



We have been back a few weeks and students have settled in well. I hope you are on the way to meeting your goals/ targets that you set at the beginning of the year. A large focus has been on year 11 with the second Parents' Evening and discussion around learning. Teachers have prepared students by giving them the tools and strategies on how to be successful in the summer. As I wrote last time, there is no elevator to success, you have to take the stairs! An excellent resource for revision strategies and ideas comes from a quick search on youtube: "How to Study Effectively

for School or College [Top 6 Science-Based Study Skills]". All these strategies have been tested and proven by science to have the most impact on memory. Below is a memory model to put this into perspective.

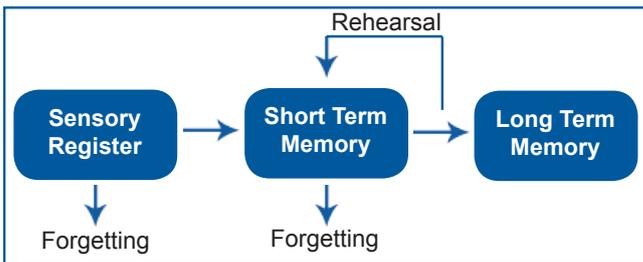


Fig 1 - A memory model to show that rehearsal and retrieval of knowledge turn short term memory into long term memory.

Academic excellence and achievement is rewarded through understanding new concepts and ideas. Year 11 and 13 will be rewarded in the summer when they take their final exams. This week we get to celebrate sporting success with SPOTY and the Ability Games. These events are a highlight in the calendar with lots of preparation from the PE and SEN faculty. The following three students we voted as the top three in SPOTY:

1. Jenny Green,
2. Charlie Elkington,
3. Ruby Stacey

It was incredibly close voting but Jenny Green was the eventual winner and her citation is below.

"It is my pleasure tonight to talk about two young ladies who are an inspiration and driving force for girls PE and sport. Both of whom are at different stages of their college life but have the same beliefs of why PE is so important and who contribute so much to the faculty at this college.

The word mastery means comprehensive knowledge or skill in a particular subject or activity. To demonstrate mastery in PE this requires the highest levels of practical skills and a thorough understanding of a wide range of topics that relate to PE. Jenny Green has demonstrated this. To achieve a grade 9 in any subject is an outstanding achievement, but behind the scenes the endless hours of hard work and dedication to achieve this should not be overlooked. Jenny stands for much more than this fantastic achievement and for most students this would be enough and onto pastures new. Jenny continues to challenge and work tirelessly to have a positive impact on the PE faculty and the opportunities for other students.

She has given up her own time to mentor and work with Year 11 GCSE PE students to support them in the journey towards their final exams. Giving words of wisdom and advice to students about what it takes to achieve success in PE. All of this while she has work demands elsewhere across the college. She continues to work with the student leadership team, demonstrating how to be a role model for other students. Jenny consistently shows the desire to see PE improve and challenges the faculty on how we can be the best we can be. As well as this she has represented the college in a practical setting and continues to play for the first team netball squad. Showing the passion and competitive edge you would expect. Jenny is a fantastic role model and deserves to be shortlisted for the Ashley Tossell sports personality of the year."

In the Ability Games the following students won gold: Maxim Fraser, Thomas Jenkins, Leo Cope, Owen North, Kaylie Boo Elliott, Matthew Wimlett, Isaac Crimp, Harold Critchley and Harrison Bell. Lara Davey was awarded a Spirit of Games medal.

A huge congratulations to all students who took part in both prestigious events.

An essential part of school is the professional relationship between form tutor and tutee. A large focus this academic year has been to develop independence and allow students to take ownership of their learning through understanding their Attendance, Behaviour and Curriculum data. Most of us remember school and the name of your form tutor. I remember mine, Mrs Golding who allowed me to fulfil my potential in Mathematics by unpicking my school report and questioning why my effort grade was low. The discussion unfolded and the reason behind was my lack of ambition taking the intermediate paper gave me. This is because the highest grade was only a B. It allowed me to take ownership of my learning and subsequently was moved up a set and entered into the higher paper where there was no ceiling and I flourished with extra challenge. Tutors now have fingertip access to a plethora of data to have a professional conversations and set specific targets for development. These targets are recorded and shared with relevant teacher to ensure these targets are being followed to ultimately improve success. These are reviewed and evaluated.

Mr Stroud



Key Dates

BTEC Sport Level 2 Exam

Monday, 27 January - L1

Matthew Bourne workshop

Thursday, 30 January

Main Hall - Mrs Pearson

Parent Council Meeting

Thursday, 30 January - 6:00 – 7:30pm

Staff Room - Mr Forster

**Year 12 Perf Arts component unit 2
Community Performance**

4-5 February - Main Hall - Mrs Pearson

Primary Day of Dance

Wednesday, 5 February - Hall, Dance Studio, Gym, Octagon - Mrs Pearson

Year 12 Unit 1 Theatre Royal

Thursday, 6 February - Mrs Pearson

Year 9 Parents/Carers Evening

Thursday, 6 February - 3:45 – 6:45pm

Main Hall / Refectory

Exams

10 - 15 February - Hall

LAMDA Exams

Tuesday, 11 February

Dance Studio - Mrs Pearson

Governors Ethos Meeting

Wednesday, 12 February - 6:00 – 8:00pm

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Mission Blue, Charity Mufti Day

Friday, 14 February

Half Term

17-21 February

Children and Family Worker St. Eustachius' Church Tavistock

Hours 0.4 FTE 16 hours per week for 37 weeks per year (including 4 weeks paid leave) starting Easter 2020

Contract: Fixed Term initially for 2 years

Closing date for applications: 12 Noon on Monday, 24th February 2020

Interview date: Thursday, 5th March 2020

The ideal candidate will enable the church to reach out to the new families that will flow into the parish area as a result of the current housing developments in Tavistock.

The post holder will help strengthen the existing relationship between the church, homes and schools, and engender a really attractive church community for young people and their families.

By supporting and strengthening current initiatives for children and families at St Eustachius' Church, including Messy Church, Vestry Group, Open the Book, and Nosh@9.30, the post holder will also identify new mission and faith opportunities with this age group and help develop new worship for young people and families.

To register your interest and receive full details of the post please send an email to parishoffice@tavistockparishchurch.org.uk For an informal discussion, please send your details to the above address with a telephone contact and someone will call you.

Family First

Family First was launched in 2017 with the sole aim of producing a free magazine that provides parents with all the tools required to help keep their children active, eating healthy & playing more sport (and away from their PlayStation/Xbox), helping to combat obesity in children & young adults.

Here is your free e-copy of Family First, the UK's largest family title - Enjoy
https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff-issue_5_digital130120



Ability Games

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Ability Games.

LOST PROPERTY

These items have been handed in to lost property recently. Students who think something might belong to them, please go to the main office in the concourse.

- Black Trespass coat with pink lining
- PE T shirts
- V neck school jumpers
- Shorts
- Hoodie
- Tie
- Skort
- Grey/Black boot bag with 2 pairs of boots
- PE Shorts
- PE hoodie
- Sequined PE bag with brand new astro boots
- PE Skort
- Black with grey lining Mountain Warehouse body warmer

MISSION BLUE CHARITY MUFTI DAY

Wear a blue piece of clothing to help us support the ocean.
Eg Blue jeans, Hoodie
£1

Friday 14th
February
2020



We will also be doing a bake sale and guess number of sweets in the jar. prices ranging from 50p-£1.50 This will be during recess 1 and 2

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