

# Friday Bulletin

08 DECEMBER : TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



## Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As we finish the penultimate week of this term, I want to thank everyone for maintaining the positive momentum and energy as we head towards the festive period.

A highlight of my week (and last week as well) has been attending some of the sustainability presentations from our fantastic 1st Years. I thoroughly enjoyed their excellent presentations and heard some great ideas for how we can improve our school site, ranging from organising litter picks right through to building a dome over the entire site – very creative thinking! We will look at what is possible to put into action. We have site masterplans in place that we are continuing to improve and develop including how we consider our sustainability. Part of this work includes planning operational logistics for the different uses of parts of the site, for example, we are planning to have the summer exam period in the Fencing Centre and the Heseltine Gallery whilst works are underway in the Assembly Hall area – all of which will be communicated in more detail as the plans progress.

Another significant part of my role includes managing the school's finances and I wanted to share some information about what schemes of support we operate. We are proud of our bursary support that enables pupils to attend the school who otherwise would not be able to, and information about the scheme and how to apply for support can be found on our means-tested bursary support page. I have also been asked whether we offer a fees in advance payment scheme, and the answer is yes we have an existing scheme that has been in place for a number of years. If this is something you would like to discuss further please contact the finance team through [salesledger@truroschool.com](mailto:salesledger@truroschool.com) .

I would also like to take this opportunity to provide some transport updates. Firstly, a thank you all for driving carefully and dropping off in the correct areas, as the evening light fades quicker, the risks of incidents increase. Please can you also remind your children to be careful around the roads on site to avoid any incidents. A brief reminder as well, please, that pupils should only come to site from 8am onwards, and should sign into the library if they are on site before form time/registration. After school pupils should be signed into a club or the library to remain on site between 3.50pm and 5.30pm. The second transport update is to highlight our new transport booking system, Vectare. If you have not re-booked your school transport bookings for the Spring Term please do so now so we can ensure your place is ready for you. Details can be found on the school website: [Transport to Truro School](#).

Finally, linked to the site updates, I'll leave you with a teaser about a communication from the Head that will come to you before the end of term and contains exciting updates concerning our major project plans.

I wish you all the best for the final week of term, and in particular for the Christmas lunches next week.

Kind regards,  
Kieran Topping  
Chief Operating Officer



## Saturday 9 December

Outdoor Ed: Ten Tors 3 Day Walk

14:00 Rugby Union Fixtures

Cancelled Boys-U18A vs Woodhouse

## Sunday 10 December

17:30 Boarding: Christmas Service & Christmas Supper

## Monday 11 December

### WEEK A

13:30 Chapel: "Blue Christmas" Reflection Service

Location: Chapel

## Tuesday 12 December

13:15 2nd Year Mince Pie Mile  
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/truro-school-1701969585028>

### 18:30 - 20:30 Christmas Concert

Location: The Assembly Hall

<https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/>

## Wednesday 13 December

13:00 Cricket Fixtures

Girls-U13A vs Truro and Penwith College

14:05 Final WAA of the Term

14:30 Rugby Union Fixtures

Boys-U18A vs Callywith College

## Thursday 14 December

14:00 - 15:30 Advent Carol Service

Location: Truro Methodist Church

### 15:50 Autumn Term Ends

### 19:00 Truro School Community: Nine Lessons and Carols

Location: Truro Cathedral

## Friday 15 December

09:00 - 18:00 ABRSM Examinations

Location: Music School

10:00 Boarding Houses Close

15:00 Boarders' Transport Arrives

## Wednesday 3 January

10:00 Boarders' Transport Departs Heathrow

14:00 - 21:00 Boarders Return

## Thursday 4 January

### WEEK B

08:50 Spring Term Begins

14:15 Beginning of Term Service  
 Truro Methodist Church

## Uniform Shop

The school uniform shop will close on Friday 15 December 2023 and re-open on Wednesday 3 January 2024.

If you have any queries, please contact Katie in the shop or feel free to contact Phil Nicholls [here](#).





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## Inspiring Futures Day

In an exciting twist to their regular routines, the 3rd Years have spent the day exploring their futures and discussing GCSE options during their 'Inspiring Futures Day'.

Pupils engaged in a series of specialised workshops and taster lessons designed to help them identify their preferences, strengths, and interests, guiding them in making informed decisions about their upcoming GCSE options.

These strategic initiatives help pupils identify their interests and strengths, empowering them to make well-informed decisions about their academic paths.



## Festive Fun in Boarding

Weekends in the boarding house are filled with festive fun at this time of year. The boarding team decorated the chapel Christmas tree and took part in mindfulness advent calendars, promoting a sense of calm and reflection during this particular time of year.

Everyone was invited to the cookery school to showcase their culinary skills and the dining hall became a hub of anticipation as all the bakes were gathered for the 'bake-off judges' to sample and provide their expert opinions. The Pentreve boarders also embraced their artistic side by constructing and decorating gingerbread houses.

## Donations Pour in for St Petrocs

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all pupils and staff members who contributed to our St Petrocs winter appeal. The donation boxes collected were filled with essential items such as food, hygiene products, gift cards, and some Christmas treats. These boxes will now be delivered to the St. Petrocs charity, where they will be distributed to local people who are experiencing homelessness.

We would like to sincerely thank Mrs Alford, Mrs Kenward, and the charity committee for their exceptional efforts in organising and coordinating this collection.





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## Christmas Treats at Tregolls

Our wonderful Upper Sixth Leiths students have been cooking up a Christmas storm ahead of a festive afternoon at Tregolls Manor Care Home in Truro.

The residents were delighted to sample the Leiths festive fare and impressed with our students' knowledge of their culinary creations as they chatted together. It was a fabulous afternoon of warmth and community spirit.

Well done to all of our students and a big thanks to all of the staff at Truro School and Tregolls Manor Care Home who made the afternoon possible.

## Jumper-ing for Christmas Joy

Staff, pupils and even Bumble the school dog were sporting festive sweaters and headgear today as Truro School took part in marking Save the Children's National Christmas Jumper Day 2023.

While everyone looked suitably festive, the day also helps to fundraise for young children across the globe who are facing serious issues like war, hunger and poverty.

Find out more about how you can support this cause by visiting <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>.



## Book Club Pupils Visit

Thirteen members of the Book Club went to Waterstones in Truro during this week's WAA to buy books for the library.

They have researched new titles by looking at bestseller lists and recently published titles. They also conducted a quick survey of pupils in the library, asking them what genre, authors and non-fiction they like to read.

The books will be added to the library stock and will have special bookplates inside to identify them as books selected by the Book Club. Thank you to everyone involved in this; we look forward to seeing their selections.





# School News

## Sports Round Up

Exciting news on the sports front! Our 1st XI hockey team delivered a great performance against a tough Mount Kelly, and our U16s gave their all in the fourth round of the National Netball Cup, competing fiercely on home ground against Newton Abbot College.

Well done to everyone for contributing to these performances, the effort and team spirit were commendable. A big thank you to all the pupils and staff who turned out to support our teams.

The Under 13 rugby side attended an excellent day of rugby at the Mount Kelly 10-a-side tournament. Facing new and challenging opposition, the player's attitude and efforts were rewarded with outstanding performances and scores. They won the pool, beating Exeter School, Mount Kelly A, West Buckland B and Blundells B.

The team faced a difficult challenge against Stover in the semi-finals; always in control, the team's ability to move the ball into space saw them win 20-10 and set up a final against the unbeaten Blundells A in the final, which, due to some incredible team play were rewarded with a 10-5 win. MVP was awarded to Olly S.

In Netball, 2nd & 4th Year teams travelled to Bournemouth to compete in round 3 of the Sisters n Sport Netball competition. The 2nd Years played a competitive game with excellent play from both teams. Congratulations to Talbot Heath for the win, but well done to the entire Truro School squad for not giving up and displaying amazing resilience in attack and defence. The player of the match went to Matilda for some outstanding play.

The 4th Years played a great match, with Truro School taking the lead in the second quarter, 18-12. The team grew in confidence and strength, playing some fantastic netball. Their opponents fought back hard, but Truro School continued to show brilliant drive and determination to finish with a win of 38-22.

Our Fencers took part in the Antalya Under 20 World Cup. Lexie placed as top female Brit, going out to the bronze medalist, to place 31st. In the Men's, Sam Horne missed out on the elimination rounds by a single point.

Meanwhile in Hatfield at the Under 17 British ranking event, both Lauren and Etienne fenced well in their poules and reached the Last 16 in the elimination rounds. Going through repechage, Lauren secured 13th and Etienne 16th places.

In cross-country, Kenny took part in the 3rd round of the Westward League Cross Country Cup in Exeter. He took 4th place in the U17 race after a tough run around 6km of extremely muddy terrain and retained 2nd place in the league overall. Congratulations Kenny. Congratulations to everyone mentioned here and the many others who have represented Truro School this week in sport. You do us proud every week.



# Christmas Concert

Tuesday 12  
December 2023

Featuring Bands,  
Orchestras and  
Junior Choirs

The Assembly Hall  
from 6.30pm

Refreshments on  
arrival



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FREE but book through Burrell  
Theatre online ticket office



# Nine Lessons and Carols

*Thursday 14 December 2023*

*Truro Cathedral*

**7.00pm - 9.00pm**

Featuring Truro School  
and Truro School Prep  
Choirs and Vocal Groups



**All welcome**



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# ‘Off to University’

## 5-DAY INTENSIVE COOKERY COURSE

This intensive 5-day course is designed for school leavers (18 and over) who are about to move away from home and cook for themselves, for perhaps the first time.

- Learn Key Skills
- Quick, Easy and Affordable Dishes
- Food Hygiene



BOOK ONLINE  
[www.truroschoolcookery.com](http://www.truroschoolcookery.com)  
[cookery@truroschool.com](mailto:cookery@truroschool.com)

2024 Course Dates  
29 July – 2 August  
5 August – 9 August

LIMITED AVAILABILITY



# Boys' Chorister Experience Day and Cushion Concert

SATURDAY 13 JANUARY 2024

Come and experience what it's like to be a chorister in Truro Cathedral Choir!

Get to know the choristers and what they do; stand in the beautiful choir stalls where they sing in the amazing space of the cathedral; explore the crypt where they rehearse; try on a chorister's cassock and surplice and see and hear the mighty cathedral organ being played close up! And, of course, learn music and sing along with the choristers, culminating in performing a concert along with them.

All boys currently in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 are welcome.

For more information and to book a place, please email  
[jab@trurocathedral.org.uk](mailto:jab@trurocathedral.org.uk)



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# COME AND SING THE BEATLES

A colorful illustration of The Beatles dressed in their iconic Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band costumes. John Lennon is on the left in a yellow jacket, Paul McCartney is in the center in a blue jacket, Ringo Starr is on the right in a red jacket, and George Harrison is behind them in a pink jacket. They are standing against a bright blue background with red roses and green foliage at the bottom.

First rehearsal Wednesday 10 January 2024

New all sing choir Wednesday 1.00 - 1.30pm in Burrell Theatre

All students and staff welcome.

This will be performed at the Hall for Cornwall Concert Tuesday 23 April 2024



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# A GIFT FOR YOU

TRURO SCHOOL COOKERY

**Christmas Gift  
Vouchers Now  
Available!**

**TWISTED CHRISTMAS**

*"In 'Owdyado's twisted world,  
nothing is ever as it seems"*

LYN GARDNER

★★★★★  
WEST END  
BEST FRIEND

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BROADWAY BABY

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THE WEE REVIEW

★★★★★  
THE OUTLIER,  
SCOTLAND

DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY **20** AT 7:30 PM

2023

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**XMAS HOCKEY**  
**WED 20TH DECEMBER**  
**SIR BEN AINSLIE SPORTS CENTRE**

We are excited to announce our Xmas camp at  
**Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre (TR1 1TH)**

**The camp will run from 10am - 4pm on Wednesday 20th. Open to players of all abilities, outfield players ONLY, aged 6-16 years.**

**Our camps consist of innovative warm-ups, skill development activities, daily masterclasses, and both small & large context games.**

**We can't wait to welcome you along to our action packed and fun-filled sessions designed to help you #elev8yourgame.**

Visit [elev8hockey.co.uk](http://elev8hockey.co.uk) for more info!



**\*EARLY BIRD RATE - ENDS 6TH DECEMBER** (Standard rate £35 - 1 day)

