



Issue 14 (wk 22/6/2020)

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

This edition covers information about returning to school for year 9, Diversity week, uniforms ready for transition, Devon Virtual Games, English Writing competitions and a year in review.

There has been some welcome news to businesses this week with the reduction of social distancing (one meter plus) and opening of some services to kick start our economy. We still need to stay alert and these services will need to follow additional guidelines and precautions to minimise the risk of transmission. In light of these changes we are planning and updating our risk assessment welcoming back year 9 on **Monday 6th July**. They will follow the same procedures and expectations as the year 10 and 12 cohort a few weeks before them. The main difference being slightly larger class sizes (7 pupils) and more pupils on site. Year 9 Parents and carers who have signaled their intent to allow the son/ daughter back into College will be notified about which day they are to attend. They will follow a blend of subject specialist teaching and academic mentoring. I have included the letter you will receive that featured a few weeks back.

YEAR 9 - Coming back to Tavistock College from 6th July 2020

Student Name:

Day:

Room:

Dear students and parents/carers

The Department for Education has recommended that schools can now invite other students, in addition to Y10 and Y12 who have already been back at college, to return to school for some face to face contact with teachers. It is possible that some of you may be worried or anxious about the prospect of coming back to school. Your education is very important, but it is not recommended that everyone in Y9 comes back to school full time. This is why you will only be invited in for a limited time each week, and that you should continue with your on-line learning when not in school.

You will see from the top of the letter that you have been allocated a specific day of the week to attend and a room where you will stay for the day. This arrangement will commence from the week beginning Monday 6th July. Y9 will be taught in groups of no more than 7. They will be taught an hour of English, mathematics, science and PSHE. Some students will also have a study session based on their option subjects.

In order to maintain safety on the school site, there are some expectations you must be aware of when you come back to school. These must be adhered to at all times.

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- On arrival at school, students will queue outside the gates. Staff will be on hand to direct and students will be expected to stay 2 metres apart. There are markers on the ground to help you.
- On entering the building, a member of staff will take your temperature via a handheld remote device. You will then be expected to apply hand sanitiser.
- Once inside the school you will be asked to follow a one-way system around the site and stay 2m apart from anyone else. You will see upon entering the school that there are signs and floor markings to guide you.
- Class sizes will be reduced to 7 and there will be no swapping or moving of students between classrooms. Y9 students will be allocated a room for learning in, and they will stay in that room at one desk for all lessons.
- The teachers will move to classrooms to teach their subject. It is very unlikely that students will be taught by their regular teacher.
- Students should not be alarmed to see teachers wearing suitable PPE - this is to protect the teacher and others. Students may wear face coverings if they wish.
- Breaks will be staggered to ensure social distancing measures can be followed. There will be no congregating or time allocated to spend with friends.
- Food will be available in the normal way but will be restricted. We would prefer students to bring a packed lunch.
- Students will be expected to wash hands regularly especially after visiting the toilet. Hand sanitiser is available in every classroom.
- Students should **not** wear school uniform. This follows Public Health England's advice that clothes should be washed every day to reduce the risk of transmission through the fabric. Clothes worn to school should be clean, comfortable and your body suitably covered
- We will provide students with the relevant stationary whilst they are in school so there is no need for anything to be brought in from home.
- Cleaning will take place twice a day.
- We expect all students to behave in a kind and considerate manner and follow protocol in these unprecedented times to keep themselves and others safe.

School Transport will also resume next week although it might be a different vehicle than the students are used to. In accordance with the government's guidance, we expect students to all wear suitable face coverings when travelling on school transport. Students must follow any instructions given to them by the bus drivers, particularly with regard to where they will be expected to sit.

Please do not attend or send your children to school if feeling unwell. Students should follow the "catch it, bin it, kill it" advice" from NHS England that includes coughing into the elbow, disposing of tissues and always washing hands immediately.

We appreciate that you may have many questions and we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. We hope that recent communications with you over the last few weeks should have answered any questions you have, but as always, please let us know if you have any urgent concerns through office@tavistockcollege.org.



The Secretary of State has mentioned that all pupils from all year groups will be back in full time education in September. This is another reminder to start preparing for this transition including uniforms. If you have any pre-loved uniforms please feel free to donate in wheelie bins outside the main gate. If you need any assistance please contact the college directly and finally Lawsons of Tavistock are ready for business to take new uniform orders.

Take care and stay safe.

Mr James Stroud
Assistant Principal

The poster features the title 'TAVISTOCK UNIFORM EXCHANGE' in large, red, stylized letters at the top. Below the title is a central graphic of a blue V-neck sweater with a red heart on the chest. Above the sweater is a blue banner with the words 'PRE LOVED' in white, and below it is another blue banner with the word 'UNIFORM' in white. On either side of the sweater graphic is the Tavistock College logo, which consists of a red stylized 'T' above the words 'Tavistock COLLEGE'.

Donations very welcome!

Please drop any item washed and bagged into a wheelie bin at the College. These are outside the main gates

Don't ! = **Bin**
Throw out
Out grown ?
Store away
Recycle

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Lawsons of Tavistock

Dear Parents and Students

As we plan for the return to school we want to reassure you that we are here to help.

How to buy uniform

We continue to take orders online or over the phone and these can be delivered to you or you can Click & Collect from our store.

Order online at <https://www.lawsonshop.co.uk/school-uniform/>

Call us to order: 01822 610200

We are now open and you can come and buy from the store. At the moment our changing rooms are closed but you are welcome to buy items and try them on at home, our staff will still be on hand to help find the right sizes for you. Please follow the instructions in store to help us all stay safe.

School Diversity Week (June 22 - 26) - home learning this year.

LGBT+ young people face the added pressure during lockdown of sometimes having to isolate with parents or guardians who may not know their sexuality or gender identity - or, even worse, might not accept them for who they are. As research by Stonewall and the LGBT+ Foundation shows, LGBT+ people face tougher challenges in regards to their mental health and wellbeing. As a community, most of our dedicated spaces are closed and our relationships are being conducted over Zoom or Google Meets, with the very real risk many young LGBT+ people begin to feel isolated. This year, they are bringing their School Diversity Week: Home Edition into homes across the UK to spread awareness.

Please click on the link below for free resources:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/how-to-celebrate-school-diversity-week-at-home-with-the-lgbt-charity-just-like-us>

The One Show Writing Competition

At a time when we are all missing out on the magic of going to the theatre, The One Show, along with The Shakespeare North Playhouse is launching an exciting new playwriting competition, giving children and young people across the UK the opportunity to see their ideas come to life on stage. We hope this will help inspire the next generation of playwrights as well as encouraging a love of theatre and the arts in children and young people.

Click on the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1SCKS8VmFFGvyggKbqGGyds/as-you-write-it-your-play-on-stage>

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English writing competition

CILIP Carnegie Medal and Kate Greenaway Award 2020

On 17th June, this year's winners of the Carnegie Medal and Kate Greenaway awards were announced: *Lark* by Anthony McGowan and *Tales from the Inner City* by Shaun Tan. Both books would make excellent choices for students' summer reading.

Although the Kate Greenaway medal is intended for children's writers (Aged 6 to 8) '*Tales from the Inner City*', is a collection of 25 beautifully illustrated modern day parables, that have appeal for all ages. Shaun Tan is also the first BAME writer to have won the award in 60 years.

'*Lark*' by Anthony McGowan is a gentle but powerful tale about the unshakable bond between two brothers who find themselves lost on the moors. Both books help readers explore our relationship with nature and each other with stark simplicity - which is what Young Adult books and children's books do best. Everyone should read them.

24th June 2020 - National Writing Day

#247challenge: Could you write an Extremely Brilliant Short Story?

National Writing Day is an annual event to celebrate creative writing in all forms for all ages. In the English Department we are intending to support their #247challenge and encourage as many students as possible to share their stories. The rules are simple:

- 24 words
- 7 minutes
- begin with 'One day ...'
- share at #247challenge

Students should also email their stories to their English teacher. The English Department is offering book voucher prizes for the best entries.

For more information and excellent home learning resources for creative writing, visit the First Story website: www.firststory.org.uk/writeday

#NationalWritingDay

@First Story

@writeday

Student Fundraising

Would you be so kind to contribute to our attempt to raise some funds for our Junior Squash Academy. You may be aware that we have several Tavistock students who are keen squash players.

Regards: Kieran Savage, Andrei Catrina and Gabriel Santos-Hanley.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/tavistock-squash-club-junior-academy>



Safety message from Network Rail

Due to the very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in your local area, Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness to students across the UK educating them about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery.

Network rail asks you to share the relevant safety video with your teachers and parents to show in class or at home during this difficult time, as there have been 1,024 incidents since lockdown began, we are keen to help keep students safe.

We have made things easier for you to watch the free safety videos by just entering the email railsafety@learnliveuk.com

Please click on the link below to view the relevant free safety video:

Secondary school version: Age 11-16

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/>

College (6th form) version: Age 17 plus

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-college-safety-talk-lnw/>

Maisie Frost North Devon in Youth Parliament

Hello, my name is Maisie Frost and I am the Member of Youth Parliament for North Devon. I was elected in February 2020. But unless you found my youth parliament instagram (@myp_maisie) you probably haven't heard anything from me since then. My job is to represent the young people in North Devon. And I hope that you feel that I am trying to do that. Always contact me if there is anything I should be doing better or that you want to see happening or even just for a chat!

Firstly how to contact me - you can email me on maisieakosua@gmail.com or DM me on Instagram @myp_maisie (I recommend following this if you have instagram as I post updates on here too) or you can also contact me through your school. I really want to hear from you so don't hesitate!



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Devon virtual Games

Please find all the details below for our sixth #DevonVirtualGames event. Good luck!

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Event Number 6 (Final Event this term - closes at 5pm on Sunday 12th July)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 6 - Andy Murray 100 Volley Challenge Pdf](#)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 6 - Andy Murray 100 Volley Challenge Video](#)

Event Number 5 (closes at 5pm on Sunday 5th July)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 5 - Create a 7th Spirit of the Games Value Pdf](#)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 5 - Create a 7th Spirit of the Games Value Video](#)

Event Number 4 (closes at 5pm on Sunday 5th July)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 4 - Boccia - Sock-ia Pdf](#)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 4 - Boccia - Sock-ia Video](#)

Event 3 Dance (closes at 5pm on Sunday 28th June)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 3 - Dance Pdf Document](#)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 3 - Dance Video Intro](#)

[#DevonVirtualGames-Overview - Terms and Conditions](#)



2019-20: The Year in Review (May 2019)



Sports Day 2019



The 2019 sports day took place last week and proved another great sporting success. With lots of new college records set and more pupils than ever wanting to represent their college house. Athletics has been a growing strength locally and this has filtered into the college with success at local championships and many athletes part of the local athletics club. Bedford were the overall winners on the day after all 120 events across track and field.



- 1st - Bedford - 347 points
- 2nd - Tremayne - 311 points
- 3rd - Drake- 306 points
- 4th - Glanville - 239 points
- 5th - Fitzford - 188 points



Individual houses did perform well on each year group with Bedford not making a clean sweep. Instead Glanville were top in year 7, Tremayne in years 8 and 10, with Bedford in year 9. Onto the individual athletes who set new records alongside the pupils who were taking part and setting new personal bests while collecting valuable points for their houses. This balance of inclusive sport and elite sport is what makes sports day so special.