

TAVISTOCK COLLEGE



Together we, care | challenge | excel



Welcome to our College, a happy and flourishing community committed to achieving outstanding outcomes for our young people where superb pastoral care is at the heart of all we do.

Our distinctive ethos blends a commitment to hard work, community values with the excitement of innovation. Tavistock teachers are truly inspirational; each has a depth of knowledge for their subject which they enthusiastically share, leading to adventurous learning in the classrooms, laboratories, studios, music rooms, and in the sports halls and on the playing fields.

Our aim is to raise attainment for all, eradicate gaps that exist within our context and drive belonging for all in our community.



We promise to do whatever it takes to ensure that every student at Tavistock College achieves their potential. We make this commitment so that every young person can live a life of choice and opportunity.

Our College is a community and we firmly believe that students achieve when they feel a genuine security that supports learning and promotes social responsibility.

We work closely with families as we believe that educating your child is a joint effort between home and College. We will involve you fully in what your child is studying, how they are performing and targets for further progress. Together we care, challenge and excel.

See you soon.

James Buchanan
Principal

CARE





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Tavistock College have supported my family during some difficult times since my daughter joined Year 7. Staff always ensure that she receives emotional support and guidance when she most needs it. All of the teachers I have interacted with so far have shown a real passion for the college and their students.

Year 8 Parent

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CARE

At Tavistock College

Our commitment to our young people:

- Having high expectations and standards in all we do
- Delivering high quality lessons rooted in research.
- Providing enrichment opportunities within and outside of the classroom
- Treating individuals with care and respect; we are champions of inclusivity
- Fostering a strong college community.

At Tavistock College we have a very high level of pastoral care, so every student is valued, listened to, and cared for so that they can thrive. Through assemblies, our personal development curriculum and tutor time, we promote our college values of care, challenge and excel. Each student belongs to a tutor group within their year group. Tutors are the first point of contact for families and meet with their tutees every day.

Each year group has a Head and Deputy Head of Year who provide pastoral support and expertise alongside upholding the college's commitment to academic challenge and high expectations. We have a team of staff working with students with additional needs to ensure they access all parts of College life.

A caring college community means we don't tolerate bullying. Our students feel incredibly safe, knowing who to report issues to and knowing that matters will be dealt with quickly and effectively. We have the highest expectations of how our students and staff treat each other and believe wholeheartedly in the importance of good manners, so that together every member of our community is treated with care and respect.

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Tavistock College is a place that puts real value in enriching our young people. We always look out for one another and we're here to support everyone in our community. Would not have it any other way!

Natasha Ingleby, Head of Year

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CHALLENGE



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At Tavistock College

Our curriculum is designed to ensure young people not only develop academic acumen, but are equipped to thrive in a world full of uncertainty and challenge.

Together, we care, we challenge, we excel are our guiding principles in all curriculum decisions at Tavistock College.

Our curriculum is a commitment to:

1. Providing an ambitious curriculum for all young people
2. Providing an inclusive curriculum, with personalisation of each young person's curriculum so that they are able to study appropriate academic or vocational qualifications
3. Ensuring sufficient challenge through the curriculum so that all young people feel stretched and have a curriculum which is appropriate to their ability
4. Providing high quality teaching, through subject experts, which supports and complements the curriculum
5. Providing a curriculum which enhances young peoples' cultural capital and provides opportunities for personal development. This will be supplemented both within and outside of the classroom through the learning opportunities provided for all



Through the academic and pastoral curriculum young people are given opportunities to explore democracy, rule of law, how government works, freedom, faiths, and acceptance of other cultures. These themes will be embedded across the curriculum.

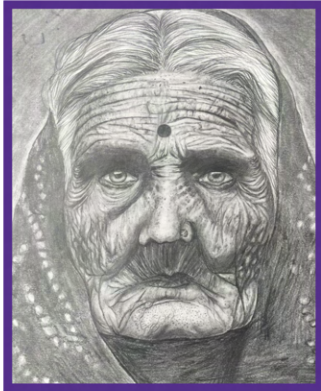
Young people's social, moral, spiritual and cultural education is key in all areas and our personal development programme helps to develop these skills.

We pride ourselves on our curriculum which develops the whole young person.





Tavistock College is committed to providing a curriculum that is broad and balanced, yet also stretches students of all abilities. All learning is based upon a mastery curriculum with knowledge at the core. Subjects plan their curriculums backwards from KS5 and interleave topics so knowledge and understanding builds over time. The aim of this is to ensure that young people's learning makes clear progression through the college and ensures that young people are stretched to enable them to achieve their potential.



Through our deliberate practice of 'teaching to the top' we are an inclusive school that leaves no young person behind. For students with barriers to learning, scaffolding strategies are put in place to ensure all learners can access content. This is complemented through the SEND department's review sharing of high quality teaching and learning strategies, alongside our creation of Class Plans which supports a Plan, Do, Study, Act framework to ensure strategies and impact are routinely reviewed by staff and refined over time.



Our Anchor pathway is offered to those who require a more bespoke curriculum approach, with a smaller cohort of peers. Young people on this pathway are selected through working with feeder primary schools and the SEND departments review of those with more acute needs.

We also provide strategic literacy interventions for young people related to sentence completion, passage comprehension and phonic needs.

EXCEL



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At Tavistock College

We make no apologies for having the highest of expectations for our young people. We believe that every young person should have the opportunity to excel in a safe environment.

We know all our young people. Through our specialised support we strive to ensure that every young person has the care and support to excel. As a staff group, we dedicate time to ensure that all students are seen, supported and cared for.

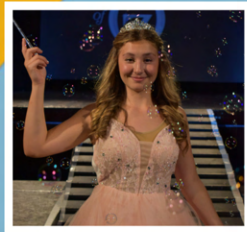
Whether it is through our phonics offer, tutor reading programme, universal commitment to improving literacy, or our bespoke support for Oxbridge applications in the Sixth Form, our College is one that is dedicated to providing our young people with the best start in life, no matter their starting point or ability.



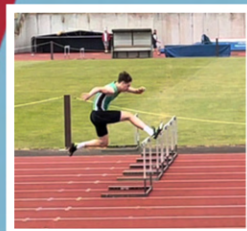
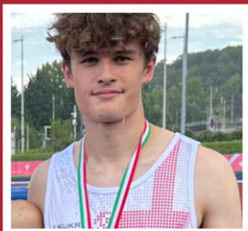
We hold dear the importance of our community partnerships and know that, when these relationships are at their strongest, our young people get a better deal. Whether that is through community work, inviting stakeholders into the College, charity work or volunteering our care, challenge and excel values are well and truly experienced by our wider community.

Academic achievement matters to us, but so does success outside of the classroom and we pride ourselves on offering our students an extremely exciting and diverse enrichment programme that gives them the opportunity to develop their artistic, technological, scientific and sporting talents, with the possibility of competing at regional and national level.

The dedication of our staff to provide an enriched experience for our young people is second to none. We are truly proud and blessed to foster a culture that recognises the value of creativity, the arts and sporting endeavour alongside academic achievement. Our Tavi Promise means students will have access to an array of opportunities, including visits to Paignton Zoo and Calvert Exmoor, workshops from the Royal Navy, Theatre Company events, taking part in Ten Tors and the Duke of Edinburgh Programme, and residential visits around the world.



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Sixth Form



THE SIXTH FORM OF
CHOICE FOR OUR
COMMUNITY'S YOUNG
PEOPLE

TOP UNIVERSITIES
HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS
HAPPY, SUCCESSFUL CAREERS

SIXTH FORM

At Tavistock College

4th best A-Level results (2023) in Devon (based on average grades - including maintained schools, grammar schools, colleges and academies).

Tavistock College Sixth Form offers a broad range of academic A levels and vocational courses to meet the needs of our community. We pride ourselves on offering the highest quality teaching and learning, and we ensure all students receive clear advice and guidance to enable our young people to progress smoothly onto their chosen career paths in both the academic and professional worlds.

We also offer a bespoke Level 2 programme combining a Level 2 Business qualification, an Enterprise Prince's Trust course and retakes in English and Maths, for those young people who just miss out on the entry requirements for Level 3 courses.



Young people are encouraged to take part in a wealth of opportunities to challenge themselves and develop as individuals. Each young person is allocated a staff mentor who will guide and support them over the two years that they are in 6th form.

We also ensure that our young people continue to develop their knowledge of PHSE and RSE in order to equip them for their futures.

All 6th form young people have the opportunity to participate in a student leadership programme whereby they support the lower school in a range of activities.

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Tavistock College has helped me grow as a person. I have enjoyed every day I have been here!

Millie, Year 13

Ever since I walked through the gates in Year 7, I have felt welcomed and supported. I have been able to take part in some amazing experiences such as Ten Tors and visiting New York!

Sam, Year 13

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FUTURES



ALUMNI



My time at Tavistock College holds a special place in my heart. It's where I forged lasting memories and is truly what shaped me into the person I am today.

Thanks to the exceptional education and consistent support from the staff, I was able to go to University and have recently graduated with a First Class Honours and landed my dream job in London!

However, Tavistock College wasn't just about academics for me; it was a gateway to countless opportunities. I participated in school performances, joined events like NEC's Big Bang Fair and Youth Speaks, competed in MFL competitions, explored Barcelona on a cultural trip, and even went on a charity expedition to Borneo. Tavistock College made all of this possible and encouraged me to seize every opportunity.

Your school life is what you make it wherever you may go, but Tavistock College make it that one step easier to achieving an unforgettable experience through everything that they have on offer, it's just up to you as the student to make the most of every opportunity that you can!

Darcy Brown, alumni class of 2020 & former Head Student

ALUMNI

A close-up portrait of Ed Larkin, a young man with short brown hair and blue eyes, smiling slightly. He is wearing a black t-shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus brown.

Since leaving Tavistock college I took a gap year to work as a youth worker. After this I went on to training as an actor and studied a BA Hons in Acting at Marjon University Plymouth, also Known as the Actors wheel. I graduated from my actor training in 2020 and I then got my first professional job since graduating. Getting a guest lead role in an episode of BBC Doctors. Ever since then I've been working in the industry. Being involved in both TV and theatre, including BBC Casualty.

A stint at The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama having been cast to lead a third-year production. Being an understudy for the play our generation at the National Theatre and Chichester festival theatre, and I am fortunate enough to be currently playing the lead in a west End musical The Little Big Things.

When I've not been working or in auditions, I also work part time with Far Flung Dance Theatre in Plymouth along with the Theatre Royal Plymouth. Assisting and leading workshops in diversity training, dance, and theatre.

Ed Larkin, Alumni Year of 2016.

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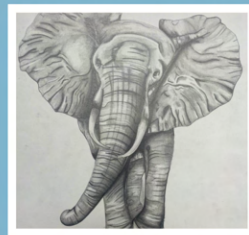
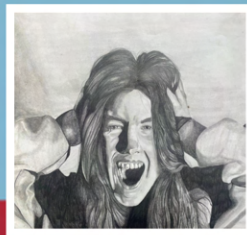
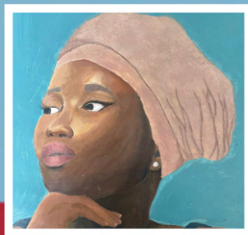
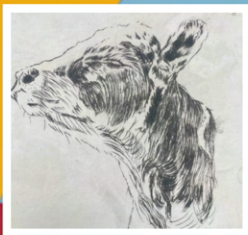
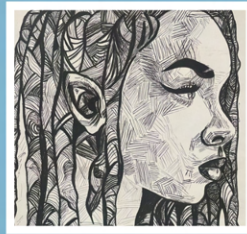
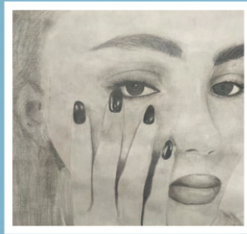


My time at Tavistock College was an enriching journey of personal growth and academic discovery, where I've created lifelong friendships, gained invaluable knowledge and embraced countless opportunities to thrive. The dedicated teachers and pastoral team provided unwavering support, guiding me through challenges and ensuring my well-being. During my time, I was given the opportunity to go around the world on school trips including Paris, Andorra and Cambodia; these opened the door to a world of possibilities for me, which enabled me to broaden my horizons through 6 months of travel around the world.

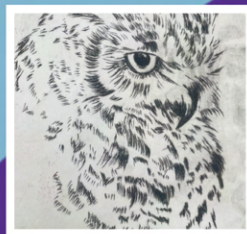
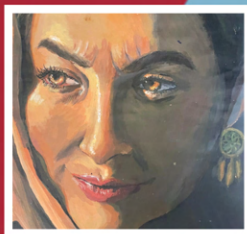
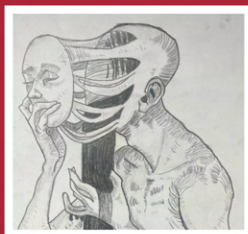
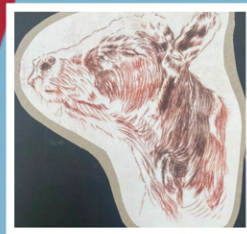
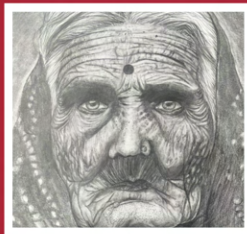
Armed with the knowledge, skills and profound sense of self that I cultivated during my time at Tavistock College, I decided to study at Bath Spa University, and eventually graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition.

Your school experience is shaped by you and you should embrace every opportunity that comes your way.

Georgia Allison, Alumni Year of 2016.



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VISIT US

A photograph of two young men in school uniforms (dark jackets) walking away from the camera. They are wearing dark blue backpacks. The student on the right has a white patch on his backpack that says "GEAR". The background is a blurred outdoor setting with greenery and other people.

If you would like to visit us for a tour so that you can see our school in action, please contact the reception team on 01822 614231 or at office@tavistockcollege.org

We would be delighted to welcome you to #TEAMTAVI



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