



## Issue 13 (wk 15/6/2020)

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

This edition covers information about uniforms ready for transition, students considering 6th Form, Devon Virtual Games and a year in review.

It has been great seeing my colleagues and students back in school this week, hopefully it's a step in the right direction. Now that some staff are back in school some days so responses ie to emails/marking work etc may be a bit slower than previous. It has been a smooth start with students getting used to being in "bubbles" and following new rules such as a one way system, staggered starts, limited food during recess and abiding social distancing rules. Some students welcomed the return by regaining the motivation for learning and seeing their friends. It is still a long way from a full opening but as always, Tavistock College will follow government guidelines and keep you well informed.

Nobody can predict what September will bring but this is only 13 weeks away. It is worth considering uniform (recycled or new) for the new academic year, and we have some initiatives that you might be interested in.

- Donations and sharing preloved uniform
- Our main supplier Lawsnns are ready to take bookings for new year 7's
- If you have any queries about uniforms please contact the college directly.

In this issue are some information regarding these initiatives.

Take care and stay safe.

Mr James Stroud  
Assistant Principal



# TAVISTOCK UNIFORM EXCHANGE



Donations very welcome!

Please drop any item washed and bagged into a wheelie bin at the College. These are outside the main gates



## Lawsons of Tavistock

Dear Parents and Students

As we plan for the return to school we want to reassure you that we are here to help.

### How to buy uniform

We continue to take orders online or over the phone and these can be delivered to you or you can Click & Collect from our store.

Order online at <https://www.lawsonshop.co.uk/school-uniform/>

Call us to order: 01822 610200

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We are now open and you can come and buy from the store. At the moment our changing rooms are closed but you are welcome to buy items and try them on at home, our staff will still be on hand to help find the right sizes for you. Please follow the instructions in store to help us all stay safe.

## **Returns**

We will accept returns in the original packaging. These will be quarantined for 72 hours and steam cleaned before being returned into stock.

## **Book Appointments for new starters in June & July**

For those of you starting at a new school in September we will have an appointment system in place so that we can fit you for the whole uniform. We will only be able to accommodate one parent with each student.

Please call us on 01822 610200 to arrange a time suitable for you so that you can try on all the uniform and safely socially distance at the same time.

We very much look forward to seeing you soon

Best Regards

The Lawsons Team

## **Message from Mrs Greener (Head of Year 11)**

Dear year 11. Thank you to those of you who have been in touch and asked for work from your teachers in readiness for September, or are letting us know of your plans. If you are still looking for information about 6th form please contact: [t.allen@tavistockcollege.org](mailto:t.allen@tavistockcollege.org)

I know it is frustrating not being able to plan a big get together to say goodbye. Although you have all now officially left the college as of the 12th June, I will still be sending regular updates about relevant issues. We are looking at the social distancing rules very carefully in terms of a 'results day' planned for 20th August, this is a planned giving out of envelopes with your results and your graduation certificates along with ordered hoodies and yearbooks.

However, exactly what this will look like in terms of being able to mix and chat or not is very much determined by the rules set before us based on the concerns of transmission of Covid 19. As I know more and can plan more I will let you all know as soon as possible.

I miss you all and am very much looking forward to seeing many of you back in college in September.

Mrs Greener



## Competition: a vision for life after Covid-19

"Never waste a good crisis"



This [competition](#), run by UCL openDemocracy, launches today, and is open to **school and university students** (aged 14 and up) to share their vision of the future, with prizes of **£200, £100 or £50** in book tokens plus the chance for personal **mentoring** from the panel of some of the world's foremost thinkers and some fantastic **work experience** with either UCL or openDemocracy.

Entrants can submit either a written **article**, short **video** or **image** that describes their vision for the world after the coronavirus crisis has passed.

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/world-after-covid/>



## Devon virtual Games

Please find all the details below for our fourth and fifth #DevonVirtualGames event. Good luck!

Event Number 4 (closes at 5pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 4 - Boccia - Sock-ia Pdf](#)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 4 - Boccia - Sock-ia Video](#)

Event Number 5 (closes at 5pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 5 - Create a 7th Spirit of the Games Value Pdf](#)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 5 - Create a 7th Spirit of the Games Value Video](#)

[#DevonVirtualGames-Overview - Terms and Conditions](#)

Dance (closes at 5pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 3 - Dance Pdf Document](#)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 3 - Dance Video Intro](#)

Sportshall Pentathlon (closes at 5pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June)

[#DevonVirtualGames - Sportshall-Pentathlon.pdf](#)

[#DevonVirtualGames - Sportshall Pentathlon Video](#)



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

### Kernow Youth Book Awards

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)