



Fortnightly

For Students & Parents

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Welcome to the latest edition of our Fortnightly Focus for students and parents for this academic year.

As you will no doubt be aware, Covid cases in the South West region are rising rapidly and Tavistock College is by no means immune to this reality. We must say a huge thank you to all our staff (both teaching and non-teaching), students, and the rest of the community for supporting us while we work hard to provide a quality education for our young people, against the back drop of a very much still present pandemic!



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In order to help the college remain open for as many students as possible, we are asking our year 12 students to study remotely from Monday 7th February to Friday 11th. All year 12 students have been set a series of wider reading, research and knowledge building tasks by their subject teachers, for them to complete independently over the course of the week. Please see the letter from the sixth form pastoral team, below, for more specific details.

The senior leadership team of the college are monitoring the situation within school on a daily basis around cases within the staff and student bodies, and have a number of contingency plans in place, should we need to take further steps to enable us continue our educational provision.

To support our year 12 students with this, but also a useful reminder for our younger students who will be revising and preparing for exams, assessments, or just completing homework – below are 5 top tips for effective independent study:

1. Creative a designated study space: quiet, specific, tidy.
2. No distractions: mute/turn off devices.
3. Create a study schedule: for our year 12s, we recommend keeping to their normal timetable where possible.
4. Reward yourself: find something that motivates you and use it to reinforce your progress.
5. Use efficient study techniques: retrieval practice, flashcards, mind maps, self-quizzing.

On Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th of February, our year 8 students are being invited to attend 'taster sessions' to help them make their options choices for moving into year 9. A letter with more information, details and instructions has been sent to all year 8 parents by Mr Stroud.

Over the next few pages, we have shared some pieces of information which we hope may be of use to some of our families. As always, please take care, and don't hesitate to make contact with us if we can be supportive.

Emma Herod
Assistant Principal

Year 12 remote learning week

Dear students, parents and carers,

As you will be aware, many schools and colleges across the country are struggling to provide onsite education to all students due to the large numbers of staff isolating for covid 19. At Tavistock College, we have managed to keep all year groups open by collapsing classes and team teaching larger numbers of students despite significant pressures on staffing. Unfortunately, we have reached a point, and for reasons of health and safety, we will not be able to accommodate all students on site next week. To help alleviate the pressure and keep the college open for as many students as possible, specific year groups will be asked to learn remotely.

Year 12 students will be studying from home, with remote learning in place, from Monday 7th February to Friday 11th February. We would like to use this week as an opportunity to allow the students to have a positive experience to develop their independent learning skills. All subjects will set at least one piece of work relating to their current study which will require thorough research and a written response. All students will be expected to submit research notes, rough drafts, or evidence of retrieval practice by Wednesday lunchtime, and complete the task for submission by Friday at the end of the college day. Heads of faculty and subject leads will be setting work via Google classroom. I hope all students will continue to keep their high standards whilst working remotely. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any clarification, and thank you for your ongoing support at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

Tom Galli

Director of Sixth Form

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Parent Autism Awareness programme invite (Spring term 2022)

We are delighted to launch and offer our new Parent Autism Awareness programme, following our recent offer of the Cygnet programme online during the pandemic period.

The programme is for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis. We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Is this course for me?

During and after a diagnosis parents and carers can have many questions about autism and may feel isolated in managing their child's needs.

Children's needs also change over time, and information and advice received when a child is younger may need to be updated to be relevant for the child/young person today.

Attending the Autism awareness parent programme gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting presenting needs.

4 weekly sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

No.	Topic	Date and Time
1	Autism overview	Fri 11 Feb 10a.m - 12
2	Communication	Fri 18 Feb 10a.m - 12
3	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Fri 4 Mar 10a.m - 12
4	Sensory	Fri 11 Mar 10a.m - 12

If this programme dates/times are not suitable. More programme details will be published soon giving wider options for your access on different days/times.

We (Babcock LDP) will send a Clickmeet platform event invite to your email each week (Monday a.m) to access the relevant weekly topic for attendance. You will need an email address and the internet to access this programme.

The programme is purely in an online format (live presentation).

We will also send details related to downloading and accessing the Clickmeet online platform.

We will invite and respond to questions related to training topics/themes following each week's topic.

Posting on our Website, responses to the most commonly asked questions and additionally signposting to our already established and developing resources and themes.

How do I accept and access the programme?

- Simply email LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com to indicate you would like to accept the programme access offer (using the same email you wish weekly Clickmeet online event links sending to). You will be asked to complete a Reply Slip to confirm details.
- On Mon 7th Feb you will receive the 1st weeks' event link from us
- Feel free to share this programme messaging with other families you know who would also welcome access. They will then also receive full access to the programme through us.

Once engaged in the programme we will maintain contact on a weekly basis to invite any questions you may have related to programme topics and signpost you to additional resources and themes to support your learning.

We appreciate online access does not suit everybody, but this format ensures we reach as many families as possible in a timely manner. We apologise if you have been waiting since our Cygnet online offer ceased in August 2021.

Apply direct by email to: LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com

Additional Communication & Interaction weekly themed supporting resources are available for viewing at:

[Babcock LDP - COVID-19 resources from the communication and interaction team](#)

Listening to your Child's Views

Helping your child to express themselves and tell you how they feel about life at school (and life in general) is important. It helps to make sure they get support that's going to work for them.

There are lots of ways to help your child to talk about what school is like for them and what they would like to achieve and change.

Aspirations are hopes or ambitions for the future. They should be the starting point for SEN support and for all the plans made for a child or young person. Keeping aspirations at the centre of discussions between parents, children and professionals helps to create strong and effective support which makes a real difference.

The most effective support for children and young people with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) happens when their aspirations are linked to their needs, and then to outcomes and support (provision).

This short session aims to signpost and highlight pathways for supporting SEND children and their families to ensure the aspirations, needs and hoped for outcomes of their child and young person are being heard and used effectively.

This is a two-hour free online session with the opportunity for questions at the end.

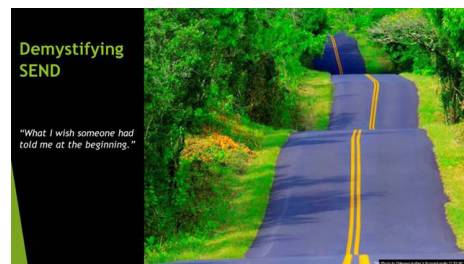
Listening to your Child's Views

Wednesday 16th February 2022 10.30-12.30

Monday 21st March 2022 10.30-12.30

Book a place on these events on eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/listening-to-your-childs-views-tickets-154265433063>



Demystifying SEND

Whether you are new to SEND or already on your journey. This session is aimed at parent/carers supporting their child with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) who would like to find out more about how SEND support should work.

The sessions are aimed at parents starting their journey or part way through. Helping parents to understand how they can access information and which services may be available for them, highlighting the graduated response and the terminology around SEND in schools. e.g. Universal, targeted, specialist services terminology, working with school in a plan do review type approach.

The sessions aim to signpost to information and service websites that are already out there and linked to the Devon Local offer webpage.

To book sessions:

Demystifying SEND

Monday 7th February 2022 10.30-12.30

Tuesday 8th March 2022 10.30-12.30

To book a session please follow the link below to Eventbrite:

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



EHC Reviews

MYTH BUSTING- breaking through some of the misconceptions around the Education, Health and Care Plan review processes.

Reviewing an EHC plan

As time goes on, things will change for your child. They will make progress and get older and their situation and goals will change. So, their EHC plan will need to change too. For this to happen the plan will need to be reviewed regularly – usually once every 12 months.

This is free a 2-hour on-line session for parent carers in preparation for the EHC Review process in Devon. This session is aimed at parent carers of a child with an active EHC plan is delivered by Devon Information Advice and Support service (DiAS).

To book a session please follow the link below to Eventbrite:

EHC Review Mythbusting

Monday 14th February 2022 10.30-12.30

Tuesday 15th March 2022 10.30-12.30

To book a session please follow the link below to Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/education-health-and-care-plan-ehc-review-mythbusting-tickets-156716259551>

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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
Help to 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.

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>

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/>

Free Outward Bound Courses

The Sir Francis Chichester Trust is offering FREE places on [Outward Bound Courses](#) to young people aged 16-22 who live in Devon.

Early Help Resources

Seeing parent conflict through the child's eyes. <https://www.seeitdifferently.org/>

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.

Hub of Hope

A database which brings together organisations and charities who offer mental health advice and support. <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 when trying to keep children safe online.

A Guide to Potentially Dangerous Apps for Kids

Plus useful tips for protecting your child from 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/>

Citizens Advice

Call our free, local AdviceLine on 0808 27 87 999
Get advice and webchat via www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk
Email us on info@ruraldevoncab.org.uk
Message us www.facebook.com/TorridgeNorthMidWestCA



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Vacancies

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust (dartmoormat.org.uk)
<https://www.dartmoormat.org.uk/job-vacancies.html>

Current vacancies include:

- Early Years Foundation Stage TA at Chagford Primary (closing 9th Feb)
- Trust Governance Clerk (closing 20th Feb)
- Premises Manager Tavistock College (closing 16th Feb)
- Cleaners across the Trust

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