



The last few weeks have seen a real focus on academic excellence and scholarship at the College. The external terminal exams are now complete. Years 11-13 have given their all and can now enjoy their summer with nervous excitement ahead of the big results days in August. Our remaining year groups have also just completed a fortnight of end of year assessments and PPEs. I have been really impressed on my walks around the College at the commitment and maturity students have shown towards this busy exam period.

With this exam focus now over thoughts are turning to the incredible array of celebration events and enrichment activities that lie ahead during the last 3 weeks of term. As the calendar of events on this page show our key stage three students are looking forward to their enrichment rewards trips. These are designed to reward consistently good behaviour, effort and an endorsement of the co-operative values over the course of the whole year. Congratulations to all the students invited to attend these days. Our year 10 students have been busy completing their first work experience placement. The range of placements has been fantastic to see and this week always manages to take many of them out of their comfort zones and promote discussions about their longer term future career path. Both local employers and Universities that I work alongside in my job role, attribute great value to the transferable employability skills such as time management, using one's initiative and problem solving which are the key to unlocking the potential shown by a student's academic results.

Our Year 11 students are looking forward to their graduation day and prom and quite rightly savouring an opportunity to look back on their time and experiences at Tavistock College. However thoughts quickly move forward as those same students will be attending the sixth form conference next week which provides a great opportunity to attend taster lessons and fine tune those all-important KS5 option choices. Finally our Year 13 students are busy getting their leavers forms signed and showing their appreciation to staff with thank you cards and presents. This is testimony to the strong relationships that build up due to the support that staff give our students and the intense nature of these new sixth form courses. Year 13 have their own prom and graduation to enjoy before a new chapter of their life begins at University, college, an apprenticeship or in the world of employment. Whatever their path they are well prepared to succeed after seven fulfilling years at Tavistock College. *Mr Ruse, Assistant Principal*



## Key Dates

DATE	EVENT	TIME
1 July	6th form conference Mr Galli	09:00 – 15:00
2 July	Y11 Graduation Tavistock Church Mrs Hastings	1.45 – 15:00
2 July	Transition meet the tutor evening - Mr Forster	16:30 – 19:00
3 July	Year 6 Transition meet the tutor evening - Mr Forster	
4 July	Year 11 Prom Borrington Park	
8 July	Transition Step up day 1 Mr Forster	09:00 – 15:00
9 July	Transition Step up day 2 Mr Forster	09:00 – 15:00
9 July	Swimming Gala	
10 July	Yr 13 Graduation and Yr 13 Prom - Mr Galli	
10 July	Transition step up day 3 Mr Forster	09:00 – 15:00
10-12 July	Matilda	
11 July	Whole school sports day	08:30 – 15:30
12 July	Year 5 Transition Creative Arts, Drama Mr Forster	09:00 – 21:00
16 July	SEN Celebration Morning Octagon	09:00 – 12:30
17 July	Celebration Evening Main Hall - Mrs Hastings	18:00
19 July	Last day of Summer Term	
15 Aug	GCE Results Day	
22 Aug	GCSE Results Day	
2 Sept	Staff Training Day	
3 Sept	First Day of Term	

## Mobile Phone Policy

Thank you to all parents and families for supporting the College with the new mobile phone policy in the last week. Inevitably some students have fallen foul of the new tighter rules and harsher sanctions and I am sure that those students who have had a device confiscated will have learned a very valuable lesson. As previously mentioned the rules are very clear and transparent whilst still enabling teachers to allow students to utilise technology in their lessons at the right time and to enjoy their phones for personal use in their social time at break and lunch. Many students and staff I have spoken to this week have remarked on the positive change which helps them to concentrate on the learning and knowledge acquisition which after all is the core business of the school. The key rules are summarised below again for your convenience:

- Mobile phones may not be used for personal use in lesson time and tutor time.
- Mobile phones may not be used for personal use between lesson time and tutor time.
- Headphones must not be seen during the school day, except in social time at break and lunch.
- Mobile phone chargers must not be brought into, or used in school.

Misusing mobile phones, chargers or headphones will result in immediate confiscation from students, the equipment being stored securely and only given back to parents/ carers via the main reception at the end of the day.

## Community Engagement

A small group of Y8 students are currently working on the Guildhall Gateway project which aims to explore the history of the Tavistock Guildhall and the people who worked there. Students will be interviewing ex police officers and other professionals, including one of the first female PCs as well as exploring the theme of crime and punishment more widely. Students will be working alongside a BBC sound engineer to create a sound piece that will include the stories of police people and others who have helped shape the wider Tavistock community.

# Founders' Day

This week we took 240 Y8 students to our annual Founders' Day service. This important day in the school year allows us to celebrate the history of Tavistock College and remember the role of our Founders'. The event also sees our new sixth form leadership team in the public eye for the first time. The 'Head Students' Darcy Brown and Luke Cressey recounted what Tavistock College used to be like and how education used to differ to that experienced by our current cohort of young people. The House Captains then explained where our House names originate from. This forms a really powerful message as the students hear how Edmund Tremayne, as a Member of Parliament represented the local community in our oldest of democratic institutions and how this is built on those same principles of democracy and solidarity that we share and try to cultivate with our students today. Similarly we heard how John Russell, the first Earl of Bedford established the school in Tavistock and ensured the co-operative values of self-responsibility and the principle of equity benefitted a community far wider than his immediate friends and family.

These formal church events always remind us how the college sits at the very centre of its community and how as the school of choice for the people that live here, we need to look back respectfully whilst continually moving forward.

The service culminated in the school making a donation to the Tavistock Food Bank and the great work their team of people do in providing help, support and solidarity to the local community. The photograph below shows a small part of the collection that was presented at the church in 5 boxes decorated in the House colours of Bedford, Drake, Fitsford, Glanville and Tremayne.

*Mr Ruse, Assistant Principal*



**Art Exhibition 2019**  
**Wednesday 3rd July 4:30 - 7pm**

We hope to see you there. Friends and family welcome. In the Octagon.

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## Tavistock's Guildhall Gateway Project



We're very excited to be working with students from Tavistock College, as well as staff, to create an installation about Tavistock's mining heritage. The installation is made up of a collection of prints that explore the miners experiences, lives and work. Prints were made during a workshop with Devon printmaker, Lizzie Mee. The monochrome installation can be found at the far end of our exhibition in Butchers Hall and form part of our Guildhall Gateway exhibition. The exhibition is the first of many activities to celebrate the renovation of the Guildhall in Tavistock, and is on until 4pm Saturday.

*Lizzie Mee*



Tavistock College's Faculty of Creative Arts proudly presents  
**Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical**

Tavistock College Main Hall  
 Wednesday 10th July - 6pm  
 Thursday 11th July - 6pm  
 Friday 12th July - 6pm

Tickets\* available from  
[e.pearson@tavistockcollege.org](mailto:e.pearson@tavistockcollege.org)  
 or via Main Reception at College

\*Tickets need to be ordered in advance and collected up to a week before the performance. Tickets are not for sale to ensure that all have a chance to see the production, but we would encourage donations to the Creative Arts so we can continue to make the Arts accessible to all (suggested donation £5 per seat)

in association with RSC, Champion Schools as part of Change My Story  
 Book by Dennis Kelly  
 Music & Lyrics by Tim Minchin  
 Matilda The Musical Champion Schools Edition adapted by Nik Ashton  
 Music Preparation/Score recording by Laurie Perkins  
 Orchestrations and Additional Music by Christopher Nightingale  
 From the novel by Roald Dahl

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## Success for Rosie

On the 2nd June I travelled up to Basingstoke near Reading to compete in the Southern XC series, the course was extremely flat with nothing technical in so even before the race started I already knew that it was going to be tough, I rode a practice lap and picked out the best lines. After, I went back to my car to warm up so I was all ready for the 1 hour race. We all got gridded and was set off, I had an extremely strong 1st lap and was currently in 1st place but with 2nd place right behind me, half way round the 2nd lap my legs gave up and 2nd place over took me leaving me in 2nd spot, I managed to keep quite a distance from 3rd place, but I still kept pushing to catch up 1st place. Unfortunately 1st place girl was too strong for me that day so I finished 2nd, but still happy with the result. Even though 1st place was what I was aiming for, I was still pleased to be runner up..

On the 16th June I travelled up to Exeter to compete in a local South West XC race, part of the South West XC series. During the week prior it had rained a lot, so I knew the conditions were going to be tough! I prepared for the worst conditions, and that was a good idea. After doing just 1 practice lap I was caked in mud, the course was super slippery and very cloggy with sticky mud. This meant that the mud stuck to the bike and me, making conditions even worse. really tough race, and not as quick or fluid as I would have liked, but I did win so great result. Many thanks for my Dad who cleaned my bike afterwards.

Thanks to my school, Tavistock College, the Tavistock College Endowment fund, the DRD Sports and Social Club, Certini Bicycle Company and of course my parents, especially my Dad. *Thanks, Rosie*



## Swimming Gala

In May Tavistock College students took part in South West regional championship swimming gala which is held at Hengrove Bristol and Milfield Somerset. 7 students from the college achieved the qualifying times to enter the competition.

These students did fantastically well representing the South West. It has taken a lot of dedication and hard work to achieve these times to take part. The swimmers were:

**Orla Maguire** swam first her first time at regional and swam in a total of 6 races. She achieved to get into two finals for 50 free style where she came 4th (so close to 3rd only 0.05 off) and 100 back where she came 6th.

**Joel Lake** year 7 swam a total of two race 100 and 200 fly he achieved massive pbs whilst also swimming in the next age group above aged 13 and only being 12 which in its self a massive achievement.

**Hannah Walker** year 8 swam a total of two races and achieved fantastic times and proved her determination and commitment to swimming after not long recovering from a broken wrist a few weeks ago!

**Charlotte Walker** year 8 swam two races 100 and 200 breast fantastic swims in both races and great times.

**Ruby Montgomery** year 8 swam a total of 2 races at regionals and in her 50 Breast came 13th so close to a final but fantastic swims in both.

**Amy Roberts** year 9 swam in a total of 3 races she also had three fantastic swims and was her first time at regionals and a great success.

**Samuel Rice** year 8 swam a total of 6 races and managed to get into 3 finals heats 50, 100 and 200 fly in the 50 he came 8th, 100 he came 4th with only 0.005 from 3rd unbelievably close. Then his 200 fly he managed to walk away with 3rd place and podium with a bronze medal for his age in the south west (very proud moment) massive achievement for Samuel hard work and dedication paid off.



## Year 12 Success

Success for two Tavistock Year 12 students on the Social Mobility Foundation Aspiring Professionals Residential Programme in August.

Two sixth form Tavistock College students have recently been accepted onto the Social Mobility Foundation's Aspiring Professionals Residential Programme (APP) in August. Christian Toms has been awarded a week-long internship through the APP Residential with the London-based global engineering firm, Jacobs, where he will gain a real insight into career prospects as well as access to current engineering working practices. Similarly, James Bruce has been awarded an internship with PA Consulting firm in London on its Springboard Residential 2019 Programme specialising in the application of Artificial Intelligence. James will participate in a series of workshops on a range of topics including leadership, communication skills and university entrance and employment advice.

We congratulate both students on their success and look forward to hearing about their experiences.

*Mr Chambers*

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