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Truro School Former Pupils' Association

# August 2017 Newsletter

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### Important Notice

If you have not yet *opted in* to receive communications from us, please do so by using the [online form](#). Without doing this, soon you will stop receiving invitations to events and reunions and your monthly newsletters!

**Thank you to all those who have done so already  
– you do not need to do it again!**

**Please keep in touch**

## EVENTS

**Saturday 9 September**

**Last week to book!**

**Annual Reunion  
Dinner**

We have over 90 places booked from many different year groups.

Please join us for an evening of reminiscing, friends and good food!

**Saturday 9 September**

**Afternoon Sports Fixtures**

**Former Pupils v School:**

Mixed Hockey,

Netball

Rugby

These games take place in the afternoon of the 9<sup>th</sup>

1.15—5.30 pm

**October 12th 2017**

**London Networking  
Reunion**

**12th October 2017**

**East India Club**

Come along to this FREE event and meet other former pupils for an evening of conversation, over a drink and refreshments.

Nancy Kenward and Jane Rainbow will be attending and are very much looking forward to catching up with some familiar faces.

Please register your interest with Katy:

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### **Congratulations to our newest Former Pupils!**

There were warm hugs and heartfelt congratulations in Truro School's sixth form common room on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August as students celebrated all their hard work.

Over 40 per cent of grades at Truro School were A\* or A, with 16 per cent in the top A\* bracket. Over two-thirds of results scored between A\* and B, improving on last year's results.

There were subject-based triumphs across a broad range of curriculum. Art achieved a 90 per cent A\*-B rate; The maths, economics and history secured A\*-B rates of 83, 82 and 80 per cent respectively. Biology, geology, German and Spanish closely followed with A\*-B rates of 75 per cent or more.

In the school's extended project qualification, an optional extra A level where students take on a project of their choice, 15 out of 18 students achieved either an A\* or an A grade.

At the top end of results, over 20 per cent of the entire year group achieved three A\*-A grades or more. All 6 Oxbridge candidates secured their places at Oxford and Cambridge universities. Around only one in five students are successful in applying to Oxbridge university nationally, however Truro School's Oxbridge programme has bucked the trend with an acceptance rate standing at more than twice the national average.

### **Caitlin Maxwell – Fencing in Budapest for a year**

After achieving fantastic results in her A Levels, with A\* grades in English and History and an A in French, Caitlin is looking forward to her future gap year plans.

After qualifying to represent Team GB in the European and World Fencing Championships earlier this year, Caitlin will be spending a year abroad in Hungary having professional Fencing training and competing in the junior and senior world cup circuit before accepting a deferred place to study History at University College London in 2018.

*It's such a relief, everyone has put so much work into everything this year and it's really nice to know that all the hard work has paid off,* said Caitlin upon receiving her A Level results

### **India Preston – Art foundation at Oxford Brookes**

India is excited to be heading off to Oxford Brookes to study an Art Foundation course after receiving two A\*s and two A's in her A Level results.

India, who won the Under 18 Award in the *Imagine Falmouth Art Competition* at the end of her AS year, said:

*I was really quite nervous walking up here to collect results but it's such a nice relief and I'm just really excited now.*

### **Johnny Wood – Rugby Captain off to study Sports Management**

After being Rugby Captain for his final year at Truro School, Johnny ended his A Levels on another high, achieving two at level A and one B in PE, Economics and Psychology.

Having been predicted three Cs at A Level, Johnny outperformed his predicted grades fantastically and was delighted with his results.

*I got A, A, B which is pretty exciting as it's not what I expected at all, it's the happiest I have been in a very long time, especially after GCSE results as well it's an absolute step up for me,* said Johnny.

Johnny will be heading to Loughborough University to study Sports Management and hopes to continue with his rugby once he gets there, as it played such a big part in his time here at Truro School, although Johnny admits that it sometimes overruled his academics,

Johnny was Rugby captain this year so hopes to be doing a lot of rugby up in Loughborough, and feels being captain helped him focus:

*It definitely helped me with the mind-set and discipline of getting my head down and working, which this year, is probably the first time I applied that to my academics as well as rugby.*

## **Matt Pitman (CO17)**

### **Career Head start**

On Thursday 17th August along with the rest of his class, Matt was waiting to hear how he had done in his A levels. Unlike the rest of his class however, Matt had already secured, and started his dream job.

Matt started his job as a *Videographer and Editor* at Europe's largest social influencer and marketing agency, *Social Chain*. On 26th June just after his final exam, so while his classmates were busy preparing for university, Matt was getting stuck in to his dream job.

Social Chain has a reach of 305 million followers, owning large social media accounts such as Love Food and Student Problems. Matt is predominantly working with the Love Food page. His role involves producing video content for an audience of over 7 million followers, which at the age of just 18 is something many people dream of achieving in their whole career.

It's not often that a Sixth Form student manages to secure themselves full-time employment before they've even left school, let alone in their dream role. When asked if this made the whole application process with Social Chain more nerve-wrecking, Matt said:

*It's been the dream for the last 2 years to just visit their office, and whatever happened I was still going to accomplish that. I would still have got into university if I didn't get it, so I would be in no worse position apart from I would have accomplished what I'd wanted so I just enjoyed it!*

Matt did apply to go to university and achieved way above his predicted grades. He had offers from his 2 top choices: Ravensbourne and Salford, and has deferred his place in case he wishes to return to education.

However so far so good and Matt is thoroughly enjoying his new role, when we spoke to him last week he said:

*It's everything I could of hoped for and more. Every day I'm working with some of the worlds biggest brands whilst being given creative control (and lots of free food) so what more could I want?!*



## Dr Philip Ashworth (CO01)

### Choose a job you love and you'll never work a day in your life

This month we have caught up with Dr Philip Ashworth who talked about his incredible career in Music, and the steps he has taken since leaving Truro School– A truly inspiring story and a message, particularly to our latest leavers, to follow your passions.

Music, and moreover composition, has always played a large part Philip's life. He told us that he remembers spending almost every break time at Truro School secreted away in what was then the Sibelius Suite eeking out every last minute working on some piece or other, he told us:

*I was often late back to class, usually arriving to a fairly justified remonstrance from the teacher. One such remark was along the lines of "if you keep frittering away your time doing music you'll get nowhere". To this day, the irony is not lost. But, music was my life then as it is now. I think I was the Games Department's biggest disappointment – physically I was quite heavy-set and just the right size for a prop, but lacking any ability in this area whatsoever!*

On leaving Truro School Philip went straight to Bristol University and spent 3 happy years completing his undergraduate degree in music. Two things became clear during this time; the first was that academia was something he wanted to pursue, and secondly that music was the thing to which he wanted to devote his professional life. Philip remembers that he had originally discounted music from his GCSE subjects assuming, most wrongly, that his prospects would improve somewhat if he took RE instead. This was an error rectified not 5 weeks into the Autumn Term of 4th Form, with Mr Spedding kindly letting Philip join his class.

*An unconventional career, so far, to say the least. However much as I may have developed as a musician since leaving Truro School in 2001, I could not have hoped to enjoy the kind of career I do now without the skills that Truro School so ably afforded me. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the school, and owe a great debt.*

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**Are you also in the music business? We would love to hear from you, whether you teach, play an instrument, compose, sing or anything else – Please get in touch.**

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Victoria Harvey is sitting on a blue and white striped beach chair on a sandy beach. She is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, dark sunglasses, and a pink lanyard. She is smiling and looking to her left. A large striped beach umbrella is positioned behind her, casting a shadow over her. The background shows a beach setting with other umbrellas and a clear sky.

**Victoria Harvey (CO98)**

**Director of Admissions at Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge University**

Victoria left Truro School in 1998 having completed her secondary education at Truro School and went on to graduate with a BA (Hons 1st Class) from University of Exeter, MPhil (dist) from Oxford and a PhD from Cambridge. She is now the Director of Admissions at Lucy Cavendish College (Cambridge University) and lecturer in French Renaissance literature. Victoria is also a Fellow of Lucy Cavendish College which means she forms part of the Governing Body and is a trustee of the College. She tells us about her day job which is split into three main parts:

*As Director of Admissions I assess undergraduate applications to Lucy Cavendish College (when applying to Cambridge you apply to a College rather than the University itself). I interview candidates across all subjects and then decide with the Directors of Studies which candidates to admit. On the graduate side, I review files of applicants who have already been offered a place and are looking for a college.*

*My role as College Tutor means I have approximately 50 tutees who see me regularly. Each student has a Director of Studies who keeps an eye on their academic profile and a College Tutor who looks after their financial and personal wellbeing. I write references for funding requests, help them apply for special exam or working conditions, refer to mental health teams and listen to any problems that the students may not feel able to talk about with their supervisors or Directors of Studies.*

*Finally, as Lecturer and Supervisor in French Renaissance literature I teach students who have chosen to take papers on early modern French literature and thought. I specialize in 16th century poetry and the intertextuality with visual culture of the same period.*

*I have an 11 year old daughter Isabella and in our spare time we play Real Tennis (think of it as the grandfather of lawn tennis!). In 2016 I played for the University Blues team in the Varsity match at Lords.*

## Gavin Mooney (CO96)

### Settling in Melbourne

After leaving Truro School Gavin was offered a place at Cambridge to read Engineering but took a gap year for a Ministry of Defence sponsorship, based in Malvern for a year with 39 other gap year students, Gavin told us: *University was fantastic and I have lasting memories and friendships from four wonderful years.* The Engineering course at Cambridge was very broad for the first two years and then Gavin specialised in Aeronautical Engineering for the last two years. When it came to careers, Gavin decided to go back to basics and consider what he really wanted out of a job, he came up with five criteria: intellectual challenge, variety, opportunity to travel, time outdoors and a physical element. Management Consulting topped the list of suitable careers hitting the first 3 but clearly not the last 2 criteria, and Gavin secured a job at Accenture. Another gap year followed after university and Gavin filled it with travel adventures. The highlights included Backpacking across South East Asia, cycling across France and then attending a language school, trekking across the Sahara Desert (Mauritania) with camels and 2 friends from uni, and crossing the USA along Route 66 in a convertible with his Dad, Gavin told us: *The gap year turned into 20 months but it was very much worth it!*

[Read More about Gavin's Travels and Career Here](#)



**Where in the world have you travelled to and where are you now? We are getting a world map to put up in our office, and we will be marking where our alumni are across the globe! It is remarkable how far the Truro School Community has travelled.**

**Please let us know! [tsfpa@truroschoo.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschoo.com)**

## Family Notices

**Stefan  
JUNOR  
(TS 1954-1961)**

**12/04/1943 – 31/07/2017**

**It is with great sadness that Truro School reports the passing of Former Pupil, Stefan Junor.**

**Mr Junor passed away peacefully on Monday 31 July 2017 in Kingston Hospital aged 74, following a long illness which he fought bravely.**

**He leaves, widow Bernadette after 50 happy years of marriage, 2 children, Bryan and Elizabeth and 2 grandsons.**

# Archive Attic

Thank you to everyone who got in touch regarding last months' photo quiz, we had a great response and we have named nearly all the masters in this photo from 1954!



Back Row: 1: Mr Uglow, 4: Mr Simpkin, 6: Mr Perry 8: Mr. T. Aldwinkle?/ Mr Jenkin? Or Mr Gibson?, 9: Mr Watson Weeks, 10: Mr Blewett,

11: Mr Wicks, 12: Mr Penna

Front Row: 1: Mr Smith, 3: Mr Worthington, 4: Mr Willday, 5: Mr Creed, 6: Mr Way, 7: Mr Tonkin,

**Calling all Latin Speaking Former Pupils!**

**Do you know the accurate translation of the School Grace?**

*Benedic Domine nobis et scholae nostrae quam ad majorem tuam  
gloriam curamus constituendam, per Jesum Christum  
Dominum nostrum*

**Is this correct?**

*Dear God Bless us and our School  
we provide what must be required towards your greater glory  
through Jesus Christ our Lord*

**If you can help please email Katy on [tsfpa@truroschoo.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschoo.com)**

**TSFPA Annual Sports Events**  
**Reunion Saturday**  
**9 September 2017**





Following tradition **Former Pupil v School** sports fixtures are planned for the first Saturday of the new academic year.

**1.15 pm**  
 Netball—SBA  
 Former Pupils (All ages) v School Team

**2.30 pm**  
 Rugby—1st XV pitch  
 2017 Leavers v School Team

**4.00 pm**  
 Mixed Hockey—Astro  
 Former Pupils (All ages) v School Team

**4.00 pm to 5.30 pm**  
 Refreshments will be served by the Sixth Form Centre  
 (Pasties for all the players with tea/coffee and biscuits for supporters)

**All supporters are most welcome!**

We hope this year all the players will join fellow Former Pupils at the evening event:

**2017 Annual Reunion Dinner**  
 7.00 pm—11 pm  
**School Dining Hall**  
 Email: [tsfpa@truroschoo.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschoo.com)



**TRURO SCHOOL**

*You're invited to the*  
**TSFPA Annual Reunion Dinner**  
 Saturday 9 September 2017  
 7pm - 11pm

All former pupils, former staff, current staff and guests are invited to celebrate those who left school 10, 20, 30, 40 or 50+ years ago; classes of 07, 97, 87, 77, 67 and all our Seniors!

Tickets £25.00 EACH  
 Dress: Black tie & cocktail dresses

Truro School Dining Hall  
 Trennick Lane, Truro

RSVP Please request a booking form:  
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**Truro School Former Pupils Association**  
**Requests the pleasure of your company**

**2017 London Networking Reunion**  
**Thursday 12 October 2017**  
**6-9 pm**  
*The East India Club*  
**16 St James's Square, London, SW1Y 4LH**

This years event will be hosted by Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown and Former Headmaster, Paul Smith accompanied by his wife Kathy. Jane Rainbow and Nancy Kenward will also be in attendance.

The aim of the evening is to meet up with other Former Pupils, chat and enjoy some light refreshment, with the first drink courtesy of the Development Office. Many of those attending have established careers in the City or have lived in the London area for a number years. They all have wealth of knowledge and experience to share.  
*We hope you will join us.*

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The East India Club Dress Code:  
 Gentlemen should wear business attire or a jacket, including collar and tie, with tailored trousers.  
 Ladies should dress in smart separates, elegant dress or business attire. Trousers should be tailored.



TRURO SCHOOL  
**open evening**

**Sixth Form Open Evening**

**Wednesday 27 September**  
5pm to 7.30pm

Boys and Girls 16–18  
Day and Boarding

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TRURO SCHOOL  
**open morning**

**Senior School Open Morning**

**Saturday 7 October**  
9.30am to 12.30pm

Boys and Girls 11-18  
Day and Boarding

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