



Fortnightly FOCUS

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For Students & Parents

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Welcome to the latest edition of our Fortnightly Focus for students and parents for this academic year. Since half term there have been a number of exciting and interesting events take place which a number of our students have been involved; rehearsals have begun for our latest production, our year 7 and 8 students took part in a global lesson on climate change to coincide with the UN summit, our year 9 students took part in the community's Remembrance Service at St Eustachius' Parish Church in Tavistock, and the rest of our school community observed Remembrance in school with some resources provided by our sixth form prefect team.



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

On Friday 5th November, our year 7 and 8 students took part in 'The Great Big Lesson for Climate and Nature: Live from COP26'. This allowed our younger students to engage with a hugely important current issue, as part of an online and interactive lesson that was broadcast live from the climate summit. Students had the opportunity to learn about, discuss, and ask questions on topics such as deforestation, government commitments to tackling climate change, and small changes that individuals can make in their own lives.

On the following pages are a number of success stories from our young people, which we are very pleased and proud to share with you. There is also, as usual, various bits of information that we will continue to distribute to ensure that you are all as informed as possible about where support is readily available and accessible. As always, please take care, and don't hesitate to make contact with us if we can be supportive.

Emma Herod, Associate Vice Principal



Live from COP26

Change within the community

Tavistock College, as part of Dartmoor Multi-Academy Trust, are working alongside Citizens UK to provide the opportunity for the residents of Tavistock to make a positive difference within our community.

The aim is to identify issues that resonate the most within the community and develop a plan on how these can be addressed. To enable this to be achieved our mission is to develop local leaders, strengthen local organisations which are the lifeblood of our community and make changes. Through the method of community organising we develop a community voice to come together with the power and strategy to make a real difference. This could lead to multiple improvements within the neighbourhood from an increase of zebra crossings, more public toilets or the possibility of a youth center for our young children. The initial part of our campaign is listening to your views on issues within the local community and establishing those interested in forming a working party to tackle the response to the issue. If you are interested in having your say please complete the Google form answering the four questions below. These can be accessed by following the link provided -

<https://forms.gle/RTjp8QPCox99kN4t8>

1. If there was one thing you could change in our local area, what would it be?
2. Why is this issue important to you and what difference would it make for you?
3. Have you ever tried to do anything about this issue before? If so, what did you do?
4. Would you be interested in becoming part of a team to help achieve these goals?

Following the collecting of this information a summary of the findings will be produced and those interested in joining the welcome party will be contacted.

Remembrance Service

On Thursday November 11th Tavistock College students paid their respects in our annual Remembrance Service at St. Eustachius Church. The whole of year 9 attended the service, representing the College and showing solidarity with the wider Tavistock community as we all pay a fitting tribute to those who have lost their lives in war and conflict. Some of our sixth form student leadership team read the names of those former members of the Tavistock College community who had fallen in the two great wars. The Last Post was played before a 2 minute silence was observed at 11am. The service ended with our school choir, led by Mrs Berryman, making their first community performance in nearly 2 years. And what a fantastic impression they made!

Following the disruption of the last 18 months, we are hopeful that this will mark the start of the return of our annual Church service and community events, where different year groups represent the college at events such as Founders day, Remembrance and the Christmas Carol Concert



Digital Futures Summit



Last term the year group watched a series of videos that talked about jobs and industries around in the southwest and completed tasks to do at the end of each short film. This really enhanced their Digital Literacy curriculum.

The summit was attended by digital leaders from the industries who highlighted their innovative ways of how technology is embraced. Our student's carousel around six half-hour workshops with the employers they met through the engagement videos in the summer term.

- BT- working with representatives from BT the group split into two teams to design and deliver an idea for an app that would solve a problem.
- @Ocean City Media- the company behind the making of the Digital Engagement Pilot videos talked about their jobs and careers and some top tips on how to film, shoot and edit short films.
- Fab Lab Plymouth - the Fab Lab demonstrated their 3D scanning and 3D printing equipment and its capabilities.
- Panel of digital industry professionals- Lydia from Fishtek Marine and Tom from Lineal Software Solutions talked about their careers in-depth and gave an insight into how useful digital skills are.



- Immersive Dome experience:

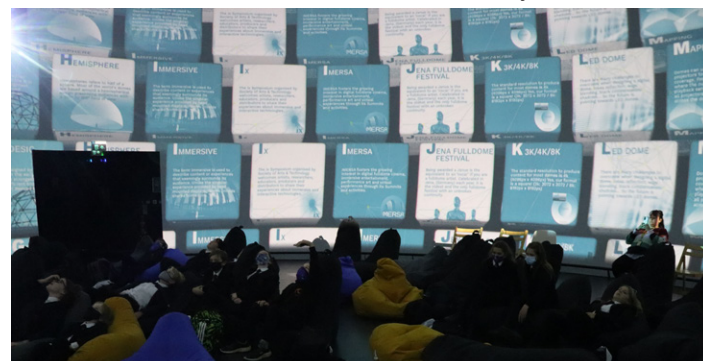
This dome was enormous, and it is the only 15m immersive dome in Europe. We watched a film and were shown the capabilities of the technology that draws you into the story and performances.

- Bluescreenit Plymouth- They delivered a workshop to give an insight into digital IT and cyber security and raised the importance of security threats and hacking attacks We all learned not to leave the house with our wifi switched on!

It was a fantastic day that was meaningful to all of our students, who found the day interesting and were enthused by what they learned.

Thank you to everyone involved.

Phil Ruse, Vice Principal



Royal Navy

October marked the return of our invaluable links to the Royal Navy. Our Uniformed Protective Services class, wider 6th form and Y9 students participated in a very engaging insight to the world of the Royal Navy's catering team. Finding out about how the Royal Navy represents the United Kingdom worldwide proved invaluable with intriguing first hand accounts from the team.

Learning about both surface and submarine fleet roles helped students understand more about life at sea. The team also discussed additional, crucial skills developed as an integral part of the ship's advanced medical, fire fighting and damage control teams and how these are developed alongside training in the CATERING SERVICES (CHEF) role within the logistics branch.

Mr Hosking, PE faculty.

Creative Arts News

Blood Brothers Workshop

Year 9 Drama GCSE Students at Tavistock College were delighted to welcome Michael Southern from Stage-ed back onto college site this week with his Blood Brothers workshop. Mike, who played Sammy in the West End and National Tour, worked with students on key ensemble scenes, Liverpudlian accent, taking on the role of seven year olds and preparing as a professional performer. Students can use the work towards their Drama GCSE written and practical exams.



GCSE Photography

Year 10 GCSE Photography students at Tavistock College have been working on a contemporary twist to the historical form of Still Life art. Having studied some of 17th Century Still Life Paintings and the intention and meanings behind them, they created their own series of Still Life photographic work exploring table top formation, ice, advertising and lighting effects. Some excellent and creative results! #keepcreating



Mary Poppins Jr

We are very excited to announce that we have now auditioned, cast and started rehearsals for our summer production of Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins Jr. After a long hiatus from performance work over 100 students from Years 7 through to Year 13 arrived at the audition excited to bring the iconic characters to life. The students have now formed a company emulating a professional approach and will be rehearsing hard to learn the 30 songs and dances. Whilst they do this the technical and design teams will be creating the set, costumes, props and costume to bring the show to life in July.

Safeguarding Young People

Tavistock College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people.

We aim to ensure all our students are safe and protected from harm.

Tavistock College is an Operation Encompass School.

If you are worried, you can talk to any of the following people about your concerns.



Mrs Stephens

Assistant Principal

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

- PREVENT Lead
 - Designated Teacher for Children in Care
 - Post 16 Safeguarding
- ext: 314



Dr Savage

Assistant Principal
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Deputy DSL)
ext: 227



Mrs Squire

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Deputy DSL)
HoY 9
ext: 275

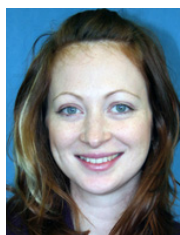


Mr Brokenshire

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Deputy DSL)
AHoY 7

Safeguarding Team

SENDCo



Mrs Harris
SENDCo
ext: 273



Mrs Edwards
Assistant SENDCo
ext: 228



Mr Williams
Behaviour Support Officer via RtL



Mrs Cocker
KS3 Admin
ext:214



Mr Jerrett
Transition Co-ordinator
ext 278



Mr Wates
Media Technician
ext: 215



Mr Lane
HoY 7
ext: 267



Mrs Greener
HoY 8
ext: 261



Mrs Blackmore
HoY 10
ext: 247



Mr Read
Assistant Principal
HoY 11
ext: 225



Mr Galli
Director of Sixth Form
ext: 222



Mr Hosking
Diversity & Pupil Premium
ext: 312

Further contacts:

Local Authority Designated Officer - LADO helpline: 01392 384964
secure email address: ladosecure-mailbox@devon.gcsx.gov.uk

Tavistock College Governors (Safeguarding): Caroline Jordan - c/o Tavistock College

Education Welfare Officer: Sandra Nightingale - sandra.nightingale@devon.gov.uk

NSPCC run helpline for victims of sexual abuse in schools 0800 136 663

Family Support

Grants and funding

Financial support through West Devon Council welfare support fund. https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/grant-and-funding-support/#indiv_fam

Barnados

See Hear Respond by Barnados.

www.barnados.org.uk/see-hear-respond

A partnership to help children, young people and families cope with the Covid-19 crisis.

Free Solihull online courses

- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child
- Understanding your teenagers' brain

www.inourplace.co.uk access code TAMAR.

Support for parents

www.parent-talk.org.uk/devon

Free training from DIAS

Aimed at parent/carers supporting their child with special educational needs and disabilities.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/demystifying-send-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-tickets-127732273669>

Chat Health School Nurse

Text Messaging Service 07520631722

An anonymous, confidential text messaging advice service for 11-19 year olds that enables them to contact their school nursing team with questions.

The Alcohol Education Trust

www.talkaboutalcohol.com Fun activities which help students to learn how to make safe choices around alcohol.

Teen mental health

<https://www.mytutor.co.uk/blog/teen-mental-health-a-guide-for-parents/>

Police prevent

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8DPPQUem9A>

The police PREVENT Act Early campaign

Coronavirus helpline

To answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Phone: 0800 046 8687 Email:

DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Kooth online

Mental health and wellbeing support to farming families. Services are anonymous and can be booked ahead of time. www.rabi.org.uk/kooth

Mind

The CoronaVirus (COVID-19) pandemic is affecting all our lives. Reliable resources and tips to help you cope during this time.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/>

Balancing mental health and screentime with Yoga!

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-fitness-studio/yoga-with-lj/>

Youth Intervention

Answering questions about law and policing, Instagram account @yourpolice.uk Guidance on rights, law and terminology, plus quite a lot of information on consent, healthy behaviours and behaviour change.

Early Help Resources

This is a really powerful set of videos about seeing parent conflict through the child's eyes. <https://www.seeitdifferently.org/>

Hub of Hope

A national mental health database which brings together organisations and charities who offer mental health advice and support, together in one place. <https://hubofhope.co.uk/>

How safe are Apps, Games and Websites?

Type the name of the game/app/website into <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> a quick, easy snapshot - what the app is, how safe it is etc.

Keeping children safe online

The [safeguarding area](#) of the college website for resources and signposting that may be helpful to carers and parents when trying to keep their children safe online.

A Guide to Potentially Dangerous Apps for Kids

Plus useful tips for protecting your child from cyberbullying and other online safety hazards

<https://www.familyeducation.com/mobile-apps/a-complete-guide-to-potentially-dangerous-apps-all-parents-should-be-aware-of>

NSPCC Helpline for victims of sexual abuse in schools

Sexual abuse in any form is unacceptable.

Telephone 0800 136 663, or email help@nspcc.org.uk.

Alleviating fuel poverty

YLEAP is a Devon wide service. Its free and saves households on average £1000. For West Devon <https://tamarenergycommunity.com/>

Concerning trends on social media

We are aware that there are currently some disturbing trends circulating on social media.

Please be aware that children may be at risk online.

There are resources and signposting in the [safeguarding area](#) of the college website.

You can also check the safety of apps online at:

<https://www.familyeducation.com/mobile-apps/a-complete-guide-to-potentially-dangerous-apps-all-parents-should-be-aware-of>

Please contact the college if you have any concerns about how your child is interacting with social media.

Tavistock School Reunion Association

Did you know there was a Tavistock School Reunion Association? It has been running since 1986 and is open to all ex-pupils who left the school 10 years previous to 2022.

TSRA was started in 1986 to provide an annual get together for ex-pupils and staff. After two years of not being able to see each other our next meet up will be happening 14th May 2022 at The Bedford Hotel, (more details about that later).

Find us on our Facebook page Tavistock School Reunion Association.

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