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FOA - Lady Mayor Cllr Julie Martin, Past Mayor Cllr Gary Davis and members of the Torpoint Town Council

I am writing to express my thanks for the nomination and the receiving of the award for Organisation of the Year. It was such an amazing surprised for all the students, parents and myself. Having lived in Torpoint my whole life, I truly hold this town close to my heart and for The Coppola School of Performing Arts to be recognised in this way means so much to both me and my mum, Caroline Lamb. Especially with this year being my 20th Anniversary year.

I am always astounded by the commitment of the parents and families of the students that I teach. Their willingness to support our charity fundraising and their attendance at local events just goes to show how special our community is. Teaching performing arts to the young people of Torpoint, is a privileged responsibility which I cherish everyday. To see them progress in their skills is very rewarding but to see them grow as individuals is even more special. To see confidence flourish, personal challenges overcome and friendships forged is a gift like no other.

I would also like to thank the Town Council and Team Torpoint for your continued support for our performances at the Council Hall and use of the Chambers. We are so grateful for this facility. Unfortunately we are limited in what we are able to produce, as there isn't any other usable space or other venue suitable to put on performances in the area. Performing Arts in different forms has always been vibrant in Torpoint but unfortunately without the infrastructure. There isn't even 1 purpose built dance studio in the area. With this in mind, may I take this opportunity to enquire whether the past plans for a Performing Arts wing, which was to be situated near the YMCA, be raised again for consideration. I have also reached out to Dr Plumb at TCC about this. I would very much like to explore this further, with a view of delivering a Performing Arts initiative to Torpoint and surrounding area. I look forward to hearing from you to discuss this further.

May I once again express thanks on behalf of all the students and parents and of course from myself for the award.

With thanks

Kelly-Jane Brown

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