

To be rather than seem to be

Esse Quam Videri



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Giving back and valuing our community...

Headmaster's Introduction

Since I arrived at Truro School in January 2013 I have been struck by the strong sense of community felt by staff, parents and pupils, both current and former. It seems I can go nowhere in Cornwall without bumping into somebody who has a connection to the school. Over the last 135 years Truro School has certainly established itself as one of Cornwall's anchor institutions and I am incredibly proud to be the Head of a school that has played such a large part in the lives of so many of the Cornish community and beyond. If you asked me to sum up the essence of our school in no more than three words, I would say "inclusive, unpretentious excellence." My plan is to continue to build our reputation on these values.

When I sat down to work on our Strategic Plan for my first five years at the School it was therefore of paramount importance to me, and to the Governors, that it included the support of a flourishing Development Office which has been raising awareness and reconnecting with former students around the world. Out of this has grown The Truro School Foundation. As a Trustee, I am joined by other like-minded people who share the same aim – to see Truro School flourish and to ensure the benefits of a Truro School education are not limited only to those who can afford the fees.

When George Turner, the first Truro School Headmaster took up post in 1879, the school had neither classrooms nor students. He wrote of his sublime faith in the future on account of "a committee of shrewd, business-like Cornishmen" who were his first governors. Mr Turner's faith has certainly been justified and, as the tenth Headmaster appointed to the post, my optimism for the future of our school is undimmed and stems from my confidence in our talented staff and the astute and generous governors who support our work. I hope that the Truro School Foundation, launched in 2016, will be embraced by all people who have an interest in the ongoing success and future development of Truro School.



Andrew Gordon-Brown
Headmaster
2013 - present day

...making a difference to the lives of children and young people.

Why a Truro School Foundation?

For the fifty years following the end of the Second World War Truro School was able to offer subsidised places, first as a Direct Grant School and then under the Assisted Places Scheme which closed in 1997 when 30 pupils per year were being supported.

We realised that for the School to keep its doors open to the wider Cornish community, it would need to offer its own Bursary scheme. Hence, the Truro School Endowment Fund Appeal was launched in 1999 and we remain hugely grateful to all those who contributed to the appeal.

In this brochure you will read about the difference that help with fees has made to some past pupils and their families. They are just a few out of many hundreds. The impact Truro School has had on them and their lives is one of the main reasons we remain committed to educating talented students in this way by offering bursaries; one of the most valuable and far-reaching gifts that a boy or girl could receive.

The Foundation is a separate Charity, with its own Board of Trustees, launched with the aim of raising funds to augment our modest Endowment Fund. This will allow us to continue making a real difference to those who attend Truro School or wish to do. I am delighted that Guy Dodd has agreed to return to Truro School to chair the Foundation and to continue the work started over 15 years ago.

Supporting the Truro School Foundation in any way, big or small, will have a life-changing effect on a child for whom a bursary might be the only way of accessing a Truro School education and to find and fully develop their talents.



Jayne Grigg
Director of Admissions
and Development
1992 - present day



In an ever
changing world,
what does a
Truro School
education
really mean?



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Assurance

My brother Kenneth and I were both scholarship boys and my other brother Ivor also attended the school. We all, of course, benefitted from our years at Truro School: Ken went on to Wadham at Oxford and a commission in the Royal Artillery during the war; Ivor, a successful career in the Post Office, and I in the Magistrates Courts. Truro School gave us the assurance to do things we really wanted to do.

Norman Rundell

Truro School 1933-1939

Generosity

After my first year I received a 'Headmaster's Scholarship', which continued until 1952. Such generosity set me up for life. The teaching of German was inspiring. My scholarship to Oxford was due entirely to the teaching, though I subsequently made my career in Russian. My love of languages, and of other cultures, had been firmly instilled by Truro School.

Canon Dr Michael Bourdeaux

Professor of Languages and History, President / founder of the Keston Institute.

Truro School 1942-1952

Opportunity

I know how important a part the school, its teachers and his fellow pupils played in John's life. From all I heard, I can say that he looked on it as a happy and fulfilling part of his life, and was always grateful to the school for the education and opportunities it gave him. On John's behalf, let me say "Thank you, Truro School."

Mrs G Hosken

Widow of John Hosken, BBC Correspondent.

Truro School 1949-1954



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Fulfilment

I don't think I could sum up the benefits that Truro School bestowed on me in a single quote. My time at Truro, through a scholarship, made possible a life that would have been unimaginable without it.

The teaching, training, leadership, responsibility, friendship and role model values experienced at Truro School equipped me superbly for my chosen profession and my travels around the world, assisting those less fortunate, as though I had been trained for that life. I don't think it would have been possible to have had a better group of teachers and advisers.

Jack Williams

Queensland, Australia.
Truro School 1950-1957

Challenge

I have often thought how much Truro School had meant to me in preparing for LIFE!

As a local boy, gaining a scholarship was a great achievement. The 'challenge' of having to live up to Truro School standards meant learning strict self-discipline and developing a 'can do' attitude to work and life. This attitude proved essential to me in my subsequent career as an Electrical Engineer, International Turnaround Manager and latterly as an Independent Consultant.

David Hodder

Switzerland
Truro School 1951-1958

Encourage

I first attended Truro School in September, 1958, and I wonder now at how quickly and easily the school became a part of my life. This new world that I had entered was almost at once so normal, familiar, secure and reliable. One of my favourite places was the Reading Room, the daily newspapers and the periodicals – *Punch* and *The Illustrated London News* were particular favourites.

There was space for thinking, and encouragement too. Just how ideas, convictions, attitudes and beliefs enter our lives, to shape and form us, is not easy to describe, but Truro was, and remains, part of that process.

Reverend Antony Watts

Truro School 1958-1965



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Dreams

In 1960, as a partially willing and enthusiastic chorister at 'Truro Cathedral School', I took the eleven-plus exam, at the insistence of my parents.

The cathedral school was not keen, but we persevered and I emerged triumphant with what was then called a 'Direct Grant public school scholarship' to Truro School – undoubtedly the best academic platform in Cornwall at the time.

This was to prove central and vital to the rest of my life... so far. In short, I managed, with the help of a serious education and some good teachers (e.g. Brian Jackson), to struggle my way into the University of London. Passing through Dentistry and Biology, I managed to arrive at what I really wanted to do with my life: music! No fees. Thank you, Direct Grant and Truro School.

Roger Taylor

Drummer with rock band *Queen*.
Truro School 1960-1968

Care

In the late 1990s, after the unexpected death of my parents (within a month of each other, and not long after I had joined the Sixth Form), the school stepped in and provided a much-needed sense of continuity for my brothers and me.

I was able to join Trennick boarding house, paid for by the school, and became part of that community, which was an invaluable support for me during a difficult period in my life. I have very fond memories of that time and maintain some strong friendships. It is clear that it was largely due to the constant stability and normality of school life – whilst all else was changing – that I was able to complete my A Levels and gain a place at Oxford. I remain very grateful for the assistance that Truro School gave me during my time there.

Howard Shallard-Brown

Oxford Graduate.
Truro School 1994-2001

Achievement

As Anna-Marie's parents, we thought it was a wonderful achievement that she was offered a place and bursary at Truro School. She thoroughly enjoyed school and became a high achiever. She progressed to Nottingham University and, after having obtained a further degree at City University, a career in magazine journalism. Truro School enabled her to have confidence and faith in herself, chiefly because, as she often says: *"it makes each child feel special"*.

Mr and Mrs J

Parents of Anna-Marie.
Truro School 1996-2003



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Values

If anyone had told me as a 19-year-old that I would be able to visit Britain, let alone stay here and study, I would have dismissed it as fancy; the sheer costs were prohibitive, Schengen controls were in operation and visas were not easily granted.

Being awarded a Truro School bursary, however, changed everything. It enabled me to not only receive an education, but to gain life experience and develop as a person within a framework of strong values. Truro School has shaped the past of many students, but in my case, it is shaping the future.

Constantine Manolchev
BA (Hons) Politics,
Philosophy and Economics.
Truro School 1999-2001



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Confidence

I didn't think Taylor stood a chance of a bursary at Truro School, but he was so determined. He passed the exam, was invited to an interview with the headmaster and... my shy and very nervous ten year-old had done it! He was awarded one of the limited means-tested bursary places.

The school and the teachers fed Taylor's appetite for knowledge; encouraging his curious mind and opening avenues he had not even thought of. They helped turn him into a strong, quietly confident, brave, well-mannered and considerate young man. I feel privileged to have had my son be part of the Truro School community – the gift of an outstanding education will set him up for life and we are both eternally grateful.

Nichola Dedman
Mother of Taylor Dedman.
Truro School 2007-2014

Community

I could not have asked for a better seven years of education to prepare me for university, life and the future. Truro School offered so many opportunities, which allowed me to travel all over the country as well as to South Africa to play netball. It also facilitated the life-long friendships I have made and will always be home to many fond memories. I felt well supported by all the teachers and knew that all their efforts were given in order to help me fulfil my potential.

The wide variety of subjects – delivered by teachers with a real passion for their chosen area – gave inspiration and engaged all students in each respective topic. Truro School is such a fantastic community to be a part of and will always be remembered as a happy, caring place where every person matters. Irrespective of the career path you wish to follow, Truro School provides the foundation to excel in any chosen field.

Kiani Pay
University of Southampton
Truro School 2006-2013

It means
a world of
difference.



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AS LONG AS EVER

YOU CAN

John Wesley (1703-91)
Founder of Methodism

Please help Truro School Foundation to make a difference and change the lives of as many children and young people as we possibly can.

If you would like to talk to the Development Office about ways of assisting The Foundation in its work, please contact:

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