



They're Back!!!

The start of the new half term has seen the re-launch of the Tavistock College houses. Named after 5 influential individuals or families of the area, the re-integration of the house system into the college will bring about a sense of belonging to staff and students, a sense of emulation across year groups and a sense of moral purpose to the actions and reactions of all members of the college community.

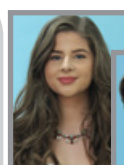
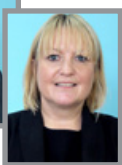
Each student and member of staff has been given a house badge to wear as part of their uniform and we have started the process of re-introducing new house competitions and rewards, with the students from each house being consulted in these actions and they've had lots of ideas for the future!

One thing that is set in the diary is our Founders Day it is booked for July 12th in St Eustachius Church and all are welcome, but of course more details will follow.

In this issue you'll meet our new Heads of House as well as our first House Captains for nearly 20 years. If, as ever, you have any ideas about what we can do to make the house system a success at the college, please get in touch!



Mrs Jones and Miss Manning
Alice Kroditch and Laurence Dobson
Ellese Blackmore and George White
HOYS



Mr Smith
Sophie Horn

Mr Palmer
Olivia Bates

Mr Ruse
Daniel Towl

Mr Forster
Natalie Stephens

Mr Roberts & Mrs Horn
Sarah Coe

Tutors & Tutor Groups
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Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 23rd November

Craft Stores Galore!

Blue Skies Catering
Burgers Hot Dogs and Nachos

Games and Prizes!

Hog Roast!

Raffle!



From 6pm to 8pm in the Main Hall
Tavistock College

Mulled Wine, Mince Pies
and other Refreshments

Diary Dates

10th November	Sixth Form Open Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm
11th November	Year 9 Remembrance Service
16th November	Year 11 Parents and Carers Evening
23rd November	Year 8 and 9 Vaccinations
	PTFA Christmas Fair 6.00pm – 8.00pm
24th November	Year 9 Parents and Carers Evening
1st December	Sports Personality of the Year
7th December	Year 13 Parents Evening
14th December	Year 7 Carol Concert, St Eustachius Parish Church Tavistock College Carol Concert, St Eustachius Parish Church, 7.00pm. All parents and carers welcome
16th December	Christmas jumper day and end of term

Tavistock Cooperative Learning Trust AGM

The Trust AGM will be held at 5.30pm on Thursday 24 November 2016 in The Innovation Centre, Tavistock College.
All parents, carers and staff are warmly invited to attend.

Showjumping Success

Congratulations to the Tavistock College showjumping team, home after an amazing few days. The teams rode superbly and were a credit to the school. They managed and turned their ponies out like true professionals.

70-75cm: Frankie double clear, Natalie double clear, Jade 8 faults, Heidi 8 faults. We missed out on a place in the evening final performance by finishing on 8 faults.

90-95cm: Becky double clear, Natalie double clear, Frankie 4 faults (last fence!), Heidi 4 faults. Finishing 12 out of 46 teams (184 riders) in the UK!

80cm jumping with style: Frankie had qualified for this class individually and had an amazing double clear jumping both show jumps and cross country fences. A huge class but Frankie managed to secure 6th place in the UK. A massive achievement coming home with a medal, cap, rosette and some goodies. *Karla Mckechnie*

Contact Karla Mckechnie if you would like to participate in the Tavistock College showjumping team: karla.mckechnie@yahoo.co.uk



GCSE

Grades are changing

GCSEs in England are being reformed and will be graded with a new scale from 9 to 1, with 9 being the highest grade. English literature, English language and maths will be the first subjects to be graded in this way from August 2017. The subjects with the highest numbers of candidates (e.g. arts, humanities, languages) will follow in 2018 and most others in 2019. During this transition, students will receive a mixture of letter and number grades. This is happening as GCSEs are being reformed to make them more challenging, to keep pace with employers' and universities demands. In the first year each new GCSE subject is introduced, students who would have got a grade C or better will get a grade 4 or better. Grade 9 will be more difficult to achieve than a grade A*.

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Sport Results

10th October - Year 10 Boys Football v D.H.S for Boys (A) - DHS 6 Tavistock 0

13th October - Years 9 & 10 Netball Tournament at Liskeard - Year 9 lost - Year 10 Drew
Year 7 ESFA Boys Football v Teignmouth - Tavistock 2 Teignmouth 0

18th October - Years 7,8,9 & 10 Netball v Okehampton (A) - Year 7 won Years 8,9 & 10 lost

19th October - Year 9 Rugby v Callington (H) - Tavistock lost

20th October - Year 7 Rugby v Launceston College (A) Tavistock 75 Launceston 0



**PADSTOW
CHRISTMAS
FESTIVAL**



Tavistock College PTFA Visit

for parents, carers and friends of Tavistock College (over 18's only)



Saturday 3rd December 2016

£5 per person, leaving from Tavistock College car park at 10.00am and returning at 6.00pm



Padstow Christmas Festival is one of the country's leading Christmas festivals. The Christmas Market is held in the Main Marquee. The market is dedicated to food and drink, visitors can see big culinary names from the small screen in a host of cookery demonstrations.



To book please contact

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Over 18's only

Places are limited!

Getting to know your staff

Mr B Turner

1) What's the best part of your job? The bonkers answers to questions I sometimes get

2) When you were little, what was your dream job? Lawyer - I was probably the most argumentative kid in the world

3) If you could have one wish, what would you wish for and why? More hours in the day - so I could actually get to the end of a to-do list.

4) Football or Rugby? Football

5) If you've had a really rubbish day, how do you cheer yourself up? I walk the dog every day and he's loopy - it's impossible to be in a bad mood when you get back from taking him out.

6) If you could have a superpower for a day, what would it be? Ability to control time - see answer to number 3!

7) What is your favourite song EVER? I love my music so this is too hard to answer.

8) Who is the most inspirational person you know? My brother - the guy is fearless

9) Give us one interesting fact about yourself. I've played basketball against (and scored on) a former Maltese international



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