



We have made our way into the latter part of this half-term and the year 11s have finally finished their PPE exams. Overall, this year group took the exams very seriously and embraced the process with maturity. These students have their results day on Friday 13th December. This can be an emotional time for students as they can assess their performance in their examinations. This will then kick start their preparation for the real examinations in the summer. The next step for this year group will be progress interviews allowing them to discuss

the best courses to take at our Sixth Form to help achieve their career ambitions. These interviews will commence after Christmas. Our year 13 students start their PPE examinations on Monday 9th December.

Year 8 students are also considering their futures. All year 8 students are having an options interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to decide which subjects to take next year. The deadline for option forms will be before February half term. Forms should be handed in to their form tutors.

As we move towards the end of term, there are some exciting events to look forward to. On 10th and 11th December, the faculty of creative arts are putting on a Christmas show. Having attended some of these performances before, this is definitely a show not to be missed. Tickets are available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/tavistock-college and are priced £6 each. Our annual carol service will be held on Wednesday 18th December. If you aren't already in the festive spirit, this event will certainly get you in the Christmas mood.

Mrs Stephens- Assistant principal.



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Key Dates

Governors School Improvement

Meeting Wednesday, 4 December

6pm – 8pm - Conf Rm

Year 8 Parents/Carers Evening

Thursday, 5 December - 3:45 – 7:45pm

Main Hall /Refectory

Creative Arts Show

Tuesday, 10/11 December - 6pm – 9pm

Full Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday, 11 December - 6pm – 8pm

Conf Rm

Year 11 PPE Results Assembly

Friday, 13 December - 8:45 – 9:15am

PE House Matches

16 - 20 December - 9am – 3pm Mr Hulbert

Year 7 Carol Service

Wednesday, 18 December

12:30 – 3:00pm and 7:00 – 8:00pm

St Eustachius Church - Mrs Hastings

Last Day of Term

Friday 20 December



We are very proud to be the first MAT to be invited to be part of SKRUM'S Schools Partnership Programme.



Please support this amazing charity with us by wearing mufti on Friday 6th December. A minimum £1 donation to be given to tutors during tutor time.

Following an invitation from SKRUM our students will have the opportunity to compete at this years Rosslynn Park 7s.

In return we are raising money for this Aids and HIV charity to supply clean drinking water to those in Swaziland who currently are unable to access something we all take for granted.

Parent Council

The Parent Council is a committee of volunteer parents and advisors supported by the academy to support the organising of parental involvement along with the member of SLT to run matters on the behalf of parents and the academy.

A Parent Council is not run by the academy or the MAT but by the parents in the school.

All meetings will be in the staffroom 6:00 - 7:30, matters arising will come from; Parental Questionnaires

College Improvement Plan

Individual parental matters brought to the councils attention, please email council chair Jo Perrse on parentcouncil@tavistockcollege.org

Parent Council meetings 2019 - 20 will be on: 30th January, 16th April and 11th June.

Parent Council Agenda

Tuesday 3rd December 2019, 6.00pm

- Update trips and visits policy moving forward following the consultation
- 3 year KS4 v 2 year KS4 parental consultation
- Any other matters emailed to Jo Perrse

Mr Forster

Uniform

With the weather getting colder we would like to remind parents that students still need to wear school uniform. We recommend that students have a warm, waterproof coat to wear to and from school, as well as at social times. Students should not be wearing hoodies.

If a student does not have an item of uniform for a valid reason then please write them a note with the reason and say when this will be rectified. If a student does not have full school uniform and does not have a valid note from home then they will lose their social time and parents will be contacted by their child's tutor. Full details of our uniform policy can be found here. <http://www.tavistockcollege.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Uniform-Nov18.pdf>

Student Drop Offs

The academy site and front car parks are very busy before and after school. To ensure the safety of all students and staff, parents are not permitted to drive up to the front reception area to drop off students unless you have a permit to do so which has been issued for medical reasons. There is ample room to drop off students in the turning area by the front bus bays in the morning. We trust we can count on your support in this request to help with the smooth running of the school.

LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL for Young People

Living Life to The Full - 2019

Living Life to The Full is due to begin again in December at Tavistock College and our staff and superb 6th form MH Ambassadors will be working regularly with students in small group settings, delivering cognitive behavioural therapy sessions. Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) is utilised in order to help some of our young people understand different emotions that they are often feeling but might struggle to understand. Giving advice and guidance around: activity, diet and simple strategies to improve emotions has proved really valuable in the past. Stress and low mood is of course common in young people but the help and advice from our MH Ambassadors through Living Life to The Full, our cognitive behavioural therapy programme is effective and engaging for all involved.

The course is delivered over 8 sessions;

1. Understanding your feelings
2. Doing things that make you feel better
3. Looking at things differently
4. Building Inner Confidence
5. How to fix almost everything
6. The Things you do that mess you up
7. 1, 2, 3 Breathe
8. 10 things you can do to feel happier straight away

There are places available for students who would benefit from this early help. Please contact either myself or Tutor/Head of Year as soon as possible should you wish your child to benefit from the programme. The next course is due to begin in December 2019.

Mr Hosking

Poetry Festival

Congratulations to all the LAMDA students who took part in the Plymouth Poetry Festival this week. Students worked hard with LAMDA teacher, Vanessa McCarty, to prepare poems for performance with an audience. Particular congratulations to Conner Norman who came 1st in the Own Choice poem class along with Sammi Bulley coming 3rd in the same class.



Our new year 7s did particularly well on the Novice Poetry Speaking group where they were the youngest students performing. Alfred Forer gained a joint silver medal here and Tal Pearson took the Bronze. The students all looked and sounded fantastic, a proud representation of Tavistock College.

Mrs Pearson



Train to Teach with Tavistock College and Partner Schools

Start your Initial Teacher Training with Tavistock College and our Partner Schools. Whether you are looking to get into teaching straight from University or change career this could be for you. You may be based in Devon or moving to this part of the country to start your teaching career.

School Direct is an exciting new training route for top graduates, who want to be part of a school team from day one and you may be eligible for a bursary or loans to support you whilst you train.

We have places for the following subjects across our Partnership: Maths, English, Physics, MFL (Spanish & French), Chemistry, Computing, Biology, PE, Geography and Art



What we can offer:

We offer a one year programme of school based training within our Partnership in Devon & Cornwall.

We work in partnership with Plymouth Marjon University to offer training in a range of subjects.

We offer the chance to work in different schools as well as enhancement days at Plymouth Marjon University. Through our programme you can gain both QTS and PGCE via the non-salaried route.

We offer a framework for CPD and development opportunities

<http://www.tavistockcollege.org/vacancies/school-direct/>

Why Train With Us?

Cooperative Schools have a distinct ethos and they operate within a clear framework of values:

- Self Help
- Self - Responsibility
- Democracy
- Equality
- Equity
- Solidarity

We work together across Devon to raise aspirations and enable all our students to flourish. We believe that honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others is at the heart of a rounded education. We offer the opportunity for a rich and varied experience which is embedded in partnerships with primary schools, local business and the wider community..

- A wide range of schools for placements
- Part of a Schools Co-operative Society
- Working in Partnership with Plymouth Marjon University
- Trained and skilled Mentors who are outstanding teachers
- Access to a wide range of professional development activities
- A career plan and support into NQT year and beyond
- A school experience in cooperative schools at the heart of the community

Personal Development at Tavistock College

Alongside the knowledge rich curriculum on offer to our students we pride ourselves on the range of opportunities provided that form part of the wider curriculum at Tavistock College. Personal development for our students includes the following key areas.

Extra Curricular Clubs

There are over 50 different clubs on offer to our students. The majority of these run on Tuesdays and Thursdays when the late buses run. The PE and creative arts faculties run a full suite of clubs and enrichment activities. Full listings can be found on the academy website. Whether it is representing the academy in one of the many sports teams, being part of one of the plethora of creative arts productions or accessing one of the clubs such as Computing or Photography which run all year round, providing student access to the specialist equipment on offer there is something on offer for everyone.



Trips and Visits

Every year the academy offers a number of day trips and residential visits, many of which take our students all around the world. This term alone students have visited London on a creative arts visit, the Battlefields of Northern France and Belgium as part of their history curriculum and a group of students have just returned from Tokyo, representing the college as part of the successful biannual Japanese exchange. Not only do these trips develop the skills and knowledge that students learn in school they are of huge cultural value in their wider personal development. We have taken on board recent parental feedback and in future years intend to have a full programme of trips planned in advance allowing parents and students to make informed decisions over which opportunities they would most like to capitalise on.



Careers Education

We believe that a crucial role of a secondary school is to provide the opportunities, knowledge and information to best equip students to make the most of their qualifications and grades when they actually leave school. An effective careers education is a vital tool in enabling this. Our careers education begins in year 7 and every year students access specialist schemes of learning within their social studies curriculum, receive a number of employer encounters, workshops and assemblies whilst in years 10 and 12 students complete a valuable week of work experience. All of these opportunities enhance students CVs as they move through the school and are designed to provide the spark that may set students on a particular pathway to their future.



Student Leadership

As a co-operative school we promote student leadership and place huge value on student voice as part of our democratic values. Student leadership runs throughout the academy and it is a common sight to see our Sports Leaders running primary school sports events or coaching our younger students. Our Humanutopia heroes provide effective peer mentoring and it has been transformational to see our Y10 'heroes' supporting year 8 students with peer group issues and option decisions. Other student groups continue to develop their hugely valuable work with the 'Diversity group' reflecting the inclusive nature of Tavistock College and 'Living Life to the Full' giving students the tools and confidence to look after their own mental health.

Tutor Programme

Tutoring and our pastoral structure is designed to provide a support structure for our students which maximises their academic achievement through the curriculum. This year our tutor programme is focused around the ABC principles so tutors have regular conversations with their tutees over their attendance, behaviour and curriculum. Our tutors know their students at a personal level and should always be the first port of call for any issues, questions or problems. Our tutors also deliver wider pastoral themes that link back to our school values. For example this term all students have been part of the UK Youth Parliament vote, the biggest democratic process for under 18s in the country.



The House System

Tavistock College is made up of our 5 historic houses; Bedford, Drake, Fitzford, Glanville and Tremayne; all of which reflect the history of Tavistock as a wider community. Our younger students have recently received their new House badges and the first House assembly of the year will soon be upon us in December. As the year progresses students will represent their house across a variety of sports which culminates in the annual sports day and swimming gala in the summer term. All students benefit from a sense of solidarity and being part of something bigger than their individual classes.



Mr Ruse, Assistant Principal

Girls Football

Congratulations to the U14 girls football team winning 6-1 in the 3rd round of the National cup v Coombeshead Academy.

The girls were in total control of the match and played controlled composed football throughout. A hat trick from Jana Cole with 2 more from Evelyn Bray was added to by Ellie Blamey. With the Coombeshead goalkeeper making some outstanding saves, the score did not reflect Tavistock's dominance. The 4th round draw will see the team play Ivybridge in what will be a tougher test.

Team: Saskia Whitting, Evelyn Bray, Katie Murrin (player of the match), Georgia Antolic, Ellie Blamey, Jana Cole, Carla Morrison, Tess Hopes, Harriett Murdoch, Lily Hinton and Liberty Kappes (Captain). *Mr Corkell*



TEN TORS
2020

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TEN TORS 2020

Tavistock College

YEARS 10, 11, 12 & 13

**SEE MR JERRETT
FOR FURTHER DETAILS
(OFFICE IN HISTORY CORRIDOR)**

Tavistock College Christmas Tree

The college has been part of this wonderful event for some time and this year we decided to run a competition to design the decorations.

The Year 7's were given a blank template and an overall theme of Saving the World and they have come with 350 brilliant entries !!!!

All the designs were fantastic with so much imagination. We arranged for a group of 12 Year 7 students to go through the entries and whittle them down to 25 and then make those into the cardboard baubles on our tree.

The top 3 entries voted for by the judging panel received a prize.

The same judging panel children also helped to decorate the tree.

The festival runs from Friday 29th November till Sunday 8th December.



**Tavistock Community
SPORTS CENTRE**
01822 813238

Discount Membership

We have a fantastic membership offer available, if your child attends the academy we are offering a **25% discount** off all memberships!

Our usual Adult Membership is £32.00 per month but your membership would be **£24.00 per month***

For more information on the Sports Centre and what we have to offer you can contact, James Carr, Manager: 01822 614231 ext. 253
Email: j.carr@tavistockcollege.org

The faculty of creative arts proudly presents

The Merry mistinsels antasticmas Show

6.30pm - 10 and 11 December
Tavistock College Main Hall
All tickets £6 available from:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/tavistock-college

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