Tavistock College Multi Academy Newsletter









13/10/2023

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 Hazel Blackmore (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).

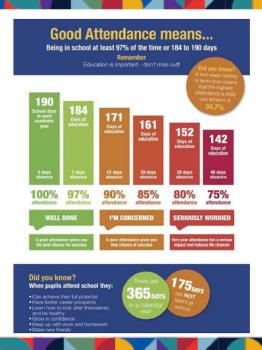


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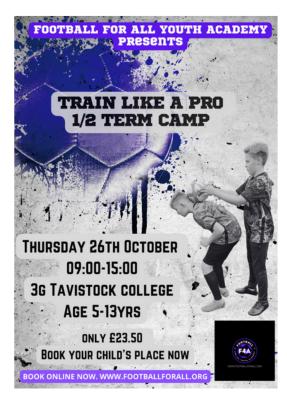
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TAVISTOCK GIRLS CRICKET

Winter Training Camp

Fun & friendly softball cricket
Open to all girls
in Years 7 & 8

No kit, no experience required.
Starting Sunday 12th November
Fortnightly - 2pm to 4pm
Mount Kelly (Prep) Sports Hall
1st two sessions free.
Come & give it a try!

More information & to register: www.tavistockcricketclub.com









Year 7 Notice Board

Head of Year - Mr Hunter Assistant Head of Year - Mrs Massey

Welcome to the final newsletter of this half term! It has been a very busy few weeks with lots of extra curricular activities taking place, as you'll see in the enrichment section. It is my belief that these opportunities are often the most significant to young people, and create the kind of memories that stay with them for a lifetime.

There are always opportunities open to Y7 students, from offering feedback in student voice, to joining the Y7 cooperative, to taking part in the upcoming cycling competition. These are always advertised in the school bulletin, and I would encourage every Y7 to get involved!

I hope the year group enjoy a very well earned rest this half term break, and come back refreshed and ready to take on new challenge with the same positivity that saw them through these past 7 weeks.

The Year 7 netball team, who played Launceston and were totally amazing! Macy got player of the match, but the whole team should be really proud of how they performed.

Congratulations to:

Hollie R Molly O Macy G Lilla P Sophie R Belle L Sophie D Mabel M Edith C Sasha K



On Monday, selected students in Year 7 were offered the opportunity to take part in a STEM workshop that ran all day in the hall.

Here's some info from the MoD about the workshop:

"It is our intention to provide students with a fun, educational experience with the aim of encouraging wider participation in STEM subjects and greater awareness of career opportunities that are aligned to STEM, some of which they may not even be aware of.

Students taking part will build and code robots to complete a range of missions linked to various themes. The challenges will encourage teamwork, problem-solving, creative thinking and coding/cyber skills."





Top 20 Green Boards

Ollie H

Sophia H Seren BW Oscar CC **Maddison D** Olivia T Harry R Sofiia D George B Hannah A Edith C Esme O Lilly-Anne V Ariana B Jeeho K Macy G Adam S Cassidy W Beau B Reuben G

CARE

Marta P for always showing a caring attitude

CHALLENGE

Jemima P for approaching every challenge with a positive attitude

EXCEL

Sofiia D for her outstanding contributions to the Apple juice project!



experience in marketing and business in the process! Specific Mention to Sofiia who won the competition to design the label for the bottles.





Year 8 Notice Board

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

We had a fantastic Harvest Festival celebration at Tavistock Parish Church on Thursday 5th October. A special mention to Joe M for their fantastic reading and Lottie H and Sujan K for their contribution during the service. Whilst we were walking to the church, as a year group and in your own tutor classes, Mr Marsh had a few complimentary comments about your behaviour, from members of the public, about how smart you all looked. As the college plays a huge part in the local community, we would like to thank you for representing our school in a positive manner whilst out in the public. How you conduct yourselves outside of the school gates and in school, reflects on us all.

It's great to see so many of you completing your reception duties with a sense of accomplishment . For those who have already completed their duty, a big well done from us and for those who are yet to do this task, we look forward to seeing you around the school with a smile on your face and representing our year with pride.

Just a reminder that the key stage 3 hub is there to support you and where you will find Mrs Ingleby and Mr Marsh.

Expectations

- Manners. Please remember them in and around school. Think about how you come across to others in school and when you are travelling to and from school
- Keep to the left whilst transitioning lessons
- Think about how you 'conduct' yourself
- 3-2-1 STAR behaviour Stop talking or doing your task, as soon as you hear your tutor start the countdown.
- A blazer OR school jumper must be worn, unless a teacher allows you to remove them in class. NEW FOR THIS YEAR.Outdoor coats must be removed when you enter any school building, Shirts must be tucked in, skirts rolled down 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 in and around the school.

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

Riley H Nevaeh B Jack E Tia M Arthur M

Sports clubs and extracurricular clubs have started on a Tuesday & Thursday after school. Please join teams and take part in the activities that interest you. A late bus provision is provided.

Remember to let us know if you have a good trip idea in the future.

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.

Top 20 Green Boards

Nevaeh B
Tia M
Alex C
Dibeh A
Olivia T
Harrison C
Ariah G
Eloise P
Elliott B
Imogen N
Francesca H
Joe M
James O
Phoebe P
Indie B

Samuel D Iola S William W Naomi H Ruby H





Year 9 Notice Board

Head of Year - Miss Evans Assistant Head of Year - Miss Fox

CARE

Connor H for trying hard in all subjects and being a good friend to those around him Challenge - Lamorna C for consistently meeting expectations as well as displaying outstanding effort in running.

EXCEL

Izzy N-C for pushing herself outside of her comfort zone and embracing new challenges.

It has been an amazing couple of weeks with so many outstanding achievements from Year 9! As our first female prime minister said, "Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; it's a day you've had everything to do and you've done it." This certainly applies to Year 9 recently. You are going out and achieving! We are impressed by the total of green boards that individually have been earnt, not to mention all the other activities you have been involved with. You are really excelling at the moment. Well done to all of you and especially those who are not mentioned specifically as you are working extremely well in lessons and should be proud of yourselves! Keep it up!

Reminders

On Saturday Morning, there will be an offer for some year 9 students to work practically with West End performers from Blood Brothers (a text they are studying in drama).

This will come out as a letter home with payment details on Gateway. This opportunity is heavily subsidised by the Creative Arts.

Top 20 Green Boards

Henry A Aimee B Charlie B Jasmine C Ruby C Polly C Lamorna C, Freddie D Amelia D Alana E Isabelle F Sunny F Milly G Raith G May G Samantha G, Mikayla H-C Holly H Katie H-R

Miriam H

Enrichment

A huge congratulations and a massive well done to the following for being such excellent guides at Open Evening! You were all an amazing credit to the college and we are all so proud of you all!

Jay S, Oscar J, Henry A, Isaac M, Sommer M, Shayla S, Freya R, Amelie H, Libby W, Jemima T-W, Katie H-R, tobias S, polly C, Miriam H, Aimee S, Florence P, Freddie D, Henry W, Isabella N-C, Milly W, and Raith G.

A huge well done also needs to go to the following year 9s for their netball match against Launceston last week! Lilia K, Katie H-R, Nell M, Katie A, Lamorna C, May G, Amelia M, Amelia G, Jemima T-W, Lauren W, Milly W, Tilly P, Ella H, Jasmine C, Maisy P, Esme K and Isabelle F.

Another huge congratulation must also go to all the Year 9s who assisted on Wednesday with the parking at college for Goose Fair.

Amelia M, Katie A, Holly H, Scarlett K, Imogen R, Tilly P, Esme K, Maisy P, Lauren W, Amelia G, Katie H-R, Milly W and Jemima T-W.

Our last congratulations also needs to go to the following Year 9s who represented Tavistock College in the first round of the English Schools XC Cup on Thursday 12 October: Lamorna C, Polly C, Nell M,Freddie D and Tobia S.





Year 10 Notice Board

Head of Year - Mrs Squire Assistant Head of Year -Mr Trimmer

Students really showing that they care about their work with 1822 Green boards awarded for working hard and 1213 consistently meeting expectations in lessons. Keep this up Year 10.

CHALLENGE - Patrick H for his huge upturn in Green boards of 40. Keep this up Patrick and well done. Your teachers believe in you and your hard work!

EXCEL - We nominate Daniel U for his commitment to football.

Top 20 Green **Boards**

Sofia R E George W Ryan C Miles I

> Jamie C Anya M

Jamie S Jack R

Brook G T

Isabella R

Anya C

Jessica M

Esme E

George G

Thalia W

Philly P

Imogen H Eleanor B

Joshua D Patrick H

English Schools Cross Country Event

Best of luck this week to Miley L, Tamsyn R, Anya M, Connor D, Jamie C, Reuben M and Josh A, who are representing the College for the English Schools Cross Country Cup on Thursday. Go strong team!

Open Evening

Last week we had 650 parents in for the College open evening and the feedback was outstanding from parents. I would like to say well done to all students in Year 10 for their commitment and hard work in lessons, persevering when the going gets tough.

Behaviour amongst Year 10 has really shown our College values of Care, Challenge and Excel. The college received some excellent reports this week from outside visitors, who all commented on the positive behaviour around the College.

With Goose Fair this week all students deserve a well earned break from school for the day to enjoy a festive feeling midweek and back to school on Thursday ready to work, engaged in their learning. Finally it is great to see attendance across the year group rising, as students in school equals successful outcomes.







Year 11 Notice Board

Head of Year - Mr Jacob Assistant Head of Year - Mr Murphy

As we approach the end of our first half term, with only one week to go we can reflect on the past 6 weeks. Our year 11 students have returned with the drive and desire to succeed.

The students have completed the first week of mock exams, with one more week to go. The students have demonstrated tremendous amounts of courage, resilience and determination. Year 11 have also displayed the schools cooperative values of self-help, self-responsibility and solidarity. We wish to commend our students and wish them all the best of luck for next week.

Congratulations to Fynn B and Oliver H who represented Tavistock athletics club this past weekend in the first Westward League cross country. Unfortunately our year 11 boys team came up short against Launceston in the first round of the national cup losing 2-1. The boys put in a very admiral performance and should be proud of their efforts.

All the best from the year 11 team.

A quick reminder... Be organised. Create a plan and stick to it. Make sure you are on time for and attend all lessons and Work hard. 100% Ratio of Green boards to red board points in the last 2 weeks. In year 11 we have seen 87 students achieve 100% recognition points and we'd like to congratulate them on this success.

Megan G Harriet S **Edward S** Finley W Kimberely B Abigail W Harold C Rintaro E Rebecca B Lucas E Fynn B Abigail N Rosie K Charlotte P Olivia L Hayden D Evelyn Q Sophie C Josie B Ben G Sophia E Jed U Rory C Thomas K Leah K Johnny N Erin H Kameron G Thomas B Alana B Monty R Seth B Chandler C Meghan S Lara D Daisy D Bethany C Arlo P Finley B Oliver H Angel H Lucas P Ben P George H Tal P Caitlin C Vee G Isaac C Isaac T Astrid J-S Eliiah B Samuel L Charlie C Alfie A Emily S Thomas P Adam W JJ DC Daisy R Adam D Jessica C Miya W-B Maya K Oliver S Phoebe V Matthew W Oliver C Freya W Hannah M Jude W Ksenia R Lennon M Callum M Evan H Penelope H-S Charlie W Henry H Jack F Demi W Erin F Hal W Evelyn C Milly H Ash G Emma G Tristan P Joe T

Most green boards awarded in the last 2 weeks

CARE

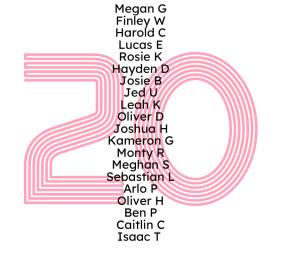
All of year 11 who are giving their mock exam 100% effort.
You are doing exceptionally well and this effort will pay off in the long run.

CHALLENGE

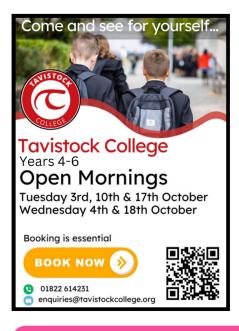
Congratulations to all our brilliant year 11 students who took part in the recent tour de moor. It has been brilliant to hear about you own individual accomplishments.

EXCEL

Fynn B for his recent performance in the horse of the year show in the newcomers division. Fynn and his horse Vinura Bobby performed well together and achieved a successful mid table finish. A fantastic effort for a first show together.











Welcome to the annual TYC newsletter... a quick review of the busy and exciting year we've had, plus visions for year ahead. Scan the QR code below to view the latest edition.







Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust

...everyone in our Trust.

SEND Surgeries – for families that have new concerns for children who have no existing SEND support.

- 17th October 2023 11.15-12.15
- 1st November 2023 09.30-10.30
- 6th December 2023 3.30 4.30

There will be more dates to follow on a termly basis.

SEND Parent Forums - for all families currently supported or needing support - Topic based sessions - 5.30-7.00

- 19th October 2023
- 7th December 2023
- 25th January 2024
- 7th March 2024
- 9th May 2024
- 18th July 2024

Send Coffee mornings - for all families currently supported or needing support from SEND – Topic based sessions – 9.00-10.00

- 16th November 2023
- 3rd January 2024
- 28th March 2024
- 9th May 2024
- 19th June 2024

Educational Psychology – Parent Conferences – Topic based sessions - 9.30 -10.30

- 12th October 2023 "When kids say no!"
- 10th November 2023
- 5th January 2024
- 8th March 2024
- 26th April 2024
- 27th June 2024

To book any of these events please contact send@tavistockcollege.org



Harvest Festival

Year 8 students took part in the Harvest Festival celebrations at Tavistock Parish Church. As part of our pledge to providing personal development opportunities, students had the opportunity to be part of the festivities. A huge thank you must go to Reverend Matthew Godfrey and other members of the church for dedicating their time to support the college and delivering a wonderful service full of important lessons and reflections.





What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMONGUS

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 — meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.



GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert

Hoyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for cround four years. A regular visitors to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Witting mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential stors including IGN and TechRadar.



