

New library opened as girls are urged to 'Dream Big'

Torquay Girls' Grammar School has a new library.

The project to create the library has been led by the TGGGS Student Council with representatives from students in all year groups supported by the head of English, Mrs Jo Preston, and the newly appointed librarian, Mrs Rebekah Reed.

Months of planning from the student body – including designing a layout for the new library, fundraising for new books, furniture, and digital devices – culminated in a grand opening event, when all the hard work really paid off.

Local artist Becky Bettesworth judged student entries to a competition to design a book cover. Year 7 student Emma Carroll was chosen as the winner.

Becky then led a question-and-answer session with students and provided invaluable advice about

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finding a passion in life and maintaining a resilient attitude when challenges are presented.

Becky also donated one of her paintings, Dream Big, to be displayed in the library to remind all our students to be aspirational and have self-belief that they can achieve their goals in life.

The opening of the library was commemorated with a Christmas tree of knowledge which was planted by the youngest student in the school, Eleanor Mills in 7J.

The tree will be a symbol of growth as it will age with our students and school community, while reflecting the school's commitment to its eco-friendly vision.

Principal Sarah Forster officially cut



School head Sarah Forster, left, and Becky Bettesworth with the 'Dream Big' picture

School head Sarah Forster opens the new library

the ribbon to open the library and students and staff were invited to visit and eat mince pies, while listening to a selection of festive carols performed by our wonderfully talented school choir and Year 11 pianist Mattie Thomas.



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