



# Tavistock College Newsletter

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## 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](mailto: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).

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

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0800 1111  
24/7 helpline for children and young people

NSPCC  
0800 1111  
National Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

Intercom Trust  
0800 555 111  
Intercom Trust

Young Minds  
0800 555 111  
Mental health support for young people

Crime Stoppers  
0800 555 111  
Crime Stoppers

101  
101  
Non-emergency police contact

Whisper  
Whisper  
Anonymous reporting tool

Mash  
Mash  
Multi-agency safeguarding hub

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

**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

|   |                                      |                                      |   |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| H Blackmore<br>Designated Safeguarding Lead                           | T Forster<br>Principal               | J Buchanan<br>Vice Principal         | N Read<br>Assistant Principal                           | A Savage<br>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead/ Assistant Principal |
| S Hunter<br>HoY 7   | N Ingleby<br>HoY 8                   | L Evans<br>HoY 9                     | R Squire<br>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead/ HoY 10 | D Jacob<br>HoY 11  |
| T Massey<br>Deputy HoY 7  | S Marsh<br>Deputy HoY 8              | S Fox<br>Deputy HoY 9                | P Trimmer<br>Deputy HoY 10                              | N Murphy<br>Deputy HoY 11  |
| W Stephens<br>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead/ Head of Sixth Form | E Ruxton<br>Sixth Form Pastoral Lead | L Howard<br>Sixth Form Pastoral Lead | R Turner<br>Director of SEND                            | J Brokenshire<br>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead                 |

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TAV1 [+ your message] To: 07860 021 323  
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**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

ENJOY 4 TRIAL SESSIONS BEFORE SIGNING UP  
MEMBERSHIP FROM £40 PER SEASON\*  
SIBLING DISCOUNT & OTHER SUPPORT AVAILABLE\*

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SANDY PARK, TRELAWNY ROAD, TAVISTOCK, PL 19 0LE  
\*CONTACT US FOR DETAILS

**Good Attendance means...**  
Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

Remember  
Education is important - don't miss out!

Did you know?  
A two week holiday in term-time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%

|  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 190<br>School days in each academic year | 184<br>Days of education | 171<br>Days of education | 161<br>Days of education | 152<br>Days of education | 142<br>Days of education |
| 9 days absence                           | 7 days absence           | 19 days absence          | 29 days absence          | 38 days absence          | 48 days absence          |
| 100% attendance                          | 97% attendance           | 90% attendance           | 85% attendance           | 80% attendance           | 75% attendance           |
| WELL DONE                                | I'M CONCERNED            | SERIOUSLY WORRIED        |                          |                          |                          |

Did you know?  
When pupils attend school they:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

There are **365 days** in a calendar year

**175 days** are NOT spent at school



**FOOTBALL FOR ALL YOUTH ACADEMY**

**NEW DAY NEW TIME**

**ONLY £45 FOR TERM**

**JOIN US THIS WINTER TERM**  
**MONDAYS 5-6PM**  
[WWW.FOOTBALLFORALL.ORG](http://WWW.FOOTBALLFORALL.ORG)

**TAVISTOCK COLLEGE 3G**



**FOOTBALL FOR ALL YOUTH ACADEMY PRESENTS**

**TRAIN LIKE A PRO**  
**1/2 TERM CAMP**

**THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER**  
**09:00-15:00**  
**3G TAVISTOCK COLLEGE**  
**AGE 5-13YRS**

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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](http://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!





# Year 7 Cooperative

There has been a gargantuan effort from the Y7 cooperative, who in the past week have picked apples from the college orchards, had them pressed into apple juice, and sold to the public on Goose Fair Day! The group were able to raise over £100 for future Y7 events, and gain a wealth of 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 Sujana 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 earned, 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

## CARE

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  
George G  
Jamie C  
Anya M  
Jamie S  
Jack R  
Thalia W  
Brook G T  
Philly P  
Imogen H  
Eleanor B  
Isabella R  
Anya C  
Jessica M  
Esme E  
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.

| Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust<br>TAVISTOCK COLLEGE - AUTUMN MENU - WEEK ONE   |   |                                 |                                      |  |
|--|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Main ONE   | Main TWO  | Pasta THREE                     | Curry FOUR                           |  |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>Chicken Escabèche with Vegetable Rice and Couscous  | Vegetable Spring Roll with Rice and Sweet Chili Sauce   | Bacon Carbonara                 | Chicken or Veg Thai Green Curry      |  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>Dartmoor Sausages, Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Onion Gravy                                   | Leek and Mushroom Cakes, Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Onion Gravy                  | Beef Bolognese                  | Malaysian Curry                      |  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>Roast Turkey, Sea Salted Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy   | Brussels and Cauliflower Bake, Sea Salted Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy               | Meatball, Tomato and Pizzarella | Beef/Roasted Vegetable Tikka Masala  |  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>Italian Meatballs, Tomato Pomme, Pesto and Green Salad  | Courgette and Vegetable, Vegetables and Green Salad   | Creamy Chicken and Pesto        | Roasted Cauliflower and Squash Kurma |  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>Beef Burger, Chicken Bites or Breaded Fish or Salmon Fillets, Chips, Mashed Potatoes, Beans, Curry Sauce or Gravy | Chicken Burger or Breaded Fish or Salmon Fillets, Chips, Mashed Potatoes, Beans, Curry Sauce or Gravy | Tuna and Cheese                 | Chicken/Onion Korma Curry            |  |
| Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust<br>TAVISTOCK COLLEGE - AUTUMN MENU - WEEK TWO   |   |                                 |                                      |  |
| Main ONE   | Main TWO  | Pasta THREE                     | Curry FOUR                           |  |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>Dartmoor Sausages in a Turkey Wrap with Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables                                   | Onion Roast in the Baked with Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables                                 | Bacon Carbonara                 | Chicken or Veg Thai Green Curry      |  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>Roast Chicken, Potato Wedges and Salad   | Vegetable Omelette, Potato Wedges and Salad   | Beef Bolognese                  | Malaysian Curry                      |  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>Beef Roast Beef, Potato Wedges and Salad   | Roast Beef, Potato Wedges and Salad   | Meatball, Tomato and Pizzarella | Beef/Roasted Vegetable Tikka Masala  |  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>Dartmoor Beef Lasagne, Potato Mashed Potatoes and Green Salad   | Pizza Bar with Pomme Mashed Potatoes and Green Salad  | Creamy Chicken and Pesto        | Roasted Cauliflower and Squash Kurma |  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>Beef Burger, Chicken Bites or Breaded Fish or Salmon Fillets, Chips, Mashed Potatoes, Beans, Curry Sauce or Gravy | Chicken Burger or Breaded Fish or Salmon Fillets, Chips, Mashed Potatoes, Beans, Curry Sauce or Gravy | Tuna and Cheese                 | Chicken/Onion Korma Curry            |  |
| Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust<br>TAVISTOCK COLLEGE - AUTUMN MENU - WEEK THREE   |   |                                 |                                      |  |
| Main ONE   | Main TWO  | Pasta THREE                     | Curry FOUR                           |  |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>Roast Beef, Potato Wedges and Salad   | Roast Beef, Potato Wedges and Salad   | Bacon Carbonara                 | Chicken or Veg Thai Green Curry      |  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>Dartmoor Beef Hot Pot and Seasoned Cabbage   | Roast Beef, Potato Wedges and Salad   | Beef Bolognese                  | Malaysian Curry                      |  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>Roast Beef, Potato Wedges and Salad  | Roast Beef, Potato Wedges and Salad   | Meatball, Tomato and Pizzarella | Beef/Roasted Vegetable Tikka Masala  |  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>Chilli Con Carne, Sweetcorn Tortilla Chips and Dips   | Three Bean Casserole, Sweetcorn Tortilla Chips and Dips   | Creamy Chicken and Pesto        | Roasted Cauliflower and Squash Kurma |  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>Beef Burger, Chicken Bites or Breaded Fish or Salmon Fillets, Chips, Mashed Potatoes, Beans, Curry Sauce or Gravy | Chicken Burger or Breaded Fish or Salmon Fillets, Chips, Mashed Potatoes, Beans, Curry Sauce or Gravy | Tuna and Cheese                 | Chicken/Onion Korma Curry            |  |



# 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     | Thomas K     | Rory C     |
| Leah K    | Johnny N     | Erin H     |
| Kameron G | Thomas B     | Alana B    |
| Monty R   | Seth B       | Chandler C |
| Meghan S  | Lara D       | Daisy D    |
| Arlo P    | Finley B     | Bethany C  |
| Oliver H  | Angel H      | Lucas P    |
| Ben P     | George H     | Tal P      |
| Caitlin C | Vee G        | Isaac C    |
| Isaac T   | Astrid J-S   | Elijah B   |
| Charlie C | Alfie A      | Samuel L   |
| Emily S   | Adam W       | Thomas P   |
| 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      |            |
| Demi W    | Jack F       |            |
| Hal W     | Erin F       |            |
| 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.

Megan G  
Finley W  
Harold C  
Lucas E  
Rosie K  
Hayden D  
Josie B  
Jed U  
Leah K  
Oliver D  
Joshua H  
Kameron G  
Monty R  
Meghan S  
Sebastian L  
Arlo P  
Oliver H  
Ben P  
Caitlin C  
Isaac T





**Monday 23rd - Learn to Ride x 3 sessions (Hard Court)**  
0900-1100  
1130-1330  
1400-1600

**Tuesday 24th + Wednesday 25th - Bikeability Level 2 (2 day course)**  
1000-1500

**Thursday 26th - Bikeability Level 3 (1 day course)**  
0900-1500

**Friday 27th - Bikeability Level 3 (1 day course)**  
0900-1500

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Come and see for yourself...



**Tavistock College**  
Years 4-6  
**Open Mornings**  
Tuesday 3rd, 10th & 17th October  
Wednesday 4th & 18th October

Booking is essential

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**Tavistock food hub**

**An Affordable Food Club**

Feeling the pinch? Why not join our food club and save up to 60% on supermarket prices. Only £5 donation per bag!

Wednesdays 11.30am to 12.30pm at The King's, Pixon Lane or Saturdays at The Red & Black Club, Crowndale Road 11am to 12pm  
email [info@feedingdevon.org.uk](mailto:info@feedingdevon.org.uk)



**Cost of living Help and guidance**

Are you worried about the rising cost of energy bills, food and transport?

You are not alone, the cost of living crisis is affecting many of us.

You may want help accessing grants and debt advice, support getting all the money you are entitled to, or simply want to know more about the government's recent support measures. West Devon Borough Council want to reach out to residents to make sure you are aware of support available.

**Household Support Fund**

This will be available from April 2023 to provide short-term financial support to help meet the needs of those struggling to afford food, energy, water bills and other related essentials. Applications can be made online.

In addition, our partners will issue food vouchers to families of children who receive free school meals so they can buy food through the school holidays. Keep an eye on our website for more information.  
[www.westdevon.gov.uk/household-support-fund](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/household-support-fund)

**West Devon Support Directory**

An online support directory has been created to provide information on a wide range of support available from within the Council and our external partners.  
[www.westdevon.gov.uk/support-directory](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/support-directory)

If you need any more information from the Council, then reach out to us through our 'Contact Us' page which will direct you to the information you are looking for.  
[www.westdevon.gov.uk/contact-us](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/contact-us)

**Free School Meals**

Many people are not aware their children qualify for a free school meal. Check using this website - you do not need to tell the school yourself.  
[www.westdevon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals)

Your child will receive a nutritious two course meal each day.

School holidays can put increased pressure on finances but there are ways in which you can be supported through subsidised free holiday clubs.  
[www.westdevon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/family-support/half-term-programme/information-for-parents](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/family-support/half-term-programme/information-for-parents)

**Healthy Start Card**

If you are 10 weeks pregnant or more, have a child under four years old, or your own family get certain benefits, you may be able to qualify for a Healthy Start card. The card has money on it to be used in shops to buy:

- plain liquid cow's milk;
- fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables;
- fresh, dried, and tinned pulses; and
- infant formula milk based on cow's milk.

You can also get free vitamins.

See online to find out more and for ways to apply.  
[www.healthystart.cards.uk/how-to-apply](http://www.healthystart.cards.uk/how-to-apply)

**Food Support**

The cost of living crisis has made it much more difficult for many people to afford food. If this is something you are experiencing, the Council have collated a list of food hubs on their website.  
[www.westdevon.gov.uk/foodbanks](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/foodbanks)

There is also support for your animals -  
[www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/costofliving/foodbank](http://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/costofliving/foodbank)

Energy Income Home Wellbeing

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.



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# SEND Events

Dartmoor  
Multi Academy  
Trust

...everyone in our Trust.

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

- 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 11.15-12.15
- 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 – 09.30-10.30
- 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

- 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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

- 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023
- 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024
- 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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

- 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – “When kids say no!”
- 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023
- 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024

To book any of these events please contact [send@tavistockcollege.org](mailto: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

# AMONG US

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.

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## 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

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