

# Taunton Deane Partnership College

## May newsletter



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Partnership College**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**

### **Acting Head:**

It has been a busy half term with our Y11 exam period now underway at Holway and the whole Centre becoming an exam space to facilitate them. We have been really impressed with how well Y11s have started their exams. Y8-10 students have enjoyed additional offsite activities during this time including a visit to Brean Down and a Watchet trip for crabbing. I had the pleasure of spending time at our primary Centre this week and seeing the children's learning in action with writing about Capybaras and formal written methods of operation in maths. I would like to thank all of our staff team for their support of our students as we move through this important part of the school year.

Thank you to parents for your attendance at Parent's Evenings this year. Senior leaders will review the timings and dates for next year. If you would like to share your view, please email [office@tdpc.somerset.sch.uk](mailto:office@tdpc.somerset.sch.uk)

We have welcomed two new staff members – Tracy who is working with Holway students in the kitchen on all things cooking and Laura who joins the Safeguarding team. We look forward to Kim's return after May half term.

We finish on Friday for May half term returning on Monday 2nd June. We will confirm the school term dates for September 2025 with you in June.

I hope you all have a good week.  
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## Dates for your Diary

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – last day of term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half term (School closed)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – School Re-opens

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Prom (Holway Centre closes at 12pm to Y7-Y10)**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Somerset SAINTS yr 8-11 Vaccination catch up session

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – School finishes for summer holidays



## **The Hub at Holway**

The Hub is a community space that welcomes all students during breaks and lunch times. This is also where we do a lot of our 1:1 sessions and hold our sensory and wellbeing workshops. The Hub offers a small sensory room students can access when feeling overwhelmed or struggling to manage. It is a safe space for the students to drop in with any worries or concerns or just for a nice catch up and chat.

## **Parent Governor Update**

Hello,

My name is Sarah Rowe, and I'm really pleased to introduce myself as the new Parent Governor here at TDPC. I have a daughter currently attending the school, as well as two other teenage children, and I've recently qualified as an Occupational Therapist.

As someone who has lived in Taunton all my life, I feel deeply connected to our local community and am passionate about supporting young people and families. I hope to be a positive link between parents, carers, and the school – helping to raise concerns, share ideas, and ensure your voices are heard.

I'm always happy to listen and to represent your views at governor meetings, so please feel free to get in touch with me at [srowe-governor@tdpc.somerset.sch.uk](mailto:srowe-governor@tdpc.somerset.sch.uk).

I look forward to working together to support the fantastic work being done at TDPC.

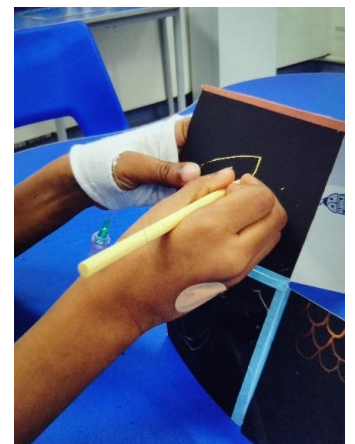
Warm regards,

**Sarah Rowe**

Parent Governor

## **Art workshop at MPH**

The children on the Children's Ward at Musgrove Park Hospital took part in a workshop that was held on six afternoons before Easter. Visiting artist Zoe Snape lead the workshop which was connected to an exhibition being shown at The Museum of Somerset. Our young artists made little houses from scratch paper, inspired by British Artist Rachel Reckitt, with some amazing end results!



## At DDC

Our topic across Spring term 2 and Summer term 1 has been animals. We have learnt about animal classification, habitats and adaptations to environments. We have also found out about the life cycles of different animals and compared them. The children have really enjoyed this topic and been curious to find out about some of their favourite animals. They completed a challenge to create their own animal, best adapted to a given environment.

In Literacy we have worked on creating information texts, learning how to present facts in interesting ways. The children created information leaflets about whales and then asked to put everything they had learnt about information writing into creating their own writing about capybaras (a firm favourite animal among them!) As a part of this topic, we visited Tropiquaria, which was a lovely day out and the children made up very proud with their excellent conduct and manners.

We have finished off our topic by learning about the circulatory system. The children enjoyed taking part in a fun, practical activity, becoming the blood cells travelling around the body!

Well done to all children at DDC for brilliant topic work over the course of this topic!

