



As ever it has been an incredibly busy first fortnight to begin the new academic year. The corridors and classrooms have been full of new and returning students, smartly dressed and ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges ahead during the year. Miss Fox has welcomed our large cohort of new year 7s who are slowly but surely discovering their way around the school site. Mrs Stephens is now leading year 9 who are beginning their GCSE courses. Our GCSE and A Level students have immediately got down to business - building towards their terminal exams that provide a focal point for their years at the end of year 11 and year 13.



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Various parts of the College site have been developed and improved over the summer. In particular the refurbished Ndeeba Room (named after a partner school in Kampala, Uganda if you weren't aware!) has been transformed and the room can be found full of students at break and lunch taking advantage of the additional seating and serving facilities.

The new term may be only a fortnight old but already the wealth of opportunities and enrichment activities on offer to our students are evident. A group of year 10 students have visited Cambridge University as part of the Aspire programme, a range of new clubs and activities have started whilst well established initiatives such as the college radio station, young co-operatives and the Teenage Market are already back up and running.

We pride ourselves on being a true community school. We benefit massively from the opportunities, experiences and expertise on offer in the local area. Equally we passionately believe that our students add a huge amount of cultural value and talent to the Tavistock community. As parents and carers, local businesses, clubs or organisations please don't hesitate to get in touch if you feel these community links can be developed or strengthened in any particular way. *Phil Ruse, Assistant Principal*

Online payments

Don't miss out on important electronic communications and services - make sure you are signed up to School Gateway and download the App now - it's free!

This allows you to make payments online and offers an excellent messaging system allowing you to reply to emails and text for free when using the app.

Remember to download the School Gateway app to enable you to make cashless payments to Tavistock College. Please refer to the college website and Online Payments under Parent for full details on how to activate your account.



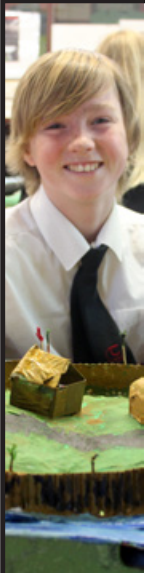
Parent Forum


On Tuesday 18 September there is a Parent Forum Event at Tavistock College. This is a community event with the focus being on drugs education for parents and carers and knowledge about the dangers of the dark web. Various organisations will be speaking at the event including Y Smart, Devon & Cornwall Police and The Community Safety Partnership. The aim is simple in trying to bring as many stakeholder groups together as possible to help us overcome the challenges we all face in trying to keep our young people safe. We look forward to seeing as many parents and carers as possible in this hugely important and relevant forum. The event will start at 6pm in the Innovation Centre and refreshments will be provided.



Community Drop In

Local PCSO Kevin Williams is going to be running his community drop in sessions in Wetherspoons in the centre of Tavistock. These take place fortnightly, commencing Thursday 20th September from 9.20 -11.00. They are an informal opportunity for parents and carers to seek help, assistance or to discuss any issues that may be concerning them.






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Tavistock College is delighted to invite you to:

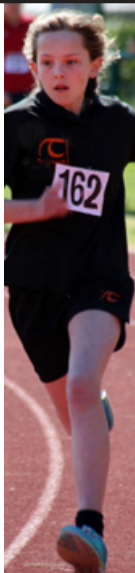
Year 4/5 Open Mornings
9.15am – 10.45am

27th September
11th October

Open Evening
5.30pm-7.30pm
Thursday 27th September 2018



To book a place at our open mornings please contact Chantelle Cocker, Transition Administrator on 01822 614231 ext. 214 or by email at c.cocker@tavistockcollege.org



Diary Dates

Year 4/5 Open Morning
27 September @ 9:15 am - 10:45 am

Open Evening
27 September @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Parent Forum - Drug Education
Tuesday 18 September

Parent Forum - Anti-bullying
Tuesday 2 October

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SKRUM Visit



In July SKRUM welcomed 12 students and staff from Tavistock College to the Kingdom. The visitors from Tavistock, had raised over £3,500 in order to assist with the much needed renovation of Egebeni Primary School. During their 10 days with SKRUM the team

renovated 104 desks, 46 window panes and 7 chalkboards as well as assisting with SKRUM coaching and classroom sessions.

The students worked incredibly hard all week, and were a credit to their school and community, showing amazing spirit and determination to get the job done, whilst also finding time to climb execution rock!

Much fun was had with the local students who were thrilled with their new look school.

Mr Forsters reflections.

As ever, whenever I am lucky enough to take our students anywhere, they blow me away with the way that they behave both as individuals and as a group. However on such an physical and emotional rollercoaster visit as this, the students and staff concerned really showed a commitment to each other as well as the cause! The students left the Kingdom nicknamed the 'Dream Team' and many times the coaches and leaders of the charity were left shocked at how professional and amazing they were. Whether they were interacting with 5 year olds or the local school headmaster the team made positive and lasting impressions everywhere they went. All were given an open invitation to go back, which I am pleased to say that some are considering.

Tavistock College will continue to work with SKRUM in the future and anyone who would like to have any involvement with the charity needs to contact Tristan Forster



The Teenage Market

The Teenage Market is a national initiative that is designed to increase the involvement of young people in the business, enterprise and commerce of towns and cities around the country. The concept is simple in giving young people the space and opportunity to sell their home-made or sourced products without having to worry about the fees, overheads or insurance requirements that are often needed to sell in a public space. Bedford Square was the location for the first ever Teenage Market in Devon or Cornwall back in 2017 and was only made possible due to the talents, creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of both current and ex Tavistock College students. Market stalls ranged from our ever popular year 7 Apple co-operative apple juice, to sixth form artists and photographers showcasing their creative talents to home-made baking and stress balls aimed at young people. There were even some ex Tavistock College students present supporting Frances Spry and her fledgling fashion business.

The next Teenage Market is scheduled for Saturday 20th October and we look forward to showcasing even more creative and entrepreneurial talent from within the College. Students wishing to either perform at the event or have a market stall should speak to Mr Ruse and sign up on the official event website:

<https://theteenagemarket.co.uk/events/>



PE After School Clubs

WEDNESDAY P5	TUESDAY 3:30 - 4:45	THURSDAY 3:30 - 4:45
1ST TEAM FOOTBALL	YEARS 7, 8 and 9 BOYS FOOTBALL	YEARS 9 and 10 NETBALL
6TH FORM HEALTHY ACTIVE LIFESTYLES	YEARS 7-8 NETBALL	ALL YEARS BADMINTON
MONDAY 3:30 - 4:45	ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE	ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE
ALL YEARS INDOOR CRICKET		ALL YEARS JUDO (DR1)
YEARS 10/11 FOOTBALL		ALL YEARS BASKETBALL
COURSEWORK CATCH UP (PE1)		ALL YEARS BOYS AND GIRLS RUGBY
EXAM REVISION SESSIONS (PE1)		
1ST TEAM NETBALL		

New Club!

Are you interested in health and nutrition?
 Are you interested in sport and keeping fit?
 Are you interested in mental health?
 Are you interested in facilitating change in a community?

Are you confused by dietary and health messages in the media, at home or given to you by school?

This club will look into dispelling the myths around dietary science.... is sugar good or bad? Are fats good or bad? What is a healthy diet? What should you be eating or avoiding to stay healthy in mind and body?

If you are interested or want to find out more - no commitment at all, please contact Miss Hayward or Miss Hodge

Tavistock Squash Club

Tavistock juniors played their first Devon squash tournament in Torquay. Tavistock Squash Club was represented by four players from their junior academy, three from Tavistock College: Alex Wardle, Kieran Savage and Andrei Catrina.

This was the first tournament that the juniors had entered, despite the nerves all four played fantastic squash. Imogen, Kieran and Andrei all won with Alex being defeated 15/14 by the eventual finalist.

Alex played some of the best squash of the tournament winning 3 out of his 5 matches. Alex came fourth in his group, so played in the 7th/8th play off where he was just beaten into 8th place.

Kieran played great squash and won 4 out of his 5 matches which meant he played for the bronze medal. Unfortunately Kieran just lost 15/12 but really impressed all those who were watching.

Andrei won 4 out 5 matches, and progressed to the final. Andrei saved his best shots for the final, winning 15/8 to become champion for this section of the tournament.

Steve Mooney (Head of the Squash Academy) was delighted with each of the Tavistock junior's performances and was impressed with their attitude towards playing.

If you would like to play junior squash at Tavistock Squash Club then please get in touch with Steve (07534 387763 or stevemooney11@hotmail.co.uk). Our juniors train each Saturday morning from 10.00 to 12.00 – all standards are welcome.



Congratulations Luke

Luke Cressey has been selected to represent Devon Schools Athletic Association and his school at the English Schools Combined Events and Race Walking Championships to be held at Bedford International Stadium this weekend.

Luke had a very successful competition at the South West Regional Combined Events in June. Devon Schools is both pleased and proud to have Luke as part of the team.

*Christine Baden,
 Combined Events Team Manager*

Can you help?

We are putting on a production of The Railway Children in December - we are looking for wicker / wooden / leather / material storage baskets and suitcases and any clothing/ material that might fit the Edwardian setting - waitcoats, mens coats, pinnafores, long skirts, ladies kitten heeled boots in particular. Please let Eva Pearson in Creative Arts know if you can help e.pearson@tavistockcollege.org.uk. Many thanks. *Mrs Pearson*

Tavistock Carnival

On the first day of the summer holidays staff and students from Tavistock College took part in the annual Tavistock carnival parade organised by the Tavistock Lions Club.

This year the theme was 'countries of the world' so the artistic talents of our creative arts faculty were utilised to produce a series of silk flags containing designs that symbolised each of the seven main continents of the world.



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