



## Issue 15 (wk 29/6/2020)

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 returning to school for year 9, uniforms ready for transition, Devon Virtual Games and a year in review.

We have updated our risk assessment and we welcome back year 9 on **Monday 6th July**. They will follow the same procedures and expectations as the year 10 and 12 cohort a few weeks before them. The main difference being slightly larger class sizes (7 pupils) and more pupils on site. Year 9 Parents and carers who have signaled their intent to allow the son/ daughter back into College will be notified about which day they are to attend. They will follow a blend of subject specialist teaching and academic mentoring. I have included the letter you will receive that featured a few weeks back.

### **YEAR 9 - Coming back to Tavistock College from 6th July 2020**

Student Name:

Day:

Room:

Dear students and parents/carers

The Department for Education has recommended that schools can now invite other students, in addition to Y10 and Y12 who have already been back at college, to return to school for some face to face contact with teachers. It is possible that some of you may be worried or anxious about the prospect of coming back to school. Your education is very important, but it is not recommended that everyone in Y9 comes back to school full time. This is why you will only be invited in for a limited time each week, and that you should continue with your on-line learning when not in school.

You will see from the top of the letter that you have been allocated a specific day of the week to attend and a room where you will stay for the day. This arrangement will commence from the week beginning Monday 6th July. Y9 will be taught in groups of no more than 7. They will be taught an hour of English, mathematics, science and PSHE. Some students will also have a study session based on their option subjects.

In order to maintain safety on the school site, there are some expectations you must be aware of when you come back to school. These must be adhered to at all times.

- On arrival at school, students will queue outside the gates. Staff will be on hand to direct and students will be expected to stay 2 metres apart. There are markers on the ground to help you.
- On entering the building, a member of staff will take your temperature via a handheld remote device. You will then be expected to apply hand sanitiser.

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- Once inside the school you will be asked to follow a one-way system around the site and stay 2m apart from anyone else. You will see upon entering the school that there are signs and floor markings to guide you.
- Class sizes will be reduced to 7 and there will be no swapping or moving of students between classrooms. Year 9 students will be allocated a room for learning in, and they will stay in that room at one desk for all lessons.
- The teachers will move to classrooms to teach their subject. It is very unlikely that students will be taught by their regular teacher.
- Students should not be alarmed to see teachers wearing suitable PPE - this is to protect the teacher and others. Students may wear face coverings if they wish.
- Breaks will be staggered to ensure social distancing measures can be followed. There will be no congregating or time allocated to spend with friends.
- Food will be available in the normal way but will be restricted. We would prefer students to bring a packed lunch.
- Students will be expected to wash hands regularly especially after visiting the toilet. Hand sanitiser is available in every classroom.
- Students should **not** wear school uniform. This follows Public Health England's advice that clothes should be washed every day to reduce the risk of transmission through the fabric. Clothes worn to school should be clean, comfortable and your body suitably covered
- We will provide students with the relevant stationary whilst they are in school so there is no need for anything to be brought in from home.
- Cleaning will take place twice a day.
- We expect all students to behave in a kind and considerate manner and follow protocol in these unprecedented times to keep themselves and others safe.

School Transport will also resume next week although it might be a different vehicle than the students are used to. In accordance with the government's guidance, we expect students to all wear suitable face coverings when travelling on school transport. Students must follow any instructions given to them by the bus drivers, particularly with regard to where they will be expected to sit.

Please do not attend or send your children to school if feeling unwell. Students should follow the "catch it, bin it, kill it" advice" from NHS England that includes coughing into the elbow, disposing of tissues and always washing hands immediately.

We appreciate that you may have many questions and we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. We hope that recent communications with you over the last few weeks should have answered any questions you have, but as always, please let us know if you have any urgent concerns through [office@tavistockcollege.org](mailto:office@tavistockcollege.org).

The Secretary of State has mentioned that all pupils from all year groups will be back in full time education in September. This is another reminder to start preparing for this transition including uniforms. If you have any pre-loved uniforms please feel free to donate in wheelie bins outside the main gate. If you need any assistance please contact the college directly and finally Lawsons of Tavistock are ready for business to take new uniform orders.

Take care and stay safe.

Mr James Stroud

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Assistant Principal

**TAVISTOCK UNIFORM EXCHANGE**

**PRE LOVED**

**UNIFORM**

**Donations very welcome!**

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

**Dont !**

- Bin
- Throw out
- Out grown ?
- Store away
- Recycle

## 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.

## **Government Guidance**

### **Updated guidance on what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak**

We have updated the guidance on what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. We have added content on summer provision, school uniform and a package of support worth £1 billion to support pupils to catch up. We have updated content on school meals and the Covid Summer Food Fund.

The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

## **Devon virtual Games**

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Event Number 6 (Final Event this term - closes at 5pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 6 - Andy Murray 100 Volley Challenge Pdf](#)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 6 - Andy Murray 100 Volley Challenge 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](#)

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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 3 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](#)

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

## **Action for Children**

Action for Children. Please contact Vicki directly with any queries:  
[victoria.giles@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:victoria.giles@actionforchildren.org.uk)

Every parent needs a little help sometimes, and especially during lockdown.

Action for Children are offering online parenting support for families with children aged 0-19. From where to go for help, to coping with challenging behaviours, to how to keep your children entertained at home - find advice and practical help here: [parents.actionforchildren.org.uk](https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk)

Have a question about parenting? Action for Children's online coaches are available for free, confidential 1-1 live chat. We're here to listen and support you. Visit [talk.actionforchildren.org.uk](https://talk.actionforchildren.org.uk)



**Here to help**

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**Have a question about parenting?**

Action for Children is offering free online parenting support for families with children aged 0-19. You can ask us for help on all sorts of things – from how to keep your children entertained at home, to how to handle difficult behaviour, to how to manage stress and anxiety at this challenging time.

Head to [parents.actionforchildren.org.uk](https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk) to read our advice and useful resources, or talk directly to a parenting coach via our confidential 1-1 live chat.

**Whatever you need, Action for Children are here to listen and support you.**

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

### Swimming Gala

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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.

