

Fortnightly FOCUS

For Students & Parents

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Message from Tavistock College Principal Tristan Muller-Forster

Firstly I would like to thank and congratulate our young people



for the commitment they are showing to support us all in the improvements that we are looking for within the school. I would also like to thank all parents that attended our recent community meeting, following the release of the College Ofsted report just last week. We understand that this will have come as a shock and the contents of elements of the report appear alarming. We have taken this incredibly seriously and are taking urgent and

strong actions to best support our young people in a number of ways, first and foremost setting out our expectations outlined in our new Behaviour and Conduct policy. I am pleased to say that this policy has now been ratified by our governing body and we are able to roll this out in its entirety. The feedback from our community meeting has been gratefully received, fully read and distributed to those school leaders leading on the particular area of concern. I would like to take this opportunity to share some emerging themes, that as a direct result of your feedback we are already planning implementations to support you and your children with near immediate effect.

- 1. Improved communication across the school, but specifically for those parents with a child who has SEND
- 2. Investigation on how we can manage our lunch time provision in a way that means young people do not feel rushed or without a space to eat, all the while feeling safe to do so
- 3. How we better connect with you as parents, through both homework and the curriculum

We will be communicating these aspects of your feedback very soon, some with all parental groups and some with specific parent groups. In case you couldn't make the meeting this week, I attach the promise that we are making to you as parents and community members to increase the provisions for you to get involved, with dates so that you can be aware of what's coming up in terms of building back our community cohesion with parents and our community.

We have several opportunities for parental and community involvement including;

- Parent council meetings Every half term, next meeting 11th October
- Parent forums Next meeting, 17th November
- Open mornings Upon request
- Parents and Friends association meetings Half termly, first meeting, 7th November
- Improvement strand development evening Termly, first meeting, 8th December

I look forward to seeing you at some of these events and as ever if you need anything please do ask myself or a member of the team. Tristan

AMDA Success

We are delighted that the LAMDA students who took examinations at the end of the Summer term have achieved fantastic results maintaining the 100% Tavistock College pass rate in these examinations, but this



time surpassing that with 100% of students gaining the top grades Distinction and Merit. Students took examinations in Public Speaking, Acting and Speaking of Verse and Prose with 6th form

students also accruing valuable UCAS points.





Creative Arts Rehearsals / Clubs Until Oct half term 2022

- Recess clubs/rehearsals start week of 12th September ~ After School clubs starting week of 26th September
- All equipment and spaces must be tidied at end of session
- No food/ eating allowed in any of the Creative Arts spaces
- The College Charter applies within all extra and co curricular experiences

WK A + B	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Recess 1	GCSE Drama/Dance open rehearsals	GCSE Drama/Dance open rehearsals	GCSE Drama/Dance open rehearsals	GCSE Drama/Dance open rehearsals	Open Mic - All musicians
	EPE DR2	EPE DR2	EPE DR2	EPE DR2	welcome to share
		* Music open rehearsals	*	*	JLA MU3
		JLA MU1	Music open rehearsals BBE MU1	Music open rehearsals BBE MU1	
Recess 2	Whole School	DR2 GCSE Drama/Dance	DR2 GCSE	DR2 GCSE	Open Mic -
	Choir	open rehearsals EPE	Drama/Dance open	Drama/Dance open rehearsals EPE	All musicians welcome to share
	(starts during Tutor) BBE HALL	Year 7 Drama Games	rehearsals EPE	*	JLA MU3
	*	6th Form/SSM DR3		KS4 Art Club	*
	6th Form	*		KWY /AFL A3	GCSE Dance/ Drama open rehearsals
	Photo Dark Room	GCSE Dance/ Drama		Creative Arts	SSM DANCE
	sessions	open rehearsals		Magazine Club	STUDIO
	KBA PS1	JMA DANCE STUDIO		All years SHN MS1	
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After School	Jazz Band	Upper School Dance	Whole School	Lower School Dance	
3.20pm -	(instrumentalists who can read instrument	Years 10 - 13 JMA/SSM DANCE	Choir (separate timetable)	Years 7 - 9 JMA/SSM DANCE	
4.20pm	appropriate music	STUDIO	BBE HALL	STUDIO	
	welcome) JLA MU3	* Film Club	* DR2/ Dance Bookable	* Art Club	
	*	All years	with EPE/SSM	Years 7 - 11	
	6th Form	RMA/SHN M8		KWY/ AFL A3	
	Photo Dark Room sessions	GCSE Textiles Catch Up		DR2/ Dance Bookable	
	KBA PS1	JHA A4		with EPE/SSM	
	DR2/ Dance	PS1 Yr11/Yr13 Photo/			
	Bookable with EPE/ SSM	Media Catch up GWA *			
		DR2/ Dance Bookable with EPE/SSM			

- Students will be invited to trips, visits, workshops, and opportunities via letter home and information on Google Classroom
- Open rehearsal spaces have a maximum capacity depending on the room, whilst it will mostly be first come first served, staff will make sure that the space is shared well and that may mean slight changes to the timetable. Sign in sheets of who is using the space will operate.
- Bookable spaces require students to see or email the staff running the space 48 hours in advance



Photographic Calendar Competition



The theme this year is 'Place & Time' This can be interpreted in any way that you would like to but the photographs should be taken in landscape format and should be suitable for one or more of the months of the year.

We are looking for 12 fantastic photographs for the 2023 Photographic Calendar. Closing Date for entries is Mon 10th October

Entries - Three photographs per student age between 11-18 to be sent via email as an attached jpg file. Each photo should have your name and should be numbered 1,2,or 3 and sent to Mrs Bassett at k.bassett@tavistockcollege.org
Winning entrees will receive a free copy of the 2023 Calendar!

English Clubs

Lexia / English homework

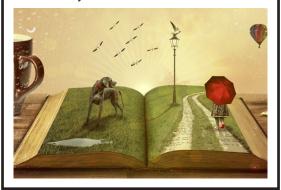
Tuesday after school - library

Tavi Book Club

Tuesday Week B E9 - Recess 2

Year 7 Book Club

Wednesday Week A - Recess 2



P.E.

After School Clubs 3.15pm - 4.15pm

MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY		
XI Football	Hockey	Football		
Years 11/12/13	All Years	Year 7 & 8 Boys		
SHL	DDO and JHU	Year 7,8,9,10 Girls		
		DDO, C Tait,		
		J Bridges		
	Netball	Cross Country		
	Year 10 & 1st Team	Years 9, 10 & 11		
	NIN &RDO	JIN		
	Cycling	Netball		
	Years 7, 8 & 9	Years 7, 8 & 9		
	NHO	SBT & LHA & TCO		
	Football	Badminton		
	Years 9 & 10	All Years		
	EPA	ABE		
	Basketball	Rugby		
	Years 9, 10 & 11	All Years		
	J Bridges & C Tait	ATA & Simon Fuller		
	Girls Rugby			
	Years 7,8,9 & 10			
	LHA & NMU			

Cross country success Runners from across all year groups travelled to Tavistock

College's first cross country fixture of the season in Saltash. Competing against runners from across Cornwall, they achieved 7 podium finishes and a further 11 top 10 finishes. All team members are congratulated on their performances in a strong field of runners.

Stand out performances of the day came from: male Team Captain Finn Baker, 1st in the Y10 & 11 boys race, female team captain Lara Dix 2nd in the Y10 & 11 girls race and Lamorna Cox 1st in the Y8 & 9 girls race. Other notable performances came from Nell Maguire & Miley Lake. Congratulations to all who took part.



Recess 2 Clubs 1.35-2.10pm

	MON	TUE	WED	FRI
Fitness Suite or Studio	Wk A: ATA Wk B: CTA	Wk A: CTA Wk B: RDO	Wk A: NHO Wk B: ATA	Wk A: EPA Wk B: SHL
	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 11/12/13	YEAR 9/10
Sports Hall (Basketball)	Wk A: LHA Wk B: SHL	Wk A: JBR Wk B: NMU	Wk A: TCO Wk B: TCO	Wk A: SBT Wk B: LHA
(Dasketball)	YEAR 8	YEAR 11/12/13	YEAR 9/10	YEAR 7





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Congratulations to Ella Glennon on winning the semi final at the Area Festival and progression to the finals.

has also completed the British Dressage National Academy.



Congratulations

She also competed at the Home International in Leicestershire, was third in the FEI pony tests and 9th in the medium tests. She has completed her pony club B+ exam in show jumping, cross country and dressage as well as care. She is on course to do her first International in March next year. She

Success Beyond School



How to coach teenagers towards a successful career

We are delighted to announce the first events in our Success Beyond School series for this academic year. These are live online seminars featuring career experts, designed to help parents amplify their children's career potential. The events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and are free to attend.

12th October: Making it in Medicine
Expert advice on how to get into medical school

16th November: Future-Proofing Students Preparing students for the jobs of the future

30th November: Finding a Future in Finance

Gaining the skills for a career in Finance

Register Now



Career Experience For Ages 12-18

Explore our life-changing, immersive career opportunities for ages 12-18, which take place at UCL and live online. Weekend programmes are available throughout November and December. Our flagship Summer Experiences take place in July and August, and there is currently a 15% discount available for those.

View and Register Now

TEXT YOUR SCHOOL NURSE FOR CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH ADVICE AND SUPPORT **07520 631722**OR SCAN THE OR CODE FOR MORE INFO:

GET HELP WITH ALL KINDS OF THINGS LIKE...

'Autism and Us' Parent Programme and autism themed workshops

Our 'Autism & Us' programme is offered for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis. We are also 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.

Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs.

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

Autism & Us programmes:

No.	Topic	Programme 1	Programme 2
1	Autism overview	Tues 27 Sept - 4.30 - 6.30	Tues 15 Nov - 10 - 12
2	Communication	Tues 4 Oct - 4.30 - 6.30	Tues 22 Nov - 10 - 12
3	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tues 11 Oct - 4.30 – 6.30	Tues 29 - Nov 10 - 12
4	Sensory	Tues 18 Oct - 4.30 - 6.30	Tues 6 Dec -10 - 12

Apply direct by email to:

educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk
To secure a place on a programme, or express
your interest for forthcoming programmes. We
will confirm your booking request in September
after the summer holidays, and provide you with
a direct link to the event. They will be delivered
on line 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMs platform

Family Support

Keeping children safe online

The safeguarding area of the college website for resources and signposting.

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

Hub of Hope

Organisations / charities offering mental health advice and support. https://hubofhope.co.uk/

Chat Health School Nurse

Text Message Service 07520631722 Anonymous, confidential advice for 11-19 year olds

The Alcohol Education Trust

www.talkaboutalcohol.com Helping students 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

Kooth online

Mental health and wellbeing support to farming families. www.rabi.org.uk/kooth

Mind

Reliable resources and tips to help you cope with the CoronaVirus (COVID-19) pandemic https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/

Free Outward Bound courses

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

Law & policing, Instagram @yourpolice.uk Rights, law and terminology, information on consent, healthy behaviours and behaviour change.

Alleviating fuel poverty

Free Devon wide service.

https://tamarenergycommunity.com/

Parent Autism Awareness programme

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

Child Mind Institute

Transforming Children's Mental Health https://childmind.org/

HappyMaps

Mental health resources for parents and carers, and for young people and children https://happymaps.co.uk/

YoungMinds

Fighting for young people's mental health https://www.youngminds.org.uk/

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.

Citizens Advice

Free advice: AdviceLine 0808 27 87 999 webchat www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk Email info@ruraldevoncab.org.uk

Message www.facebook.com/TorridgeNorthMidWestCA

Tavistock Food Hub

Open to everyone, Kings Hall (Pixon Lane) Wed 11.00 - 12.30. Fill a large bag for a £5 donation. For a £15 donation we can provide you with sufficient food for a family of 4 for a week. A household/toiletry box is £15, a treat box Is £10. If you aren't able to come to Pixon Lane, we can arrange to deliver the food to you at home. To order a box please email: orderstavistockfoodhub@gmail.com For further information please email tavistockfoodhub@gmail.com



Careers with Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust https://dartmoormat.org.uk/careers-with-us/

