



We come to the end of another busy half term. Year 11 and Year 13 exams are well under way. Pupils are naturally somewhat stressed but are also purposeful, focused and confident. The sun is out and pupils around the college are working hard but smiling as they enjoy their periods of downtime.



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Last time, I included an introductory reading list for KS3 pupils, along with some websites that will help pupils with their English knowledge in Years 7, 8 and 9. As promised, I've now attached a more challenging, but deeply rewarding KS4 and KS5 reading list. With a range of categories, there should be something to pique the interest of even the most reluctant readers. As before, please do let me know if you have any comments about how we try and promote reading in and out of College. *Mark Roberts, Assistant Principal*

## New Head of Year 8

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to introduce myself as your child's new head of year, beginning after half term. I have been working with year 11 for the past 18 months, supporting them in the run up to their GCSEs.

As a mother of four children, who have passed very successfully through the school, I totally appreciate the need to have a head of year that is available not only for your children but also for yourselves. I am very passionate about the pastoral side to teaching and firmly believe that each child needs to feel safe and secure in their lives to enable them to thrive academically.

I am looking forward to the challenges that a new year group will bring and successfully taking them through to year 11 and successful academic outcomes.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries and concerns that you may have; I look forward to working with your all over the next few years.

Kind regards

*Mrs Wendy Stephens, Head of Year 8*

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## "Understanding Your Child"

### Free Online Solihull Training Course Opportunity

I am delighted to be able to write to you to offer you the opportunity to take advantage of highly regarded and renowned "Solihull" parenting advice and support programme; "Understanding Your Child".

The college have purchased a twelve month multi use licence and we are very pleased to be able to offer this package to all our parents, absolutely free of charge.

I have personal experience of the Solihull approach and am a firm advocate of the philosophy behind the approach and, of this resource. I commend and recommend it to you unreservedly as practical tool to support you in the often taxing and yet joyful task of raising and engaging with your secondary school aged child(ren).

If you wish to access the programme:

- Go to [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk)
- Create an account using an email address and password
- Scroll down and click on Take Course in the 'Understanding your child' box (with the green heading)
- Click on 'Already got a discount coupon?'
- Insert the above code, and click 'Apply coupon'
- Enjoy the course! On returning to the website and signing in, the user's account will 'remember' that they have access to the course and where they had got up to.

The code you will need to redeem is: TAVISTOCKSECOCT18 .

*Barbara Manning, Vice Principal*

## Tavistock Business Show

On Thursday the Tavistock Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Business Show at the town hall. For the first time Tavistock College students were involved in this event.

A group of Y12 Business studies students have been heavily involved in the planning and marketing of this event. They have run a social media marketing campaign and engaged with the general public with a local advertising campaign giving out bags with promotional material in.

On the day itself the students were involved with 'front of house' responsibilities, carried out some market research on behalf of some local businesses and helped with the logistical organisation that such a big public event involves.

They were also involved in taking members of the public on tours of the newly renovated Butchers hall and market facilities and shared the 'master of ceremonies' responsibilities. A group of Y13 music students also impressed the exhibitors and the general public by performing a range of their own music and cover material.

This event was a great way to showcase the College and our students within a major community event. The business students saw much of their A Level course such as marketing and recruitment brought to life in the context of local trade and business. Several students are considering studying Business or economics at University and such an event provides invaluable real life experience. Amy Eaton commented that "it was really satisfying to be involved in the planning and delivery of such a big event. It also made me appreciate some of the marketing theory we have studied in class". Event organiser Annette Baskerville Smith remarked "how impressed she was with the commitment and creativity of our students. Next year it will be great to get students involved in the financial planning and budgeting of the event today".

*Philip Ruse, Assistant Principal*



# Tavistock College Uniform and Expectations

We take great care and time in any potential change to the college policies and uniform is no different. Following two terms of research, meetings and gauging the opinions of staff, parents and students we would like to confirm what the College's compulsory and optional uniform will be from September 2018.

Please note, there is no significant change to the compulsory uniform.

## Compulsory uniform items

- Black shoes, without logos or brands (available widely)
- Black trousers (not jeans, leggings or jeggings, skinny or slim fit i.e. not tight around the ankle)
- White shirt, worn tucked in (available widely)
- Tavistock College logo tie (available from Lawsons or from the College directly)
- Black Tavistock College logo blazer (available from Lawsons or School Trends)

## Optional uniform items

- Black Tavistock College logo v-necked black long-sleeved jumper may be worn underneath the blazer as an optional item but not as an alternative to the blazer. Cardigans are not accepted. (Available from Lawsons or School Trends)
- Black Tavistock College skirt embroidered with the Tavistock College logo, either A-line or pleated. (Only available from School Trends)
- Black Tavistock College tailored shorts embroidered with the Tavistock College logo, which can only be worn from May to the end of October. (Only available from Fitness For Sport – the same supplier as all PE kit items)

## Physical Education Uniform Items (Available from Fitness For Sport and Lawsons and widely)

- Tavistock College polo shirt (Black with orange logo)
- Tavistock College T-shirt (Black with orange logo)
- Tavistock College shorts or skirt or capri leggings
- Tavistock College socks
- Gum shield for contact sports
- Shin pads for football and hockey

## Items that are highly recommended

- Studded boots for use on the astro and the field

## Optional extras

- Tavistock College rugby shirt
- Tavistock College rain jacket
- Tavistock Hooded sweatshirt
- Tavistock College gym bag

## School trends online shop

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/TavistockCollegePL198DD>

## Fitness For Sport online shop

<http://fitnessforsport.co.uk/shop.php#!/Tavistock-College/c/28576398/offset=0&sort=normal>

## Other expectations;

- PE/Music or other representative hoodies may only be worn for their specific activities and not instead of a blazer at any point during the College day.
- Jewellery – students may wear discreet unobtrusive jewellery, for example small earrings or studs and a single ring (to be worn in the ear only).
- A plastic retainer should be worn in any other piercing. Nose and lip rings are not permitted. Health and Safety regulations for some subjects such as PE, Performance Studies, DT and Science, may require jewellery to be removed.
- Make-up, nail polish and hair – natural, discreet colours only.

If for any reason an item cannot be worn for a short time, please provide a note explaining this. They will then be issued with a green slip by their Tutor. Parents will be informed if standards of uniform fall below College expectations.

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 transitional period (of one academic year), so that uniform items that have been cleared by us can still be worn until new uniform needs to be purchased, up to September 2019 where the expectation is that everyone will wear the uniform listed above.

However, if uniform does not meet the guidelines outlined above, parents will be contacted and asked to ensure that new uniform is purchased that does meet these guidelines as soon as possible. This includes short skirts and skirts made of stretchy material.

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.

# English Reading List

## MODERN NOVELS

The Wasp Factory by Iain Banks  
Cloud Atlas by David Mitchell  
White Teeth by Zadie Smith  
Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks  
Asylum by Patrick McGrath  
Captain Corelli's Mandolin by Louis de Bernieres  
A History of the World in 10½ Chapters by Julian Barnes  
The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy

## TWENTIETH CENTURY CLASSICS

Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad  
The Stranger by Albert Camus  
The Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkien  
Catch-22 by Joseph Heller  
The Trial by Franz Kafka  
One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel García Márquez  
The Catcher in the Rye by JD Salinger  
Jazz by Toni Morrison  
The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck  
Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe  
The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald  
The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler  
Brighton Rock by Graham Greene  
Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut  
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams  
The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway  
The Code of the Woosters by P G Wodehouse

## NINETEENTH CENTURY CLASSICS

The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas  
Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky  
The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson  
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain  
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley  
David Copperfield by Charles Dickens  
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen  
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë  
Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy  
Moby-Dick by Herman Melville  
Middlemarch by George Eliot  
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

## DYSTOPIAS

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood  
1984 by George Orwell  
A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess  
The War of the Worlds by HG Wells  
A Brave New World by Aldous Huxley  
The Road by Cormac McCarthy  
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury  
High Rise by J G Ballard  
The Iron Heel by Jack London

## NON-FICTION

In Cold Blood by Truman Capote  
Nothing to Envy by Barbara Demick  
A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn  
The Picador Book of Sportswriting edited by Nick Colman and Nick Hornby  
The Sports Gene by David Epstein  
The Numbers Game: Why Everything You Know About Football is Wrong by Chris Anderson and David Sally  
Freakonomics by Steven Levitt  
If This is a Man by Primo Levi



### A NOTE TO PARENTS

These texts have been selected to challenge pupils who are already showing a high level of ability in English. Reading as many of these texts as possible will certainly help your son/ daughter in their quest for the top grades in the subject. A wider depth and breadth of reading, and exposure to more complex vocabulary, forms and themes will benefit them not just in English but in all of their subjects.

As you may expect from more difficult texts, some deal with adult themes. We feel that your son/daughter has the maturity to cope with these concepts but please do get in touch if you would like to query any of the content before they begin reading them.



### WANT MORE?

This is just the first list!  
The bibliophilic English faculty have plenty more reading suggestions to hand in Reading List 2.  
Speak to your English teacher or get in touch:

[m.roberts@tavistockcollege.org](mailto:m.roberts@tavistockcollege.org)

# Apprenticeship Opportunity

## Employer:

Tresca's Childcare  
The Cabin, Courtlands Road  
Tavistock  
PL19 0EF

## Vacancy Title:

Level 2 Apprentice Nursery Assistant

## What is an Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are a job with an accompanying skills development programme, designed by employers. Apprentices gain the technical knowledge, practical experience and wider skills they need for their immediate job and future career. The apprentice gains this through a wide mix of learning in the workplace, formal off-the job training and the opportunity to practice new skills in a real work environment.

## Working Week:

35 hours per week Mon-Fri  
Weekly Wage: £130 per week (£3.70 per hour)

## Vacancy Short Description:

We are looking for a vibrant, caring and personable individual who will support our nursery to deliver an exceptional standard of childcare and education within a safe and caring environment.

## Vacancy Description:

### Support for Children

- Supervise and support children ensuring their safety and access to learning
- Establish good relationships with children, acting as a role model and being aware of and responding appropriately to individual need
- Encourage children to interact with others and engage in activities
- Assist with supervision of children out of session times including before and after sessions, and at lunchtimes

### Support the Staff Team

- Prepare the nursery as directed for sessions and clear afterwards and assist with display of pupils work
- Be aware of children's progress/achievements/problems and report to other staff members as agreed
- Support the staff team in managing children's behaviour, reporting any difficulties as appropriate
- Gather and report information from/to parents/carers as directed

### Support the Nursery

- Be aware of and comply with, policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting concerns to an appropriate person
- Ensure all children have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required

## Employer Description:

Tresca opened Tresca's Childcare a nursery and out of school provision in April 2015 at The Cabin, Courtlands Road. Tresca currently employs a qualified teacher and all of our permanent members of staff are either level 3 qualified or working towards. All staff hold paediatric first aid certificates and level 2 or above safeguarding trained. Our first Ofsted inspection was graded as GOOD in May 2016.

## Training to be provided:

The majority of your training will be carried out at your work place location, however on occasion there may be a requirement to attend the Achievement Training Centre in Plymouth City Centre for off-the-job seminars and input tutorial sessions.

- QCF Diploma in Children and Young People's Workforce Level 2
- Employment Rights and Responsibilities
- Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT (If required).

## Skills Required:

- Effective communication skills to liaise with children, staff, parents and other professionals
- Ability to adapt to a changing working environment
- A good team-player so that everyone can work effectively together
- Ability to solve problems and identify solutions
- Understanding the importance of confidentiality

## Personal Qualities:

- Punctual, reliable and behave in a professional manner at all times
- Level-headed and able to deal with varying situation in a calm and orderly manner
- Friendly, understanding and caring manner
- A good sense of humour
- Non-judgemental attitude
- Prepare to work in a challenging but fun and friendly environment
- Flexible

## Qualifications Required:

English and Maths GCSE Grade C or above is desirable

## Future Prospects

Employment opportunities may be offered to the successful candidate on completion of the apprenticeship as you will have built a good relationship with the team and knowledge of the role.

Progression opportunities may also include advanced and higher apprenticeships, including which can equate to:

NVQ Level 3 equivalent – 2 A Levels

NVQ Level 4 equivalent – Higher Education Certificate/BTEC

NVQ Level 5 equivalent – Higher Education Diploma/Foundation Degree

## Other Important Information

If this vacancy receives a large volume of applicants, the post may close early. If you're unsure about applying or have any questions, please feel free to give the team a call for a chat 01752 202269.

From April 2018 the National Minimum wage for apprentices rises to £3.70 per hour. The Minimum Wage for Apprentices applies to time spent on the job plus time spent training. If you want any advice on your pay, you can contact the Pay and Work Rights Helpline on 0800 917 2368 or visit [www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage](http://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage). Otherwise, all learners come under your normal terms of employment ranging from holidays, to sick pay and disciplinary procedures.

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# 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



## Super 8 athletics championships

Following on from our athletes success at the Plymouth and West Devon championship hosted at the college on Thursday, they performed again on Tuesday 15 May at the Super 8 championships at Brickfields.

The whole team were outstanding, but some notable performances include -



This follows on from Emily Frost's success at the Devon county finals on Sunday finishing 3rd in the 100m Under 17s womens competition with a personal best time of 13:24 and 2nd in the long jump with another personal best.

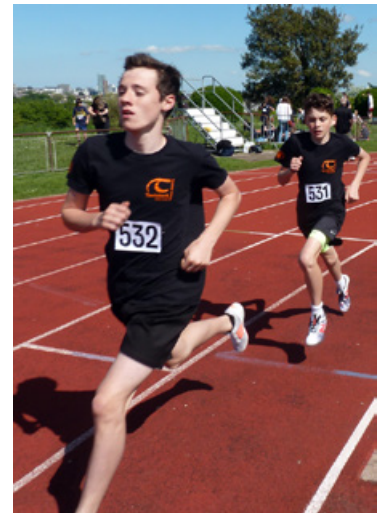
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Tyler Hunt (Year 9) - 2nd in shot and 1st in hurdles.

Dan Luckham - 2nd in 1500 metres - running half with one shoe!!!!

Will White - 1st in 800m - running 2:27, this follows on from his success with time of 2:23 on Thursday.

Will Russell - 1st in 1500m - running 4:51 following on from 4:52 in his masterclass performance on Thursday.



## GDPR

You've probably had quite a few emails about GDPR by now. Tavistock College, and Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust take your privacy seriously. Our newly updated privacy policies explain how we store your data and keep it safe, you can read them here: <https://www.dartmoormat.org.uk/gdpr.html>

Don't worry - there's nothing you need to do and we'll continue to keep you updated with our latest news and important school/home information.

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<https://mightygoods.com/college-packing/>

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