



Issue 10 (wk 25/5/2020)

Welcome to the latest issue of the weekly newsletter that aims to keep our communication lines open between home and college.

I hope you all had an amazing half term week, the weather was especially nice again. This edition covers updated information about the partial reopening, local competitions and free online courses for parents and carers.

The Government's recent assessment, based upon the latest scientific and medical advice, is that they need to continue to control numbers attending school to reduce the risk of increasing transmission. Therefore any plans for partially reopening in early June has been **moved back to the 15th June.**

From this date, Tavistock College will be offering face-to-face support for a quarter of the year 10 and 12 cohort at any one time. Alongside this we will also:

- continue providing full-time provision for vulnerable pupils in all year groups (including year 10 and year 12).
- continue providing full-time provision for children of critical workers in all year groups (including year 10 and year 12).
- provide some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 pupils, with a clear expectation that remote education will continue to be the predominant form of education delivery for these year groups and that this should be of high quality.
- continue to use best endeavours to support all other pupils remaining at home, making use of the available remote education support and ensuring a high quality offer.

If you are planning on sending your child back to college they will not follow their full timetable but a blend of subject specialism, closing the gap work and academic mentoring. This will supplement remote learning.

In order to implement protective measures and abide social distancing a group of year 10 and 12 students will be asked to attend on a particular day to meet the 1:5 ratio. These two year groups have been prioritised because they are preparing for key examinations next year, and are most at risk of falling behind due to time out of college.



Tavistock college has adopted a range of approaches and actions (some are detailed below) to control and reduce the risk of transmission. These include:

- minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that pupils or staff who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
- cleaning hands more often than usual
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- cleaning frequently touched surfaces often.
- minimising contact and mixing, as far as possible, by keeping pupils in small groups for face-to-face support and keeping those groups as consistent as possible whilst in school. This includes: staggered times, same small groups of pupils in the same classroom (1:5 ratio) and desk, keeping 2m apart using distancing lines and having teaching staff and students on a rota,

More information about "what to expect when returning to school" will be published shortly to hopefully put your mind at rest in these unprecedented times. These details and other forms of finalised information and communication will be widely available on different platforms including classcharts (for students), facebook and our website.

Take care and stay safe.

Mr James Stroud
Assistant Principal

Message from Mrs Greener (Head of Year 11)

The order for hoodies and yearbooks has gone - thank you for your support in buying one. I am not yet sure (as with so many things) how we will distribute them. Obviously it will be easier for those of you returning to college in September where we can let you have them then. We will be dependent on the rules of social distancing to decide if we can get together to give out or not. So keep an eye peeled to the 'In Focus newsletter' and I will let you know that way and by text. In order to let you have a preview here is a line from my bit in the book - I thought it may be relevant just now more than ever!

'It is not necessarily the strongest that survive, but often, the most adaptable. ...take every opportunity to develop new skills, you never know when they will be useful'

... I myself have dusted off my keyboard and am practicing every evening



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Calling all Artists



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Tavistock Local Heroes Exhibition

We want the people of Tavistock to nominate their local heroes - whether that's individuals, teams or whole services, nurses, delivery drivers or volunteers - to be celebrated in an art exhibition when the coronavirus crisis has ended.

But first we need to bring together the talent of our local artists to create the exhibition.

Would you like to put your creativity to use in helping us celebrate these heroes in our community?

It could be a portrait, a painting of a team at work, a sculpture, pottery, a poem- anything that expresses the amazing work of the people who are keeping Tavistock going.

If you would like to be involved, please contact:

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Information of parents and carers (poster below)

What are these free access codes for?

- They are for enjoyable and popular online learning courses for parents and carers, called: 'Understanding your pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby'; 'Understanding your baby'; and 'Understanding your child'. The courses have been written by the Solihull Approach, which is a well recognised NHS provider of information and courses for parents. The online courses normally cost between £19-£39 each. You may have been given an access code giving you access to one or all of the courses completely FREE of charge.

Who are these courses for?

- For ALL parents-to-be, parents, grandparents or carers of any child from the antenatal period to age 18 years. You don't need to be struggling. This course is relevant to parents of all children, including those with special needs, autism, ADHD etc.

What is the evidence supporting these online course?

- Research shows that this online course helps reduce conflict in families and increase closeness. Families tell us these course help with managing children's strong feelings, family communication, understanding each other and behaviour. We are actively involved in evaluating all our groups. 'Understanding your child' and 'Understanding your pregnancy...' are accredited by the DfE.

What will I need to complete the online course?

- All you need to get started is your access code, an up-to-date internet browser on a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone (the local libraries or your school may be able to provide access to this), and an email address. Go to the website www.inourplace.co.uk and apply the code when prompted. You will be asked for your email address and a password of your choice. This is so that you can return to the site, sign in and your account will remember that you have access to the course(s) and will resume from where you last left the course.

How much time do the courses take?

- They have between 9 and 11 sessions which take about 20 minutes each. We recommend you do about one session a week. There are activities for you to try between your online sessions which can enhance your learning.

How do I get started?

- Go to the website www.inourplace.co.uk, apply the access code, and register for an account. Then take the course of your choice. Your account resumes the course at the point you last left it. You will not receive any marketing emails. Your details will not be passed to any third party. Your responses to the monitoring questions will be strictly anonymised. You may receive very occasional emails with updates about the courses. You will receive congratulatory emails as you progress through the course.

Do my access codes expire?



- Your coupon may have an expiry date, depending on where it came from. However you only need to use the code the first time you enter the course, after that your log-in details will NOT expire and you can access the course for years to come, as your child grows. So get going ASAP and continue at your leisure!

Can I get more codes for friends or other family members?

- Yes it is possible to buy a coupon code as a gift. Go to www.solihullapproachparenting.co.uk

More questions, or technical queries ? Contact the Solihull Approach

- On 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm or email solihull.approach-parenting@heartofengland.nhs.uk

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Do you live in Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly, Devon, Plymouth or Torbay?
FREE online courses for all residents

Understanding Pregnancy, Labour, Birth and Your Baby
Online course for everyone around the baby: Mums, Dads, Grandparents, friends and relations. Written by Registered Midwives and NHS Professionals.

Understanding Your Baby
Online course for everyone around the baby: supporting you and the new arrival. Written by Psychologists, Psychotherapists and Health Visitors.

Understanding Your Child (0-19 yrs)
Popular online course about being the best parent, grandparent or carer you can be. Award winning with trusted content.

Understanding Your Teenagers' Brain (short course)
Find out what happens to the brain in adolescence and how this explains some of the changes you may have noticed in their behaviour.

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Message sent on behalf of Learn Devon.



Just to let you know that there are more than 100 online courses developed by [Learn Devon](#) and they are all FREE!

The online courses cover three main subject areas - employability, wellbeing and digital skills.

[Learn Devon](#) provides adult and community learning courses on behalf of Devon County Council. The registered training provider has devised the new online learning courses to support people who may have been made redundant or are currently seeking work.

There are also online courses that have been designed for vulnerable people currently self-isolating, volunteers supporting Devon County Council during the pandemic, as well as local businesses.

- ***Courses for Employability include -***
Completing an application form;
Job search;
Maths for self-employed.
- ***Courses for physical, mental and social wellbeing include -***
Relaxation skills for carers;
Home-schooling - help with reading, maths, arts and crafts activities and more;
Yoga and mindfulness and overcoming anxiety; stress and anger management;
Creative gardening for wellbeing;
Creative writing;
Art for wellbeing;
Foreign languages and more.
- ***Digital Skills courses include -***
Using social media for job searches;
Accessing GP services online;
Accessing Universal Credit;

Researching your family history;

Digital image editing;

Learn Devon also offers free GCSE preparation courses to help anyone wishing to join its GCSE maths or English courses, starting this September. Virtual open days and Questions and Answer sessions are being held for GCSE courses - look out for more information on the [Learn Devon website](#) and social media.

You can browse courses and enrol on the [Learn Devon website](#) or you can also enrol by calling 0345 155 1014.



2019-20: The Year in Review (Feb 2020)

SPOTY (Sports Personality Of The Year)

Ashley Tossell Sports Personality of the Year (see right)

1st - Jenny Green,

2nd - Charlie Elkington,

3rd - Ruby Stacey

The following is the citation written about the winner Jenny Green. 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. Thanks should also go to the vast team of people involved with this production who give up their time and energy to make this show happen each year. Onwards to next years SPOTY!!!!



Mr. Shaun Hulbert