Book Awards

15 students from Years 7 & 8 attended this year's event at the Eden project. Up for grabs: the chance to meet the UK's top young adult fiction writers, and of course the glory of winning the best team book presentation. Each of the ten schools attending had to choose a title from the short list to champion in their persuasive presentation.

## KYBA Shortlist:

- "A Boy called Ocean" by Chris Higgins
- "Between the Lies" by Cathy MacPhail
- "Orphan, Monster, Spy" by Matt Killen
- "1,000 Year Old Boy" by Ross Welford
- "Ink" by Alice Broadway
- "The Truth and Lies of Ella Black" by Emily Barr

Tavistock College based their presentation on "Between The Lies" by Cathy MacPhail (who sadly couldn't make it to the event owing to illness).

"Between the Lies" is a thriller about two teenagers (Abbie and Jude) who are obsessed with living their lives through social media. At first they are enemies but then Jude goes missing, and nobody hears for her until she texts Abbie, "I want to come home". As the story develops they are bombarded with online abuse and Jude is blamed for Abbie's disappearance. It was a thrilling read and a lot of our presentation focused on online bullying, which is an important issue for our age group.

The authors who attended were: Emily Barr, Chris Higgins, Matt Killen, Alice Broadway and Ross Welford. Their presentations were a real highlight of the event as they told us about how they got inspired and kept on writing. There was also a chance to ask questions.

Most students said that on stage it was a slightly surreal experience as it was the first time our school had competed at this event. There were some nerves but we created a great team performance, complete with an audience quiz, character monologues and a short drama based on a key episode from the book. Unfortunately we did not win, this time, although authors and other teachers were all very enthusiastic about our original ideas. Our team was the largest and one of the few schools to have boys and girls at the event. Next year we will be back, bigger and better.

*Reporter: Matthew Jenkins (Year 8)*



# Rosie Andrews Mountain Biking

On the 11th May I travelled up to Cannock Chase in Staffordshire to compete in the 3rd xc National, the journey up was fine with no traffic, we got to the venue and I got ready to go out and ride the course at 4-6 (that's when you can last practice). The course was not the best in my opinion with nothing 'flowy' in it and was sticky with mud in places. There were 3 technical areas (A and B lines) and I completed 2/3 which I am happy about, after riding the course I figured out what lines are best and where I could make up places. After doing everything I needed to do I got back to the car and me and my parents drove to our hotel not that far from the race. On the morning of the race we started driving to the venue at about 7:00am and planning to be there by 7:30 so I could start my warm up and make sure everything is ready, I started my warm up and felt ready to go. I was gridded 6th out of 17 girls and had a big advantage to the start of the race, the whistle was blown and all the girls went off, I had a pretty bad start but knew that I'd be able to make up places around the circuit, I was slowly moving up until we got to this hill that was extremely muddy and sloppy and when I went to change gear my chain fell off and had to get off to put it back on, while trying to put it back on my derailleur (helps change gear) swung back and got jammed in my gears and couldn't get it out, this meant that I couldn't pedal so I had to run/walk most of the course until I tried to put it back on again because walking was taking way too long, and after wiggling and pulling at it it came out, the mixed emotions I was feeling at this point was endless. I was in last place at this point and didn't think I had any hope getting back up in the places I wanted, but I didn't give up and kept going and managed to get 14th out of 17. After the race I didn't feel sad or mad at all and just knew that something like this was going to happen at some point but because I kept going I didn't feel terrible about it all.

On the 19th May I travelled to Exeter to compete in the South West Xc Champs, I had been to this venue many times before as it's very close and every race that's been held there are really good. We got there at about 10, after leaving the house at 9, and I got straight on my bike and rode the course, it was the same course as previous years so I knew where to go and the best lines. While looking at who'd entered I was a girl who lives in Wales and came 2nd at Nationals, this was very worrying but I knew that if she won she wouldn't win the South West title because she's not from this region. There were many technical areas in the course but I managed to ride all of them, and also 1 big hill that had the finish at the top. There were 5 girls in my race. We got set off and the Welsh girl was just in front of me so I decided to try and stay with her, but about half a lap in I lost her and couldn't keep up, I kept pushing through and felt myself getting faster throughout the race, towards the end of my race I got to the last hill and put a lot of effort in because I had no idea where 3rd place was, I got to the finish line and I was so happy I might have come 2nd but I am now South West XC Champion 2019-20!!

I would like to say thank you so much to my sponsors Tavistock College Endowment fund, Certini Bicycle Company and DRD Sports and Social Club. *Rosie Andrews*







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at an exciting event:

# PRODUCT OF THE YEAR 2019

**TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2019  
5PM - 7.30PM, MAIN HALL**

**COME ALONG AND SEE THE FANTASTIC PRODUCTS DESIGNED BY  
OVER 70 OF OUR MOST TALENTED DESIGNERS**

This competition & exhibition will leave you feeling  
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Design & Technology, Food Technology, Robotics & more...

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## Product of the Year 2019

Staff and students at Tavistock College are really excited to show off their fantastic creations at this year's "Product of the Year" event which is taking place on Tuesday 25th June this year between 5pm and 7:30pm in the main hall. This will be the eighth year of the successful event which involves around seventy students exhibiting their projects from a range of technology subjects. The event is also a competition, where visitors are able to vote for their favourite product from each of the categories leading to an award ceremony which closes the event. The categories this year include design and technology, product design, textiles, computing and catering from year groups 7 through to 13. The standard of work is incredible and the staff are so proud of what the students have achieved. The event will have other exhibits such as the college GreenPower electric race team, a 'tech zone' demonstrating some fantastic gadgets and some design and technology work from the local primary schools too. There will also be live music and refreshments available. The college welcomes all and is sure visitors will be inspired by the evening. The college is looking for businesses that may be able to donate a prize no matter how small. If you would like any further details, please contact head of faculty Pete Keegan by emailing [p.keegan@tavistockcollege.org](mailto:p.keegan@tavistockcollege.org).



## Blood will have Blood



9th Degree Theatre Co (aka Year 13 Performing Arts) performed their final piece 'Blood will have Blood' (a reinterpretation of Shakespeare's Macbeth) last Friday.

As soon as we entered the performance space, the audience were immediately immersed into the production. Sat around round tables, with low light, drinks and nibbles on offer, it really was like being in a seedy, underground bar with an acoustic guitar piece supplying atmosphere and tone.

Music, throughout the performance was used effectively to reinforce metaphors used in reference to the original Macbeth story line with all group members participating including the use of 'Gangstas Paradise' to portray the context of the bar in relation to one of the main character's portrayal - Malcolm (Son of Duncan). His craving for power through corruption ultimately led to his demise, in a twisted parallel to the previous bar owner, Macbeth.

The 3 dancers, were a clear reference to the 3 witches of the original Macbeth story line, alongside Jean's crossover with Lady Macbeth. The loyalty & infatuation shown towards her man Flynn (Son of Banquo) was clear, alongside her willingness to do whatever she could for him through taking things into her own hands with the disposal of Malcolm.

Whilst absorbed through the convincing performances, the audience were also drawn to the use of the staging. To compliment the message that often the most dangerous of things are in plain sight, controversial and political references were made through the images displayed. This was a clever and subtle reference to the modern dangers that exist today but which reiterate the longevity of the original Macbeth story line. This was particularly thought provoking.

A clever and respectful homage to Shakespeare which left the audience reminded of the toxicity of power and the poison it creates when abused.

9th Degree were established in 2017. 'Blood Will Have Blood' is their 3rd production.



## Athletics Success

There was great success for our athletes in a high calibre event hosted at the college. This event involves all schools in Plymouth and West Devon and demonstrated high quality in all athletic disciplines. The event also provides a platform to progress to the Devon championships.

Some of the highlights are listed below, but all 41 students involved were outstanding - there were over 26 top 3 finishes in total!

**Year 7:** Logan Sulsh - 1st - Javelin, Dylan Taylor - 2nd - Javelin, Nick Maczugowski - 1st - shot put & high jump

**Year 8 and 9:** Will White - 1st - 200 and 800 metres, Euan Dix - 1st - 1500 metres, Josh Cook - 1st - 300 metres & 2nd - 200 metres, Abe Reid - 2nd - 800 metres, Charlotte Ewings - 2nd - 300 metres, Emma Luckham - 3rd - 800 metres, Hannah Walker - 1st - Javelin and Discus.

**Year 10:** Tyler Hunt - 1st - Hurdles, Will Russell - 3rd - 1500 metres, Joe Dix - 3rd - 800 metres

**Year 12:** Emily Frost - 1st - 100 metres and long jump, Luke Cressey - 1st - High jump.

A special mention also needs to go to the Year 12 BTEC Sport leadership team who supported this event from the logistics of parking and meeting and greeting visiting schools to running the long jump event. They were fantastic and showed great maturity and role modelling.

### Year 12 sports leaders

George Pankhurst, Lauren Harvey, Sophie Isaacs, Jacob Hill and Jaeden Parnell-Moses.

Thanks to all the support from both members of staff and students involved in what was a great event in a brilliant atmosphere. *Mr Hulbert*

## Ten Tors

Tavistock College students took part in the Ten Tors and Jubilee Challenge event – I could come up with a number of words that describes their achievements but none would even come close to painting a true picture. They do it for the challenge, to test themselves against one of the last remaining wildernesses in Britain. What they get in return from the months of early morning training and commitment, as well as determination and bravery during the event itself, is an experience they'll remember forever and the chance to learn a set of skills and values which will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Congratulations to all of the students involved.

### Ten Tors;

**Year 10:** Tyler Hunt, Isabelle Hillman, Max Jordan, William Russell, Joe Dix & Abigail Whitehead.

**Year 11:** Ben Whitehead, George Dunne-Perry, Adam Sellars, Elliott Overnell, Jack Luxton and Amy Brimacombe

**Year 12 & 13:** Josie Handscomb, George Drew, Phoenix Rinkowski, Dylan Pierce and Lauren Morris

(3 other students took part with other establishments - Ben Watt Year 10, Daisy Duncan & Murray Brown Year 9)

### Jubilee Challenge:

**Year 9** Adam Lee-Hillan, Lee Varma, Reece Winter, Charlotte Doran, Jamie Dove  
**Year 10** Douglas Radcliffe  
*Mr Jerrett*



## Super 8 Athletics Championships

On 21 May, Tavistock College took a 32 strong athletics squad to the Super 8 Athletics Championships at Brickfields. A team event for Y7 and Y8/9 that requires athletes to compete in a track, field and relay event. The championships are extremely tough, each event is of the highest quality with competing schools from Ivybridge, Okehampton, Kingsbridge and Tavistock. Following on from the recent Plymouth and West Devon success the Tavistock College athletes continue to strive for excellence and produce outstanding success. The students involved also show a great maturity, respect and compete in a positive environment where encouraging each other is common place. They really are an asset to the college.

There were so many brilliant performances and personal bests beaten - some of the highlights included -

Abe Reid (Year 9) - in his first competitive 1500 metres demonstrating tactical brilliance to pull the field apart and showing great acceleration in the last 200 metres to move away from the last competitor able to stay with his electric pace.

Charlotte Walker (Year 8) - made it a Tavistock double in the 1500 metres with an excellent piece of long distance running to win her event against Year 9 runners.

Phoebe Milburn (Year 7) - continues to impress in the Javelin, with a massive 15 metres to win the Year 7 girls event. This incidentally would have finished 2nd in the Year 9 event.

Nicholas Maczugowski (Year 7) - produced another shot put masterclass to win with a personal best throw of 9.70 metres.

Josh Cook (Year 9) - won his heat of the 300 metres by an astonishing 100 metres of his nearest competitor.

Top 3 finishes -

**Y7 boys** - Nicholas Maczugowski - 1st - Hurdles and shot, JJ Lake - 2nd - 800 metres, Dylan Taylor - 2nd - Javelin

**Y7 girls** - Phoebe Milburn - 1st - Javelin

**Y8/9 boys** - Will White - 1st - 300 metres, Abe Reid - 1st - 1500 metres, Euan Dix - 3rd - 1500 metres, Josh Cook - 1st - 300 metres

**Year 8/9 girls** Charlotte Walker - 1st - 1500 metres, Emma Luckham - 2nd - 1500 metres, Hannah Walker - 1st - 300 metres, Charlotte Ewings - 1st - 300 metres.

Congratulations to all the students involved for their achievements.

*Mr Hulbert*

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