



Principal's Introduction

This last term at Tavistock College has been amazing, simply amazing. We have seen unprecedented successes in many national events, with so many students winning individual recognition. Many of these are detailed within the newsletter, but some deserve special recognition.

Most notably this term, we were proud to announce that Year 12 Business Studies students ('Tyre Fires of Tavistock') were the national winners of the Peter Jones Tycoon in Schools Award, and many of you will have heard them presenting on Radio Devon. They beat over 900 competitors from 500 schools and had their prize of

£1000 presented by Peter Jones and the Duke of York at the final held at Buckingham Palace last week. It was a superb outcome for the team of students: Ellesse Blackmore, Phoebe Sanders, Lauren Abel, Lauren Crick, Sophie Horn, Alice Kodritsch and Patrick Ahern, and well deserved. The team actually won two awards in the competition. They were the KS5 winning team and the overall winners. One of the proudest aspects for me in this process was the way the students conducted themselves throughout the competition, and the care that they showed for each other and their fellow competitors. Plus their generous donation of £600 to support a student in Year 13 whose life was enhanced by their kind gesture. A measure of students understanding of co-operation in the truest sense of the word

In addition to the Tyre Fires team, we have had other national and regional success. Will Dax in Year 13 is the overall winner in the Rotary Club's photography competition, along with Amy Brimacombe in Year 10. Darcy Brown in Year 9 was invited to Big Bang National Science and Engineering Finals in the NEC to present her winning design of a camel toy she devised and built herself. The MFL Faculty prepared students well for a languages speaking competition in Barnstaple, and, again we saw students supporting each other in ways that are not typical of other schools. A special 'well done' to Amy Eaton who won the competition in her age group for her speech in Japanese. We have two recommendations in the West Devon Mayoral awards to be received on 5th April, and I look forward to being there to support them. These are Will Dax for his photography and the Tavistock College Eco- Group (Beau Waycott, Ben Moran and Jack Andrews) who take their co-operative enterprise very seriously. And finally, the Creative Arts Young Co-operative have been active again with their wonderful pantomime, and, more recently, the Spring Concert. I am a great supporter of the creative and performing arts and hope to be able to report our success in arts mark (platinum level) in the summer term.

This term we have welcomed a host of visitors to Tavistock College. Our international visitors have recently been attending the college, from Japan, Kanto Daiichi Senior High School and we are looking forward to greeting our Swedish, Lithuanian and French link schools in April who we are competing against in a 'Smart' competition designed by the British Council to improve and enhance skills of problem solving, enterprise and creativity: skills that will give students an 'edge' in later life. Working with students from other countries has always been a strength of the college, and long may it continue. These cultural experiences enrich young people's lives forever.

In March Sue Williamson the CEO from SSAT visited us. She loved the school and wants to visit again. She described seeing the impact of co-operation assisting in the transformation of the college, notably increased student participation; deeper levels of parental voice; improved collaboration between teachers to improve learning. She spoke to students about the co-operative values and commented on the values of 'caring for others' and 'social responsibility' that she witnessed. Sue reported that it had been a long time since she had visited a school that exhibited such community support. She also said that she was looking forward to our charity dog show in May!

So, how do we get this level of commitment to succeed? Our most valued teachers, tutors and support staff at Tavistock have that knack of making students and their families feel valued. In and around the college great teachers have the habit of making sure they acknowledge and notice children. They use praise wisely and authentically. Students, or their parents, often go out of their way to thank me for having staff that believed in them. They tell me that what stands out, is that they really took the time to get to know them as an individual. Of course, they also appreciate these teachers for setting boundaries and for setting high standards. That is why it is sad when we have to say goodbye to staff. The staff leaving this term are:

Chris Atkin who is leaving the college to move to another part of the country after 28 years. She has been the cheery face of reception for the past few years and will be sadly missed by many. Charlotte Meneer (administrator) is leaving the college to explore new opportunities, Lee Cochrane (Raising Boys Aspiration co-ordinator) leaves us for a new role in Plymouth, as does Ellie Crispin (Science teacher) from the Science Faculty. Natasha Jaynes (Science teacher) leaves us to join another Devon school. Dan Alsop (Business Studies) has a really exciting opportunity at Camborne International Academy, and Cicely Alsbury is leaving to take up a leadership post in Hull. We wish them well for the future.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday. *Sarah Jones, Principal.*



Key dates

Monday 11 April
First Day of Term

Monday 2 May
Bank Holiday

**Monday 30 May –
Friday 3 June**
Half Term

Friday 1 July
Non Pupil Day

Tuesday 19 July
Last Day of Summer Term





Acclaimed Author Visits Tavistock College

Tavistock College library was proud to organise an exciting opportunity for students to meet, and work with, acclaimed author Anna Perera.

Best known for the critically acclaimed novel *Guantanamo Boy*, which was nominated for the Costa Children's Book Award, Anna Perera made a lasting impression on College students.



"It was really interesting to discover her inspiration for the novels. I particularly enjoyed the creative writing ideas we developed, focussing on the power of our dreams" Adam Hutchin Y7

Head of English, Mark Roberts said: "It was a real coup for the College to attract such a high profile writer as Anna Perera. The students involved found the event stimulating and very thought provoking."

Youth Speaks 2016

Tavistock College has again had a hugely successful Rotary Youth Speaks season, with so many students, of all ages, wanting to enter that we had to hold in school knock out competitions. The skills they have learnt have been enhanced by expert coaching from Sixth Form students, who have all entered this nerve wracking and challenging competition in the past. Fuelled by hot chocolate and intellectual debate we are thrilled that our Year 7 team of: Reuben Thomas (Main Speaker), Max Jordan (Chairperson) and Adam Hutchin (Proposer of Vote of Thanks) spoke with such intelligence and engagement at the District Final, that they won through to the Southern Final of this competition. They were the youngest in their age group, which includes Years 7 to 9, and their speech "Primary for the Powerful" relayed a powerful message of the need for compromise and respect in our world, delivered with engaging humour and charm.

The wonderful Year 7 team competed at the Southern Final on Saturday March 19th. Their highly original speech was received with great enthusiasm by the large audience, but sadly, the team were pipped at the post and do not progress to the National Final. Many thousands of teams will have entered the competition across the whole of Britain and Ireland and to reach this level is evidence of their hard work and that of their coaches.

We are very grateful to all the other students who supported the team by attendance at many lunch time sessions and by travelling to Cheddar with us for the Southern Final. *Mrs Hubbard*



Cool Science

A small group of Year 9 students attended the So Cool



for Science session at the Peninsula medical school. The students were a credit to the College. They were all exceptionally well behaved, articulate and enthusiastic. They asked some really thought provoking questions and carried out some fantastic experiments. It was a pleasure to take them on this trip and they received many positive comments from the scientists running the day. *Miss Tyler-Smith*

Horticulture Project

Year 7 horticulture students recently completed the first stage of the College's latest gardening project, to create a peaceful space for contemplation. The students potted up a variety of fragrant Mediterranean plants and thoroughly enjoyed these practical tasks.

Mrs Harris





Japanese Visitors

We are delighted to welcome 13 students and 2 teachers from our host school, Kanto Daiichi Senior High School, in Edogawa ward, Tokyo. They will be staying with Tavistock College students in Years 8, 9, and 11, from 20 -28 March taking part in lessons as well as doing a variety of activities including the Mayor's reception in the Town Hall, horse-riding on Dartmoor, visiting Whitchurch primary school on Tuesday and Exeter Cathedral on Wednesday. The host families have planned several additional evening activities as well as the annual sayonara (farewell) party in the Bedford Hotel. We are all looking forward to this special week of language and cultural exchange. *Mr Chambers*



Pendennis Shipyard

A group of ten 'A' Level Product Design students from Tavistock College had a very inspiring visit to Pendennis Shipyard in Falmouth this January. The visit aimed to enrich the students' understanding and awareness of different types of design, engineering and manufacture whilst hopefully really inspiring the students by showing them some really high specification outcomes. Pendennis are famous across the world for building and refitting superyachts. The students were given an extensive tour of the dry and wet dock facilities and were able to board an 85 metre superyacht which was in for a substantial refit. The students were amazed by the quality of craftsmanship as well as the problem solving nature of the works that were being carried out. In the afternoon we visited Falmouth University's Sustainable Product Design BA course, our progression partnership university. The students were given a real insight into the course and the facilities as well as being able to have their 'A' Level work critiqued and have valuable discussions about sustainable design with the course leaders and degree students. Mr Keegan who organised the trip said "Seeing the students presenting their work to degree students and then taking heed of the invaluable feedback is extremely rewarding as a teacher." The A Level Product Design students will work with The degree course on numerous occasions through the year and the partnership which is now in its second year is having a very inspiring effect on the students and aspirations are really rising. Year 12 student Dominic Newton commented "I found both the Pendennis and university visits very beneficial. It was great to see an amazing workplace to aspire to and then see the degree course which looked fantastic. I really enjoyed the day and plan to study Product Design at Falmouth University after my A Levels.

Having the link in place is allowing me to start bridging the gap towards degree level study in my favourite subject." We hope to run the same trip next year for a new cohort of students as opportunities like these are really helping to give students a path into some extremely exciting careers. *Mr Keegan*



Speech Contest

Year 10 student, Amy Eaton, won first place in the Devon round of the Network for Languages Speech competition. She gave a two minute speech in Japanese about a holiday.

Amy beat other students giving speeches in French, Spanish, German and Italian. She is through to the regional final, to be held on Wednesday 29 June, in Bristol. Well Done Amy!

Miss Benson

GreenPower Formula 24

This year we have two teams building GreenPower Formula 24 electric race cars and preparing for a season of racing. Here is a photo of the Year 10 team which comprises of Bryce Lovell, Tom Harrison, Jack Kerswill, Ben Anning and Cameron Stuart. They are building an aluminium chassis from scratch. They are just reaching the stage where they will mount the electric motor and wire the car up. This will later be clad in a light weight body which they will design themselves to help maximise the car's performance. The second team which includes Tom Gardner, Nathan Savage, Esme Lovell, Sam Thomson and Joe McCormick are building a steel framed car from a kit start point. The racing starts this June at Newquay airport and the teams want to better their performance last year where they came tenth out of 21 schools. *Mr Keegan*





Geoffrey Cox QC MP

Year 7 students and Sixth Form Law, Business Studies and Ethics students recently met Geoffrey Cox to hear about his work as an MP and his experiences as a barrister.

The Year 7 students were bright and articulate and wanted to discuss issues such as cyber bullying, while



the Sixth Form and the Amnesty International group of students asked about a wide range of topics, including the EU referendum, benefits payments, immigration, aid to Syria and lowering the voting age.

There was much discussion about these challenging topics and the law department looks forward to welcoming Geoffrey Cox again to look at legal topics in more depth. *Mrs Harris*



GeogSquad at the Eden Project

The self named GeogSquad visited the Eden project as part of their case study element before their exams.

Having had an informative 90 minute workshop with a tertiary education officer, they got to explore the biomes whilst completing questionnaires and surveys focusing on rural rebranding.

The students were polite and efficient and a pleasure to take out on field work experience. *Mrs Froud*



GeogSquad in Boscastle

It started off grey but within an hour of reaching Boscastle the sun was beaming making it difficult to imagine that the GeogSquad were in the tiny Cornish village studying Extreme Weather and the events of the flooding of August 2004.

Boscastle still has visible wounds and vivid memories of the events though which makes it a superb opportunity to escape the textbook and study this valid case study first hand.

The students conducted themselves in a mature and sensitive manner throughout the trip on this exam field trip. *Mrs Froud*



Prison Visit

Year 13 law students recently visited Dartmoor Prison to find out more about this aspect of the criminal justice system. Having previously visited magistrates and Crown Court, they discovered what happens to convicted defendants once the judge says 'Take them down'. Life for the newly convicted was graphically described for students by prison staff, who gave a clear picture of the difficulties and opportunities available to prisoners. Staff from the health care unit explained that many of the inmates arrive with mental health problems: and there are serious anger management issues to be addressed, while there is also a sophisticated programme for sex offenders. The fact that the prison population is aging leads to further challenges for staff, with some prisoners suffering from dementia and some long term inmates so institutionalised they would find life outside almost impossible. Students came away with a much clearer picture of life inside Dartmoor, and were very grateful to all the staff who gave up their time to speak to us. *Mrs Harris*



Arctic Adventure

During halfterm some dedicated geographers attended one of the Mark Blackwell public lecture series, by prof Mary Edwards of Southampton university, a leading Arctic specialist, focusing on the impact of climate change on this last wilderness.

The lecture was informative and fascinating and the Tavistock College students were the youngest members of the audience but conducted themselves in a highly engaged and responsible manner. *Mrs Froud*



Fiery Tycoons Crowned Champions of Dragon's Competition

A team of talented entrepreneurs from Devon have been crowned champions of Peter Jones CBE's Tycoon in Schools 2015 competition.

The Tavistock College sixth formers, who set up Tyre Fires of Tavistock, were presented a £1,000 cheque by Mr Jones and HRH The Duke of York at a ceremony in Buckingham Palace on 14th March.

They impressed the Dragons' Den star selling a range of fire pits made from recycled wheel rims. Mr Jones said: "The pupils behind Tyre Fires of Tavistock took on a very ambitious project and executed their plan brilliantly. Their product is exciting, they clearly have excellent negotiation skills and they've made a good profit."

Having come up with the idea in a "blue-sky" thinking session, the seven enterprising pupils raised £1,327.56 during a seven-week trading period.

They sourced materials from a local scrap yard, negotiating a reduced price, and then manufactured the products themselves, before carrying out scrupulous quality checks. To produce the fire pits they welded two rims together and cut a hole for the door using an angle grinder. They marketed the product on social media and sold it at various events across Tavistock.

Team member Phoebe Sanders, 16, said: "I'm not really sure whether to scream or cry. It's just overwhelming – it's not settled in yet. We'd like to congratulate every team that took part and thank the teachers that have helped us throughout. We really did not expect to be the overall winners."

"During the competition, we've learnt that it's really important to run a business as a team. Originally we did separate ourselves into roles, but we felt it didn't work. I think that might be down to the sort of business we had, but we worked as a board, we made group decisions and we made sure that we were the best we could be."

Tycoon in Schools is an annual competition that challenges youngsters to run their own real-life businesses using a loan of up to £1000 provided by the Peter Jones Foundation.

Mr Jones added: "Tycoon in Schools gives pupils the opportunity to experience the highs and lows of running a real business. As well as promoting skills essential to employers, such as confidence and resilience, it shows that self-employment is a viable and rewarding option. This sort of initiative is vital to the future of our economy."



Tavistock College would like to express their gratitude to the Tavistock College Endowment Fund (the Trustees), for funding the transportation to London.



Law Visits

Two former A Level Law students recently came to speak to AS Law and Business Studies students. Calum Ross, currently at the University of Law, Bristol, explained how the unique experiences he had while a student at the college enabled him to stand out from the crowd in his applications to universities. He singled out his exchange visit to Japan and a college trip to Ecuador, and particularly his work as Head Boy, as significant formative experiences that

taught him presentational skills and the ability to work with groups of different people. Calum had some very useful advice for current students – make the most of what Tavistock College has to offer, and start your revision early!

Lara Hopkins, presently at Exeter University studying Law, spoke about her life as a student, including successfully completing the Oxbridge application process, to study Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Oxford. Lara spoke about making the most of university life, making friends through societies and sport, and planning funding through university. She explained how important it is to take up opportunities relating to potential employment, and how to succeed in the interview process – be confident and be yourself. The most important advice she gave was work hard, attend all lectures and complete all work, and then play hard to make the most of the university experience. It has obviously worked well for Lara, who has recently been offered a training contract with Clifford Chance, one of the top London law firms, to work in the field of commercial law.

Both of these former students, now high achievers, provided inspiration for the year 12s as they are considering their own futures after Tavistock College – the plan being to aim high! Mrs Harris





Art Workshop

On Monday 14th March a group of Year 11 Art students took part in a day long workshop with Exeter based artist James Lake. They produced cardboard sculptures based on the human form using a variety of intriguing materials. The students worked very hard all day and got a lot out of the experience. It was a great (and very messy) day and the results were fantastic – well done to everyone who took part! *Mr Byron*



Spring Concert 2016

The year 12 Music BTEC students put on a fantastic Spring Concert on Monday, excelling in their professionalism and performance skills. As part of their course, the students have been tasked with putting on and performing in a major event and will be assessed on both their musical abilities and events management skills. The year 12 students organised everything from stage design to refreshments and even ran the advertising campaign, with a full audience and vibrant atmosphere as testament to all their hard work. The evening started with a rousing performance from Tavistock College Jazz Band with students demonstrating advanced improvisation skills in their solo spots. The year 12 bands; 'For Pete's Sake', 'Tei and the Knights' and 'The Marchflies' performed three entertaining sets with Alfie Beatie showing particular professionalism onstage when his guitar amp failed him in his first song. Other highlights included creative arrangements of popular songs from our year 9 students who have been participating in a Musical Futures project in music lessons this term. In this project, following a short course of workshops focussing on core band skills, students have rehearsed independently to achieve their own 'pop band' sound and now seem to have caught the music bug as they are queuing up to rehearse at lunchtimes! After nearly four years of providing the College with very professional musical performances, 'The Departures' gave their last ever performance on Monday and will now go their separate ways to music projects a new. No College concert would be complete without a performance from the school choir Vox and on Monday they were joined by our year 13 Music BTEC students and performed 'Shut Up and Dance' to close the show with a bang. All students who contributed, from performers to 'front of house' were an asset to the College and we congratulate our year 12 students on providing us with such an outstanding Concert. *Mr Lambert*



Young Photographer

Congratulations to Tavistock College students William Dax and Amy Brimacombe on their success in the Rotary Young Photographer Competition. Amy submitted three photos as a portfolio that won locally and at District level. One of them (the 'Bee') was used on the front cover of the March Tavistock Diary.



Amy said "I chose these photos as I like the coast and the countryside. I love the summer and going to the beach and I love my dog, Alfie. I enjoy going on walks and seeing wildlife and brightly coloured flowers and capturing it in a photo."





THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE PANTO!

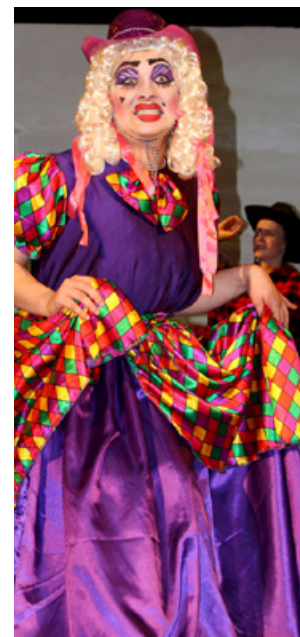


Congratulations to the Sixth Form performers acting, singing and dancing in their own production 'The Good, The Bad and the Panto' many of them have been in Tavistock College productions since they started at the school.

"From Oh What A Lovely War to A Midsummer Night's Dream, I was a Good little Girl Till, Alice, Showstopper! and most recently The Christwinklejinglesparkle Show. We have had the chance to act, sing and



dance in some great shows. The idea for performing this pantomime, and so the formation of the 'Creative Arts Young Co-operative', came about as a result of the realisation that some of us would have left school when the summer whole school show Oliver! would be performed. We wanted one last moment on stage and for some of us a chance to take on an off stage role - so we decided that as independently as possible we would act, direct and produce our own show. Whilst it has been a steep learning curve it has also been hugely fun and we created a show that is produced as an ensemble where each performer directly contributed to the final production." *The CAY Coop Company*



The Creative Arts Young Co-operative or CAY Coop Company reinvests any profits made from their work directly back into the performing arts experience for students at the college. This may be in the form of workshops, resources or supporting trips, visits and practitioners working with students.

Music Grading

Congratulations to Jane Phelpstead and pupils for fantastic music exam results. All exams were taken on Piano.

Pictured from left to right: Lily Walke - Grade 3 Merit, Elise Williams - Grade 2 Distinction, Jane Phelpstead - Tutor, Laura Meredith - Grade 4 Merit, Martha Peach - Grade 4 Merit and Charlotte Davis - Grade 2 Distinction.

Some of these pupils are currently awaiting results for grades taken more recently. Martha Peach recently passed her grade 8 recorder exam - This is taught outside of College but deserves massive recognition! *Mr Lambert*



LAMDA

Congratulations to Cyrus Larcombe Moore, pictured above with Vanessa Maccarty receiving his LAMDA 'Reading for Performance' Grade 6 with Distinction certificate.

Eva Pearson



Sixth Form News

Year 13 are working hard preparing for their rapidly approaching exams. I am delighted by the atmosphere of the study rooms where students are set up and working independently, often by 8.30 in the morning. Their reliable and committed approach will, I am sure, bring in the grades in the Summer.

The vast majority of students now hold excellent offers from Universities or Colleges, including offers from Oxford, Cambridge and for medicine, or have their plans for apprenticeships established. I would urge any student or parent still concerned about what next year will hold to contact me or Mr Jacob. We can easily arrange careers advice. Their approach to their studies is an inspiration to all. Year 12 are also facing AS exams in those subjects which have not yet become linear and preparing with diligence. They are also beginning the time when they need to make decisions about their futures. To that end, we have organised and funded many University trips and tried to match the trips to requests made by students. This last fortnight nearly 40 students visited Cardiff to see Cardiff University and the University of South Wales, 14 attended an Oxbridge admissions road show at the Eden Project, 2 were selected to attend master classes in Cambridge University and 22 attended the apprenticeship and skills fair in Plymouth. After Easter all Year 12 are invited to attend the UCAS Convention in Exeter and the College will organise and fund this trip. Any student who is completely certain that they will not be applying through UCAS next year will have careers sessions provided for them in College, by Careers South West. We do expect the vast majority to attend the Convention however, as information on a hugely diverse range of courses, degree and foundation degree, can be gathered. *Mrs Hubbard*



Sam Sills

Sam left the College 5 years ago and obtained a 1st class degree from Southampton Solent University whilst still pursuing his ambition to be a world champion athlete and possibly wind surf at the Olympics. He is now a professional athlete, training and competing all around the world. Along with many, many of our former students, we are immensely proud of Sam.

Sam visited us in Sixth Form to talk to about the advice and guidance he had received from coaches and sport psychologists about "learning." This was hugely appropriate for our students and fascinating to hear. Sam spoke about the need to have a goal, a huge aim, but to focus and be happy about the "small good decisions you make each day." He told them that success was "about the little things;" about making good choices and tweaking performance leading to steady improvement. It was interesting to listen to him talking about one of his own goals, the Olympics, as just a "week's regatta"....he has to think of it as this...it is cannot embody success for him. As he said, he might injure himself the week before, so his goals had to be bigger than one week of competition.



Sam wisely spoke about the need to rest...that good learning happens when the mind is rested and calm. He told the 6th form that he is a firm believer in "power naps".....not always easy

in a school environment! However, his message of resting and caring for yourself, in order to perform well, is a valuable message for all. He carries a notebook wherever he goes and encouraged 6th form to do so.... "ideas come to you when you don't expect them and often when you are thinking about something else....so stop and write them down." He did admit to taking a long time to get anywhere....

Sam has had to master many skills and using publicity to seek sponsorship is a constant battle for him. He invited the students to follow his progress, on the World Tour, beginning in Palma, on his many social media sites. Sam's talk was inspiring and wise. We look forward to seeing him in action on the World Tour and hopefully the Olympics! *Mrs Hubbard*

STOP PRESS



Congratulations to Hugo Challis, Camilla Snowden, Peter Alexander and Dominic Newton on winning the Engineering Education Scheme competition. Look out for more details on the Tavistock College website.

Careers and the Future

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The Spring Term has seen various activities on The Careers front, with Year 11 and 13 students planning their future, Year 10 and 12 organising their work placements.

Fred Jenkins from Careers South West and Mrs Sharp have continued to provide advice information and guidance.

There have also been some prestigious visitors

February

Year 8 had an extended assembly led by William Thrall from the Devon Collaborative Outreach Network introducing the idea of Higher Education and University. He brought along Jack Gill from SoGoodStudios who talked about his time at University and how he set up his own games design business with students he met whilst studying. He offered the students a chance to enter a competition designing a character for their latest game. Results of which will be out soon.



Bill Thrall from Devon Collaborative Network and Jack Gill from SoGoodStudios



Professor Dame Carol Black inspiring students with her life story

On February 29th, Tavistock College was delighted and privileged to receive a visit from Professor Dame Carol Black, she gave an inspiring and motivating talk to students. Dame Carol Black is currently Principal of Newnham College Cambridge; she talked to students about aspiration, inspiration and medicine, encouraging them to follow their passion and never give up.

Dame Carol is an expert advisor on Health and Work to the Department of Health England. During her prestigious medical career she established an internationally renowned research and treatment centre for connective tissue diseases at The Royal Free Hospital London. She is also a Trustee of the National Portrait Gallery and a member of the Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service committee

March

Year 10 and 12 students attended the Skills Show South West Careers event at Plymouth pavilions. They were able to find out about a variety of different Career and Further education opportunities, talk with local employers and try out some career related activities.



Students taking part in The Skills South West Careers Event at Plymouth Pavilions

Future Events

UCAS Fair Exeter April 13th 2016

Tavistock College and Devon Chamber of Commerce Careers and Futures Fair 15th April 2016 11.30am-15.10pm Tavistock College Main Hall

Year 12 and 13 11.30am - 12.30pm

Year 10 12.30pm - 13.30pm

Year 11 13.30 - 14.10pm (during lunch)

Year 10 14.10pm - 15.10pm

This event will give students the opportunity to meet and talk with a variety of Employers and Education Providers, and access to independent careers information, advice and guidance to help them plan their future career pathway.

Work Experience

Year 10 11th-15th July 2016

The Majority of Year 10 students are finalising their work placements, any students who are still without a work placement should see Mrs C Sharp after the Easter Holidays. Completed forms should be handed into main reception.

Year 12 4th-8th July 2016

Students are being supported by their tutors and will need to hand in completed work experience forms to main reception or the sixth form office.

If you require any information, advice and guidance regarding careers and work experience. Please contact Mrs C Sharp on 01822 614231 ext.279 csharp@tavistockcollege.devon.sch.uk

Work experience activity

As part of their BTEC course Year 10 and 11 students have been carrying out voluntary work experience at Burrator Heritage centre on Wednesday afternoons.

Despite the weather, over the winter students have been coppicing, bird box making and willow weaving.



Year 10 and 11 Students carrying out volunteer conservation work experience at Burrator



Wear a Hat Day



On 24th March staff and students of Tavistock College wore hats to raise money for Brain Tumour Research.



Police Visitor

In Social Studies, Year 7 students have had a visit from Police Community Support Officer Kevin Williams, who delivered a presentation from CEOP (child exploitation and online protection). Through the presentation Kevin promoted awareness of how to stay safe on-line and how to report any concerns. Students enjoyed this learning opportunity and were able to ask Kevin lots of questions.

Mrs Tosdevin



Le Navet Bete & Barbican Theatre Plymouth present

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

The South-West's much loved physical comedy theatre company Le Navet Bete are back at Tavistock College with their Sell Out successful take on the classic tale, 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz'. Join Dorothy and Toto on their fantastical and downright chaotic travels along the Road of Yellow Bricks meeting the usual (sort of) suspects along the way - an unbelievably idiotic Scarecrow, a Tin Man straight from under the Iron Curtain and a Lion whose West-End dreams seem just Over The Rainbow - as well as some characters, you might not expect...

Will they make it to the Emerald City or will the Mighty Oz and his powerful Green Army stop them in their tracks? Will Shirley the Wicked Witch of the West be slightly more wicked than you could ever imagine? Will a squadron of Winged Monkeys end up in your lap?

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz is a show for the entire family to enjoy and is co-produced by Le Navet Bete and Barbican Theatre Plymouth. Directed by Mark Laville, it is a unique version of the story everybody knows and loves. Prepare yourselves for a physical comedy bonanza of ridiculous characters, live music and song, hilarious dances, utter stupidity and much much more.

This really is a long, long way from Kansas...

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Improving Links with College

To keep your child/ren safe and ensure their well-being, we are constantly looking for ways to improve our links with you and keep everyone up-to-date and well informed. As sending written information home is sometimes unreliable; we have decided to implement Schoolcomms, an electronic school communication system. This will enable you to receive all your information from school quickly and reliably. We can send letters by email and short messages directly to your mobile phone as a text message, or if you have an Apple or Android mobile phone, by app message.

SIMs Learning Gateway

SIMs Learning Gateway is a web portal which allows you to access real time information about your child's behaviour, attendance and achievement data. It also tells you specifically what homework your child has on a particular night. We hope that this will help to strengthen our communication so that the students achieve even better. We need the blue form to be returned to us as soon as possible so that we can issue passwords. If you need a new letter or did not receive one from us in the post please email g.young@tavistockcollege.devon.sch.uk.

Improved text messaging system

From time to time, we send information to parents via text message to your mobile phone. A new, free, smartphone app for parents is now available for download called 'School Gateway' for Apple (iPhone 3GS or later, iPad, iPod Touch) and Android (2.3 / Gingerbread or later) devices. Please could you download this new app to your phone (it's free) as it will help us improve communication with parents – and save the school money.

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

1. Search for "School Gateway" in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android)
2. Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications"
3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school
4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you.

As soon as you've got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you'll receive notifications/alerts as normal.

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Easter Holiday Camp

Tues 29th - Thurs 31st March

Mon 04th - Weds 06th April

Day / Date	Activity	Age Group
Tuesday 29th March Monday 04th April	Football	9 - 11
Wednesday 30th March Tuesday 05th April	Multi Skills Day - Cricket, Tennis, Hockey & Frisbee	5 - 8
Thursday 31st March Wednesday 06th April	Football & Goalkeeping	5 - 8

All classes run from 10am - 4pm and cost £10 (cash) or £11 (cheque) per child. All payments MUST be made 7 days before start date

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Sports Centre
sportscentre@tavistockcollege.devon.sch.uk,
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Important Information

Risks Your Child May Face Online

As with the real world, there are risks online and it's important that you teach your child how to navigate them.

Cyberbullying

Grooming

Inappropriate websites

Losing control over pictures or video

Online reputation

Overuse / addiction

Viruses, hacking and security



Offer reassurance and support. Your child may be in need of emotional support or feel like they have nowhere to turn. It is rare that cyberbullying is only taking place online and is often someone your child knows through school or a group they attend. Their school should have policies and procedures for dealing with cyberbullying. Your child could visit CyberMentors. This is an online counselling service with a difference; the counsellors are also children and young people. This site has proved

very popular and offers practical advice - www.cybermentors.org.uk

Tell your child that if they are being bullied to always keep the evidence. Whether it's a text message or email, tell them not to reply to the bully or delete the comments. Ask your child if they know the bully or where the messages are coming from. Often it is someone within the school environment and can be dealt with quickly and effectively with assistance from the school.

Block the bullies. If someone is bullying your child on a social networking or chat site encourage them to block or delete the individual so that they can't be contacted by them anymore.

Report any bullying content to the website it's hosted on. If content has been posted, for example a video or image, which is upsetting your child you should report it to the website, for example, Facebook. Learn how you would report content on sites like Facebook and YouTube; every site is different. Contacting the website is the only way to get the offensive content removed, unless it is illegal. In cases of illegal content - for example indecent images or videos of young people under 18 - contact your local police or report it to CEOP.



What tools are available to help me keep my child safe?

Technical tools-such as parental controls

Reporting tools-explore the Click CEOP reporting pages

Education tool-use the Thinkuknow programme with your child www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Child Protection

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

The Child Protection Officers for Tavistock College are:

Senior Designated Safeguarding and Prevent Lead

Barbara Manning, Vice Principal

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Alexandra Thomas, Health and Multi Agency Co-ordinator

Safeguarding Team

Jo Northmore - Behaviour Intervention Manager, Jane Brown - Inclusion Hub Coordinator
Justin Mifsud - SENDCO, Hazel Blackmore - Head of Year 7, Sonia Fox - Head of Year 8,
Peter Hake - Head of Year 9, Neil Hosking - Head of Year 10, Julie Greener - Head of Year 11,
Sally Hubbard - Assistant Principal, Head of Sixth Form, Julie Edwards - Deputy SENDCO,
Jon Coupland - Safeguarding Governor.

Local Authority Designated Officer - LADO helpline: 01392 384964

secure email address: ladosecure-mailbox@devon.gcsx.gov.uk

If you have any concerns regarding the safety and welfare of any student please feel free to discuss your concerns in confidence with any one of the Officers.

All can be contacted via the school switchboard on: 01822 614231

Guidelines about the new County Safeguarding Guidance – 'Keeping Children Safe' 'Paragraph 227 states that – Parents/carers using Facebook, Twitter and other social media to make derogatory remarks about staff is not acceptable under prohibition on reporting or publishing allegations about teachers in section 141F of the Education Act 2002



Important Information

The Prevent strategy

What is the Prevent strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes.

The Prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme right wing, violent Islamist groups and other causes.

How does the Prevent strategy apply to schools?

From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism.

This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views the same way we protect them from drugs or gang violence.

Importantly, we can provide a safe place for pupils to discuss these issues so they better understand how to protect themselves.

What does this mean in practice?

Many of the things we already do in school to help children become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy.

These include:

- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity
- Challenging prejudices and racist comments
- Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British values such as democracy

We will also protect children from the risk of radicalisation, for example by using filters on the internet to make sure they can't access extremist and terrorist material, or by vetting visitors who come into school to work with pupils.

Different schools will carry out the Prevent duty in different ways, depending on the age of the children and the needs of the community.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does Prevent relate to British values?

Schools have been required to promote British values since 2014, and this will continue to be part of our response to the Prevent strategy.

British values include:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty and mutual respect
- Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

Isn't my child too young to learn about extremism?

The Prevent strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for younger children. It is also about teaching children values such as tolerance and mutual respect.

The school will make sure any discussions are suitable for the age and maturity of the children involved.

Is extremism really a risk in our area?

Extremism can take many forms, including political, religious and misogynistic extremism. Some of these may be a bigger threat in our area than others.

We will give children the skills to protect them from any extremist views they may encounter, now or later in their lives.

KEY TERMS

Extremism - vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values such as democracy, the rule of law and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

Ideology - a set of beliefs

Terrorism - a violent action against people or property, designed to create fear and advance a political, religious or ideological cause

Radicalisation - the process by which a person comes to support extremism and terrorism

Prejudice - to prejudge based on preconceived opinions or feelings

Discrimination - making a distinction in favour of or against a person based on class, group, race etc.

Where to go for more information

Contact the school

If you have any questions or concerns about the Prevent strategy and what it means for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

The Prevent Lead is the Vice Principal, Barbara Manning.

See our policies

You will find more details about radicalisation in our safeguarding policy, available on our website. We also have information about spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and British values.

External sources

The following sources may also be useful for further information:

Prevent duty guidance: for England and Wales, HM Government https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/417943/Prevent_Duty_Guidance_England_Wales.pdf

Frequently asked questions, Prevent For Schools http://www.preventforschools.org/?category_id=38

What is Prevent? Let's Talk About It <http://www.ltai.info/what-is-prevent/>



Important Information

Educational Visits and Trips

Please note that ALL cheques for trip/visit/activities MUST be made payable to Devon County Council and NOT Tavistock College.

Monies can be paid at the hatch in Student Services at the following times: Daily 8.30 – 9am and Monday and Wednesday 1.30 – 2pm.

Can you please ensure that the following information is clearly written on the back of cheques:

- Student name
- Tutor group
- Details of what the payment is for



Student Newspaper

A group of students are setting up a school newspaper written and produced by and for students and the wider community.

We are seeking sponsorship to subsidise the costs of the paper and would be happy to include advertisements for local businesses. Please could you contact the editor, Joe Jordan, on tcnewspaper@outlook.com if you are interested in supporting this opportunity.

School Transport

1. Tavistock College supports the (DCC) Devon County Council's "No Pass No Travel Scheme" that operates on transport to and from this school.
2. Only students who show a valid travel pass to the driver on every journey will be allowed to travel. Students must travel on the vehicle indicated on their pass.
3. Please ensure that your child has their travel pass before they leave home every day.
4. Please ensure that your child knows what to do in the event they are not allowed to travel or the bus does not arrive (e.g. because of breakdown or traffic conditions or severe weather). School attendance is very important and it is best to be prepared for any of these eventualities.
5. DCC will carry out regular pass checks throughout the year.
6. Drivers are not allowed to carry passengers who cannot show a valid pass.
7. If your child loses their pass during the day they should go to the administration office to ask for a 10 day temporary pass. Replacement passes cost £5 each and can be ordered online, or by sending a cheque with a replacement form.

Further info available at: http://www.devon.gov.uk/school_transport

Vehicular Access to College Site

Parents are reminded that students should not be dropped off or collected by car between 08.20am - 08.50am and 3.10pm and 3.30pm unless authorised to do so. Full details can be found in the letter sent out by the College on 19th November 2014 which can be found on the College website under the letters home section or follow the link: <http://tavistockcollege.devon.sch.uk/pear/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/141107-All-Parents-Car-Park-Let.pdf> This letter gives details of alternate safe routes into the college.

Thank you for your cooperation

Communication

We have invested considerable time and effort into improving our lines of communication with parents, carers and the local community as a whole. You can now keep up to date with day to day College news and essential information via these sources:



[Facebook.com/TavistockCollege](https://www.facebook.com/TavistockCollege)



Twitter: @taviccollege



[pinterest.com/taviccollege/](https://www.pinterest.com/taviccollege/)



www.YouTube.com/tavicollegeuk



www.tavistockcollege.devon.sch.uk

Groupcall: This is a facility where we can text parents short messages direct to your mobile phone.

In addition we also have the facility available for you to sign up to updates from the College direct to your personal email account.

Online payments for school meals

Our provider for online payments for school meals changed in June from ParentPay to Schoolcomms.

To get up and running with Schoolcomms you need to open a School Gateway account using the email address and mobile phone number registered with the college as your primary contact details. Have a look at the Parents Communications section of our website www.tavistockcollege.devon.sch.uk for full details on how to set up your School Gateway account. Once set up you will be able to top up your account, see a record of payments made and a list of your son/daughter's meal choices. The quickest and easiest way to access your account is via the School Gateway App – it's free to download and is available for Apple (iPhone 3GS or later, iPad, iPod Touch) and Android (2.3/Gingerbread or later) devices and can be downloaded from the Apple App Store/Google Play.

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Are You Thinking about Becoming a Teacher?

If you already have a degree why not consider training to be a teacher. Our School Direct programme offers places locally to train for primary or secondary teaching.

The secondary programme offers places for English, Maths, Physics, and Modern Languages.

If you would like to know more, please contact:

Helen Carr at the college 01822 614231 or email h.carr@tavistockcollege.devon.sch.uk



Rugby 7s

The U13 and U15 Rugby 7s teams returned from the West Devon Championships finishing 4th overall. Against good opposition, both teams finished 4th overall after matches against DHSB, Ivybridge, Plymouth College and Eggbuckland. The teams never gave up and showed great team spirit.

U15 try scorers -Connor Baker and Tom Pearson

U13 try scorers - Leon Bray, Oliver Thursby and George Cole
Mr Corkell

Under 14 Girls Football

Tavistock College 1 Ivybridge College 0

A fantastic display from the Year 9 girls footballers saw an impressive win against Ivybridge which means qualification for the Devon County finals later this term.

In a closely played encounter both teams created chances, but an outstanding shot into the corner of the goal by Sophie Isaacs proved to be the difference. There were brilliant performances from the whole squad, but Caitlin Bond in particular led the defence superbly well.

Congratulations to the Year 9 team. *Mr Hulbert*

1st Team Football

Tavistock College V Launceston College

In January the 1st team football team played against the Year 12 Launceston team. The weather was horrible, there was so much rain and parts of the astro turf had become water logged.

As a team they started off well, they kept possession and played the ball around the pitch. They played the best they could due to the conditions; Tavistock had chance after chance and hit the post countless times. George White ran with the ball taking on player after player, he put a blinding ball through to James Wallace who took the chance to put a shot away, the shot was saved by the keeper but the ball went straight up into the air, where Ben Holland took his chance and skilfully headed the ball into the bottom left corner.

The second half began and Launceston came out harder and stronger than they did the first half. They threw everything they had at Tavistock. The game became much more physical but it wasn't a problem for Tavistock as they fought back, as a team they carried on attacking, the midfield kept pushing on and winning back the ball, the defence prevented the attack but when they did get through, Callum Massey making his first appearance for Tavistock in goal, was able to stay calm and composed considering the first time appearance. All of this allowed us to keep our 1-0 lead to the end of the game and win the match. A great performance by everyone in the team
First Team Captain Kieran Bond



Girls Rugby

After a great day of rugby, both U13 and U15 girl's teams represented the college with commendable performances. Both teams lost their first round match in close games and progressed into the plate competition for the second round.

The U13 team improved as the day went on and finished with a victory against South Molton in their last game. The team attacked well all day with tries from Mia Folland, Lauren Issac, Gaby Booker, Willow Hinton, Masie Danvers, Charlotte Crocker and Kirsty Vernon. Other players: Elle Waters, Kelsey Wilkinson, Kayleigh Young and Kellyanne Bishop.

Player of the tournament: Mia Folland

The U15 team found their form in the second round and with victories against Plymstock and Stoke Damerel become plate champions and picked up the trophy! Tries from Kaya Bos, Lauren Morris and Rhian Packwood. Other players: Freya Prowse, Sophie Matthews, Charlotte Able and Abi Williams.

Player of tournament: Kaya Bos



Hockey

The newly formed Tavistock hockey team won their first game against Okehampton 3-1, with goals from Jamie Cooper, Callum Mitchell and Jess Lethbridge. It was a great team performance from established club players and those who have only recently picked up a hockey stick. Captained by Jamie Cooper who also received player of the match, every player deserves congratulating, the game was a pleasure to watch.

Okehampton played well and continually pushing forward in attack, which led to the goal of the game which was a fine counter attacking move; after defending a corner, the ball was passed through a succession of players before slotted in to the goal by Jess. *Mr Corkell*



Sport Relief 2016

As part of Sport Relief 2016, Tavistock College students joined together to raise money in the spirit of 'doing something that you're proud of'.

During PE lessons and lunchtimes, pupils made a voluntary donation of £1 or more

to run at least 1 mile around the track. Other challenges involved being inventive on how the mile was completed and dressing up as an athlete for the lesson. Congratulations to all those pupils who supported the event.

Mr Corkell



Congratulations

Will Dax

Congratulations to William Dax who represented Tavistock College in the English School National Cross Country Championship in Nottingham.

Will did extremely well, in strong field of 310 runners he finished well within the first half and Devon finished 14th out of 45 counties. *Mrs Hubbard*



Celine Conley

Tavistock College, Year 13 student, Celine Conley, has been short-listed in the 'Young Volunteer of the Year' category of the Devon Sports Awards 2016 competition.

Celine completed her UKCC Level 1 Badminton England Assistant Coaches Course when she was in Year 11. Since then she has volunteered with Tavyside Badminton and West Devon and, this year was recommended for the award by Tavyside Badminton, OCRA Sport (based in Okehampton) and Badminton England.

The presentation evening takes place on the evening of Friday 13th May when she will be up against two other finalists in the category.

Congratulations to Celine on her nomination and her achievement in getting through to the final three. *Mr Berry (badminton coach)*

Winter Ability Games

Congratulations to all of the students from Tavistock College who took part in the Devon Winter Ability Games at The Plymouth Life Centre.

This event is part of the Devon School Games Programme which gives children with varying disabilities, the opportunity to take part in competitive sport. The School Games is supported by Sport England Lottery funding and aims to inspire young people to participate in competitive sport and provide a long term legacy as a result of the London 2012 Olympics, to enable every school and child in competitive sport.

