



As we enter the final half term of the academic year the pace of everyday life at Tavistock College shows no sign of slowing down. I feel particularly proud of our students at the moment for several reasons. Our older year 11 and year 13 students continue to stoically embrace the challenge of their linear courses and countless number of exams. They should be congratulated for their mature and respectful approach to the exam season and the support that they are providing for each other. A long, and well deserved summer holiday is now just around the corner.



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Our key stage 3 students and years 9, 10 and 12 have an important period of end of year and PPE exams taking place during the next 2 weeks. These are crucial landmarks at the end of an academic year and allow students and staff to see the progress made through our knowledge rich curriculum.

This is my favourite time of year due to the number of school and community events taking place. In this last half term alone we will see students excelling at sports day and the swimming gala, being creative on stage through the Matilda production and at Product of the Year, embracing the world of work through work experience, celebrating their respective graduations and proms in Years 11 and 13 and marking the history and traditions of Tavistock College through our annual Founders day service. We will also be welcoming the future of Tavistock College through our range of step-up days and transition events. Do see the list of key dates in this edition of Fortnightly Focus to ensure you don't miss out on any of the exciting events ahead.

*Mr Ruse, Assistant Principal*

## Response to Recent Mobile Phone Consultation

We recently sought the views of our students, parents and carers and staff members regarding the use of mobile phones at Tavistock College. Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who responded to this consultation; your views are a genuine and valued part of the decision making process we take as a Co-operative school.

These results have provided clear feedback from our stakeholders with over 73% of all responses not supporting a total ban. Instead we will be reviewing current policy and increasing the rigour and severity of sanctions for the misuse of phones in school.

Therefore the following procedures will be in place from Monday 24th June for all students at Tavistock College:

- Mobile phones **may not** be used for **personal use** in lesson time and tutor time.
- Mobile phones **may not** be used for **personal use** between lesson time and tutor time.
- Headphones **must not** be seen during the school day, except in social time at break and lunch.
- Mobile phone chargers must not be brought into, or used in school.

Misusing mobile phones, chargers or headphones will result in immediate confiscation from students, the equipment being stored securely and only given back to parents/ carers via the main reception at the end of the day.

We have recognised that mobile technology can have a place in the modern school. However this will always be at the discretion of the teacher. Teachers are the subject experts in the room and mobile phones will only be used to enhance the learning and the knowledge acquisition taking place.

In addition to this new arrangement students should only access the internet via school student Wi-Fi networks to ensure appropriate and relevant filtering is in place. Where students use mobile networks (for example 4G) to circumnavigate appropriate filters, permission to use personal devices may be withdrawn. All IT based applications that students use and need in college can be accessed via the free school wifi. These include Google classroom, Classcharts and Show My Homework.

We also run an open reception at all times during the school day. Any emergency can be dealt with quickly and efficiently without the need for parents to have to contact their son or daughter directly. Students will not be permitted to text, ring or answer their phones during lesson time.

We have an unrelenting drive to make learning time as productive and knowledge rich as possible. We are confident that this review of policy and the increased rigour that we will follow will be a positive change for all. This will commence from Monday 24th June which allows the key messages to be communicated with parents and carers and to all students through assemblies. We look forward to working with you on this matter and enforcing the clear expectations laid out above.

*Mr Ruse*  
*Assistant Principal*

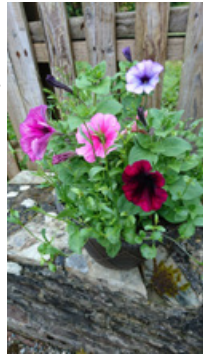
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## Summer colour by Kieran!

Let me help you brighten up your garden for the summer.



Patio container - 40cm  
Filled with petunias, lobelia and geraniums  
£12 each (4 available)



Patio container / hanging basket - 30cm  
Filled with petunias, lobelia and geraniums  
£10 each (10 available)



Patio container - 30cm  
Filled with osteospermum and lobelia - £10 each (4 available)

Or, if you have your own baskets / tubs I will be happy to plant them for you - 25cm : £5.25 / 30cm : £6.75 / 35cm : £9.00

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Please contact me : [philandwendy@talktalk.net](mailto:philandwendy@talktalk.net)

## Key Dates

DATE	EVENT	TIME
	Exams Daily until 21 June 2019	
17 June	Yr 12 Biology field trip Wembury - Ms Harris	09:00 – 15:30
24-28 June	Yr 10 Work Experience - Mr Ruse	09:00 – 15:00
26 June	Founders Day- St Eustachius Church-Mrs Hastings	14:00
1 July	6th form conference - Mr Galli	09:00 – 15:00
2 July	Y11 Graduation - Tavistock Church - Mrs Hastings	1.45 – 15:00
2 July	Transition meet the tutor evening - Mr Forster	16:30 – 19:00
3 July	Year 6 Transition meet the tutor evening Mr Forster	
4 July	Year 11 Prom - Borringdon Park	
8 July	Transition Step up day 1 - Mr Forster	09:00 – 15:00
9 July	Transition Step up day 2 - Mr Forster	09:00 – 15:00
9 July	Swimming Gala	
10 July	Yr 13 Graduation and Yr 13 Prom - Mr Galli	
10 July	Transition step up day 3 - Mr Forster	09:00 – 15:00
10-12 July	Matilda	
11 July	Whole school sports day	08:30 – 15:30
12 July	Year 5 Transition Creative Arts Drama - Mr Forster	09:00 – 21:00
16 July	SEN Celebration Morning - Octagon	09:00 – 12:30
17 July	Celebration Evening - main hall - Mrs Hastings	18:00
19 July	Last day of Summer Term	
15 August	GCE Results Day	
22 August	GCSE Results Day	
2 Sept	Staff Training Day	
3 Sept	First Day of Term	



Tavistock College's Technology Faculty invites you to celebrate its students' amazing achievements at an exciting event:


# PRODUCT OF THE YEAR 2019

**TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2019**  
**5PM - 7.30PM, MAIN HALL**

COME ALONG AND SEE THE FANTASTIC PRODUCTS DESIGNED BY OVER 70 OF OUR MOST TALENTED DESIGNERS

This competition & exhibition will leave you feeling thoroughly inspired and extremely proud as you cast your vote for the winners in Product Design, Textiles, Design & Technology, Food Technology, Robotics & more...

For further details please contact [p.keegan@tavistockcollege.org](mailto:p.keegan@tavistockcollege.org)



Tavistock College's Faculty of Creative Arts proudly presents  
Roald Dahl's **Matilda** The Musical

Tavistock College Main Hall  
Wednesday 10th July - 6pm  
Thursday 11th July - 6pm  
Friday 12th July - 6pm

Tickets\* available from [e.pearson@tavistockcollege.org](mailto:e.pearson@tavistockcollege.org) or via Main Reception at College

\*Tickets need to be ordered in advance and collected up to a week before the performance. Tickets are not for sale to ensure that all have a chance to see the production but we would encourage donations to the Creative Arts so we can continue to make the Arts accessible to all (suggested donation £5 per seat)

in association with RSC Champion Schools as part of Change My Story  
Book by Dennis Kelly  
Music & Lyrics by Tim Minchin  
Matilda The Musical Champion Schools Edition adapted by Nik Ashton  
Music Preparation/Score recording by Laurie Perkins  
Orchestrations and Additional Music by Christopher Nightingale  
From the novel by Roald Dahl

This production is recommended for children age 5+

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