



Issue 11 (wk 01/6/2020)

Welcome to the latest issue of the weekly newsletter that aims to keep our communication lines open between home and college.

I hope you all had an amazing half term week, the weather was especially nice again. This edition covers information about the partial reopening, year 10 work experience, world book day and a year in review.

Important message from the previous issue

The Government's recent assessment, based upon the latest scientific and medical advice, is that they need to continue to control numbers attending school to reduce the risk of increasing transmission. Therefore any plans for partially reopening in early June has been **moved back to the 15th June.**

From this date, Tavistock College will be offering face-to-face support for a quarter of the year 10 and 12 cohort at any one time. Alongside this we will also:

- continue providing full-time provision for vulnerable pupils in all year groups (including year 10 and year 12).
- continue providing full-time provision for children of critical workers in all year groups (including year 10 and year 12).
- provide some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 pupils, with a clear expectation that remote education will continue to be the predominant form of education delivery for these year groups and that this should be of high quality.
- continue to use best endeavours to support all other pupils remaining at home, making use of the available remote education support and ensuring a high quality offer.

If you are planning on sending your child back to college they will not follow their full timetable but a blend of subject specialism, closing the gap work and academic mentoring. This will supplement remote learning.

In order to implement protective measures and abide social distancing a group of year 10 and 12 students will be asked to attend on a particular day to meet the 1:5 ratio. These two year groups have been prioritised because they are preparing for key examinations next year, and are most at risk of falling behind due to time out of college.



Tavistock college has adopted a range of approaches and actions (some are detailed below) to control and reduce the risk of transmission. These include:

- minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that pupils or staff who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
- cleaning hands more often than usual
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- cleaning frequently touched surfaces often.
- minimising contact and mixing, as far as possible, by keeping pupils in small groups for face-to-face support and keeping those groups as consistent as possible whilst in school. This includes: staggered times, same small groups of pupils in the same classroom (1:5 ratio) and desk, keeping 2m apart using distancing lines and having teaching staff and students on a rota,

More information about "what to expect when returning to school" will be published shortly to hopefully put your mind at rest in these unprecedented times. These details and other forms of finalised information and communication will be widely available on different platforms including classcharts (for students), facebook and our website.

Take care and stay safe.

Mr James Stroud
Assistant Principal

Message from Mr Ruse - Year 10: My Week of Work

Next week; 8-12 June, is a national event called 'My Week of Work'. Whilst it cannot match the experience you would have had with a real work experience placement this will definitely be the next best thing. There is a huge range of online videos, talks and Q&A sessions on a range of jobs and careers.

The way to get the most out of the event is by finding specific slots which really interest you. You need to register via the following link:

<https://learnliveuk.com/my-week-of-work/>

I will send reminders and highlights to students every day next week via the Y10 Careers Education google classroom site. Please ensure your son or daughter has signed up to this. I really recommend making the most of this unique opportunity to learn more about a range of future careers and industries, all from the comfort of your own home!



National academy website.

Here is a quick overview of the week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Introduction	Meet the Team: Human Resources	Meet the Team: Marketing	Recruitment	Meet the Boss: Leadership
Investigate the Sectors (1)	Work Life Balance	Innovation and Creative Thinking	HR Recruitment	CV Creation
Investigate the Sectors (2)	Mental Health and Well Being in the World of Work	Marketing Campaigns	Understanding Entrepreneurship	Employability Skills in Everyday Life
Insight into the World of Work	Work Skills and Reflection	You as a Brand!	Project Planning	Reflection of the week

From Tuesday to Friday, Learn Live will be running live broadcasts with employers - see page 29 for details.

Message from Mrs S. Young (KS 3 English Coordinator)

National Book Token Competition 2020

Calling all students, parents and carers and friends - our school needs you! Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself! Enter the competition online, it only takes a minute: <http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>.

Just follow the link, fill out your details and nominate our school library. We might just be lucky, and the more entries we get the more chances we have! Please share with others and help us get as many entries as possible.

Message from Rachael Crofts (Youth Intervention Officer)

The Victim Care Unit have been suggesting the Hollie Guard APP to victims of crime this app is effectively used a personal alert alarm. If a someone is attacked and they have the Hollie guard app they shake their phone vigorously once a message is sent to selected contacts within the phone, a GPS is also triggered and starts to record what is happening.



There are two modes

Stealth mode

Shake phone vigorously once

This will raise an alert silently displaying a default home screen so the attacker does not know.

This sends an alert to selected contacts

GPS is turned on

Recording is started and will be sent to the selected contacts via an email so the evidence is captured.

No noise so the attacker doesn't know this is happening

Deterrent mode

Shake to phone vigorously once this will generate the same as stealth.

Shake vigorously for a second time this will generate the deterrent mode and set off a loud alarm. This will also display an obvious red alert screen as well as any video audio that can be captured for evidence like the stealth mode. You can also set up an alert when meeting someone so if the time goes past your set time it triggers an alert to your selected contacts etc.

This has been really useful here in the VCU and this may be something which could aid you all when dealing with victims or vulnerable people. This is something I would have definitely used with the young people as they all have their phones on them pretty much all the time. It would be a good way to make sure they are safe and to get locations when they are in danger plus captured evidence which could aid the investigation especially when the victim won't disclose what has happened etc.

I have added the link: <https://hollieguard.com/>

Updated guidance on what parents and carers need to know about education settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

We have updated our guidance on what parents and carers need to know about schools and other education settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak to include information on the curriculum, after school activities, repeating a year for pupils, transport and keeping children safe online. We have also amended information on whether it is compulsory to send pupils to educational settings and education for children at home.

The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>



Devon Family Advice Line

ECI will be launching a new phone advice line for parents and carers across Devon on Monday 1 June. The number for the new service is **01392 949059** and it will be manned from 10 - 2pm Monday to Friday. People will be able to leave a message outside of these hours, or when the operators are all busy.

It will offer advice on a specific issue around their children and their family relationships, including any communication issues or conflict they are having with their partners or co-parents of their children. It is not meant to be a replacement for more targeted work, but just a way to offer people a place to be heard and a few tips on how to deal with a particular situation or to signpost them to an organisation which may be able to help them.

Free School Meals

During most of the COVID lockdown period, Dartmoor MAT has been able to source and provide free school meals boxes for those families who have requested this support. With the gradual move towards wider partial re-opening of schools, the boxes have been adapted to include more food that is "packed lunch" friendly. If your child is attending school and you are eligible for, have claimed and are receiving a weekly box the children should be bringing packed lunch food with them that has been prepared using the foodstuffs supplied in the boxes. Alternatively, food is available in school but at cost. Obviously, if you are not claiming the boxes and you have an eligible child we will continue to make food available under the free school meals scheme and with the usual daily cost equivalent allowance.



2019-20: The Year in Review (May 2019)

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