



It was a privilege for me to be part of the recent art trip to Venice, with a group of our sixth formers. They really were a credit to the school. Four of the students had never flown before so for them there was the added experience of navigating their way through a busy airport. It was these moments where I saw true support from the more travelled students towards their peers, who were definitely feeling a little bit overwhelmed. I see this happening all around the school, students looking out for one another and

being supportive when things go wrong. Having good friends at school is an important part of a young person's life. However things do go wrong from time to time and therefore it is important for them to know what to do in those situations. This week during tutor time and through assemblies the academy is focusing on anti-bullying & wider student wellbeing. The theme is respecting others which is central to our ethos at Tavistock College. It is important that all students feel safe at school. Therefore if you or your child/ren, have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us so that we can deal with the situation promptly.

As we move through November, the option process begins for our year 8 and year 11 students. The 6th form information evening will be held on Thursday 28th November. If you have a child in year 11, please come along and see what our sixth form has to offer. There will be a Principal's address at 6pm in the main hall and a chance to talk to staff throughout the evening. We look forward to seeing you there. As ever, please check the key dates for upcoming events

Mrs Stephens - Assistant Principal



Key Dates

Year 12 & 13 Parents/Carers Evening

Thursday, 21 November 3:45 – 6:45pm

Main Hall / Refectory

Year 11 GCSE drama final C3 practical

25 November - 6 December

9am – 6pm - Main Hall - Mrs Pearson

PWC Employability/Careers Workshop

Thursday, 28 November - 9am – 11am

I/C - Mr Ruse

Parent Council Meetings

Thursday, 28 November 6:00 – 7:30pm -

Staff Room - Mr Forster

Governors School Improvement

Meeting

Wednesday, 4 December

6pm – 8pm - Conf Rm

Year 8 parents/carers evening

Thursday, 5 December - 3:45 – 7:45pm

Main Hall / Refectory

Creative Arts Show

Tuesday, 10/11 December - 6pm – 9pm

Full Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday, 11 December - 6pm – 8pm

Conf Rm

Year 11 PPE Results Assembly

Friday, 13 December - 8:45 – 9:15am Main

Hall

PE House Matches

16 - 20 December - 9am – 3pm Mr Hulbert

Year 7 Carol Service

Wednesday, 18 December

12:30 – 3:00pm and 7:00 – 8:00pm

St Eustachius Church - Mrs Hastings

Last Day of Term

Friday 20 December

Curriculum consultation:

We are seeking your views as part of a consultation into the organisation of the curriculum at Tavistock College.

We currently run key stage 3 over two years (Y7 and Y8) and begin key stage 4 in Y9 following an options process. The proposal is to change this to a three year key stage 3 (Y7, Y8 and Y9) and to run GCSE courses over two years only (Y10 and Y11).

The benefit of the current curriculum model is that students are able to choose 4 options. By shortening key stage 3 by one year, we can offer a broader range of subjects. This enables students to have more choice for KS5. The curriculum structure enables us to include specialist subjects such as Creative Media and vocational courses such as Construction, alongside the more traditional, academic subjects. This model also means that subjects can be taught in depth.

The problem with the current model is that students stop learning some subjects a year earlier, and, whilst we certainly plan to cover the key stage three expectations, the depth of learning is not in place for subjects that students choose not to take forward to GCSE. For example, 40% - 50% of students do not continue with a language after Y8 in the current model. In addition, some parents feel that Y8 is too early to make choices for GCSE subjects.

We are interested in your views. If you wish to be part of this consultation, you can comment through this email address: consultation@tavistockcollege.org. Please be clear in your comments whether you prefer the current model (2 years at key stage 3 and 3 years at key stage 4) OR the proposed model (three years at key stage three and 2 years at key stage 4).

Please note that due to the general election on the 12th December we will only have 1 year 8 parents evening, which will be held on the 5th December and this will be longer.

“What3words”

This app has been described as a “life saver”, according to a report uploaded onto their news website by the BBC; “Police have urged everyone to download a smartphone app they say has already saved several lives”.

What3words essentially points to a very specific location.

Its developers divided the world into 57 trillion squares, each measuring 3m by 3m and each having a unique, randomly assigned three-word address.

For example, the door of 10 Downing Street is slurs.this.shark, while the area across the road where the press congregate is stage.pushy.nuns.

Read the bbc article at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-49319760>



Devon Climate Emergency

"Temperature rise to date has already resulted in profound alterations to human and natural systems, including increases in droughts, floods, and some other types of extreme weather; sea level rise; and biodiversity loss – these changes are causing unprecedented risks to vulnerable persons and populations." *IPCC (2018) Special Report: Global Warming of 1.5 °C*

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has advised that carbon emissions must reduce globally by at least 45% by 2030 from 2010 levels. There is a chance we can avoid the worst effects of climate change by keeping warming below 1.5 degrees. To achieve this we must be carbon neutral (net-zero) by 2050 or earlier.

In response, a range of public, private and voluntary organisations from across Devon came together on 22 May 2019, to declare a climate emergency and to endorse the principles of the Devon Climate Declaration. They have appointed a Net-Zero Task Force to produce a Devon Carbon Plan. You can read more on the Devon Climate Emergency website.

<https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/>

Call to action

Things are moving quickly, there are things that you can help us with:

- Publicise the Devon Climate Emergency website to young people and parents
- Encourage people to submit ideas for consideration for the Devon Carbon Plan. **This is urgent.**

Tavistock College has endorsed the Devon Climate Declaration

Communications

- Our first [press release](#) is online:
- Share, repost (and follow) our key message.

Devon Carbon Plan process is launched – residents called on to give their ideas

A top team of environmental experts, charged with ensuring that Devon reduces carbon emissions as quickly as possible, is calling on residents to submit their ideas on how to do it.

The Net-Zero Task Force has been appointed by the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group – made up of Devon's councils, emergency services and business groups – to deliver the Devon Carbon Plan.

The Carbon Plan will lay out in stark terms what every resident, organisation and business has to do to reduce emissions and safeguard the planet for the next generation.

This Call for Evidence is open to everybody, and every submission will be reviewed by the Task Force.

Submissions will feed into the creation of the Carbon Plan, which includes a series of thematic hearings in November and December.

Each hearing will focus on the different parts of our society that produce most of the emissions, like transport for instance.

Recent data compiled by Exeter University show that homes and buildings, road transport, and farming account for 83% of all emissions in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay.

The hearings will seek to understand what needs to happen to achieve rapid decarbonisation in Devon, and how it can be delivered.

The hearings will be divided into:

- food, land and sea (including agriculture, forestry, fisheries and land use)
- mobility and transport
- the built environment
- energy and waste

A draft of the Devon Carbon Plan will be created through a three-step process; firstly, Task Force members and expert witnesses, all recognised in their respective fields, will discuss and then review the evidence.

Then the Task Force will present a series of 'options' to a Citizen's Assembly, which will be convened from January.

Finally, the deliberations of the Citizen's Assembly will lead to the Draft Devon Carbon Plan, which is due for publication next spring, 2020.



Tavistock College Faculty of Creative Arts
Warmly invites you to our

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Please join us on **Monday the 16th of December** from **6.30pm-8.30pm** in
Tavistock College Main Hall to create your own wreath guided by

Amanda Randell Cox

of the Academy of Floral Art.

This is a unique opportunity to create a fantastic Christmas wreath* and share a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie with friends.

Tickets are £20 and are available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/tavistock-college and selecting Christmas Wreath Making Workshop.



All enquiries contact
k.wyatt@tavistockcollege.org

*all equipment and resources will be provided but we would welcome you bringing your own secateurs and apron and any personal decorations.

All proceeds raised will support the Tavistock College Creative Arts Faculty.



WWI Battlefield Trip To Ypres

After an unusually early start Monday morning of 05:30, the staff and pupils set off from Tavistock College on their Battlefield Trip to Ypres in Belgium. The trip to Dover was very smooth and destination Calais was swift by ferry from Dover.

The coach then took us from Calais to Ypres travelling through France and Belgium. Arriving at Ypres Lodge for 18:30, everybody was settled for



19:15 for a well-earned evening meal and an early night for all, ready for the visits ahead.

Over the next three days we visited many places of interest such as Trenches, Tunnels and Museums and, of

course, Battlefields from the Somme to Passchendaele, along with Vimy Ridge. There were many other thought-provoking visits such as Thiepval Memorial and the Memorial at Vimy Ridge. We also got to visit Poperinge where the infamous shooting post is situated where all the soldiers deemed to be cowards were shot at dawn.

During the Wednesday afternoon we took time out to visit the famous chocolate store in the middle of Ypres where staff and students were able to have a chocolate experience, a little R and R so to speak.

Wednesday evening was very special as we went to the Menin Gate ceremony and Tavistock College were represented by four pupils (Caitlyn Lynch, James Crossey, Emily Hutchinson and Joshua Brownlow) who had a special honour of laying a wreath for the fallen soldiers of the Tavistock area. It goes without saying, they did Tavistock and the college proud.

Tuesday and Thursday evening they worked hard on their individual scrapbooks recording what they had done and where they had visited over the experiences of the last few days.

On the final day (Friday) we left the Ypres Lodge for the final time and headed for Tynecot Memorial and cemetery, the largest British War grave area in the world, again very poignant and thought provoking. We then headed off to Langemark, which is a German cemetery, showing a contrast to the British cemeteries.

After this final visit, we made our way back to Calais for the ferry home. The coach landed back in Blighty for 14:30, making our way back to the southwest. Arriving back in Tavistock after a long day at 21:30. Ending a successful and full on week trip to the Battlefields and places of Interests for World War One, forging many memories of this wonderful experience. *Mr Moore*



Venice Trip

After a smooth and quick flight, we arrived in Venice to glorious sunshine. After taking a coach from Venice Marco Polo to Tronchetto, a water taxi took us straight into the heart of Venice, giving many of us a first glimpse at the interconnecting waterways of the city. Checked-in to the hotel, we went for our first walk around the streets and exploration of Saint Mark's Cathedral, before enjoying a delicious three-course meal Trattoria Da Bruno which divided our group (some thought the panna cotta tasted primarily of balloons, whilst others were content to eat three or four).

After a leisurely breakfast, the following day started with a fantastic few hours at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection, where the modern art exhibited stole the limelight even from the picturesque view over the central canal from the gallery's courtyard. Particularly interesting were some of Ben Nicholson's pieces on display, a British artist who worked closely with Barbara Hepworth and has a wide collection on permanent display at the Tate Saint Ives. Arancini and tiramisu were enjoyed whilst walking the Basilica Santa Maria before a hearty Italian lasagne.

On day three a quick look inside the exhibition of a local church in Campo San Samuele was followed by an incredibly erudite guided tour of the Palazzo Grassi; this year's artist was Belgian Luc Tuymans, whose figurative paintings have led the Tate to describe Tuymans as "one of the most influential painters working today". We then took a boat to Murano where we had the opportunity to experience glass blowing demonstrations.

The final day was filled with sombre, all of us knowing it would be a long time before the delicious Italian food would be in our reach again. A walking tour of the flooded Saint Mark's Square was complimented by a relaxing time after in Musei Civici Venezia before a seamless journey home. *Beau Waycott*



Cross Country

We took a 33 strong team of cross country runners to the Plymouth and West Devon championships at Staddiscombe recently. This is a tough event with all the best runners from school in this area competing for a top 15 place which secures progression to the Devon schools championships. This event requires students to sustain a pace for up to 7000 metres depending on age group which obviously needs fantastic endurance as a fitness base. Not only this it tests students mental capacity to be resilient when the body is physically tired and have the ability to continue in gruelling conditions.

There were many fantastic results with 19 students finishing in the top 15 of their races. This included several top three finishes -

In year 7 Lara Dix claimed second in the girls race with an outstanding run.

Year 7 boys - we had 4 boys finish in the top 10 including Rory Cox in 4th and a brilliant run by Fynn Baker to win the race.

Year 8/9 girls - Charlotte Walker ran brilliantly to finish 2nd

Year 8/9 boys - we had 4th boys finish in the top 8 - including two medal performances from Will White in third and Euan Dix in second.

Year 10/11 boys - we had 4 boys in the top 7 - including Abe Reid in 4th, Joe Dix with a fantastic run in 3rd and a masterclass piece of running from Will Russell to win the race.

Final results

Year 7 girls

Lara Dix - 2nd, Elsie Maguire - 7th, Megan Griffiths - 26th, Daisy Riddy - 31st

Year 7 boys

Fynn Baker - 1st, Rory Cox - 4th, Adam Wolfenden - 8th, Elliott Pocknell - 10th, Ollie Houlberg - 19th, Austin White - 21st, Cane Sadler - 34th, Tom Brown - 39th

Year 8/9 girls

Charlotte Walker - 2nd, Hannah Walker - 10th, Emma Luckham - 14th, Harriett Hayley - 34th, Eva Brown - 40th, Libby Mitchell - 51st, Kaitlyn Paton - 53rd

Year 8/9 boys

Euan Dix - 2nd, Will White - 3rd, Jacob Holland - 7th, Nicolas Maczugowski - 8th, Christopher Francis - 18th, James Crossey - 39th, Matthew Moore - 70th

Year 10/11 boys

Will Russell - 1st, Joe Dix - 3rd, Abe Reid - 4th, Aiden Whiting - 7th, Josh Cook - 35th

Year 12/13 boys

Jacob Blackburn-Denton - 9th, Tom Limb - 10th



Under 18s National Cup Football 2nd Round

Tavistock College 3 Helston 2

This entertaining game saw two teams who were highly competitive and played exciting passing football. After an even start, Tavistock took the lead when Luke Cressey hit a 30 yard direct free kick into the top corner of the net. Even though the Tavistock defence held firm for a period of time, Helston managed to score two quick goals to take a 2-1 lead into half time.

The message at half time was a need for a positive response in the second half and the Tavistock boys delivered brilliantly. After a series of attacking situations the ball fell in the penalty area for George Pankhurst to superbly keep his body over the ball to power a half volley into the roof of the net for a Tavistock equaliser. A couple of minutes later Tavistock took the lead when a perfectly weighted through ball by Harry Dwelly was expertly taken around the Helston goalkeeper and put into the empty net by Owen Staples. Tavistock deservedly into a 3-2 lead. The second half continued to produced drama and with 10 minutes to go Helston got a penalty kick. The resulting penalty was saved down to his left hand side by James Bruce. Despite Helston attacking pressure the Tavistock defence remained resolute and led superbly by Josh Monk and Jaeden Parnell-Moses to ensure Tavistock progress to the third round of the national cup.

Congratulations to the Under 18s squad:

Owen Staples, Luke Cressey, Jaeden Parnell Moses, George Pankhurst, James Bruce, Tom Limb, Josh Monk (captain), Harry Dwelly, Jacob Stevens, Jacob Blackburn Denton, Elliott Overnell and Dom Bailey.

Mr Hulbert



Dressage Success

Congratulations to the extremely talented Ella Glennon at her recent high profile dressage competition.

Platinum Honeys Hope (Harry) is a 9yr old sports pony stallion and this was their first outing at this level.



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