



For Students & Parents

Weekly

09-10-2020

FOCUS



Welcome to the latest issue of the weekly newsletter that aims to keep our communication lines open between home and college. We start with sadness and the loss of our dear colleague George Mudge on 24 September, the book of condolence in reception is being filled with heartwarming messages from students and staff. George was a caretaker and cleaner who has worked at the school since 1996. He was well known in the community and will be greatly missed. His funeral takes place on 13th October. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, only 30 people can attend by invitation. However, his hearse will come onto the school site briefly before his funeral so that colleagues can say goodbye. We are currently organising a collection so that we can plant a Devon apple tree in the orchard alongside other memorials for colleagues who have sadly lost their lives.



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

As part of our contribution to Black History Month we have prepared resources and activities to celebrate the contribution made to our community by black culture, and to explore black history. 2020 has held a mirror up to the world and forced many to see the reality of racism in all its guises from black people dying disproportionately in civil matters, through the prejudiced way black people are portrayed in the media, to the horrific murder of George Floyd. Hopefully, the events of 2020 will be a catalyst for black history to be explored, understood and revisited constantly through the year. We are currently collating the work being undertaken in parts of the curriculum as part of Black History Month so that a lasting memory can be used throughout the year. Racism should not be challenged for one month only; nor should the celebration of black history be squeezed into this time.

The week has seen the relaunch of the ABC (Attendance Behaviour Curriculum) programme. The vision for this programme is developing independence of learners taking more responsibility for their ABC data. To help guide students, academic mentoring will be starting after their subject teachers have inputted data based upon where they are and their potential grade. Tutors can then mentor tutees to make good decisions, help solve problems leading to academic success.

To help celebrate academic excellence and social high standards, we are revisiting our rewards policy. The reward changes came about by drawing from the experiences and ideas of students and staff. We pride ourselves on listening to staff and students as everyone's views and ideas matter. This ultimately impacts working life to enrich the students' experience. We have been in contact with local and national companies about offering rewards and incentives. If you would like to be part of this scheme and donate any reward from local business vouchers, books or larger prizes please contact the college.

Please feel free to follow us on Facebook - search Tavistock College or on Twitter- we use the Twitter handle @Tavicollege.

Mr J Stroud

Important reminders

Detention system.

This will only be used on rare occasions as an upscaled event for students not following rules and impacting the learning of other students. This will include failing RTL.

- These will be on a Tuesday and Thursday night only. This is due to late buses.
- Detentions will be on hour long and take place in the hall to meet social distance rules and our risk assessment.
- Detention staff will be on a rota
- Parents and Carers will be notified of an after school detention through class charts notification/ school communications.
- The detention will occur on the next Tuesday or Thursday unless it was issued on a detention day.

Remote learning

If your child is isolating work can be found on Google Classroom. This platform was used over lockdown so students should be familiar with the process. Please encourage your child to access Google Classroom to complete work they are missing from their timetable each day. That way they will not fall behind when they return to school. Teachers will be using class charts to notify students (and parents) about their homework.

- Classcharts - Positive and negative behaviour, homework notifications
- Google Classroom - A platform where work can be uploaded.
- Teachers will ALWAYS notify students using Classcharts. This might be a link to Google Classroom.

Revision guides and books

If your son/ daughter has any course textbooks/ revision guides please could these be returned to the college? If they could be dropped off to reception or handed over to teachers if a sibling attends the college.



TAVISTOCK COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

WE'RE STILL HERE, WAITING TO WELCOME YOU TO YOUR NEW SCHOOL

1ST OCTOBER

**VIRTUAL
PROSPECTUS
& VIRTUAL
TOUR DROP**

VIEW ANYTIME ON OUR WEBSITE
WWW.TAVISTOCKCOLLEGE.ORG
AND VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

**OPEN DAY
14TH OCTOBER**

STRICTLY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE

CHANTELLE COCKER ON

01822 614231 EXT. 214

MAXIMUM 1 ADULT PER FAMILY



Code of Conduct for using school transport

Why have a code of conduct?

We know that most young people behave well on school transport, but occasionally the behaviour of a few can make the journey unpleasant for everyone, and can sometimes endanger others.

We have a code of conduct because we want everyone to stay safe and travel in comfort. To make sure this happens we need all young people and their parents/carers to agree to abide by this code of conduct.

Remember - we have the power to ban pupils who don't behave properly

Our code of conduct should give you a clear idea of what is expected of you, and if you follow the guidelines it contains your journey to school will be safe and enjoyable. We all have a responsibility to make sure this is the case.

If you don't keep to the code of conduct your parents or carers will be told and you may not be able to use school transport any more.

If you lose your place on school transport how will you get to school?

By accepting school transport assistance you are agreeing to abide by this code of conduct.



For more information about school transport please contact 0345 155 1019 or visit www.devon.gov.uk/school_transport

CODE of CONDUCT



For **young people** who use school transport

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CODE2

Devon
County Council

Here's what you need to do to travel safely

Your pass

Your pass is for you only and must always be carried if you want to use school transport. Be ready to show your pass to the driver; you will not be allowed to travel without it.



NO pass NO travel!

If you lose your pass phone
0345 155 1019

How to be a good passenger

- Treat the bus driver and your fellow passengers with respect.
- Do as the driver asks.
- Stay in your seat and keep your seat belt on.
- Look after your possessions and the bus.
- Take any litter home with you.
- Keep noise to a reasonable level.
- If you see someone behaving badly or bullying others always report it to the driver or your school.
- Don't distract the driver except in an emergency.
- Don't carry real or replica weapons.
- Don't throw things.
- Don't eat, drink or smoke (smoking is against the law for everyone on buses, taxis and trains).
- Don't use bad language.
- Don't damage the vehicle - if you do your parents or carers will have to pay for the damage.

You and your parents or carers are responsible for making sure that you get to and from the pick up point safely, at least 5 minutes before the bus is due.

If you're late the bus won't wait

If the bus or train is late only wait at the pick up point for **20 minutes**.

Agree a **plan** with your parents or carers about what to do if transport doesn't arrive or you forget your pass.

If there is a **storm** or **snow** visit

new.devon.gov.uk/schools for school and route closure information or listen to the local BBC radio station.

Remember if your parents or carers take you in to school in the morning they must also be prepared to collect you in the afternoon if the weather is still bad.



Family Support

Grants and funding

You may be entitled to some financial support through the West Devon Council Welfare support fund.

https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/grant-and-funding-support/#indiv_fam

Back To School After Lockdown

Tips From An NHS Psychologist

<https://www.mytutor.co.uk/blog/back-to-school-after-lockdown-tips-from-an-nhs-psychologist/>

Barnados

See Hear Respond by Barnados.

www.barnados.org.uk/see-hear-respond

See Hear Respond is a partnership to help children, young people and families cope with the Covid-19 crisis.

Free Solihull online courses

- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child
- Understanding your teenagers' brain

Link to the courses www.inourplace.co.uk
access code TAMAR.

Support for parents

www.parent-talk.org.uk/devon

Duke of Edinburgh award at Tavistock College.

Completing their DofE award is a great chance for your child to broaden their horizons, discover new interests, have fun and boost their mental and physical health. Essential skills will be gained and a highly respected award will be achieved that can enhance both their CV and job prospects.

DofE programmes can be done safely and in line with social distancing and Government guidelines – with all the usual benefits, experiences and memories.

Sign up will be very soon! If your child has already enrolled previously we will be in touch soon with details about progressing to the silver/gold awards.

If your child in year 9 and you would like more information about enrollment onto the bronze award please email (n.hosking@tavistockcollege.org) to register your interest and to receive further details.

For more information about this opportunity please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfAS2rLdJKg&list=PLJwqW7XmD1vIQzY07M-36SXamlwLO2TC&index=8>

Message from Mrs Greener

Dear parents and carers of year 7

Many thanks for your continued support with your children coming into college and being ready to start the learning day and getting to grips with the two weekly timetable to ensure the day is sorted out. As a year group, the students are beginning to show their individual personalities and we as a staff are getting to know them. 977 is the conduct points that 7T have managed to achieve following the reward system - it's the number to beat this week. We are currently reviewing the reward system and I am hoping very hard (Covid situation allowing) that we will be able to have a reward trip at the end of year 7 for the majority of the year group.

I am taking this opportunity to remind you that on what would have been Goosey fair day is a training day for staff at the college and your child has a day at home, this important date is Wednesday 14th October. Following that the date for half term is Monday 26th October for 1 week. I am sending a plea from the art department to say please ensure your child comes to school with a pencil as we are unable to lend pencils and they need them to draw with.

It has been a pleasure to be in touch with so many of you and I know the tutors are also in touch and ensuring you all know who to get hold of for different reasons. I have included the contacts list should you need it.

Have a good weekend

Kind Regards

Mrs J. Greener HOY 7

Logo competition

Well-being at Tavistock College Year 7 LOGO competition

Mental health and well-being are very important to us here.

If you have the skills to design a 'well-being' logo for Tavistock College this competition is for you!

The winning design will be used on our WEBSITE!

Entries from Year 7 should be e-mailed to n.hosking@tavistockcollege.org by 22 October 2020

Please send your entry as a jpeg file
GOOD LUCK!

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

A helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday) Phone: 0800 046 8687
Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

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