



Tavistock College Newsletter

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust

14/07/2023

Child Protection

Your child's safety is of paramount concern to us. If you have a concern which involves the safety and wellbeing of a child or young person, please contact Mrs Wendy Stephens (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mr Jack Brokenshire or Miss Rachael Squire immediately. If the concern is outside College hours, please contact MASH on 0345 155 1071 (email: mashsecure@devon.gov.uk), Children's Social Care Emergency Duty Team (out of hours) on 0845 6000 388 or Police on 101 (non-emergency) and 999 (emergency).

SAFEGUARDING OUR COLLEGE

If you have any concerns about your own safety, or that of another person, please talk to a member of our team or another adult at our College

Mrs Stephens Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mr Forster Principal	Mr Buchanan Acting Principal	Dr Savage Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mr Read Assistant Principal
Mrs Turner Deputy DSL	Mrs Ingeby and	Mr Brokenshire Deputy DSL Year 8	Miss Squire Deputy DSL Year 9	Mrs Blackmore Deputy DSL Year 10
Mr Marsh Deputy DSL Year 11	Miss Fox Deputy DSL Year 12	Mr Hunter Head of Year 9	Mr Murphy Deputy DSL Year 12	
Mr Gali Head of School Support	Mr Jacob Deputy Head of School Support	Mrs Ruxton Deputy Head of School Support		

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Every child should feel safe
You can get help here ...

childline
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
0800 1111 1111

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Devon Children and Families Partnership

TAVISTOCK YOUTH CAFE

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Internet Safety

NSPCC
Creativity in children must stop. FULL STOP.

FRANK
Free confidential fringe advice

Intercom Trust

Drug Alcohol Services

YOUNG MINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

CrimeStoppers.
0800 555111
100% anonymous reporting

YOUNG DEVON

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The safeguarding team, your tutor, teachers and ATs. We are all here to help and guide you

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Uniform - Complementary Skirt Update



To support families in getting ready for September 2023, we will provide one grey tartan skirt for any student that wishes to wear one. This is only available to those students in Years 8, 9 and 10 from September 2023.

We are pleased to inform you that pre-ordered Tavistock College skirts will be available to collect from with Lawson's, Tavistock from Wednesday 19/07/23.

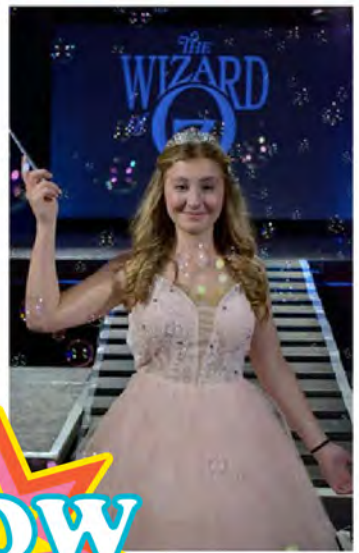
Families who completed the online form will be issued with a single use code from Tuesday 18/07/23 via email which they can redeem for one complementary skirt per student.

Year 11, from September 2023 will not be required to wear the grey tartan skirt but will be expected to adhere to the uniform policy which has remained unchanged throughout this year - black knee length, A-line or pleated skirt.

If you have not already done so you can register your interest for a grey tartan skirt by clicking the order now button below before the closing date- 9.00am on 17/07/2023.



Talk to us in confidence... **Whisper it**
TAV1 [+ your message] To: 07860 021 323
Report via SMS or visit: <https://swgfl.org.uk/whisper/tav1/>



WOW



AMAZING



Brilliant

Community Partners and Stakeholders

As Tavistock College continues on its positive and successful school improvement journey, we want to reach out to our established community partners and stakeholders as well as existing partners. We would like to build lasting networks and relationships to support our local community.

Below are some examples of what we can offer, but please do get in touch to discuss any support you feel the College could help with. If you would like to contact us regarding College offers please contact Mr Jack Brokenshire at j.brokenshire@tavistockcollege.org

What we can do for you:

- Advertisements in our newsletters, social media platforms and website. We have a large captive audience which we want to use to support local businesses and community partners
- The offer of a new contextual parent partnership programme next year, focusing on issues impacting our young people and contextual community issues with guest speakers
- The use of our community schools facilities for events, meetings and sporting fixtures
- Opportunities for food and confectionery stands during whole school events
- Opportunities for student ambassadors to work with our community and local council supporting a variety of issues from litter to maintenance and town tidy ups

What can you do for us?

- Are you a business with an invested interest in the next generation? Could you offer our students opportunities outside of the classroom environment and immerse them in industry?
- Are you a local stakeholder with networking opportunities for the school and our stakeholders?
- Sponsorship- Supporting our young people with personal development opportunities
- Supporting fundraising events and community projects

If you feel you can offer the College any support, please complete the Google Form by clicking the button below and we will be in contact to discuss opportunities further.

CLICK HERE 

Can I also take this opportunity to thank you in anticipation for your support.

End of Term Arrangements

Our last College day of this academic year is Friday 21 July. On this day the College will have an earlier finish of 13.10.

Students will attend normal lessons until the end of Period 3. They will then have an early lunch which will be in our usual split format and will provide the opportunity for students to receive a meal despite the earlier finish. Students will then be dismissed at 13.10. Buses have been arranged to pick up students at the earlier time of 13.20.

Public Service Buses

Having checked each of the public service bus timetables we recommend that students catching these services leave at the following times:-

Stagecoach Bus 1 (TAV 101) to Plymouth

Students will need to catch this bus from Tavistock School bus stop on Plymouth Road at 13.31.

Timetable available at

www.stagecoachbus.com

Students will need to leave college at 13.10 (College early close)

Stagecoach Bus 87 (TAV185) to Bere Alston

Students will need to catch this bus from Tavistock Catholic Church at 12.54. Timetable available at www.stagecoachbus.com

Students will need to leave college at 12.35.

Go Cornwall Bus 79 to Callington serving

Gunnislake/Calstock/St Anns Chapel/

Harrowbarrow/Callington

Students will need to catch this bus from Tavistock Catholic Church at 12.21. Timetable available at

<https://www.gocornwallbus.co.uk>

Students will need to leave college at 12.01.

Dartline 118 (TAV 118) serving Okehampton/Lydford/Brentor/Mary Tavy

Students will need to catch this bus from Tavistock Bus Station at 13.20. Timetable available at www.dartmoorline.com

Students will need to leave college at 13.00.

For Public Bus students who are required to leave the college early to catch a bus please complete the following form to OPT IN and provide consent for your child to leave the College at a time earlier than 13.10. We will be unable to release any young person without consent to do so.

CLICK HERE 

The College will be closed for the summer break from Friday 21st July to Tuesday 5th September and therefore members of staff will be unavailable during this time. If you have any questions or concerns please direct them to office@tavistockcollege.org which is checked periodically during the holidays.

Beginning of Autumn term 2023-24

Following the Summer break, the College reopens to staff on Monday 4 September. Year 7 and Year 12 are then expected back with us on Tuesday 5 September at 08.35am. All students return to the College on Wednesday 6 September at 08.35am.

From the week beginning Monday 18 September, we will be hosting our meet the tutor evenings. More details will follow in September, however the dates are as follows:

Tuesday 19 September - Years 8 and 9

Wednesday 20 September - Years 10 and 11

Thursday 21 September - Years 12 and 13

(A meet the tutor event has taken place for Year 7 parents as part of the transition process).

Safeguarding

If you have a concern which involves the safety and wellbeing of a child or young person during the summer holidays, please contact MASH on 0345 155 1071 (email: mashsecure@devon.gov.uk), Children's Social Care Emergency Duty Team (out of hours) on 0845 6000 388 or Police on 101 (non-emergency) and 999 (emergency).

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing all our young people in September, ready for another successful year at the College.



Year 7 Notice Board

Head of Year - Mrs Ingleby
Assistant Head of Year - Mr Marsh

As we reach the end of another remarkable school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we have all been on together. It has been a year filled with challenges, growth, and countless achievements, and I am immensely proud of each and every one of you. First and foremost, I want to commend you for your resilience and determination. This year demanded flexibility and adaptability.

As we approach the summer break, I encourage you to take time for yourself and recharge. Use this opportunity to explore new interests, spend time with loved ones, and reflect on your accomplishments. Celebrate your successes and set new goals for the future, knowing that you have the power to achieve anything you set your mind to.

We look forward to welcoming you back in 'YEAR 8'

Year 7 Top 20 Green Boards

- Belle B
- Freya F
- Ava S
- Oscar M
- Alexis W
- Alex C
- Ruby H
- Naomi H
- Annabel L
- Saba P
- Indie B
- Elliott B
- Samuel D
- William M
- Tia M
- Jasmine O
- Dibeh A
- Aoife M
- Harry P
- Luke S

Expectations

In this warm weather you have been allowed to not wear your blazer, however shirts must be tucked in and ties worn. No excuses

Ties, we have also noticed that more students are 'losing' their ties and coming to get a 'spare' from the Key Stage 3 hub. A tie is an important part of the uniform and moreover they cost money to replace! Please keep yours safe.

Please make sure you adhere to STAR behaviours in every lesson and demonstrate courtesy to your teachers. We have seen an increase in the lack of common manners and do not want this to become the 'thing' that defines year 7, especially when we have far more positives to focus on

We have had a really busy couple of weeks since the last newsletter including trips to

- Paignton Zoo as a whole year group
- Tor Royal farm as a tutor group
- Harlings Farm trips for the morning with a few groups of students
- Performances of 'The Wizard of Oz' with shows on 2 nights for friends and family and various groups of students, on several occasions, in school "Indie, who played a munchkin, said it was fun"
- There are a few more trips and to finish the year off including more trips to Tor Royal farm on Dartmoor and Harlings farm on the Bere peninsula
- We have Sports day coming up. Remember to register for any events with your tutor.
- Year 7 students from Tavistock College have been wowing the judges at Tavistock Lions with their superb Peace Poster entries. Sam G and Jack C have both gained the runners up award, whilst Dibeh A's superb picture won first prize out of one hundred and forty different entries. Alan Wroath from the Tavistock Lions praised all three students' work, as they all achieved a very high standard of artistry and with great thought provoking concepts.
- Remember to let us know if you have a good trip idea in the future.
- There has been a few athletics competitions and many achievements that we will publish in the next newsletter, but if you compete outside of school for any team or you do some fundraising or anything else that's worth a mention, please let Mr Marsh know



Nominations

Demonstrating one of the cooperative values- Solidarity, Self-help, Self-responsibility, Democracy,
Demonstrating one of our ethical values- Openness, Honesty, Social-Responsibility, Caring for others

- Kayleigh B
- Samuel G
- Joe Monk
- Jacob J
- James O

Year 8 Notice Board

Head of Year - Mr Brokenshire

Assistant Head of Year - Miss Fox

It is with an incredibly heavy heart that we say goodbye to another year but that I also have to say goodbye to my amazing year group. The past two years of leading you all has honestly been the best two years of my teaching career. There have been times when you have made me want to shut myself away in a darkened room but you have also brought me a great deal of laughter, joy and immense pride. You are all such an amazing group of young people that I know with absolute certainty you will all achieve in the years ahead of you. I leave you knowing that you are in the very safe hands of Miss Evans who, together with Miss Fox, will guide and steer you along the rest of your educational journey. I am lucky enough to be able to continue working with you all in the capacity of line link for year 9 and will be supporting Miss Evans and Miss Fox as we continue to build upon the success of the last 2 years.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 8 families a restful and enjoyable summer holiday and a well deserved break for all of our year 8 students. Please be safe over the summer holidays and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September.



Nominations

Care

Summer S for her resilience and persistently trying extremely hard

Challenge

Liam M

for his hard work and academic improvement

Excel

Anastasiia M

for her kindness and community values, always including her fellow students and always having such a positive attitude.

Reminders

Please remember sports day is now on Thursday 20 July! You can wear your PE kit to school only if you have signed up for an event. The rest of us need to be in school uniform.

First day back in September for us as Year 9 will be Wednesday 6th September.

Enrichment

The entire year group had a truly fantastic day on Wednesday when we went to Paignton Zoo, kindly organised, mainly, by Miss Solman! She did an epic job! We saw some strange yet wonderful sights (which also included Mr Brokenshire in shorts!) The highlight for many though was seeing Ranbi, the nine month old baby orang-utan. We are surprised the oohs and ahhs could not be heard back at college! We were incredibly lucky with the weather and all in all a fabulous day was had by everyone especially Miss Rietveld who we struggled to drag out of the bug house!



Year 8 Top 20 Green Boards

Grace J, Edward C-H, Meghan D, Amelia D, Candie E, Nell M, Billy P, Freya R, Milly W, Charlie B, Max B, Polly C, May G, Ruby H, Mimi H-S, Riley L, Alfie M, Sommer M, Shayla S and Jake R!

Year 9 Notice Board

Head of Year - Mrs Squire

Assistant Head of Year - Mr Hunter



This final newsletter for Year 9 is all about change, and celebrating the support our fantastic students have shown new students. There have been a number of transition events held in the past two weeks, orientating the New Year 6s, who will be starting at Tavistock College in September, and our Year 9s have led the way in hosting many of these events. There are too many students to list here, but we have had our Y9 sports stars leading teambuilding activities, our HumanUtopia Heroes delivering mini-assemblies, and all students acting as welcoming ambassadors to students who lost their way!

As you will already be aware of from communications from school, there are also going to be several changes to the Year 9 pastoral team next year, with some welcome new faces joining the team. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our tutors from the last year for their fantastic work and support of our students.

We hope you have a lovely, restful holiday, and will look forward to seeing you all on September 6th for the first day of Year 10!

Whilst we are on Summer break, If you have concerns about the welfare of a child/young person, please contact Devon Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0345 155 1071 or police on 101. If your concerns are in relation to immediate danger of harm, please call 999.

It was a great weekend at the English Schools Track and Field Championships! All the students performed amazingly under pressure, and in front of large crowds: they were a real credit to the school and most importantly themselves. Here are some of the highlights:

Tegan B came away with Gold in the Junior Girls Hammer and was also awarded the John Leeworth trophy given to a Devon Junior athlete who has achieved an outstanding performance in the Championships. There was also several personal bests on the day, including: Evie P, Joe W, and Orla W.

A huge thank you for the following students, who were involved in the Y6 transition event last week:

Jess H
Sofia-R E
Daisy Y
Holly W
Oliver G
Max F
Isaac N
Logan B
Meradith H
Mia M

Top 20 Green Boards

Ashley A
Leila A
Daniel U
Jack R
Megan P
Courtney P
Rhys W
Katie W
Oscar O
Esme E
Tamsyn R
William M
Samuel C
Isaac N
Anya M
Brodie B
Sophie D
Daisy Y
Samuel T
Isabel BL

Nominations

Care

Imogen H for helping her friend Philly through difficult times and being very supportive. Jaime C for his excellent work in HumanUtopia Challenge

Miles I for his amazing attitude towards his work and not receiving a redboard all year. Ryan C for his behaviour and attitude towards his learning.

Excel

Anya M for her sporting achievements. Sofia-RE for her performance in the school production of the Wizard of Oz.



Year 10 Notice Board

Head of Year - Mrs Blackmore

Assistant Head of Year - Mr Murphy

We welcomed back our student's from a successful week at work experience. When speaking to work experience providers it was clear to see that our year 10 students had impressed them. Several students have been offered work as a result of the effort they put in. we would like to commend all of our year 10 students for the hardwork and determination they displayed over the work experience week.

Year 10

It's safe to say we are now in the home straight, with only one week left of year 10, our year 10's have come so far. Upon reflection on the year we would like to congratulate the students on their success and the effort they have demonstrated. The students have shown huge level's resilience and passion to achieve well this year. We are very proud of our students and the journey they have been on this year. We would like to wish them all the best moving into year 11.

Summer WEX opportunity with Luke Pollard, tutors will be sharing the information. If any student is interested please speak to a member of KS4

CARE

All students, we are really pleased with how everyone has coped and risen to the challenge of year 10.

CHALLENGE

All students to achieve and work to the best of their ability.

EXCEL

All students who successfully completed their work experience.

Year 10 Top 20 Green Boards

- Rosie K
- Bella D
- Megan G
- Summer E
- Jude W
- Hayden D
- Finley B
- Josie B
- Lennon M
- Tristan P
- Sebastian L
- Ben G
- Callum M
- Phoebe F
- Ashton M
- Harry M
- Johnny N
- Arlo P
- Lewis M

Library Book Amnesty & Book Donations

Please help us to **PROTECT LIBRARY STOCK FOR OTHER BORROWERS AND RETURN ALL OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS TO THE Library Or E9 in the English Department, as soon as possible.**

No Fines. No Blame.

**Donations welcome too.
Thank you.**



WANTED!

YOUR OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS



Please check your school bag, your book shelves & your classrooms and bring all library books to E9 on the English corridor.

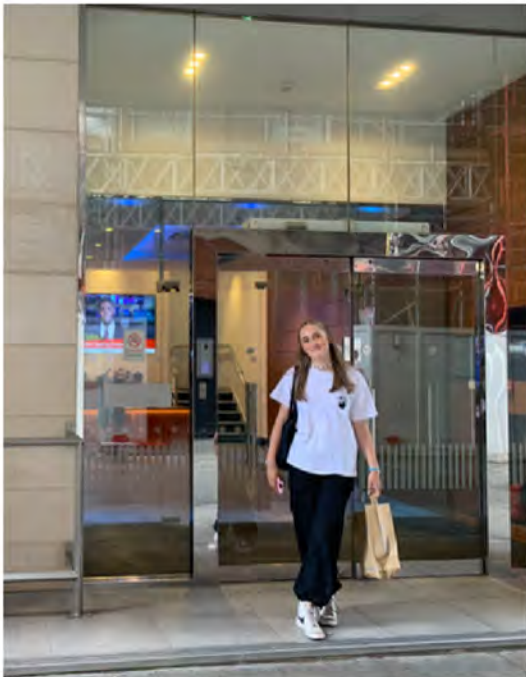
Work Experience Feedback

Daisy has had a great week and has visited 3 of my different offices with me so she's experienced both the branded and supplier side of fashion.

She has helped me work on some monotone prints that she drew and which I showed her how to change into a repeat pattern which has actually been submitted to Primark for selection and then yesterday we did the shops on Oxford Street and Regent Street so she is currently working on collating the information and doing a shop report for me too. She has also sat in on weekly trade meetings too.

She has been a great asset and we've loved having her with us this week.

Jeanine Thompson Designs



Sporting and Rugby Scholarship at Mount Kelly College

Bradley L a year 11 student has been offered and accepted a sporting and rugby scholarship to study sixth form at Mount Kelly College in Tavistock. Bradley started playing rugby when he was 11 years old and initially hated going. Since playing rugby, Bradley has played club rugby and was nominated by his rugby coach to trial for the Exeter Chiefs Developing Player Programme (DPP). Bradley trialed for the DPP on three different occasions and was selected for the team to represent West Devon on all 3 occasions, sadly due to covid one of the DPP seasons was cancelled. Bradley underwent several assessments at Mount Kelly including an ability assessment, academic assessment, meeting with the headmaster and several other Mount Kelly teachers. Following the assessments, Bradley was offered a sporting/rugby scholarship which starts in September where Bradley will study A-Levels. Whilst at Mount Kelly, Bradley will have the opportunity to play club rugby and will also represent Mount Kelly playing in the first team in competitive fixtures against other schools and colleges across the country. Bradley has now progressed to Colts and will sign for Tavistock Rugby Club this coming season. Bradley was also contacted last week by future Elite Sports located in America offering him an interview for a rugby scholarship to study and play in America. We are very proud of Bradley!



JOIN US ON YOUR RUGBY JOURNEY

TEAMWORK, RESPECT, ENJOYMENT, DISCIPLINE, SPORTSMANSHIP

TAVISTOCK JUNIORS RFC
ALL BOYS & GIRLS FROM SCHOOL YEARS 1 TO 11 OF ALL ABILITIES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN

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*CONTACT US FOR DETAILS

TAVISTOCK RUGBY CLUB JUNIORS AND MINS

FOOTBALL FOR ALL SUMMER PROGRAMME

TRAIN LIKE A PRO

Various Thursdays throughout the Summer Holidays.

- Skills & ball techniques
- Footwork exercises
- Strategy & teamwork exercises
- Fun games & football matches
- Freestyle football

27 JULY, 3 AUG, 17 AUG

Kids will need:
Appropriate clothing & footwear for all weather, a drink and packed lunch.
Drink refills and snacks are provided.

ALL DAY 9-3PM
£23.50

TAVISTOCK COLLEGE
Crowndale Road, Tavistock
REGISTRATION IS IN SPORTS HALL

Registration Link
WWW.FOOTBALLFORALL.ORG

More Information
football.for.all.southwest@gmail.com

XC cycling competition 27th June 2023 at Tavistock college



This year's OCRA/Tavistock College primary school cross country event held at Tavistock College was a big success.

Supported by Tavistock College's sports leaders, OCRA's race format led to a very competitive and enjoyable event for all of the primary schools competing for the trophy.

The challenging course, set around the college grounds proved to be a match for riders at all levels.

All teams competed in a time trial before progressing to the inter school races which were competitive over 4 laps.

Tavistock College's continued partnership with British Cycling ensured helped with sourcing of mountain bikes and after a quick bike-fit competitors were able to ride and compete for the 2023 winners trophy.

This year's winners were Mary Tavy and Brentor, who held on to win for the second year following a series of close and competitive races!

The event was supported by our excellent Year 9 sports leaders who took on a number of roles from course management to technical support.

Well done to all schools who took part and we are really looking forward to next year's event.

Teams competing this year

Mary Tavy & Brentor x 2 teams (cup winners)

Horrabridge x 2 teams

Gulworthy

Lamerton

Bere Alston

St Andrew's

St Peter's

For more information about cycling at Tavistock College please contact Neil Hosking
n.hosking@tavistockcollege.org



Thursday 27th Jul 2023

09:00 - 15:00

Tavistock College

BOOK NOW



Athletics 2022/23

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their support this school year.

The college has enjoyed unprecedented success in both cross country and track and field competitions. Students from the college have been selected to represent Team Devon at all levels of competition, county, regional, and national.

Equally as important as the individual and team successes is the sporting community that has developed, members of the student body who have never taken part in athletics previously are regularly attending training sessions and taking part in competitions.

The challenge ahead is to build on this success next school year, when we return in September the outdoor track and field season will be winding down. There is one remaining open competition in late September, this will take place in Exeter for those wanting to compete after the school holidays.

Looking ahead to the autumn term, the focus will shift to the cross country season. The college is entered in the English Schools Cross Country Cup, and will be taking part in the East Cornwall League and Plymouth and West Devon competitions. More details will be published after the summer break.

The London Marathon relay event that took place in April was a huge success; the finishing time was just over 2 hours 45 mins and raised over £1000 for two causes. The charity, Young Lives against Cancer and school athletics equipment. All the students that took part thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and the intent is to do a similar event next spring.

This year the college entered the English Schools Athletics Association (ESAA) Track & Field cup for the first time. The intermediate Girls team reached the regional final, finishing a close second and just missing out on the national final. The college has entered the equivalent competition for Cross Country. If your child is interested in taking part in this competition - ask them to speak to the PE department, the first round is scheduled for October.



For those students who regularly represent the college and would like to purchase their own athletics kit, it is now available on the Fitness for Sport website in the Tavistock College shop.

Sample sizes are available to try in school.

The support from Tavistock Athletics club has been amazing and a special thank you must be given to the coaches who have taken the time to come into school, provide training and run event focused workshops.

The following awards have been introduced this school year to recognize individual achievements and will be presented on sports day.

Team Captain Shield Fynn B Y10

The role of the team captain is to lead the team, help organise the team at training & events and set a sporting example. Fynn has been instrumental in helping support the team, taking time to help inexperienced students, particularly Y7 students taking part in their first sporting fixtures at secondary school. Fynn has also set a fine example of how to compete and represent Tavistock College.

The role of team captain will be passed to Anya M.

Athlete of the year

Tegan B Y9, there have been so many amazing individual achievements this school year, but for winning a national title Tegan has been awarded the athlete of the year.

XC Runner of the year

Lamorna C Y8, in her first year competing as junior (Y8 & Y9 compete together to form the category - Junior), Lamorna is unbeaten in the East Cornwall schools XC league and has been selected to represent Devon at several competitions.

Newcomer of the year

Thomas H Y7, Thomas is the Devon & Southwest minor boys XC champion and Devon 800m champion. Y7 does not compete nationally, but Thomas has the 5th fastest time for the 800m and 2nd fastest time for the 1500m run by U13 male in the UK this season. Thomas has also recorded a 1500m time that makes him eligible for the British Milers Club U15 membership.

Most improved athlete of the year

Joe W Y9, has continually improved his times throughout the track and field season in the 100m & 200m. Despite tough competition, this has seen him crowned Devon schools 100m & 200m champion, Southwest schools 200m champion and selected to run the 100m at the English Schools Track and Field Championships for team Devon.

These awards were sponsored by B&E Brickworks, if any local companies are interested in sponsoring any awards in the future please contact the PE department



Tavistock College Athletics

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SPORTS



Tavistock College Unisex Vest
£14.95



Tavistock Athletics Lady Fit Vest
£14.95



Tavistock College Athletics T-Shirt
£14.95



Tavistock College Athletics Midlayer
£39.95

The English Schools Award Scheme

Tavistock College has started to award its students the ESAA Awards. The Awards scheme covers both primary and secondary schools (school years 3-9). Awards are divided into 5 disciplines: Sprints, Hurdles, Endurance, Jumps, and Throws.

There are 9 stages of achievement: 1 Star, 2 Star, 3 Star, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Elite, and Podium.

The following Tavistock College Students have achieved the standard required to be awarded the Podium Award in the following events.

Evie P Y9 - Javelin & 100M

Orla W Y9 - Discus & 200m

Tegan B Y9 - Shot & Discus

Joe W Y9 - 100m & 200m

Josh A Y9 - High Jump & Hurdles

Anya M Y9 - 1500m & 800m

Lamorna C Y8 - 1500m & 800m

Nell M Y8 - High Jump & 800m

Thomas H - Y7 - 1500m & 800m



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

RUMBLE

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

on the App Store;
Teen™ on Google Play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

The company which developed Rumble is also responsible for hosting Truth Social, the often contentious news and social network founded by Donald Trump. Indeed, Rumble's content often reflects the ideas of one group of US voters, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. Many parents may feel that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

PROVOCATIVE CONTENT

Rumble prides itself on championing free speech, with its CEO declaring the platform "immune to cancel culture". Many of Rumble's highest-profile content creators – such as Andrew Tate and Russell Brand – are well known for sharing opinions which are often described as extreme. While adults might be equipped to treat this content objectively, much of it may not be appropriate for a young audience.

INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

In very simple terms, Rumble works a little like YouTube but with far fewer censors and restrictions being applied to its content. If age-inappropriate material or potentially harmful misinformation is trending on the platform and being shared among more mature users, there's a distinct possibility that Rumble's algorithm may also recommend that content to a child.

A video-sharing platform designed as an alternative to YouTube, Rumble is the epitome of a 'slow burner' in digital circles: it was initially launched in 2013, but it's only in the last two or three years that it's begun to gain serious traction. Much of Rumble's recent growth has stemmed from its association with Truth Social, the platform founded by former US President Donald Trump. Rumble's content frequently reflects some intense political viewpoints; this can often affect the way it approaches topics and has occasionally caused the platform to venture into controversial territory.

CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES

Many of Rumble's best-known accounts are owned by individuals who have previously been banned from other social media platforms. There could, of course, be a variety of reasons behind this – but it almost certainly increases the chances of your child coming across content on Rumble which probably wouldn't be deemed acceptable on other similar platforms.

SENSITIVE TOPICS

In recent months, some prominent Rumble influencers have expressed uncompromising views on sensitive subjects such as gun control, abortion, LGBTQ issues and more. With many Rumble accounts tending to display a noticeable political bias, the concern would be that young people using the platform may not always be presented with an impartial perspective on these important and complex topics.



Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Rumble does have a team of moderators, but the nature of the platform means that some permitted content is likely to be controversial and highly subjective. That possibility might make many parents uncomfortable – but if your child does view (or hear about) something provocative on Rumble, it can still provide a useful opportunity to discuss politics at home in a safe, relaxed environment.

CHECK UP REGULARLY

Like any video-sharing platform, there's a chance that Rumble might suggest inappropriate content for your child. There may be an algorithm issue – or it could be that the recommendations are based on videos they've previously viewed. If your child uses Rumble, you might consider a chat with them about which accounts they follow and what type of content is suitable for their age.

RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES

No video-sharing platform is totally free from potentially harmful content, of course – but the number of prominent account holders on Rumble whose output has previously been banned from similar services is certainly a cause for concern. If your child is becoming interested in influencer culture or politics specifically, you could perhaps research more family-friendly platforms together.

DISCUSS IMPARTIALITY

Many prominent Rumble accounts wear their political leanings firmly on their sleeves. As a result, it can be tricky for impressionable young people to appreciate both sides of any given debate. If your child is old enough to use Rumble, you may feel that a discussion of some things they've seen might be prudent – if so, be prepared for some complex (and possibly lengthy) conversations!

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