

TCS 6

TEIGNMOUTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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WELCOME TO TCS 6

JAMES O'CONNELL - PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our new publication for the Sixth Form. I am so pleased to see the development of our Sixth Form Student Union this year and to see the way they are taking on projects and owning their own ideas, making things happen. This newsletter is just one example of this. It gives our sixth form body of students a voice and a means to celebrate and promote important ideas and events. I hope that you enjoy the newspaper!

LAURA MILSOM - HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

Happy New Year, and welcome to our first Sixth Form newsletter, which shares the many great events Sixth Form have been involved in so far! The publication has been put together by Emily Cartwright, who is part of the Sixth Form Student Union and she has taken on the role of Marketing and Publicity Officer. A massive thank you to Emily. It's been a really busy term with many highlights! We welcomed our new Year 12 cohort with a BBQ earlier in the term, and students have been working hard on a wide range of Level 2 and 3 courses. Many now have work experience placements as part of their courses, and teachers have been really impressed with the work ethic from many of our students. The transition to Post 16 is a big step up, with increased independence and study expectations. As part of promoting success, the Sixth Form experience is designed to promote a love of learning. There have been many educational trips this term, including Poland and the Maths Challenge in which students have been a credit to the school. The Dance cohort have also attended practical workshops and supported events in our local community Primary Schools. Our Sports students have also been leading and coaching at events such as the Cross Country Championships and Able and Talented festivals. As well as our dedicated staff leading opportunities outside of the classroom, our newly formed Student Union have had a great impact at leading events. Social trips have been arranged such as Paintballing, Ice Skating and Team Building at Ashcombe Adventure Centre. It's been great to see so many students getting involved and having fun. Student activity in the enrichment programme has been another strength, with many activities taken part in so far. Year 12 students take part in enrichment on Wednesday afternoons and have so far participated in Fitness, Spinning, Martial Arts, Dance, and a variety of community and volunteering opportunities. We would like to say a thank you to the Alice Cross Centre for hosting cooking lessons, and Aikido Torquay for voluntarily leading a Martial Arts workshop. As we look forward to this term we have lots more events planned, including a University Taster Trip, The National Apprenticeship Show and much more. Students are also busy completing UCAS applications to their universities of choice. Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, and I hope you enjoy hearing about our events and successes

STUDENT UNION



Luisa Nicks

Hello, my name is Luisa Nicks and I am the President of the Student Union at TCS6. When I first found out I got the role of President I was shocked but full of excitement to help improve our sixth form. With the new year ahead and not much time left of the academic year I intend to listen to

what my fellow students would like and what they believe will improve the sixth form and hopefully put their ideas in place. Some personal goals of mine are to help with the advertisement of the sixth form, to help year 11's with their decisions, to show sixth formers different ideas of post 18 and to make sure sixth formers do not get treated like the lower school. As I have been in the school since year 7 I have seen the school grow and change. I would love to make a change and lead the way for future student unions. I am proud and honoured to receive this role and with my team (the student union) I hope to do the best job I can.



Charlotte Pearce

My name is Charlotte Pearce. As a part of my role as Social Secretary I have to plan and delegate ideas to the Head of Year for plans towards days out, future advancements to the sixth form and to be a voice for the whole of sixth form as I consult before I plan outings. Already, we have planned activities such as trips to

Plymouth for ice skating and then an afterwards dinner to Frankie and Benny's. Also I have organised Paint-Balling at Ashcombe Adventure park for the whole of the sixth form students. Furthermore, I have also compiled a student union day out to do an obstacle course through mud and to climb great scaffolds. My goal within the role is to blur the line between Year 12 and 13 and to compile a more united front for the sixth form and to make school a more comfortable and welcoming place to study in.



Emily Cartwright

Hi, through my love of English literature and limited yet present knowledge of computers, I saw the newspaper as an opportunity to shy away from pure academics and to establish a more creative side during my time in Sixth Form, and from there... the Newspaper was born. My goal of the Newspaper is to reinstate a sort of condensed form of the sixth forms big accomplishments in a smaller, physical form.



Avery Ranson

Hi, I'm Avery and I'm the Diversity and Equality leader for our sixth form. I am very passionate about this and have taken large strides within our school community, to make this progression. I have taken diligent action

by setting GSA groups for younger years, hosted assemblies combatting serious issues and have previously been a Year 11 prefect and wanted to continue my work. My goal is to encourage an accepting and safe environment for all students throughout the school



Cameron Scollick

Alevel Spanish so far has been stunning course already jam packed with amazing classes, studies and out of school trips. Throughout the first term, classes have mainly consisted on strengthening vocabulary and tense using, however we have begun to study a Spanish film called "Volver".

In the last term, a translation festival was held by Exeter University, after a morning of interactive activity to strengthen our translation abilities, students showed us a film they had translated themselves. Even though the course has only just begun, it promises such an unbelievable experience and an in depth understanding of both the Spanish language and culture.



Georgia Stans

My name is Georgia and I'm very passionate about PE and what opportunities it can provide. I personally have been doing Taekwondo for 7 years now and in the last 2 years I have began competing. My current ambitions are to compete in the Taekwondo ITF World cup in Slovenia 2020 and I will be training as much as I can to get myself there as well as working alongside my coach and the PUMA England team. To make this happen, I'm also going to be competing in some more international events in the new year to come. Obviously I'm very passionate about sports and I want to help install that same passion in others going into PE in sixth form



Taylor Weston

Hi, I'm Taylor Weston and I am the Maths Ambassador for the Sixth Form. I am very enthusiastic about maths as it is one of my favourite subjects. The maths department has gone to Exmouth for a mathematics competition and competed against the best schools across the country and performed very well. My goal is to make people understand and to help people from being intimidated about maths and to express the passion that I have towards maths. In addition, I am here to give advice towards the younger years, especially Year 12 who are having to make the daunting transition from GCSE to Alevel.



Abbie-Mai Hardy

I have been dancing for around nine years now and have experienced many things like performing in Disneyland and performing many times. In the West End. Dance as a course is very fun and exciting we complete many shows and routines alongside lots of theory. We also complete many achievements, for example,

we taught at Shaldon primary school and got our dance awards. We go to London annually to dance in pineapple studios and to watch live performances, this helps with our stage presence and confidence. This year we have completed our first component where we had to learn a famous choreographer's dance. We have also just completed our Christmas show where our year choreographed three routines together including our first components routine.



Daniel Byrne

Hello my name is Daniel, I'm in year 12 and I'm the Applied Science rep. Applied Science is basically between GCSE and A-Level so we go over GCSE level things in more detail and learn new A-Level stuff as well. Some of the more fun practicals we've done includes dissecting a chicken leg and seeing how certain metals react with water.

= EVENTS =

Over the course of the new academic term, the Sixth Form have participated in numerous activities alongside their studies, such as...



01 PAINTBALL

The Sixth Form Student Union organised a trip to Ashcombe Adventure Centre for a paintballing activity day. Over fifty Sixth Form students took part and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. As well as offering an excellent educational experience, TCS6 also places great emphasis on team building, personal development, friendship and fun!



02 STUDENT UNION ACTIVITY DAY

The newly formed Sixth Form Student Union took part in an exciting programme of activities at Ashcombe Adventure Centre. The day involved team-building challenges and completion of the Gladiator Assault Course! Our students did fantastically well, in challenging outdoor conditions. The Student Union were divided into two teams, and all involved demonstrated commendable leadership qualities and really gave it their all!



03 POLAND

Students from years 10, 11 & 12 visited Auschwitz, to help them understand the historical and religious context of the Holocaust. Max McNally [12JE] commented "It was an incredible experience, truly somber but so important to see and realise how this could easily happen again"



04 YR12+13 ART TRIP

We took the 6th formers on a short trip to Exeter to visit the Art exhibitions in the RAMM and Exeter Phoenix, to explore other ways of producing art by several professional artists who work with a variety of media. Students had the chance to see work from other cultures and work that highlights important issues in society. It was a brilliant opportunity to work outside the classroom and spend time together as a team.



05 MATHS CHALLENGE

In November a team of year 12 and 13 mathematicians travelled to Exmouth Community College to compete in the Senior Team Maths Challenge. We were up against the best mathematicians from the best schools in the South West and we performed admirably. The competition consisted of three rounds: a group task, a crossword and a relay race. It was a great experience and all are keen to compete next year



06 YR12+13 PE TRIP - TAUNTON

The students carried out the windgate test to find their power and then undertook the same test but with a hypoxia mask on to look at the effects of altitude on endurance and power. This was an enriching experience for the students as they were introduced to the standard of university lessons.



07 SELF DEFENCE

This year has seen a new activity on offer for our Sixth Form students. A Torquay based club ran the taster session for our students. There they learnt how to break their falls and how to defend themselves from an attacker using different techniques. Safely teaching up how block attacks and how to get away from potential harm.



08 YR12 DANCE TRIP - PLYMOUTH

At the start of October, the Sixth Form dancers took a trip to the Theatre Royal Plymouth for an access-all-areas back stage tour. Students learnt about the history of the theatre, its multi-million pound refurbishment, the installation of the divisive 'Messenger' sculpture and what the working life of a performer is like.



09 SIXTH FORM BEACH CLEAN

TCS6 students recently carried out a beach clean in Teignmouth removing several bags of rubbish and plastics from our local sea front. One of our Sixth Form students described the voluntary action as, 'It's good for the planet and great for the soul'. Students at TCS6 are passionate about taking environmental action and will be taking part in more beach cleans throughout the year. Sixth Form students are currently forming a Student Union and students have applied for the role of Environmental Ambassador.



10 YR12+13 FOOTBALL SUCCESS

On Wednesday 9th October, Exeter faced London opposition Crystal Palace in their first EFL cup group game of the season. Overall, it was a far from convincing performance but 3 second half goals, two in quick succession saw us run out 3-0 winners and bag our first three points of the group. The first half had limited chances for either side with Exeter having the best of a limited amount of chances in the latter stages of the first half. Keoni Mole had the best chance of the half after an excellent over the top through ball from Christian Solway, but unfortunately was unable to convert from close range in a 1v1 situation. The second half was a far more open and expansive with both teams throwing men forward to win the match. The difference in the second half was ultimately our composure in front of goal as we made it 1-0 through a powerful strike from Keoni Mole after a good through ball from John Agpoon. Exeter became extremely dominant in the final proceedings and scored two goals in quick succession, both through Elliot Cole. His first goal was a header range after excellent work from Joe Morgan and Brooklyn "99" Cole, with Brooklyn crossing accurately for Elliot to convert. Our third goal was a great counter with Keoni Mole playing a through ball and splitting the Palace defence for Elliot to bag his second of the game and neatly slot home from 15 yards out.



11 ALICE CROSS CENTRE

On Wednesday 18th December Sixth Form students visited the Alice Cross Centre in Teignmouth as part of a Christmas celebration. Students performed dance routines and played in fun Table Tennis games against members of our community. Throughout the term students have been learning to cook at the Alice Cross Centre and have really valued this experience. We have more activities planned next term which will involve a coffee morning and our students sharing their IT skills

EXTRA-CURRICULAR



ON THE 23RD OF NOVEMBER I GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT THE PUMA TAEKWONDO ENGLAND TEAM BY COMPETING IN THE ITF OPEN BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS. THIS WAS AN INTERNATIONAL EVENT IN WHICH I GOT A GOLD MEDAL FOR SPARRING AS WELL AS A LOT OF VALUABLE EXPERIENCE TO TAKE FORWARDS WITH ME INTO 2020 FOR MUCH BIGGER EVENTS - GEORGIA STANS

6PINT IS A 6-PIECE ALTERNATIVE/INDIE/HARD ROCK BAND FORMED IN TEIGNMOUTH IN 2019 BY BASSIST (TAYLOR WESTON) AND GUITARIST (HARLEY GOODRIDGE), WHO LATER INVOLVED THEIR CURRENT FRONTMAN AND VOCALIST (DAN WETTEN), DRUMMER (EHREN LOVELL), PROFESSIONAL TAMBOURINIST (CHARLIE TICKELL), AND RHYTHM GUITARIST/BACKING VOCALIST (JOE MARTIN).

THEIR UNIQUE NAME COMES FROM A POLL THEY JOKINGLY DID ON INSTAGRAM WHEN THEY COULDN'T DECIDE ON A NAME. MANY PEOPLE WERE BAFLED WHEN THEY DID NOT KNOW THE MEANING OF 6PINT, BUT WHEN IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS INFLUENCED BY THE SIZE OF A BLUE-LIDDED MILK CONTAINER, EVEN MORE PEOPLE BECAME CONFUSED. YET THEY VOTED FOR IT NEVERTHELESS.

WITH THEIR PURPLE, COLOUR BLOCK JACKETS AND RED SUNGLASSES, ALONGSIDE THEIR UNIQUE STYLE OF MUSIC AND LOVE FOR BLUE-LID MILK, THEY'RE VERY EASY TO RECOGNISE. THEY PLAN ON FULLY GETTING INTO THE WORLD OF MUSIC WITH COVERS OF BANDS RANGING FROM ARCTIC MONKEYS TO ROYAL BLOOD, AS WELL AS THEIR OWN ORIGINAL MUSIC WHICH IS CURRENTLY IN PRODUCTION.

DESPITE THE SERIOUS-LOOKING EXPRESSIONS THEY GIVE THE CAMERA EVERY TIME A BAND PHOTO IS TAKEN, 6PINT DOES NOT WANT TO BE SOME SORT OF SERIOUS BAND, BUT INSTEAD THEY WISH TO BE FUN AND EVEN SLIGHTLY COMEDIC TWIST ON MODERN MUSIC.

FOR ANY UPDATES, CHECK OUT THE 6PINT:
 INSTAGRAM: @6PINTBAND
 SNAPCHAT: THE6PINTBAND
 TWITTER: @6PINTBAND
 FACEBOOK: 6PINT



After school on Thursdays, a group of varying musicians come together, led by Mr Saturley, in order to play a variety of songs just for the joy of playing. The band includes a variety of saxophones and trumpets, many talented pianists, guitarists (both electric and acoustic), a great bass player, many interchanging drummers, and of course an unbelievable array of singers from all different years. Recently, the band played in the Christmas concert, as well as playing for many years before that in concert and even teacher conferences going as far as Plymouth to play. The doors are always open for any new musicians wanting to join the group and have fun with whatever music is thrown our way. - Cameron Scollick



I MAINLY ROW IN A GIG PILOT ROWING BOAT. THE CORNISH PILOT GIG IS A SIX-OARED ROWING BOAT, CLINKER-BUILT OF CORNISH NARROW-LEAF ELM, 32 FEET LONG. IT IS RECOGNISED AS ONE OF THE FIRST SHORE-BASED LIFEBOATS THAT WENT TO VESSELS IN DISTRESS, WITH RECORDED RESCUES GOING BACK AS FAR AS THE LATE 17TH CENTURY.

I JOINED RIVER TEIGN ROWING CLUB THREE YEARS AGO AND FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS TRAINED ON A TUESDAY EVENING FOR THE SUMMER ONLY. IN MY THIRD YEAR I BECAME GOOD ENOUGH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE MEN'S CREWS. OUR CLUB HAS BEEN ATTENDING DIFFERENT REGATTAS AROUND THE SOUTH WEST AND I HAVE ROWED AT SALCOMBE, LOOE, RAME, WEYMOUTH, LYME REGIS, CATTEWATER AND MANY OTHERS. THIS YEAR I WAS SELECTED FOR THE JUNIOR CREW TO ATTEND THE JUNIOR GIG PILOT CHAMPIONSHIPS AND ALSO SELECTED IN A MEN'S CREW FOR THE MEN'S GIG PILOT CHAMPIONSHIP WHICH WERE HELD IN NEWQUAY. THIS WINTER I HAVE BEEN TRAINING HARD TO BE SELECTED TO GO TO THE WORLD GIG PILOT CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE ISLE OF SCILLY, MY TRAINING HAS PAID OFF AS I HAVE RECENTLY BEEN NOTIFIED THAT I HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THE MEN'S B CREW TO RACE IN MAY 2020 - THEO DURANT



We are very pleased that students have completed their UCAS applications and are now awaiting offers from their chosen universities to study a range of subjects such as Spanish & Italian, Sociology, Nursing, Politics, Law, Primary Education, Criminology, Sports Coaching, Geography and Psychology. We wish our Y13 UCAS applicants the best of luck and hope they receive an offer from their first choice university.

UPCOMING EVENTS



**1 GUEST SPEAKER FROM
BANK OF ENGLAND**

28 JAN 2020

2 MOCK INTERVIEWS

5 FEB 2020

**3 PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY
TRIP**

13 FEB 2020

**4 PARENTS' FORUM:
COFFEE + CHAT**

26 FEB 2020

**5 YR 12 UCAS HIGHER
EDUCATION EXHIBITION**

17 MARCH 2020

6 YR 12 + 13 EXAMS

27 APRIL - 01 MAY 2020

7 ENRICHMENT DAY

26 JUNE 2020

**8 INDUCTION DAY- FOR
PROSPECTIVE YR12
STUDENTS**

1 JULY 2020

SNAP SHOT TERM



YR 12+13 PAINTBALL



ACTIVITIES DAY



BEACH CLEAN UP



BBQ



ALICE CROSS CENTRE



SELF DEFENCE CLASS



NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE



ICE SKATING



DANCE

