



It appears finally that spring has sprung and the sun has started to shine, a real bonus after the rain of previous weeks! As you will be aware we are advancing in our plans to be part of a newly formed Multi Academy Trust (MAT). There will be a consultation meeting to ensure that we share, consider and make the best use of the views and opinions of our parents and community during this process. This meeting will be in the summer term, but we will endeavour to inform you by the 18th April of a date and time.

We would like to ask for the support of our parents to ensure that students are respectful and considerate on their way to and home from school, whether on the bus or by foot. At this time it is important that they are in the correct uniform as they are representing the college. We have had a couple of incidents where students have been disrespectful of property and/or people during these times and we would like to remind all students that they will still face school consequences for these behaviours. *Mr Forster*

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22 March
Year 7 Y Band Parents' Evening

Tuesday 28 March
Year 10 Vaccinations

Monday 3 April – Monday 17 April inclusive

Easter Break

Tuesday 18 April

First day of Summer Term

Year 7 Reports

Recently we sent home our new style Year 7 reports. These are based on skills and the progress students are making towards their end of Year 7 objectives, rather than just giving a student a level. The key principle is that it is more important to understand what students can and cannot do, rather than what score they received on a test. Mr Smith was collecting feedback at the first of the 2 Year 7 parents' evenings and he will be doing the same this Wednesday at the 7Y evening. Please feel free to pass any feedback to him so that we can improve these reports for the future.

Year 8 and 9 Options

Thank you for your patience with the options process. We have been currently working on options for years 8, 9 and 12. Year 9 options are almost ready to be passed on to students. This should happen by the 25th March. It may be possible to change options after this point but it is not guaranteed. Any student who did not receive 3 out of the 4 options they chose has had a second interview to try and rectify the issue.

With Year 8 we have needed to extend the deadline till 24th March. We can then analyse students' choices and make sure that we have the option blocks right. I will then meet with any students who have not received 4 out of their 5 option choices. *Mr Smith*

TAVISTOCK COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND 'A Registered Charity'

Do you need financial help to support your education?

The Tavistock College Endowment Fund is a registered charity set up in 1932. Its purpose is to help pupils of the College with the expenses of education.

Grants can be awarded:-

- To support education costs.
- To provide assistance with clothing, tools and instruments on leaving school.
- To fund travel abroad to pursue education.
- To provide facilities for recreation and social or physical training.
- To provide financial assistance to study music or other arts.

Eligibility

Young people under the age of 25 who are attending the college or have attended at any time for not less than 3 years and are resident in either the urban or rural areas of Tavistock (In the opinion of the trustees).

The trustees meet in **January May and October** each year to determine applications. Application forms are available from the Principal's office or can be downloaded from the college website.

<http://tavistockcollege.devon.sch.uk/index.php/our-college/tavistock-college-endowment-fund/>

Applicants should provide **as much detail as possible** regarding family income and reasons why funding is required.

Students should note that Trustees rarely fund the whole cost of a school trip or project. They expect the student or their family to raise funds or contribute towards the cost. **Please supply as much detail as you can when applying for a grant.**

Governor Opportunities

Get involved in your local community by becoming a School Governor! This role offers a unique opportunity to help contribute your own expertise to help build the future of our local community through education. Even if you've never been involved in this type of rewarding experience before, full training and continued professional development and support is offered. Interested? Want more information? Please feel free to contact the chair of the Governors, Kevin Wilson via: office@tavistockcollege.devon.sch.uk

STOP PRESS

Some of our very responsible students have alerted us to a worrying craze that may have been identified on social media by our young people. This need not alarm you and it should be stressed that we are not aware of anything actually happening, but we are concerned that students are apparently aware of it. It involves mixing cough sweets with a cola type beverage and then drinking the resulting brew which, in turn, can lead to some unpleasant side effects including sleepiness and even loss of consciousness. We would urge all parents to be vigilant and keep a special eye on their children over the weekend in case they have seen anything of this nature on the internet. Obviously if you are concerned you should seek urgent medical attention. *Miss Manning*

Sport Results

1 March Devon School Games @ Torbay Leisure Centre See Mr Hulbert's report (right)

2 March Netball at Liskeard, East Cornwall League Y7 won 6 – 0 Y8 lost 9 – 7

3 March U13 U15 Girls Rugby – Devon Tournament at Topsham - Tavistock came 4th.

7 March Y10 v Y11 Football. Year 11 won 4 – 2

15 March Under 13 Rugby Sevens at Mount Kelly Tavistock came 7th & 8th.

Hockey Star

I would like to highlight the recent sporting success of one of your students. Jamie Cooper is in, and captain of, the Plymouth Marjon U14 Boys Hockey team who have recently qualified for the regional finals which will be hosted at Marjon Sport, Plymouth on the 26th March. The team will partake in a 4 team round robin against Surbiton, Haslemere & Fareham. Topping the group would send the team to the National Finals at the Olympic Park in May.

I would also like to mention that they were medalling in the Plymouth 7's & Devon 7's last week.

Matt Bodily - Plymouth Marjon U14 Coach

Sports Academy

Athlete profile

Name: Chantel Whiting

Year group: 10

Sport: Boxing

What is your greatest sporting achievement?

Going to the national final of the girls schools boxing championships.

Who do you see as your role model and why?

Ebonie Jones – because she has achieved so much in a short period of time and I would like to achieve the same.

Describe your typical week training in your sport.

Monday – run in the morning, press-ups, sit-ups and weight training.

Tuesday – hill runs, press-ups, sit-ups and boxing training.

Wednesday – sprints, press-ups, sit-ups and weight training.

Thursday – long run, press-ups, sit-ups, boxing training.

Friday – sparing.

Saturday – day off – rest

Sunday – long run, circuit training.

What has been your greatest challenge and how do you motivate yourself to persevere?

My greatest challenge is to get to the highest level of fitness. I'm motivated to beat the next challenge set out in front of me.

What advice would you give to future potential athletes for success?

To train hard and never give up at the first hurdle and always put 100% into everything you set a target to aim for.



Sporting Success at the School Games!

On the 1st March Tavistock College took a Year 8 Volleyball team and Year 8 and 10 boys Duathlon team to the school games. This is an event between the schools who have qualified locally across all of Devon and Torbay. Of course a fantastic achievement to get this far, but our students took this to the next level against very tough opposition.

Year 8 boys volleyball

The boys showed great resilience and skill to finish 7th in this competition. Led by the organisation of Freddie Fuller they continually showed that they could compete against the best schools in the region. This achievement is made even more amazing considering the boys have only been playing for 5 weeks!!!!

The boys are a product of the new volleyball club that has been started up at the college.

Year 8 volleyball team: Freddie Fuller, Seth Waycott, Josh Pollard, Jacob Hopkins and Ben Goodman



Duathlon

The Duathlon is a tough endurance event which was held at the Torbay Velopark. It combines the disciplines of cycling and running and to be successful you need consistency in the two activities. The adverse weather made this even more challenging.

Year 8 boys – 4500 metre cycle followed by 1500 metre run.

Individual ranking

1st – Joe Dix

2nd – Dan Luckham

4th – Charlie Elkington

5th – Will Russell

Boys team ranking

1st – Tavistock College

What a performance by the whole team – 4 in the top 5. Joe Dix was five seconds behind the lead after the cycle and produced an outstanding run to win the event.

Dan Luckham was in third after the cycle a full 25 seconds behind. An amazing run saw Dan chase second place and overtake to finish in this position.

Will Russell also produced a stunning run gaining 3 places over 1500m to finish 5th.

Year 10 boys – 6000 metre cycle followed by 2000 metre run.

Individual ranking

2nd – Luke Cressey

3rd – Gabriel Schreiberman

4th – Owen Staples

Boys team ranking

1st – Tavistock College

Another stunning team and individual performance with all three boys gaining an extra position on the final run. The most impressive aspect of this performance was the way the three boys worked together in the cycle, taking turns to push the pace. Outstanding!

Mr Hulbert



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