

# Mount Tamar News - June 2023

## Student Absence

If your child is going to be absent, please call this number to record this, giving your name, your child's name and the reason for absence.

**07840 856030** - please do not phone the main school number with this information

How lucky have we been with the recent run of good weather? We have been able to embrace learning outside the classroom, but are careful not to over indulge in the sunshine. We continue to ask that pupils are prepared for time in the sunshine with sun cream applied and a bottle of water to help them through the day.

We only have 6 weeks left of this academic year and we have so much to fit in!

## **Last Day of Term**

Emails were sent out recently informing all parents and carers that students can leave site at 12:30 on our last day of term (Friday July 28th). Students will need to be collected or have permission to travel home by themselves. If this cannot be organised then pupils may stay until the normal time of 2:30pm. Tutors will be making phone calls in the coming weeks to find out which pupils will be staying until 2:30.



## **Attendance Matters**

**32** students across our centres had 100% attendance for the month of May. This is the highest number this academic year - well done! .

Regular attendance at school ensures our pupils do not fall behind their peers. Being in school keeps pupils safe, and helps prepare them for their future. Poor attendance can affect a child's ability to make

and keep friends - a vital part of growing up!

Data for our school indicates that we currently fall below the national average for whole school attendance nationally (figures from Gov.UK) This figure is 92.6% -



Mount Tamar are currently reporting 76% attendance for this academic year. The majority of our missed marks fall in the 'Unauthorised' category. We are working hard to improve this figure and would ask parents to bear in mind the importance of school attendance and to inform the school if your child is going to be absent for any reason using the number at the top of this page.

### ***Good attendance is crucial to a good education***

## **Future Events**

June is Pride Month - across all centres, we will be talking to our students about what Pride Month means and the history behind it. We will be, as always, encouraging our students to be proud of who they are and the importance of being themselves.



As in recent years we will be holding a Mount Tamar Pride Parade on Friday 30th during the morning - all staff and pupils are welcome to join the fun and celebration at Row Lane!



We will also be supporting Wrong Trousers Day on Friday 30th June. We are asking staff and students to come to school wearing their wackiest trousers and bring in a donation. This is to raise awareness for the good work undertaken by Bristol Children's Hospitals - all donations raised will be sent to this great charity.

## **Y11 Exams**

These have been taking place over the last 2 months. The pupils have done really well in attending the exams and dealing with the anxieties and pressures they feel around this. We are all very proud of how they have coped!

## **EXAM RESULTS DAY**

GCSE results day is on Thursday 24th August. Reception will be open between 9am and 12 noon on this date for the pupils to come in and pick up their results.

## **Fit and Fed - Routeways**

From 25th July and every Tuesday and Thursday until August 17th, Routeways are running the Fit and Fed project from their Beckly and Devonport Park sites, from 10:30 - 15:30. Booking opens 10am on the 23rd June, and closes on 14th July. For more information and eligibility please visit [here](#) and to book, click [here](#)



They can host children aged 4+ from the Beckly centre, and children aged 8+ from Devonport Park Activity Centre.

## **Row Lane, Secondary New Build Update**

This week we spoke to our Topographical surveyors, they will be spending the first week of the summer holidays taking all measurements and gathering data about the physical environment of the site. This information will then be shared with the architects to help them to start forming plans for the new building! Exciting times ahead - updates as we go along.

## Flu Immunisations - In School

The NHS Schools Team have informed us that our allocated date is Friday 29th September. The team will come into school and administer the vaccine ONLY to students who have parental authorisation. This authorisation will be sought later this term - you will be alerted via an email - please look out for this in your inbox. Your child cannot receive the vaccine without your consent.



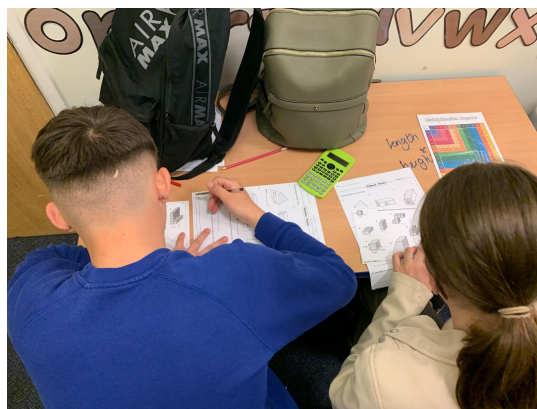
### ***FOUR REASONS TO VACCINATE YOUR CHILD***

- *The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications it can bring - eg bronchitis and pneumonia*
- *Protect you, your family and friends - your child having the vaccine could protect more vulnerable people*
- *Having the vaccine is better than having the flu!*
- *Avoid potential costs - if your child has to stay home because they are ill - you could end up having to have time off work or arrange alternative childcare*

### **Intervention Sessions**



It's been great to see our students engaging well with the intervention sessions ! These sessions allow for targeted support on an individual basis



## What's going on in the Community?

**PLYMOUTH  
INFORMATION ADVICE  
AND SUPPORT FOR SEND**



# WORKSHOP

## HOW TO UNDERSTAND MY CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR

**Do you need support and advice around:**  
Why your child is behaving the way they are?  
How to support them at home with their behaviour?  
Different strategies to reduce  
challenging behaviour?

**DATES: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**RUNNING FACE TO FACE**

**REGISTER NOW**

<https://bit.ly/PIAS-workshops>




JAN CUTTING HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE, PL2 2PQ


**FREE 2 HOUR  
WORKSHOP!**


**How To Understand My  
Child's Behaviour**


**14** Thursday's 6, 13 or 20  
July 2023,  
9:30am-11:30am

 at PIAS, Jan Cutting  
Healthy Living Centre,  
Beacon Park Road,  
Plymouth PL2 2PQ

If you are looking for  
strategies to support your  
child's challenging  
behaviour, this workshop is  
a great start.

 Why your child is  
behaving the way they are

 How to support your  
child at home with their  
behaviour

 Different strategies to  
reduce challenging  
behaviour.

20 spaces available per  
workshop (allocated first  
come, first served basis).

Workshops are repeated,  
so you will only need to  
book onto ONE of the  
dates.

Please note: no creche  
facilities.

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### **Useful Links**

These links will be a permanent feature of the newsletter to ensure parents have up to date information and resources

#### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS LINK**

If you think you might be eligible for **Free School Meals**, please check the eligibility criteria here <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducationchildcareskillsandemployability/freeschoolmeals>.

#### **National Online Safety - Free online courses for parents**

Developed by safeguarding experts and presented by TV presenter, musician and passionate online safety advocate, Myleene Klass, these courses takes you on a detailed journey through your child's digital habits, explaining the type of online world they're experiencing now, what risks they might be exposed to and just what you can do to support. There are different links for different age groups - click on the link below and have a look ! They are FREE

[National Online Safety-link to parent courses](#)

# Term Dates

Attention drawn to changes in red

## Summer Holiday

Last day of term: July 28th - school finishes at 12:30pm

## Academic Year 23/24

First day back for pupils: Wednesday 6th September 2023

Half Term: Friday 20th October - Friday 3rd November 2023 (inclusive)

Friday 20th October - All sites closed for TFT Training

6th November Row Lane Secondary and Granary Farm Closed for Training

13th November - Row Lane Primary Closed for Training

20th November - Seymour House Centre Closed for Training

27th November - Prospect Centre Closed for Training

Last day of Term: Tuesday 19th December 2023

## Spring Term

First day back at school for pupils : Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024 (inclusive)

Last day of Term: Thursday 28th March 2024

## Summer Term

First day back at school for pupils : Monday 15th April 2024

Half Term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024 (inclusive)

**Last day of Term: Friday 26th July 2024**