



As a College, we spend lots of time reflecting on how we can best instil our pupils with a lifelong love of learning, while also preparing them to do their best in final examinations. As an English teacher, you won't be surprised to hear that I dedicate much of my efforts towards boosting pupils' literacy levels. If we are successful in our efforts to hook students into reading quality fiction and non-fiction, they will not only improve their vocabulary, but will also better understand the world around them.



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I recently read the latest report by the National Literacy Trust, which made clear that when students enjoy reading, they do much better at school, at work and beyond. The report found that the longer children continue to enjoy reading, the greater the benefits. Across the country, ten-year-old book-lovers had a reading age 1.3 years ahead of their classmates who dislike reading, and by age 14 this gap widened to 3.3 years. Significantly, these effects are also seen in subjects such as mathematics, a subject not always directly associated with textual comprehension. But with around half of secondary students in Britain still not enjoying reading, there is clearly much work to be done. In addition to the library lessons that form part of the KS3 English curriculum at Tavistock College, and opportunities to read during tutor time, reluctant readers would really benefit from reading for around 30 minutes per day at home. With this in mind, I've included an introductory reading list for younger pupils, along with some websites that will help pupils with their English knowledge in Years 7, 8 and 9. I will attach a KS4 and KS5 reading list in a future edition of the Parent Focus. Please do let me know if you have any questions or comments about the list or reading in general. *Mark Roberts, Assistant Principal*

## Uniform update

Further to my message in the last fortnightly focus, I can confirm that from September the compulsory and optional uniform will be:

### Compulsory

- Black shoes (without logos or brands)
- Black trousers (not jeans, leggings or jeggings i.e. not tight around the ankle)
- White shirt
- Tavistock College logo tie (available from Lawsons)
- Black Tavistock College logo blazer (available from Lawsons)

### Optional

- Black Tavistock College logo jumper
- Black Tavistock College logo skirt (two styles of skirt will be available to order from a supplier online - further details to follow shortly)
- Black Tavistock College logo tailored shorts, which can only be worn from May to the end of October (will be available to order from a supplier online - further details to follow shortly)

We appreciate that some pupils in current Years 7-10 will have skirts or trousers that will still fit them in September and meet school uniform guidelines. For this reason, there will be a transition period, so that uniform items that have been cleared by us can still be worn until new uniform needs to be purchased.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and ensure all pupils are comfortable, but also smart and presentable in College.

## Year 10

### Work Experience

Year 10 work experience week runs from Monday 2nd until Friday 6th July inclusive. Whilst this may seem a long way away it is crucial that students are proactive in seeking out these placements now. Firstly it takes time for the relevant paperwork and risk assessment checks to be carried out and secondly many schools in West Devon and Plymouth undertake work experience at a similar time.

As part of the tutor programme students are exploring wider employability skills and future opportunities to assist in the process. The following websites are incredibly useful if students require further ideas and inspiration towards making the most of this opportunity:

- [www.careerpilot.org.uk/](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk/)
- <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>
- <http://www.careersbox.co.uk/>
- <https://www.plotr.co.uk/>

Students now have access, via their tutors, to a database of local employers who have supported work experience placements in the past. We are fortunate to be supported greatly by our local community but the onus is very much on the students to take the initiative and make contact with local employers in a professional and polite way. The work experience consent form is due back by half term. This leaves some time for the school to ensure all correct risk assessment checks are in place so students can fully benefit and enjoy their placement. Students should speak to Mr Ruse if they have any particular queries or questions about the process.

## Tavistock Business Show

Tavistock College students are involved in the forthcoming Tavistock Business show. 6th form music students will be providing some musical interludes whilst

**Save the Date!**  
Thursday 24 May 2018  
TAVISTOCK & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
**ANNUAL BUSINESS SHOW**

Tavistock & District Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce the return of the **TDCC Business Show** with an added twist...

**business stands • educators • professional guest speakers • music performances • speed networking • craft demos • free prize draw and much more...**

**Rodgers** Chartered Accountants  
**WINGS** Chartered Accountants

**tdcc** Come and support West Devon businesses!

**OPEN TO ALL FREE TO ATTEND**

some of our Y12 business studies students have formed a working group to assist in the marketing and operations of the event. This sees a real life application of the marketing and recruitment theory that they learn on their course being applied to a local setting.

# Product of the Year 2018



On Tuesday 8th May, around 70 students from Tavistock College exhibited their fantastic technology projects in the college's annual Product of the Year competition. The event which was extremely well attended allowed visitors to wonder the extensive exhibition, speak with all the students about their work and vote for their favourite projects in each category. The event brings together all the disciplines from the college's Technology faculty, so categories included product design, graphic products, food technology, textiles, computing and design technology. Head of department Pete Keegan comments 'This was one of our most successful and diverse events yet. I was so excited to see all the students with their incredible projects come together in such a positive environment,



then listening to students articulate how their projects were made and seeing them brimming with pride as they showed the visitors was an absolute joy.' The event also included a display of our GreenPower Formula 24 electric race cars ahead of their race season, a tech zone with some fantastic gadgets and live music. There were ten winners on the night but the overall winner was Anya Anstey with her beautiful London-themed textiles chair project. Mr Keegan continued 'The event really raises the profile of some vitally important subjects as well as significantly raises the bar for the students who come away inspired and motivated for their future projects.'

## Ten Tors 2018

As I am sure most of you are aware a number of our students took part in the Ten Tors and Jubilee Challenge event over the past weekend – I could sit here and come up with a number of words that describe their achievements but none would even come close to painting a true picture. They do it for the challenge, to test themselves against one of the last remaining wildernesses in Britain. What they get in return from the months of early morning training and commitment, as well as determination and bravery during the event itself, is an experience they'll remember forever and the chance to learn a set of skills and values which will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my massive thanks to all the volunteers from outside the college who make this event happen for the Tavistock College students together with Hannah Holbourn, Tristan Forster, Sam Biggs, Justine Hunt, Di Krysta, Kevin Hooper, Julie Edwards & Sue Jerrett.

### TEN TORS

#### 35 mile team

Jenny Green, Elliott Overnell, Adam Sellars, Ben Whitehead, Amy Brimacombe & Connie Ballard.

#### 45 mile team

George Drew, Dylan Pierce, Christian Toms, Olivia Kinnear & Josie Handscomb.

#### 55 mile team

Alice Brimacombe, Jason Blake, Poppy Pain, George Bumford, Sam Bates & Tom White

### JUBILEE CHALLENGE

Rachel Perkin, Jenny Ogle, Reece Winter, Reece Tucker, Douglas Radcliffe & Luke Dent



# KS3 English suggested reading:

## Quick Reads

Two Weeks with the Queen - Morris Gleitzman  
Kit's Wilderness - David Almond

## Humour

Diary of Adrian Mole - Sue Townsend  
Talking Turkey - Benjamin Zephaniah  
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time - Mark Haddon

## Science Fiction/Fantasy

Northern Lights - Phillip Pullman  
Blood Tide - Melvin Burgess  
Airman - Eoin Colfer

## War

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas - John Boyne  
Private Peaceful - Michael Morpurgo  
Anne Frank's Diary - Anne Frank  
Caught in the Cross Fire - Alan Gibbons  
Postcards from No Man's Land - Aiden Chamber

## Crime/Detective

Black Rabbit Summer - Kevin Brooks  
Coram Boy - Jamila Gavin  
My Sword is Singing - Marcus Sedgwick  
The Scarecrows - Robert Westall

## Culture

Animal Farm - George Orwell  
Noughts and Crosses - Malorie Blackman  
River Boy - Tim Bowler  
Turbulence - Jan Mark  
Coming of Age  
The Road of Bones - Anne Frank  
Malarkey - Keith Gray

## Classics

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland - Lewis Carroll  
Treasure Island- Robert Lewis Stevenson  
Moonfleet - J. Meade Falkner  
The Jungle Book - Rudyard Kipling

## Useful Websites for pupils in KS3

Here are some revision websites that allow you to learn:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z3kw2hv>  
[www.buzzin.net/english/engl-10.htm](http://www.buzzin.net/english/engl-10.htm)  
[www.cpgbooks.co.uk/online\\_rev/ks3/ks3\\_english.asp](http://www.cpgbooks.co.uk/online_rev/ks3/ks3_english.asp)  
[www.learnenglish.org.uk/grammar/archive/grammar\\_games\\_index\\_page01.html](http://www.learnenglish.org.uk/grammar/archive/grammar_games_index_page01.html)  
[www.schoolzone.co.uk/resources/learninggame/englishlearninggames.asp](http://www.schoolzone.co.uk/resources/learninggame/englishlearninggames.asp)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revisewise/english/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revisewise/english/)  
[www.learnenglish.org.uk/kids/](http://www.learnenglish.org.uk/kids/)  
<http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/>  
[www.word-detective.com/](http://www.word-detective.com/)  
[www.playingshakespeare.org](http://www.playingshakespeare.org)  
[www.rhetoric.byu.edu/](http://www.rhetoric.byu.edu/)

As well as our suggested reading list, you can look up your own book lists on the following websites and read some book reviews:

[www.cool-reads.co.uk](http://www.cool-reads.co.uk)  
[www.kidsreview.org.uk](http://www.kidsreview.org.uk)  
[www.readingmatters.co.uk](http://www.readingmatters.co.uk)  
[www.learnenglish.org.uk/kids/bookreview\\_obtree/your\\_reviews](http://www.learnenglish.org.uk/kids/bookreview_obtree/your_reviews)  
[www.kidzworld.com](http://www.kidzworld.com)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/studentlife/bookclub/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/studentlife/bookclub/)

To improve your knowledge of Non-Fiction and Media texts, try some of the following websites:

[www.timesonline.co.uk](http://www.timesonline.co.uk)  
[www.telegraph.co.uk](http://www.telegraph.co.uk)  
[www.guardian.co.uk](http://www.guardian.co.uk)



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://www.tavistockcollege.org/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.**

# Diary Dates

## Half Term 28 May - 1 June

### 8 June

- OCRA Quad Kids - SHU

### 13 June

- Mop Up vaccinations - MHA

### 26 June

- Year 6 parent/carer info evening  
5:30pm – 7:00pm

### 2/3 July

- 6th form Conference
- Year 7 Naturemake Workshop

### 2-6 July

- Year 10 Work experience week
- Art/Photography exhibition

### 4 July

- Founders Day
- Year 11 Prom

### 5 July

- Year 11 Graduation

### 6 July

- Year 13 Prom

### 9 July

- Primary Step Up day

### 10 July

- Sports Day
- Y11 6th form Information Evening

### 11 July

- Primary Step Up day

### 12 July

- KS 3 & 4 Rewards trips
- Y4 & 5 college open evening

### 13 July

- KS 3 & 4 Rewards day

### 17 July

- Celebration Evening

## Summer Break

### 20 July

## Governors meetings

6 June - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

**Resources Committee**

20 June - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Chairs Committee**

11 July - 5:00pm - 6:00pm

**Full Committee**

11 July - 6:00pm - 8:00

## Plymouth and West Devon Athletics Championships

There was great success recently for our athletes in a high calibre event hosted at the college.

This event provides a platform to progress to the Devon championships and this information is sent at a later date, but Emily Frost already sealed a regional place on her times! Usually top 3 progress depending on times/distances.

I have listed some of the highlights below, but all the 52 students involved were outstanding.

### Year 7

William White - 200m - 1st, 800m - 1st

Finn Jordan - 200m - 2nd

Euan Dix - 800m - 2nd, Discus - 1st

Matthew Jenkins - shot - 2nd

Brandon Hunt - javelin - 2nd

Hanah Walker - 800m - 3rd

Olivia Townshend - 100m - 2nd

### Year 8/9

Josh Pollard - 100m - 2nd

Niall Paige - 100m - 1st(heat)

Ben Cookson - 800m - 4th

Jacob Bevan - 200m - 2nd(heat)

Joe Dix - 800m - 2nd, High jump - 2nd

Dan Luckham - 1500m - 3rd

Will Russell - 1500m - 1st

Tyler Hunt - Hurdles - 2nd (heat), shot - 2nd

Izzy Bray - triple jump - 3rd

Tabitha Myler - high jump - 3rd

### Year 10/11

Emily Frost - 100m - 1st

Gaby Booker - 100m - 3rd(heat)

Mia Folland - 200m - 3rd(heat)

Leon Bray - hurdles - 2nd(heat)

Congratulations to all the students for these brilliant performances. *Mr Hulbert*

## Rounders Match Report

I had the pleasure to take our Year 9 and 10 rounders teams to Liskeard:

**Year 9** beat Liskeard: 6 - 1 1/2.

**Year 10** lost to Liskeard: 5 1/2 - 6 1/2

**Year 9** lost to Liskeard: 6 1/2 - 6 1/2 but only lost due to having more players out.

**Year 10** beat Liskeard: 5 - 3 1/2

Our students were fantastic on and off the field *Mr Forster*

## Sporting success:

### Dan Luckham 9GA

Following on from his incredible success in the Duathlon at Torbay Velopark in March (2.5km run, 7.5km cycle and a further 1.25km run) where Dan not only won his age category but also won the whole event against all the older children and all the adults, Dan has achieved further success this week.

On Sunday 13 May, Dan took part in The Cornish Mini Triathlon Series in Bodmin. As Dan will be 15 before the end of the year, he had to compete in the 15/16 year old category, swimming 400m (16 lengths), cycling for 5.6k and running for 3.6k. Dan did amazingly and finished overall in 2nd place a great terrific result.

Congratulations Dan, the College and your family are rightly proud of your efforts.

## Cashless Catering

As you are all aware we are a bio metric cashless catering college, however we currently still receive over £400 daily on the re-valuers within the college. Please can we request that parents who load their students accounts with £10 and over should be using the online cashless system. The re-valuers are for amounts under £10. Should you require a log in for the school comms system then please contact Gary Young on [g.young@tavistockcollege.org](mailto:g.young@tavistockcollege.org) who will be happy to assist.

Your support would be greatly appreciated and will assist with our finances as we get charged per bag of cash that we bank.

Thank you from the finance team.

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