



Terraces

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// Foreword HEADMASTER

As ever, it has been my privilege to read the pages of Terraces and reminisce over the year gone by and the amazing things achieved by our pupils who are at the heart of the Truro School community.

Our pupils are a source of great pride, both on account of the things they accomplish, but, just as importantly, the unpretentious manner in which this happens. This year's Upper Sixth leavers did us proud, taking the A-Levels in their stride with 70% of all exams graded at A*, A or B. At GCSE too our students performed very well with an amazing 20% of exams achieving the new grade 9, and nearly 60% of all papers marked 9-7. The Prep have mirrored this success with outstanding progression scores, up to 45% above the national average.

Whether it's a relaxing yogalates class after school or competing for a medal in the youth Olympic games, sport and exercise are such an important part of general wellbeing. At Truro School there are over 20 different sports that pupils can get involved in, whether to represent the school or simply for recreation. In terms of celebrating impressive achievements there have been many highlights throughout the year which you can read all about in the sports section.

One of the great things about Truro School music is that so many of our girls and boys are inspired to make the most of their talents; as each crop of Upper Sixth musicians leaves the school there always seems to be a host of younger understudies waiting in the wings to lead. It starts in the 1st Year with the gala concert providing plenty of inspiration. Many boys and girls do music and singing for their own personal enjoyment, others have aspirations to perform at the highest level.

One hundred and sixty pupils entered the house music competition and nearly as many in the Cornwall music festival where they won trophies galore. The Christmas and Easter concerts were of the highest quality, not to mention the jazz concert.

Following the Music for Youth Regional Festival Series (in which some 40,000 young people from all over the country took part) we were delighted to announce that the Truro School Chamber Orchestra progressed and performed at the esteemed Music for Youth National Festival 2019 at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.

Such is the renown of our choristers that they were invited to perform on Britain's Got Talent receiving a standing ovation from the judges.

There can be no better school in Cornwall to get involved in drama. West Side Story was performed for five nights to sell-out crowds and was a real hit. There were 58 pupils in the cast, 20 in the orchestra and 18 in the tech and backstage teams. The recent medley of three junior plays was terrific, one of them, "The Government Inspector" was directed by our own Cat Boote in the Sixth Form.

Related to this, debating and public speaking have really taken off, with Monty and Harrison making it to the national finals of the schools' debating competition held at Oxford Union while Charlotte, Holly and Molly won the Devon and Cornwall round of the national public speaking competition.



Our end of term Art and Design exhibition displayed work from Nursery through to Sixth Form and showcased the amazing skills of so many of our pupils and students.

This year we have record numbers of boys and girls enrolled in the DoE Award and we had four teams out on the Ten Tors Challenge. As ever I am grateful to the army of willing parent helpers who support Mr Cucknell and his team.

Hard to believe but Truro School Cookery and Café have only been running for 10 months. A cohort of Lower Sixth students is well over half way through the acclaimed Leiths Certificate in Food and Wine and many seem to have already picked up paid holiday and contract work on account of their skills.

The year ended with another successful World AIMS event 'looking beyond ourselves'. The two days brought a focus on ensuring that we reflect on where in the world we might best use our talents to serve others.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism and to whom this school owes its existence, said that an ounce of love is worth a pound of knowledge. For Wesley, the success of education, was measured not only in terms of academic performance but in terms of the quality of the life that each person leads in developing and using their talents to serve other people. That has always been our aim at Truro School and it is an absolute pleasure to observe the breadth in which our pupils and students are developing their talents.

A handwritten signature in white ink, which appears to read 'AGB', is written over the bottom right corner of the page.

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Truro School Headmaster

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// Pre-Prep Life AUTUMN TERM

Reception's trip to Feadon Farm

The Reception children had an unforgettable experience to Feadon Farm Wildlife Centre. We were guided through the day's activities by Gary Zammatt, a passionate and enthusiastic wildlife and conservation expert.

The day allowed children to build upon their learning of 'Woodland animals' and experience many of these animals up close. We found a log pile house and the children guessed it may house a snake, they were delighted that the log pile lodger was in fact a hedgehog.

Who would have thought that we could stroke friendly foxes, fly magnificent owls and get acquainted with snakes?

It was wonderful to see the smiles of delight and hear the giggles bubble over when the ferret tried to floss!



Nursery pupils have a quacking time learning about birds

The Nursery children jumped into their learning with a trip to Paradise Park at the start of the year.

The trip linked into a discovery they made on their first day of school in September. The children had discovered a bird's nest which had fallen from a tree and were fascinated by it and it has driven their learning in Nursery ever since.

The Nursery places emphasis on following the children's interests and as they were asking so many questions about birds and the nest Mrs Banks decided to take them to Paradise Park so that they could see the birds in action.

The children got to see parrots flying, penguins being fed, owls awake and flamingos standing on one leg!

Reception learn about the Hindu celebration of Diwali

The reception children spent an afternoon learning about the Hindu celebration of Diwali. They learnt about the cultural celebrations and traditions which take place during the festival, incorporating symmetry, patterns, poetry and writing to create some fantastic work.



Pre-Prep recreate the Great Fire of London

During the Autumn Term, Year 2 were busy learning about the Great Fire of London. They looked into the events surrounding the fire and imagined what it would have been like living in London at the time. The pupils created their own houses ready to re-enact the fire.

Luckily Truro Fire Service were on hand to teach the children about the importance of fire safety and to quickly put the fire out. The pupils had a wonderful time exploring the fire engine and even had the chance to try on a firefighter's helmet.





The Night Before The Night Before Advent

Year 1 celebrated The Night Before the Night Before Advent with a fun evening of activities.

Having changed into their own festive themed clothes the children enjoyed a picnic before starting their activities.

They started by decorating their own gingerbread Christmas trees before moving onto creating marshmallow snowmen. They then made their own Christmas ornament and decorated the Pre-Prep Christmas tree. The children ended the evening with a game of musical statues and a Christmas film.

Year 2 learn about the dentist

The Pre-Prep pupils had a visit from the dentist in October. Dr Nina Khaira, from St Mawes Dental, joined the pupils to tell them about the importance of oral hygiene. She showed them the amount of toothpaste they should be using and how often they should be brushing their teeth.

The pupils then used plaque-disclosing tablets which allowed them to see where they should be brushing their teeth. The pupils were excited to see their tongues turning blue and were even more excited to take home their new toothbrushes.



Pre-Prep's Nativity is a sparkling success

Nursery and Reception put on a fabulous Christmas play. The Bossy Christmas Fairy told the story of the Christmas fairy who did not want to let any other decorations onto the tree. The lights were not bright enough, the baubles were scratched and the snowflakes did not sparkle.

The fairy spoke to the nativity scene and was reminded about the true meaning of Christmas.

The children then helped to put all of the decorations onto the tree.

The pupils charmed their family and friends with stunning acting and delightful singing.

Pre-Prep's Christmas Production

Years 1 and 2 treated family and friends to a fantastic performance of The Innkeeper's Breakfast.

The children told the story of a hungry innkeeper who kept being disturbed by constant knocking on the door with travellers looking for a place to stay. Luckily, his wife was able to keep him calm as the World Cup football team, the Strictly Come Dancing performers, and even Grandma and Grandpa, all looked for somewhere to stay.

There were visits from princes, princesses, a host of animals and to top it all, even when the inn was completely full, Mary, Joseph, a donkey, some shepherds and some kings needed rooms. So the innkeeper and his wife directed them to their stable. As they went to see what all the fuss was about, they were in for a surprise, and completely forgot all about their breakfast!

All of the children demonstrated superb acting skills and absolutely exceeded themselves, supported by wonderful singing from Nursery and reception.



// Prep Life AUTUMN TERM



Local artist visits Year 5

During the Autumn Term, some of Truro Prep School's Year 5 pupils took part in a workshop with local artist Tony Minnion.

They spent the day learning about screen printing techniques before seeing how they could digitally manipulate their images.

Speaking about the day Tony Minnion said, *"The children have enjoyed learning screen printing and mono printing techniques. They have really risen to the challenge of today's activity. I've enjoyed showing them a mixture of modern and traditional technologies."*





Children in Need

It was a great privilege to be able to support Children in Need again this year and thank you to our staff and Years 3 – 6 pupils for organising a number of wonderful activities.

Spotty fancy dress was embraced by everyone and fundraising took place throughout the school with various stalls including a 'guess the teacher's baby photo' competition, dodgeball, a sweetie stall and the children's favourite, 'throw a wet sponge at the teacher'!



Year 5 put on a spectacular Christmas performance

The Year 5 Prep pupils stepped into the spotlight for their stunning Christmas play, 'Divine Interventions'.

The play was set in an angel agency in heaven run by archangels Michael, Raphael and Gabriel who were asked by the 'The Boss' (God) to do their most important job yet - tell Mary that she is going to give birth to the son of God and then nine months later tell the shepherds the good news. The play then showed the angels 2000 years later, helping Santa Claus to sort out some selfish children.

The pupils' acting was superb with plenty of comical jokes and fantastic costumes. It was the perfect start to the festive season.



"I really loved it!" Robbie

"I liked the number of lines I had." Ben



*"I felt really nervous
but excited."* Farrah

*"At the end I felt
very proud of
myself and like I'd
just been given
something."* Beth



Prep School welcomes well-known author and illustrator for a visit

The pupils enjoyed an inspiring day of workshops and presentations with celebrated illustrator and author Tom McLaughlin.

Tom is known for his children's books including *The Story Machine*, *The Accidental Prime Minister* and *The Accidental Billionaire*.

Tom started the day by giving an assembly before holding a series of workshops for the pupils. He spoke to them about how he embraced his dyslexia as a superpower and learnt to see it as a creative advantage.

Tom then gave some short readings from his books before demonstrating how he creates illustrations from simple shapes. After creating a lion from a circle and an elephant from a square, he challenged the pupils to come up with a drawing of their own superhero.

They all came up with fantastic ideas and were keen to continue adding to their superheroes.





Truro School Prep Christmas Concert

The Prep Christmas Concert was a cracker with a delightful array of instruments, ensembles and musical pieces.

Pupils from Years 3 to 6 treated family and friends to timeless classics such as Silent Night on pitched percussion, Somewhere in My Memory, performed by the Chamber Choir and Dona Nobis Pacem in a three part round. The audience joined in for a beautiful finale of Jingle Bell Rock.

The concert was a reminder of the teamwork and collaboration that both the pupils and staff put into the events.

The night was a joyful celebration of the season and the pupils' musical achievements.



// Senior Life AUTUMN TERM



Art and English students visit the Lizard

Truro School's A Level artists kick-started their course alongside the English department with their joint annual residential trip. This year the departments visited the Lizard.

The group started their trip with a visit to the beautiful Tremenheere Sculpture Gardens near Penzance where they observed internationally renowned artists such as James Turrell RA and David Nash RA. In the evening the students enjoyed a night walk and created work based on their experience. The following day they visited a local beach and the Trelowarren Estate. The English group departed and the Art group enjoyed a coffee and swim at Coverack.

On the Sunday the students visited the harbour at Coverack and Kynance Cove where they were given observational tasks that helped them start to understand their topic of the year focusing on 'Sense of Place'.



5th Year Geology trip to Godrevy Beach

The 5th Year Geologists recently braved the wet weather for a field trip to Godrevy Beach.

The trip allowed the students to further their understanding of the Devonian mudstones and study their relationship with the overlying Quaternary Ice Age deposits.

Godrevy is considered to be one of the most important Pleistocene sites in the South West of England.

Speaking about the day, Head of Geology Miss Hope said, *"This trip reminded us that Geologists need to be equipped with good waterproof clothing! Despite the weather, spirits remained high."*



Health Showcase at Plymouth University

A group of students visited Plymouth University to discover more about life, careers and research within the health and social care sectors, exploring the fields of Medicine, Dentistry, Biomedical Science, Nursing, Midwifery, Psychology, Social Work and Allied Health Professions.

In the morning students had an inspirational talk by Paralympian Athlete David King. His main messages were to dream big and to celebrate your successes along the way to reaching your goal.

The pupils then had a tour of the lecture theatres, clinical skills lab, student accommodation and library. After lunch there was a plethora of career and course opportunities for pupils to explore, including how robotics are used in health care, how gaits are analysed in podiatry, how muscle strength is measured in sport therapy and how eyes are examined in optometry.

The day provided a fascinating insight into the health and social care sectors and delivered new ideas and inspiration for a whole range of possible vocations.



House Music Competition Finals

This year the House Music Competition saw a variety of performances given by students of all ages throughout the school.

Students competed to gain points for their houses and played pieces of their own choice, both in ensembles and as solo performances.

One hundred and sixty students took part in the first round with 52 reaching the semi-final. The School welcomed guest adjudicator Timothy Dean, former Head of Opera at Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, for the final.

Girl Choristers perform at St. Paul's Cathedral

In October, the girl choristers had an amazing weekend performing in London and Cambridge.

The choir sang beautifully throughout the tour, with performances including: Evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral, with the St Paul's Cathedral back row, Evensong at Pembroke College Cambridge with the newly-formed Pembroke College Girls' Choir, Eucharist at Ely Cathedral with the Ely Cathedral Girls' Choir and their back row and Evensong at Jesus College, Cambridge, with The Choir of Jesus College, Cambridge.





1st Year enjoy activity days

The 1st Years got to know each other with some team building days at the Cornwall Outdoors centre in Porthpean.

The groups took part in numerous activities including raft building, high ropes, shelter building, problem solving and lifesaving on the beach. The students worked really well together forming strong teams to overcome their challenges.



Sixth Form Winter Warmer

Our Sixth Form students took a moment away from their studies to down tools, dust off the Christmas jumpers and get into the seasonal spirit during their Winter Warmer social.

The students had a great time celebrating friendships and taking part in a range of fun activities, including Halloween twister, paper mummy making, the witches' hat throw and classic apple bobbing, not to mention the Santa sack race, Christmas bauble and spoon race, and the doughnut dangle challenge!



Lower Sixth students are inspired by art trip

The Lower Sixth Art students spent a morning at John Howard's Print Studios in Penryn.

They learnt about the process of aluminium plate etching where an image is etched into a metal plate with acid, leaving hollows to hold ink.

The students then had the chance to create their own printing plates with some fantastic results.

John Howard is an award-winning printmaker and painter with extensive experience and Truro School's budding artists enjoyed asking for any hints and tips.



West Side Story production is a hit

The show was performed across five nights to sell-out crowds in the school's Old Sports Hall.

Bernstein's *West Side Story* is a timeless classic and the students worked tirelessly to see 1960s Manhattan come alive. From the pre-show action onwards, the students were buzzing with energy throughout.

Audiences watched the antics of the Jets and their Puerto Rican rivals and their breath-taking choreography. The tragic Romeo and Juliet -inspired love story shone through, with outstanding performances from the leading players alongside impeccable attention to detail from the backstage technical team.

Truro School's Director of Drama, Ben Oldfield, said, *"We are so proud of each and every student involved in this production. Every individual put their all into the play, and it showed. It was fabulous to see that level of energy and commitment. I hope our students will treasure this experience and remember it for the rest of their lives. And it is important for them to engage actively in a piece that makes us think deeply about love and how it can transcend racial and cultural divides."*

This year, The Old Sports Hall had been transformed by the students into a fully professional theatre, three quarters in the round, to allow the school's 35-piece orchestra to accompany the production. The audience were mesmerised by classic numbers *America* and *Tonight*.

5th Year student Holly Morris took on one of the leading female roles of Maria. She said, *"Playing Maria in West Side Story has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life. I'm so grateful to have been given this incredible opportunity."*

Lower Sixth student Harrison Fraser, who played leading male role Tony, added, *"After over a year of hard work, playing Tony in West Side Story was as great as expected."*





Students celebrate in City of Lights parade

Truro School Prep and Truro School once again joined forces to take part in the City of Lights parade.

The theme of this year's parade was Remembrance to mark the First World War armistice centenary. The students had a great evening walking through Truro city centre with their amazing creations.

The Prep pupils started Truro School's procession with their small dove lanterns and were followed closely by the senior students with the large angel lantern.

The lanterns survived the wet weather and were a real testament to the creativity and dedication of both the students and teachers.



Nine Lessons and Carols

Truro Prep and Truro School held their annual Nine Lessons and Carols service at Truro Cathedral.

The traditional service of scripture readings and music tells the Christmas story. The nine lessons were read by both pupils and staff whilst the school's Chamber Choir and the Prep School choir provided outstanding music.





Senior Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas Concert was once again a festive success with a variety of fantastic performances. Students from 1st Year through to Sixth Form treated family and friends to Christmas favourites such as Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer from Senior Strings and Rocking around the Christmas Tree from the Wind Band.

Director of Music, Martin Palmer said, "We were absolutely thrilled to pack out the school's chapel for our fabulous annual Super-Duper, Ritzy-Glitzy Christmas Concert - there were many many happy pupils and parents afterwards, who went away with toes tapping from all the festive tunes!"



Sixth Form Christmas Party

Truro School's Sixth Form took some time off from studying for their annual Christmas party.

The students put on their finest formal wear for a night at The Alverton Hotel. It was a fantastic opportunity for the Sixth Form to get into the Christmas spirit with lots of food, fun and dancing.



// Pre-Prep Life SPRING TERM

Reception's Dinosaur Workshop was a Roaring Success

Reception were joined by their families for an afternoon of dinosaur themed fun. Having borrowed artefacts from the Truro School Geology department, the children were tasked with measuring dinosaur bones, taking rubbings of fossils and matching footprints to the correct dinosaur.

The children also decorated their handmade dinosaur sculptures before showing their families the dino dance that they had been practising. Everyone had a fantastic time and Reception came away having learnt lots of exciting facts.



Leather Workshop

Our Year 1 pupils enjoyed designing bracelets and bookmarks as they delved into their 'Designing, Inventing and Materials' theme with a Leather Workshop.





HM Coastguard Base at Newquay Airport

Pupils in Year 2 were introduced to their topic on flight and space when they visited the state of the art HM Coastguard Base at Newquay Airport.

After a brief safety talk, the children heard about the important work that the search and rescue helicopters do and how they are equipped with the very latest rescue technology. The children were full of questions and were overjoyed when they were able to experience being winched up themselves!



Popular Children's Author Visits Truro School Prep

Popular children's author, Andy Seed, visited Truro School Prep for a day of interactive classes with all year groups, from Reception to Year 6.



Andy captured the children's imaginations with engaging presentations, nutty nature jokes, amusing poems and wild facts about nature.

Andy writes books for children and adults, including *The Silly Book of Side-Splitting Stuff*, winner of the Blue Peter Book Award (Best Book with Facts) 2015, *The Clue is in the Poo* (a guide to being a nature detective), and *Razzle Dazzle*, which was selected by the Children's Poetry Bookshelf as one of their recommended books for 2010.



World Book Day Celebrations

This year's World Book Day celebrations were a real page-turner; from Mary Poppins to Willy Wonka, pupils turned up in a wide range of costumes depicting their favourite book characters and enjoyed a day of sharing and celebrating their love of reading and writing.

During the afternoon, pupils were treated to a live Squashbox Theatre performance. The children were greatly entertained by Craig's inventive storytelling and quirky puppets.



Hot Cross Buns with Baker Tom

As part of their Easter celebrations, Nursery class welcomed Baker Tom for an enjoyable morning baking Hot Cross Buns!



Year 2 Great Fire of London Production

The faces of the Year 2 children were priceless as they sat watching themselves in the premiere of their Great Fire of London production.

We are very grateful to Year 2 parent Paul Caddis for all his hard work in putting the film together; it was a truly fantastic gift for the children and no doubt one that they will remember forever.



// Prep Life SPRING TERM

Year 6 get Creative with Glass

Year 6 pupils took part in a glass workshop with Mrs Balkwill where they learnt various glass making techniques.

They started the day by learning about the process of using a dam to create a small glass mosaic piece. The pupils then spent time decorating their own glass tiles before finally making a hanging window decoration.



Year 4 Learn all about Tudor Treasures

Year 4 received an interactive class about Tudor Treasures and Cornish Tudors from the Cornwall Record Office. The children learnt about people living in Cornwall during Tudor times and discovered what we can find out about them from inventories of their belongings. They then wrote their own inventories using a quill and ink.



The Year of the Pig

We had a wonderful pupil-led assembly when Jessica, Jack, William, Elsie, Alicia and Tilly taught us about the Chinese Zodiac and, specifically, the Year of the Pig. The children spoke all about the characteristics of each animal, and the lucky numbers, colours and flowers that are associated with them. If you were born in the Year of the Pig then you are kind, gentle and good-mannered, love helping others, are very good-tempered, intelligent and always seeking to learn more... just like Truro School pupils!



Success for Pupils in Rotary Competitions

Pupils enjoyed great success in both the Rotary Club's Photography and Writing Competitions.

In the Photography competition, Beatrice won 1st prize and Alex 2nd= prize in the Junior category for the theme 'The Beauty of Nature'.

The theme for this year's Rotary writing competition was 'My inspiration.' This year saw our biggest number of entries, mainly comprising of talented writers from Years 5 and 6. Big congratulations to all of the children who entered this year's competition and especially to Daisy for taking 1st prize, Isaac for 3rd prize and Gryff who was highly commended. The feedback from the Rotary judges about the standard of entries has been extremely positive.





Red Nose Day Celebrations

Pupils enjoyed a light-hearted and fun-filled day where they were given the opportunity to make their contribution to such a good cause. Pupils wore their home clothes for a small donation and took part in activities throughout the day. By selling novelty jester glasses and red noses, alongside sponge throwing, a lucky dip and pin the red nose on the wall, the children were able to do their part in raising funds for comic relief. *"It is a great experience for pupils to do their part for comic relief."*



Year 5 Beach Clean

Our Year 5 waste warriors headed to Chapel Porth to take part in an organised Beach Clean with the National Trust.

The pupils made their way enthusiastically along the beach, scouring the ground and rocks as they went. The children collected litter with gloves and litter pickers and managed to find a wide variety of rubbish, ranging from old trainers to fishing wire and plastic cups.

The morning helped to raise awareness of the huge amount of plastic that makes its way into the ocean and the children were keen to make a positive impact in protecting our oceans and marine life from the impacts of plastic pollution.

After the Beach Clean, the children discussed their findings. They were surprised at the amount of litter on the beach, in particular the amount of harmful micro-plastics interwoven with the sand, and easily consumed by fish. The collected rubbish was then recycled by the National Trust.

The Beach Clean was a great success and it really helped the children learn more about the impact of rubbish and the micro-plastics in our oceans.



Year 3 Play - The Boy King

Year 3 took to the stage and impressed family and friends with beautiful singing, clear diction and humorous performances at their production of 'The Boy King'.





Year 5 Coast 2 Coast

As part of their John Muir Award, our Year 5 pupils have to explore and appreciate wild areas. There are four different aspects of the John Muir Award: discover a wild space, explore it, do something to conserve it and share your experiences.

During the spring term, Year 5 took part in an epic cycle ride, which follows the old mining tram route from the fishing village of Portreath (on the north Cornish coast), through the heart of the old Cornish mining country, across to Devoran Quay (on the south coast). This threw up some completely new experiences for the children, many of whom had never cycled through this part of Cornwall before.



// Senior Life SPRING TERM

Schools' Debating Competition

The debating teams had a hugely successful term, with Monty and Harrison making it to the national finals of the prestigious Schools' Debating, held at the Oxford Union.

Winning a place at this event is an enormous achievement: 850 teams entered the competition, with over 1600 participants across four continents.



The competition was gruelling: the boys took part in four full British Parliamentary Style debates, taking various positions on the table, and only receiving their motions 10 minutes before the debates began. These debates are rigorous tests of participants' awareness of current affairs, their quick thinking and confidence to present- all of which Monty and Harrison have in abundance.

First Prize in South West Schools Geology Challenge

Lower Sixth geology students took first prize in the SW Schools Geology Challenge at Plymouth University!

The team competed against three other schools and impressed judges with their fascinating and well-researched presentation on Geothermal Energy. The students then represented Truro School in the national finals of the Geological Society poster competition at Burlington House in London.

The team were commended for their presentation. The standard of the posters and presentations was exceptionally high and it was a privilege to spend the day amongst such a talented group of young geology students at the impressive home of the oldest geological society in the world.



Success at National Public Speaking Competition

Charlotte (speaker), Molly (chair) and Holly (questioner) won the Devon and Cornwall round of the English Speaking Union Churchill National Public Speaking Competition.

In addition, Molly won the prize for best Chairperson and Jenny for best Questioner of the evening. Kalyan and Tenny also spoke with confidence and charm and thoroughly entertained the audience.

Jazz Concert Draws on Diverse Inspiration

Drawing inspiration from a diverse mix of sounds, with music ranging from 'Tequila' to 'The way we were', this year's Jazz concert brought a revolutionary sound to the Burrell Theatre.

The evening successfully combined music from the Junior Band, Clarinet Choir, Samba Band, Flute Choir, Saxophone Ensemble, Jazz Group, Jazz Orchestra, a spectacular improvisation by James, Lowenna, Ollie and Harry, vocals by Gracie and Talulla and wonderful solos by Andrew and Ben!



South West Finals of the English Speaking Union Mace Debating Competition

Hettie and Ella travelled up to King's College Taunton, to represent the School in the South West Finals of the English Speaking Union Mace Debating Competition, having won a tough first two rounds to secure their place.

The girls were competing against St Mary's Calne, opposing the motion 'This house would require all police officers to wear body cameras whilst on active duty', and were praised by the judges for their excellent research and the powerful, responsive delivery of their ideas. Other members of the Senior Debating Society went along to offer their support and also gained valuable experience and insight to bring to future competitions.

Barnstorming A-Level Drama Performances

Edward and Josef performed an extract from Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot* for their A level drama exam.

Waiting for Godot is Beckett's timeless, absurdist masterpiece about two homeless characters waiting in a desolate limbo for someone called Godot. They're not sure if they are in the right place, if it's the right day, or even if his name is Godot. They pass the time bickering, panicking, joking, and musing on the mysteries of existentialism.

Reminiscent of comedy duo, Laurel and Hardy, Joe and Ed put on a barnstorming performance as Estragon and Vladimir, at times like an old married couple, a pair of naughty schoolboys, or two decrepit old has-beens.



Truro School Shakespeare Festival

Students from the 2nd Year participated in the Shakespeare Festival in the Burrell Theatre.

The aim of it is to give younger students an insight into Shakespeare plays that is both interactive and enjoyable for the students. This way of learning a play through performance is a unique way for students to begin to develop an understanding of Shakespeare that may prove useful and memorable later in life.

It is also a chance for students who are interested in drama to begin exploring their interests in performing, which may give them an idea of where they would like to go in the future. Students described the experience as something they 'really enjoyed' as it really gave them 'a chance to express themselves'. Self-expression and the 'chance to be someone else' was something the students seemed to really enjoy and connect with. This is part of what makes the Shakespeare Festival such a positive experience; it gives all students a chance to express themselves and develop interests in fields they may not have previously been aware of.

By witnessing their peers' different interpretations of roles the students were offered a unique way of viewing aspects of various attributes of characters in different ways. This allowed for a perfect introduction into Shakespeare, as the students enjoyed the fact that it was 'a different kind of lesson' in which students could benefit from an interactive group environment. By Joe M







Portugal Surf Trip

The Surf Experience Company in Lagos, Portugal, once again hosted us for a fabulous surf week. They never disappoint.

Our party included three members of staff and seventeen students, some being excited first timers and the others even more excited returners including me for my fourth time.

Each day started out with a wholesome breakfast whilst psyching ourselves up by watching crazy surf clips. The main body of the day included two surf sessions with instruction, split by a consistently

amazing lunch on the beach - The Surf Experience did us proud with the catering, feeding the hungry hordes for breakfast, lunch and dinner every day.

What works so well on the trip is the range of opportunity for all skill levels, from the beginners to advanced, or foamy to short board. For those surfing for the first time, it was wonderful to see the progress over the week, starting with beach-based instruction and then into the sea to begin learning how to paddle effectively and then "get-up", ride the wave towards the beach and paddle back out to get the next one. Addictive, fun, and exhausting too.

For the more experienced, hunting for the best waves was all part of the fun, driving off-road on the "quest" in a small group. The waves were sick this year; barrels to be had, carves to be performed and all of this in heavy, clean and sunny conditions - you name it, we had it. Camaraderie was brilliant, with all ages mixing from 1st Year to Sixth Form and lots of laughter and support on-wave and off.

Many thanks to Mr Meads for leading the trip, to all the staff for caring for everyone, and to the Surf Experience for such a quality holiday.

By Harry

2nd Years Welcome Local Author Chris Higgins

Chris Higgins visited the School to talk to the 2nd Years as part of their reading programme and lunched with the Friday Book Group who were championing Chris' latest book *A boy called Ocean* at the KYBA awards in May.



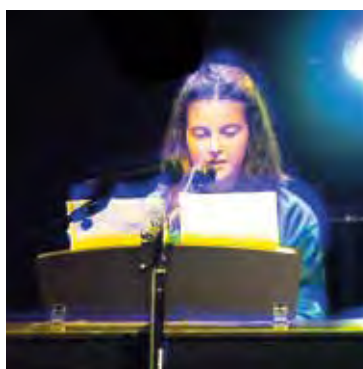
Junior Charity Concert

This year's Junior Charity Concert was held at the Burrell Theatre on Monday 4th March.

The event, organised entirely by the students, was expertly directed by Fin W, Alfie L, Jenna K and Ben J and included performances from students across the year groups. The effortless performances highlighted the talent and hard work of the students and the impressive leadership of the organising committee.

Following an excellent fundraising campaign, Fin took to the stage before the interval to receive a live charity head shave!

The night raised money for The Mermaid Centre and The Brain Tumour Charity. With special thanks to Mr Ian Brown from the Mermaid Centre, Truro School Music Department and The Burrell Theatre Tech Crew. Organised by: Fin W, Alfie L, Jenna K and Ben J.



Geologists Explore Geological History of the Coastline

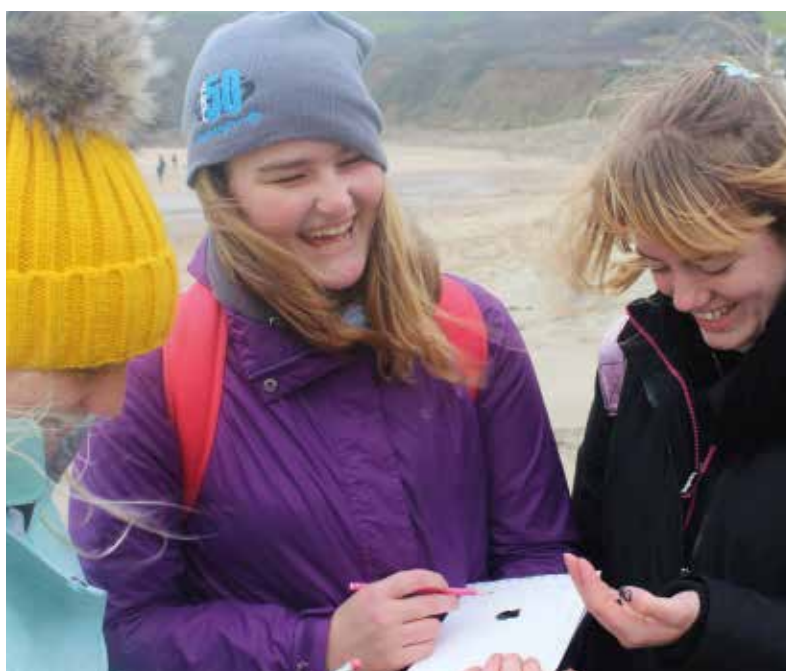
The Lower Sixth Geologists enjoyed an unseasonably warm February fieldwork trip in the glorious sunshine.

The students were investigating the geological history of the coastline between Cligga Head and Perranporth.



4th Year Geology Trip to Praa Sands

4th Year students visited Praa Sands and the Geothermal experimental plant at United Downs for their Geology fieldtrip.



Truro Cathedral Choir perform at Truro School's Easter Concert

Truro School welcomed Truro Cathedral Choir to their annual Easter Music Concert where they sang alongside the School's own talented musicians. Opening the evening, Truro Cathedral Choir, conducted by Mr Christopher Gray, captivated the audience with faultless performances of 'Shenandoah', 'Even when he is silent', 'Only in sleep' and 'Londonderry Air', in keeping with this year's theme of 'Music from Around the World'.

Truro School pupils and students, from Year 3 to Upper Sixth, also took part in the Concert, with performances from the School's Symphony Orchestra, Girls' Vocal Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, Prep School Orchestra, Prep School Choir, Junior Band, Wind Band, Boys' Barbershop, Samba Band and Jazz Orchestra all demonstrating outstanding skill and compassion. There were also exceptional performances by Sixth Form Soloists Joanna Pauley and Helena Paish.

Truro School Headmaster, Mr Andrew Gordon-Brown, said. *"The whole evening was a great success and a marvellous occasion for everyone who attended and participated. It was an honour to host the full Cathedral Choir on School premises and it was a great pleasure to see so many of our young musicians taking such an obvious delight in the experience. Congratulations go to our Director of Music, Mr Martin Palmer, and his team for organising such a wonderful evening and showcase for the breadth of musical talent at Truro School."*



Students Draw Inspiration from the Heseltine Gallery's Exhibition

Students drew inspiration from the Heseltine Gallery's exhibition, which used the abstraction of dance and physical movement to translate the sounds into gesture, then gesture into a purely visual medium.

Translation, The Whale Song Scroll, was a very interesting and experimental art installation performance created by Gabriel Vyvyan, a former pupil of Truro School, and artist Sandra Goodenough.



Gold Award in the British Physics Olympiad for Olesia

Upper Sixth Student, Olesia, achieved an esteemed Gold Award in this year's British Physics Olympiad.

The British Physics Olympiad is a well-regarded competition which aims to encourage the study of physics and recognise and celebrate the very best physicists in the country. In the competition, Olesia achieved a Gold Award which placed her in the top 100 students in the country.

Two other students James F and James A also entered the BPhO competition and received Silver and Bronze medals respectively and should be congratulated on their efforts.

Harlem Globetrotter, Paul Sturges, visits Truro School

Former NBA Dallas Maverick and current Harlem Globetrotter, Paul Sturges, visited Truro School to put the 2nd and 3rd Years through their paces.

Paul stands a majestic 7'7" and is Britain's tallest man. He is currently the 8th tallest man in the world and the tallest basketball player ever. He has size 18 feet, a hand span of 31 cm, wing span of 7'10" and weighs in at 27 stone. Paul has to cram in 9000 calories a day to maintain his physique!

He is currently taking a break from basketball and has ventured in to acting. He has starred in the new *Fantastic Beasts* film, just completed filming for *Doctor Who* and has been working with Jonny Depp and Jude Law on the latest Disney movie.

Paul started the lesson with a great talk on accepting your differences from others. His key theme of accepting who you are and believing in yourself was well received by the pupils. Paul was keen to stress that he has faced a lot of battles and ridicule

for being so tall but he refused to let that pull him down. By embracing his size, Paul has become a professional sportsman and now a film star! He also went on to talk about healthy eating and why it is important. The pupils then got a chance to ask questions and find out more about Paul's amazing story.



Music Festival Success

We were delighted by the success of our talented pupils at this year's prestigious Cornwall Music Festival. Pupils across the School competed in classes ranging from those for beginners all the way up to post-Grade 8 classes, with over 150 of our pupils involved in individual and group classes for both music and the spoken word.

Francis Shepherd, Music Coordinator, said, *'It was a real privilege to witness many of our pupils' performances at this year's Music Festival. They all performed to an incredibly high standard, clearly relishing this amazing opportunity to perform in front of others and gain valuable feedback from the two professional adjudicators.'*



Senior Charity Concert

Sixth Formers took to the stage for the annual Senior Charity Concert. The evening showcased a range of musical talents, including Jazz, Rap and... Baby Shark!

During the evening, the crowd were pleased to welcome a guest speaker from the Children's Hospice South West who provided insight into the significant funding required to provide the essential support and respite for families in their care.



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Interactive drama workshop

Year 2 pupils welcomed students from the Sixth Form for an interactive drama workshop.

The pupils had a wonderful time learning valuable acting skills, including the control and use of energy, emotions, actions and reactions. They also used their imaginations to explore their upcoming topic, Cornish Myths and Legends, in a unique and exciting way.



Année 2 Café Théâtre

Year 2 put on a spectacular show at the 'Café Théâtre'.

The programme included piano, guitar, violin and ukulele performances alongside ballet and hip-hop dancing, not to mention fencing and group dancing performances of 'Walking on Sunshine' and 'the Cancan'.



Reception trip to Chaos Farm

Reception visited Isaac's family farm on the Roseland where the children thought about what they needed to look after a sheep. Isaac's daddy gave a demonstration of sheep shearing and they talked about the importance of keeping healthy. The children worked as a team to fold up the newly shorn fleece.



After lunch the children went to the meet the ponies; Fergie, Smokey, Bandit, Tilly, Boysie, Tappy and Eric. The ponies at Chaos Farm are used in Equine therapy so were calm and relaxed around the children. These ponies provided a 'hands on' opportunity to understand how a basic body scan may happen. The children felt the neck and mane of the horse, then felt their own neck. A wonderful day was had by all.



Reception get buzzy!

Reception have been looking at pollination and pollinators and studying the world's largest and heaviest seed from a Coco de Mer plant; growing only on two small islands in the Seychelles, some people think it is pollinated by bees, others believe that lizards might transfer the pollen across.

They then looked at honey bees in Cornwall and discussed why they are important, concluding that: 'they don't just make honey and sometimes sting people, they also help plants with pollination'. Reception welcomed Nick Jones into the classroom to tell them about the importance of the native black honey bee and learnt that the black bee seems to be quite resilient to damp weather compared to some of the European honey bees.

They then created some 'bee-spoke' beeswax candles, which were sold to raise money for charity.



Year 2 visit the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth

Following on from their Plastics in the Ocean topic, Year 2 had a great trip to the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth.

The children investigated the contents of a hammerhead shark's stomach, they explored the importance of reusing or refusing single use plastics, they learnt how an octopus cleans its brain, and they also found Nemo!

The children explored local shores as well as distant oceans and demonstrated their deep understanding of plastic pollution. The children were delighted with the new Truro School sandwich bags that are completely compostable plastic, just one of many recent eco developments.



Year 1 art workshop with Vicky Cucknell

Year 1 had an amazing afternoon with our very own Truro School artist Vicky Cucknell. Vicky showed our children a wax resist technique using artist ink and white oil pastel.

The pupils explored textures and currents in the ocean and in the waves, creating their own personal expression of the sea.



Nursery Trip to Trevaskis Farm

Nursery went to Trevaskis Farm where they learnt about fruit and vegetables and saw how they were grown. They had to find the best strawberry in the poly tunnels and then eat it! They loved looking at the animals – especially the baby piglets.



Year 2 head to the beach

Year 2 braved the elements on their end of year trip to the beach.

Heading off on a slightly wet Friday morning, only to be met with beautiful sunshine and crystal clear waters at Castle Beach, Falmouth. After a 20-minute beach clean, the rest of the day was filled with rock pooling, beach games, beach art and a treasure hunt before a well-deserved ice cream.





Pre-Prep Sports Day

We woke up to a wet day for our Pre Prep Sports Day, but the pupils were ready, the grass was mown, the lines were freshly painted and the bunting was out so we kept our fingers crossed that the sun would come out and we could have a fun and exciting morning. The pupils took part in a range of races, from egg and spoon and animal pick up to the obstacle race and form relays, cheering each other on with great excitement and joy.

"I loved listening to people cheering me on in the egg and spoon race" Aubrey, Year 1

"I liked it when I heard Cassius say well done to me" Lucas, Year 2

The day helps us celebrate participation as well as performance and the pupils really got into the spirit of trying their best and showed excellent sportsmanship. Overhearing their words of praise and encouragement to each other was a highlight of the day and reminds us how these experiences teach them so much.

"I liked the obstacle race the best, it was really fun" Otilie, Year 1

"I thought I would be really bad at the ball hop, but on the day I actually tried my best and I did really well" Paddy, Year 2



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Beaming at Beam House

Year 5 children arrived back from Beam House exhausted but very pleased with themselves! Three days of activities were tackled with great enthusiasm by the children (and the staff) and we were delighted with the way that the children engaged with, and looked after, each other.

House Story Writing Competition

My best advice is to read – whenever you can and wherever you can. There's nothing better than getting stuck into a great story. Apparently, if you read a thousand books, your words will flow like a river (Lisa See).

The twelve shortlisted writers have all shown that they can take chances and do something really good. Their writing completely surprised us – some of their stories made us laugh, some are carefree – others are more considered, more emotive and rooted in personal experience. They all shared one key ingredient – a good idea.



House Verse Competition

There was drama, expression, rhythm and rhyme at the annual House Verse Competition.

Diction, projection, expression and communication were all fantastic and the audience was treated to diverse and varied performances. The pupils' poem recitals were interspersed with bonus turns by some of the teachers.

Congratulations to Vinter House which came away the overall winner. Congratulations to all our competitors, who performed fantastically and represented their Houses so well.



BBC 500 Words

Four children successfully wrote their way to the second round of the BBC 500 Words Story Competition.

'500 Words' is the UK's most successful short story-writing competition for children between the ages of 5 and 13. With an average of 140,000 entries the children have done exceptionally well to make it through to the last 5000, the top 3% of all entries.

Friends of Truro School Triathlon

Pupils, parents and friends enjoyed perfect conditions at the Friends of Truro School (FTS) Triathlon. Organised by the FTS, the event combined swimming, cycling, running and scootering over various age-appropriate distances and was a fantastic success. Every contestant gave their all and supported their friends with jubilant cheers throughout the morning.





Pupils go wild

Pupils took part in the '30 Days Wild' month-long nature campaign run by The Wildlife Trusts. Having been inspired by this, Elsie was keen to create a natural habitat to encourage wildlife into the School grounds.

Elsie set about creating a fantastic Bug Hotel, ensuring all materials used were both natural and sustainable to make certain that no wildlife would be compromised by the making of the project.

Catering for honey bees, solitary bees, bumble bees, snails, slugs, spiders, worms and woodlice, the Bug Hotel is situated beside the dining room. Not only does it provide a calm place for wildlife, but it has also created a place for mindfulness and collective thinking amongst fellow pupils.

The Bug Hotel was officially declared open for business by Cornwall Wildlife Trust trustee, Charlie David. The pupils also reflected on the importance of taking time for wildlife in an inspirational assembly.

All of the children designed their own Random Acts of Wildness cards with projects including, snail racing, building a hedgehog house, making lavender shortbread and a range of natural cordials.



Summer Concert

The Summer Concert programme included performances from the Orchestra, Strings, Brass Group, Wind Band, Samba Band, Choirs and Soloists from across the year groups and was a fantastic showcase of all the wonderful music and hard work that occurs on a daily basis throughout the year.



A sleuth for the truth: Year 5 Maths and Science day

In their quest to find out what happened to the poisoned Headmaster, the Year 5 pupils visited the Senior School to complete a series of Maths and Science experiments to discover who did it, and how!

They investigated the effect of the different drugs on the heartbeat of Daphnia in biology, studied infrared radiation from CCTV footage in physics and tested a variety of substances in chemistry before using the evidence to conclude their findings through a mathematical challenge.



The power of the pen

We were pleased to welcome Beverley Naidoo, winner of the Carnegie Medal, to talk about 'the power of the pen'. Beverley Naidoo was born in Johannesburg, South Africa and grew up under apartheid laws. As a child Beverley always loved stories but only started writing when her own children were growing up. Her first book, *Journey to Jo'burg*, won The Other Award in Britain. It opened a window onto children's struggles under apartheid.



Beverley Naidoo has also written several picture books, featuring children from Botswana and England. In 2004, she wrote the picture book *Baba's Gift*, set in contemporary South Africa, with her daughter, Maya Naidoo. In *The Great Tug of War* and *Other Stories* she retells African folktales, the precursors of the Brer Rabbit tales.



Top 3 in the UK for young photographer

Beatrice was awarded 3rd= in the National Junior Category of the Rotary Young Photographer Award scheme.

This high-profile contest endeavours to encourage photography skills in young people and sees thousands of children from across the country enter each year at Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels.

Truro School represented the Truro Rotary Club in the competition and achieved great success at the regional level with Beatrice's entry going on to achieve a remarkable position in the national competition.

The Starfish Club

The Starfish Club is an initiative started by one of the Year 6 boys – based on the story where a young boy taught an older man a lesson that every small action counts and can lead to change. The starfish pledges involved every child from Nursery to Year 6; they all committed to doing at least one thing to help our planet.

The responses were broad-ranging and covered the following areas: Recycling; reusing; reducing; electricity and power; water; plastics – including the use of single-use plastic, plastic bags, plastic straws; beaches and how we protect these spaces in Cornwall and beyond; litter; transport; animal protection.



Year 6 play is practically perfect in every way

Family and friends were taken on a magical and memorable adventure by our Year 6 pupils. Performing in the Burrell Theatre, the classic story of 'Mary Poppins' was brought to life by a cast of children who were practically perfect in every way.

The Year 6 children shared the main characters between two casts and gave strong performances throughout, delighting the audience with an enchanting mixture of enjoyable choreography, exciting narrative and unforgettable songs, under the musical direction of Angela Renshaw, including; Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, Step in Time, Jolly Holiday and Let's Go Fly a Kite.

The children acted with enthusiasm and natural flair, wonderfully complimenting the characters from this popular musical.

The show was particularly poignant for the Year 6 children as it marked the end of their time at Truro School Prep. The familiar Mary Poppins breeze will soon be carrying them away on their exciting journey ahead at the Senior School, for which we wish them all the best of luck. We look forward to seeing many of them in future performances at the Burrell Theatre.





Goblin Racing

Year 6 visited Predannack Airfield to take part in a Goblin Race. The children assembled their electric car and designed the bodywork in preparation for the big day. They thoroughly enjoyed constructing their own vehicle, learning some engineering skills and putting all their hard work to the test.





Shakespeare on Trial

Awoken on the anniversary of his death, William Shakespeare is put on trial before the Celestial Court to face the charge that his plays are boring and out-of-date. With the aid of many of his characters, and quite a few that aren't, 'Shakie' defended himself in this fabulous Year 4 performance of 'Shakespeare on Trial'.



Investiture ceremony for cubs

The Cub Scouts undertook their investiture ceremony and publicly announced their commitment to the Scout Law. At the ceremony, the Cub Scout makes the Promise to the Scouts and Scouters of their troop and to all the Scouts of the world.





Prep School Sports Day

This year, there was tremendous parental support for the request to wear an item of their child's house colour. In particular, wigs and accessories were a big trend. There was plenty to watch with each child participating in the following eight events: 60m / 75m sprint, 60m hurdles, 400m / 600m, long jump, high jump, vortex throw, 4 x 50m relay and tug-of-war.

It was heart-warming to watch the children encourage and support each other at the different events; the sporting values of respect, honesty, determination, passion, teamwork and self-belief were clearly evident throughout the day.



New School Records

YEAR 3	Boys' 400m:	James H	(1:21.91)
YEAR 4	Girls' 60m Hurdles:	Lilly L	(11.38s) <i>equalled school record</i>

Sports Day 2019: Overall House Results

	SCHOOL	SMITH	VINTER	WICKETT
Overall points	310	328	303	323
Position	Third	First	Fourth	Second

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Local doctors provide Lower Sixth with an incredible opportunity

Our Lower Sixth students were presented with an incredible opportunity to experience the commonly used interview process for medical courses during their Mock Multiple Mini Interviews.

Through a two-hour long series of interview stations, the students were asked to consider and discuss a range of ethical scenarios and engage in role plays (with the help of the Sixth Form drama students). The students were then given performance feedback from the professionals and provided with insight into how they can further develop their interview techniques.



Success for students in British Biology Olympiad

Several Upper Sixth biologists entered this year's British Biology Olympiad, designed to test and motivate students with an interest in Biology.

The competition, administered by the Royal Society of Biology, allows students to demonstrate their knowledge by offering a wide ranging syllabus with students facing two, 45 minute tests. All of the students did superbly well and are commended for their efforts. Furthermore, Sophie W, Josh B and Jordan O received a Certificate of Commendation and Ellie H-B and Alex M achieved a Bronze Award, receiving a certificate and medal.



Medics, Dentists and Vets and Allied Health Professionals' Business Lunch

Students from the 4th Year and above attended a Medics, Dentists and Vets and Allied Health Professionals' Business Lunch in the Heseltine Gallery. The event gave interested students the opportunity to find out more about training and working in the fields of medicine, dentistry, veterinary, physio, radiography, dietetics and a range of other health industries over an informal lunch setting.





Sports Dinner

We were delighted to welcome students, parents, teachers and staff, the Headmaster and our guest speaker, Russell Earnshaw, to the Headland Hotel to celebrate the school's fantastic sporting achievements at this year's Sports Dinner.

The evening was hosted by Dan Sanderson, Director of Sport, who commented: "In my first year as Director of Sport at Truro School I have been fascinated with what I have seen and experienced. This School, and the people in it, are extremely special and I am fortunate to be part of it. We would like to thank everyone who attended Friday's dinner and to all the students who have been kindhearted, committed, polite, hardworking and talented throughout the year."

Some of our students have played for many different school teams over the years, some of them may have only played in a handful of matches. All are equally important and valued. It is a pleasure to celebrate these achievements alongside the student's commitment and love for sport."

We were delighted to welcome Russel Earnshaw as guest speaker for the evening. Russel has been involved in sport and development for over 20 years and now works across sport and business, focusing on bringing creative ideas and a player-centred style of coaching into learning environments.



Kernow Youth Book Awards

Truro School Book Club attended the 2019 Kernow Youth Book Awards, a fantastic annual event, which was hosted by Carnegie Award-winning author Tim Bowler.

The Book Club did a presentation on *A Boy Called Ocean*, by Chris Higgins. The students got to meet all the authors on the shortlist, listen to presentations by other schools and get their books signed.

Chris Higgins was so impressed by Truro School's presentation that she said, 'I will have to ask these students for ideas to help me with my new novel'.







Charity dodgeball tournament

There was great laughter and camaraderie in the student-organised dodgeball tournament. Organised by the Amnesty Team, the charity event was held in support of Amnesty International.





Ten Tors

Joining 400 teams from across the South

West, our four teams did incredibly well to navigate unaided across Dartmoor. The weather on the moor was beautiful for spectators but challenging for participants, however all our teams finished in style and should be very proud of their achievement.

Connie H followed in her family's footsteps by competing in the 55-mile group, having previously completed both the 45- and 35-mile challenges, as had her three older brothers, Charlie, Ted and George whilst at Truro School.

Bushcraft and Survival Challenge

On Friday 3 May, led by the Truro School Outdoor Pursuits Team, 57 2nd Years embraced their Bushcraft and Survival residential challenge. They built their own shelters and slept under the stars, embracing this experience with enthusiasm and excitement.



Impromptu Assembly by St Stithians Boys' College, Johannesburg

Male voice choirs from around the world descended on Cornwall for the world's largest male choral festival.

Having opened our Chapel to the boys from St Stithians Boys' College

in Johannesburg for rehearsal, we did not pass up on the opportunity to hear them sing. Gathered together in the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre the students and staff were wowed by an impromptu concert by the choir

who then joined in with our own Barbershop Boys and two visiting primary schools. Nobody could fail to be moved by the wonderful voices nor surprised to hear that they went on to take 1st place at the Festival.



Sports Day

The students took part enthusiastically and supported each other throughout the day. There were some excellent performances and Milli Y broke the 4th/5th year girls' discus record with a throw of 26.73m whilst Izzie L ran a magnificent 1500m in 5 minutes 02.21s breaking the record held by International runner Katie K.

However, Sports Day is not just about the elite performers, the team that always wins sports day is the team whose house has the most participants, so running in the C string 100m or throwing the C string shot for example is equally as important. The scores for the houses were very close but in the end Smith House pulled away with some fine performances in the relays.



Sports Day 2019: Overall House Results				
	WICKETT	VINTER	SCHOOL	SMITH
Points	1569	1569.5	1602	1717.5
Position	Fourth	Second	Third	First





Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature

Our Lower Sixth music students were invited to attend the Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature, with both solo and group performances.

Martin Palmer, Director of Music, commented, *"Our talented, Diploma-standard Lower Sixth music students gave stunning performances to a large and enthusiastic audience. The girls are all Choristers in Truro Cathedral Choir, and Helena is also an ex-BBC Radio 2 Chorister of the Year. Both boys are also ex-choristers and excellent instrumentalists. It's always a delight to return to Fowey to perform at this prestigious event."*

Biology and Geography Field Trip

The 1st Years enjoyed a combined Biology and Geography Field Trip to the Blue Reef Aquarium and Newquay Town Centre.

To further their understanding of marine organisms and ecosystems, the students undertook a tour of the aquarium and had a rock pool encounter with an aquarist. They then performed a mapping exercise and survey of the environmental quality and popularity on Newquay's town centre, investigating the urban characteristics and considering the 'health of the high street' amid national shop closures and competition from retail parks and the internet.



Castle Beach Field Investigation

When it comes to field investigations, we are very fortunate to be located in such a fascinating and beautiful part of the country and this year our 4th Year biology students had the good fortune of undertaking their practical field investigation at Castle Beach near Falmouth.

The field day is the required practical for the GCSE biology course and the students spent the morning undertaking random sampling of limpets on the upper and lower shore and looking for differences in number, maximum height and maximum width. They also embarked on systematic sampling up the shore looking at the percentage cover of five types of seaweed.

Upper Sixth Leavers' Day

Upper Sixth students, parents and staff gathered in the Chapel for their Leavers' Service, followed by a celebratory lunch on the Terraces. The service followed a morning of merriment on the cricket field where the Upper Sixth enjoyed a BBQ breakfast, slip and slide, sumo suits and a large inflatable obstacle course. It was an emotional day with tears, laughter and the making of many happy memories.



Truro School Girls and Boys Perform on Britain's Got Talent

There was great excitement at Truro School following the performance by Truro Cathedral's Choristers, most of whom are educated at Truro School, on Britain's Got Talent.

The boys and girls from Truro School are very used to singing in front of crowds, with over seven performances a week with both the Truro Cathedral Choir and within the School's own choirs, but as the Cathedral's Director of Music, Mr Gray, said in an interview with the West Briton:

"The Britain's Got Talent experience was entirely different. When we got to the first chorus the audience were cheering and on their feet. We don't get that in Truro Cathedral."

In the interview, Mr Gray also commented: *"When I turned around, having finished conducting, we heard that the audience was very enthusiastic and they were all cheering and, to see the four judges on their feet, that I was not expecting."*

Truro School Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown, commented:

"How amazing to see Truro Cathedral Choristers on Britain's Got Talent and what a fantastic performance they gave. Quite surreal to see all of those familiar Truro School and Prep faces on the big screen quite clearly enjoying their experience. With a standing ovation and all of us watching them, I'm quite sure they had more than the four 'Yeses'"

On the show, the four judges led the audience in a standing ovation and gave four 'yeses'

"Absolutely stunning" was the verdict from judge Simon Cowell.

David Walliams said: *"Well that was absolutely stunning. That was perfection, beautiful from the first note to the last and created a very, very special moment of Britain's Got Talent. Thank you."*

Alesha Dixon agreed: *"Every single one of you should be really proud of yourselves, you created the most beautiful sound, it had a purity it was delicate, and you have the ability to make everyone in the room feel calm and good, and that's what we expect from a choir."*

Amanda Holden said: *"What I loved most of all was how classic it was, it was beautifully arranged, the harmonising was gorgeous."*

Simon Cowell told the choir: *"You'd be amazed actually how many choirs we have, where actually no one in the choir can sing in tune. And to actually hear all those leads and harmonies was fantastic."*



Image: Dymond, Thames, Syco, ITV

Student Harlyn Price-Lewis celebrates film premiere

The premiere screening of the film in which Harlyn appeared was shown at the Princess Anne Theatre at BAFTA.

Widow's Walk was filmed two years ago and Harlyn's co-stars include Virginia McKenna, David Caves and Miranda Raison. Harlyn plays a central character called Trevor in the film, which is a poignant and eerie ghost story set in Suffolk.



Music for Youth National Festival

Following the Music for Youth Regional Festival Series (in which some 40,000 young people from all over the country took part) we were delighted that the Truro School Chamber Orchestra progressed to the next round, performing at the esteemed Music for Youth National Festival at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.

Martin Palmer, Director of Music, commented:

"This is a fantastic achievement for the Chamber Orchestra and testament to the hard work and talent of our musicians. The standards at the Music for Youth National Festival are extraordinarily high and I am very proud that our Chamber Orchestra will be playing alongside some of the top musicians in the country."



Drama students perform 'The Promise' to local primary schools

The drama students performed at local primary schools as part of the School's outreach programme; designed to provide free masterclasses and workshops to primary schools across the county in different curricular and co-curricular areas, aiming to inspire and motivate young learners.

The programme also provides a unique opportunity for Truro School students to engage and interact with other schools and businesses. On this occasion, the Truro School drama students visited Devoran School, Bosvigo School, Truro School Prep and Roselyon School and also entertained residents at the Trewidden Care Home in St Ives.

Ben Oldfield, Truro School's Director of Drama, said:

"One of the loveliest things about the project is working with young people from across the county. You can see the children's eyes light up when our students start to perform; it's wonderful watching the children laughing, pondering and reflecting on the ethical message behind the story. The children have also been participating enthusiastically in the interactive workshops."

"Our drama students have become proficient practitioners of their art - a truly functional theatre ensemble delivering a clever performance without a set, costume or make-up to hide behind. They really have delivered the show with professionalism and decorum."

He continued: *"It's one thing to be confident and enthusiastic but another to be good at performing and sharing those skills with an audience. These students, aged between 13 - 15, have been working together all year and have formed a tightly knit group; their friendship and togetherness can be felt in their performance."*

The aim of the outreach programme is to inspire young people, whilst encouraging a positive approach to community living in our own students. Mr Oldfield commented: *"Our drama students help run the workshops, so it's an opportunity for them to show their leadership skills and feel like they are giving something back to the community whilst learning new life skills and greater independence."*



Students celebrate the end of exams at the 5th Year Summer Ball

Our 5th Years celebrated the end of their GCSE exams in style at the annual 5th Year Summer Ball.

There was happiness and laughter as our 5th Year students gathered at the Falmouth Hotel for a three-course meal and a night of dancing.

After a challenging exam period, the event was an opportunity for all to relax, celebrate their hard work and enjoy the start of their well-earned summer break.

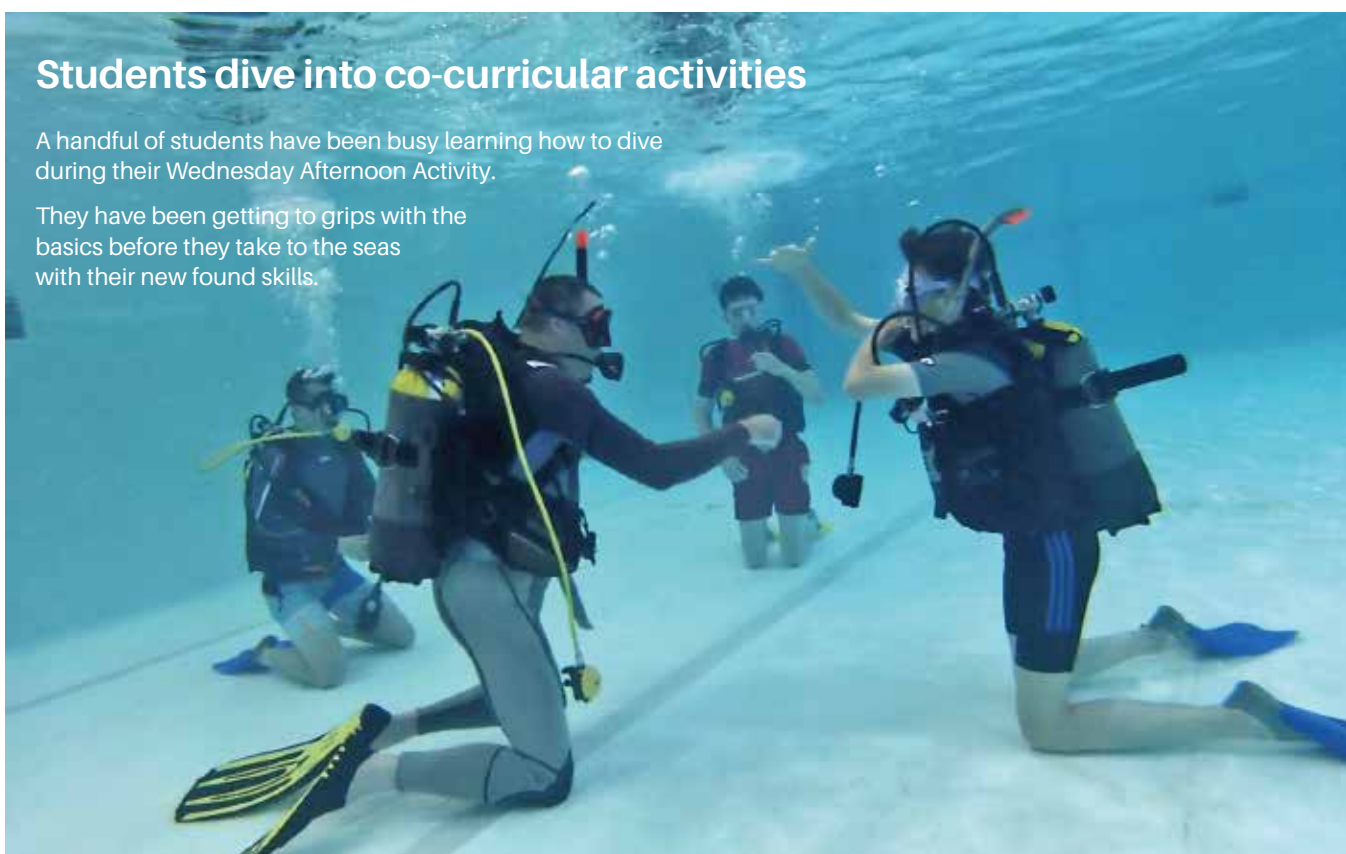




Students dive into co-curricular activities

A handful of students have been busy learning how to dive during their Wednesday Afternoon Activity.

They have been getting to grips with the basics before they take to the seas with their new found skills.





Three terrific drama productions

In June, Truro School Drama performed three terrific productions in the Burrell Theatre: Ernie's Incredible Illucinations, The Promise and The Government Inspector.



Ernie's Incredible Illucinations, written by Alan Ayckbourn, is a bright comedy by the famous English comic playwright about the extraordinary powers of Ernie Fraser, a dreamer with a difference. Ernie has a vivid imagination; and his thoughts have the disconcerting habit of turning into reality.



The Promise is an ancient Balinese tale looking at ideas around integrity, self-belief and perseverance and how we can blossom if we are true to ourselves. A young girl playfully agrees to marry a dashing prince but, when she later becomes engaged to a man she truly loves, she sets off on a long journey to ask the prince if she is still bound to him.

The Government Inspector by Nikolai Gogol tells how panic spreads in a corrupt town council when they learn a government inspector is on the way.



Lower Sixth Geology Field Trip

The Lower Sixth Geology students went on the annual fieldtrip to Crocklets Beach, Bude where they studied carboniferous (approx. 300 million years old) sedimentary rocks and the sedimentary structures they contained such as beds, laminations, folds and faults. The students made notes, drew several sketches of the features and took dip and strike measurements of the beds using a compass clinometer.



Spanish students welcome visitors from the Basque country

We were pleased to welcome two students from the Basque country into one of our A-Level Spanish lessons.

The Basque students met with two of our A-Level Spanish students and discussed a range of topics about both the Basque country and Cornwall, including cultural and regional identity, popular Basque pop groups and the correct order to put the jam and cream on a scone!

On the ocean wave

Our sailors have been enjoying life on the ocean waves this year with the St. Mawes Sailing Club. The sailors impressed the Head Coach with their fantastic teamwork, boat handling and spinnaker skills.





A vibrant evening of music at the 1st Year Gala Concert

On Thursday 20 June, guests were treated to a vibrant evening of music at the 1st Year Gala Concert.

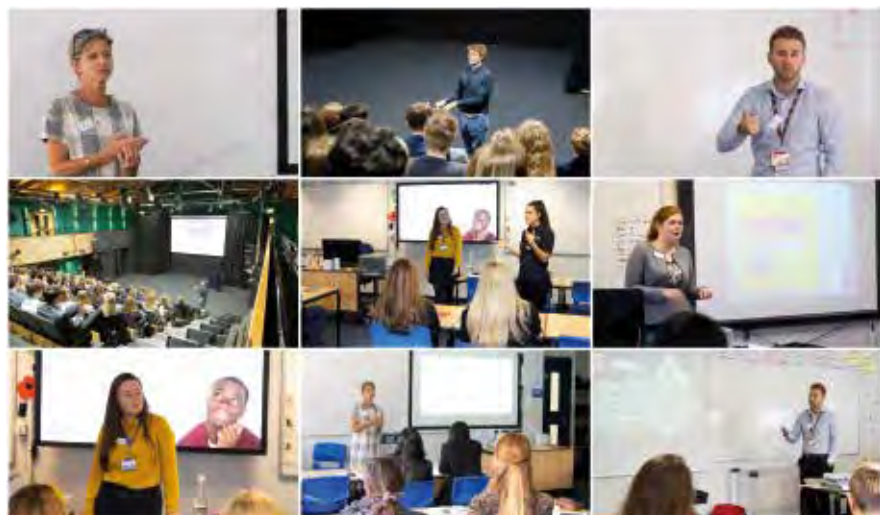
The evening started with a reception for parents on the top terrace before moving into the School Chapel to celebrate the musical talents and new friendships of the 1st Years. As always the standard was very high and it was incredible to hear that some children had only started learning their instrument in September.



Post 18 Options Days

The Sixth Form held its programme of Post 18 Options Days this term, where they welcomed a range of specialist speakers to provide tailored support and advice to help students prepare for life after A-Levels.

From picking the right career to improving employability and leadership skills, the sessions ran over two days and drew on expertise from the School's extensive former pupil network and the wider community, allowing students to meet professionals across a wide range of sectors and benefit from their first-hand insights.



DT students welcome leading UK designer

It was a pleasure to welcome Richard Stevens, one of the UK's leading designers, and Jonny Innes, a recent design graduate, to talk to our A Level DT students.

Richard is a former Truro School pupil and his career includes working with iconic brands around the world as founder of design company forpeople and defining the future of one of the world's leading airlines as creative director of British Airways.

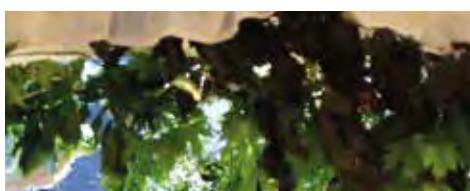
Jonny Innes is also a former Truro School pupil and recently graduated from University with first class honours after leaving School three years ago. Jonny talked to the students about studying Design at University and the various pathways through it.

Both speakers were hugely inspirational and we are very thankful to them for visiting us.

Summer Ball

There's something truly magical about our Summer Ball and this year was no exception. Enjoyed by parents, staff, friends and our departing Upper Sixth, the evening was a magnificent celebration of the year gone by.

The event is a wonderful collaboration between parents, staff and students and, without them all, it would not be possible to put on such a well-oiled event.





Speech Day

Parents, friends and pupils gathered in the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre on Friday 5 July to celebrate all of the remarkable achievements from the academic year.

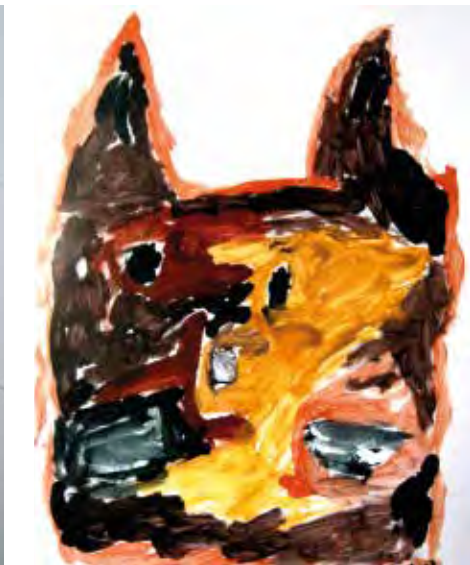
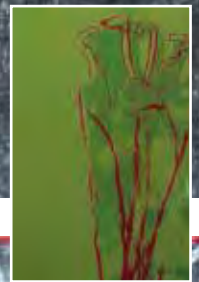
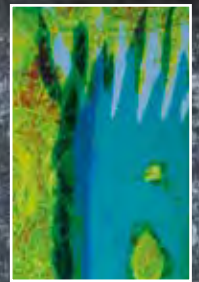
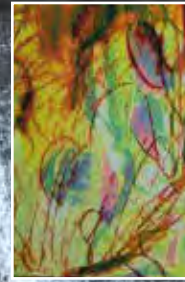
This year, we welcomed guest speaker and Truro School alumni, Tim Just, Head of Space at UK Research and Innovation, alongside The Headmaster, Mr Andrew Gordon-Brown and Chairman of Governors, Mr Kim Conchie.

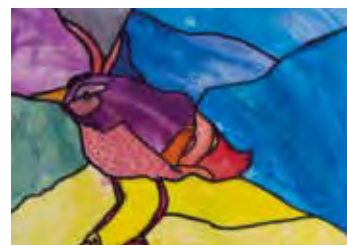
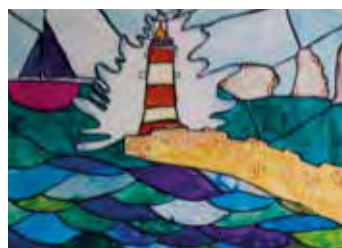
Students from each year group were awarded prizes for sustained attainment and for commitment and effort throughout the year. School prizes were awarded to excellent ambassadors, all of whom demonstrate great commitment and achievement in their fields.





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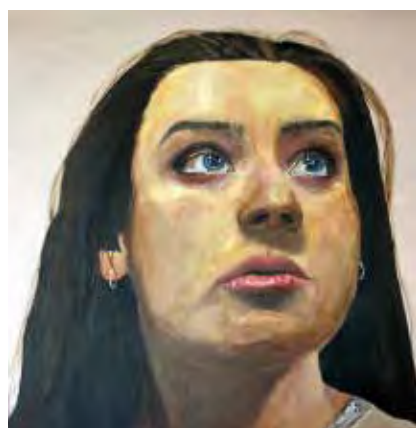
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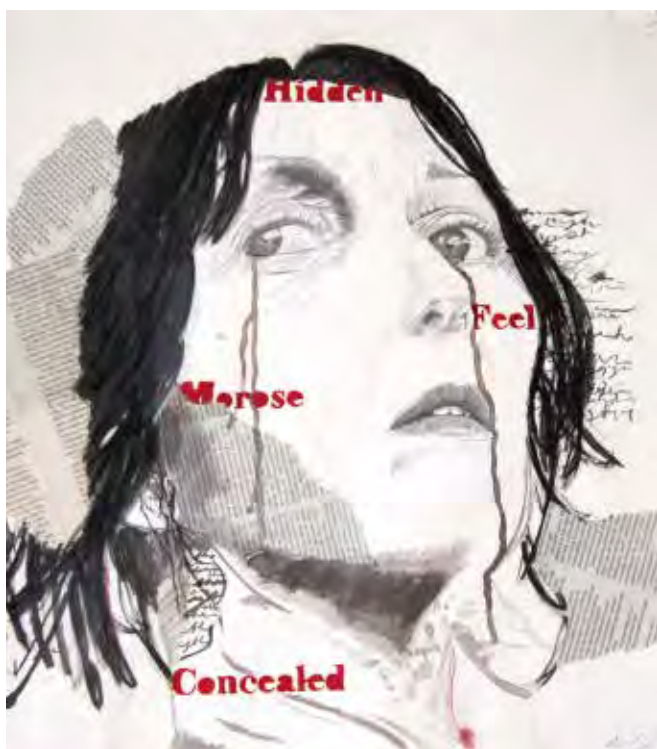




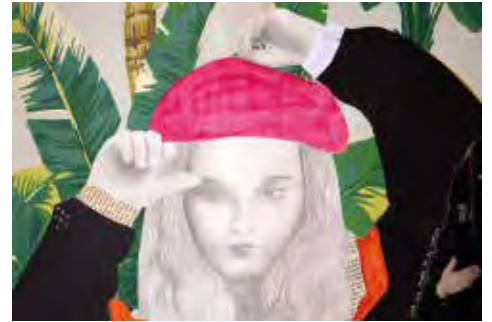
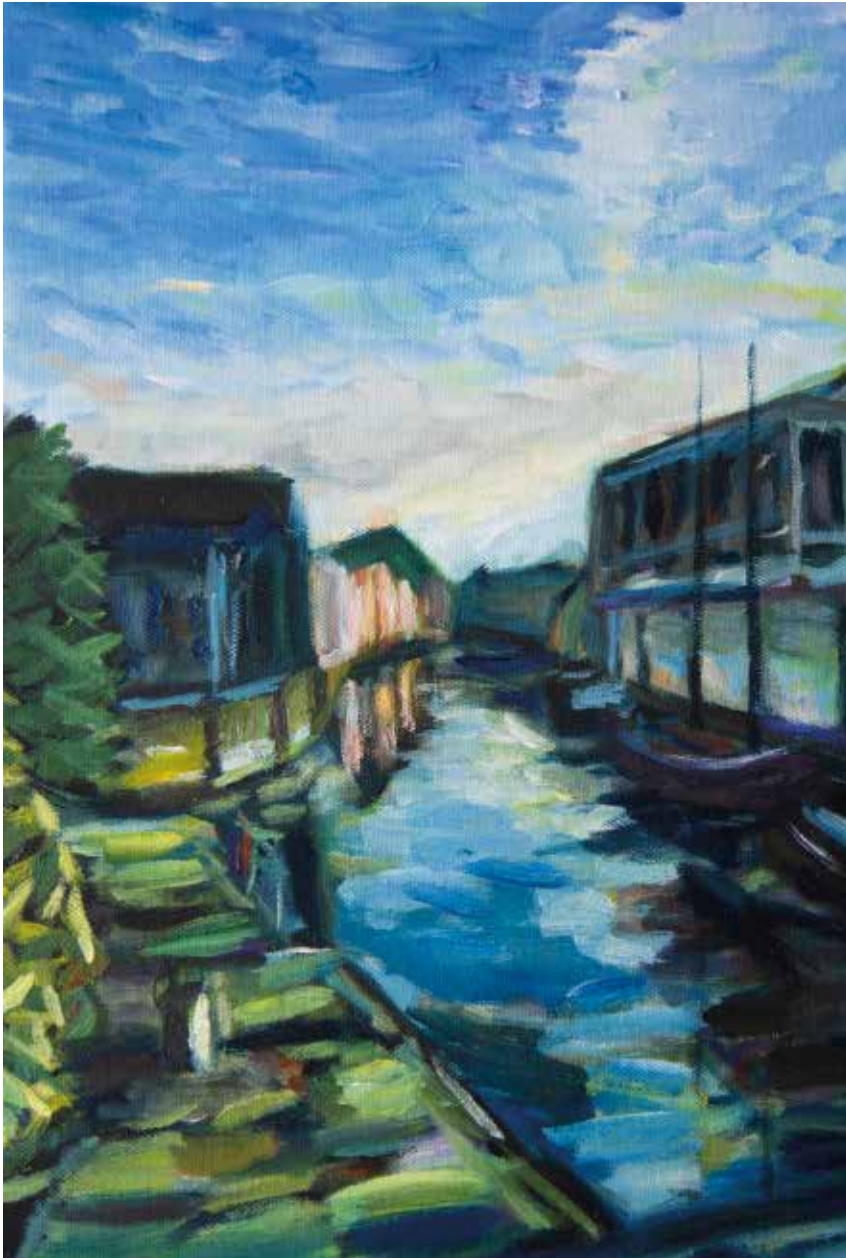


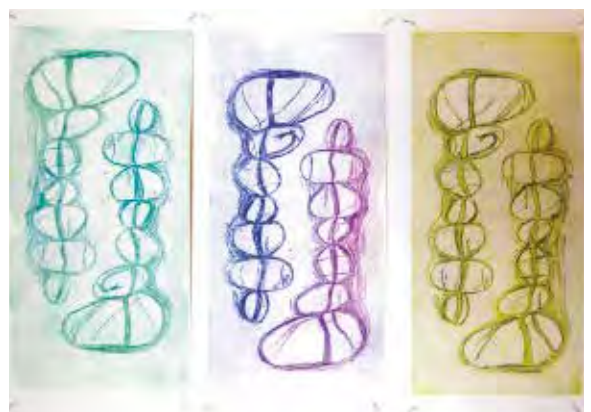
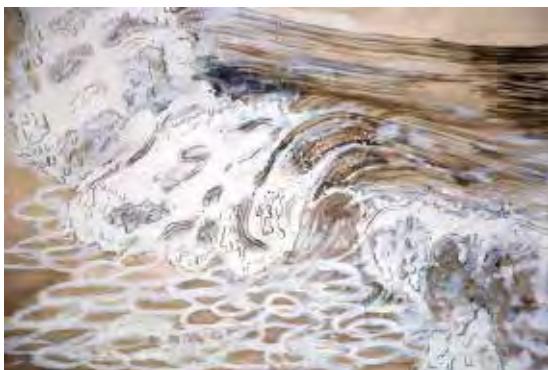
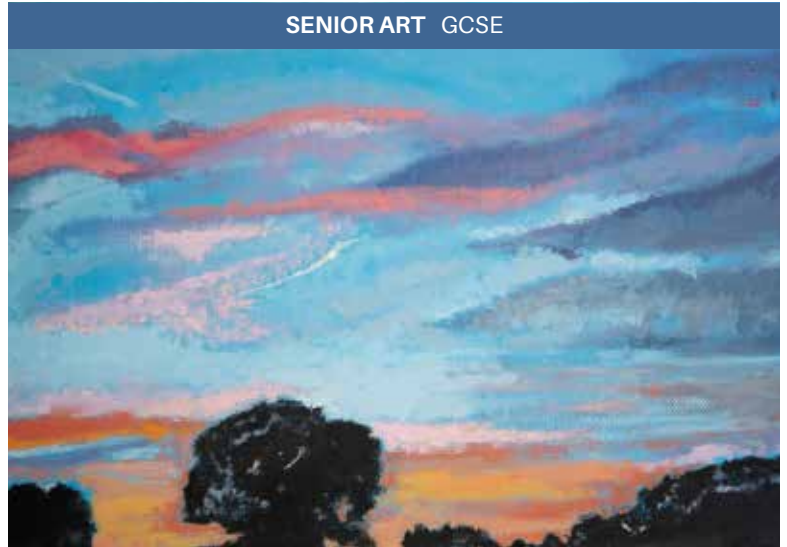
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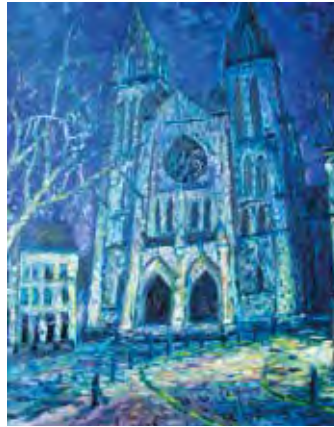








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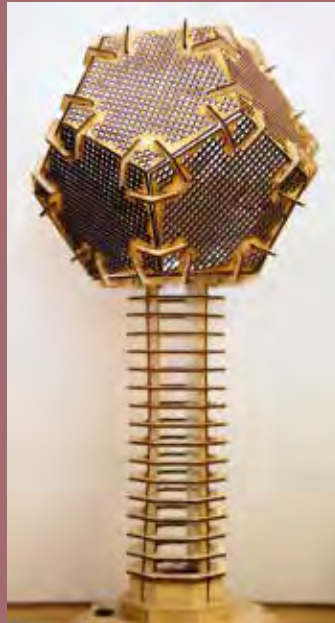


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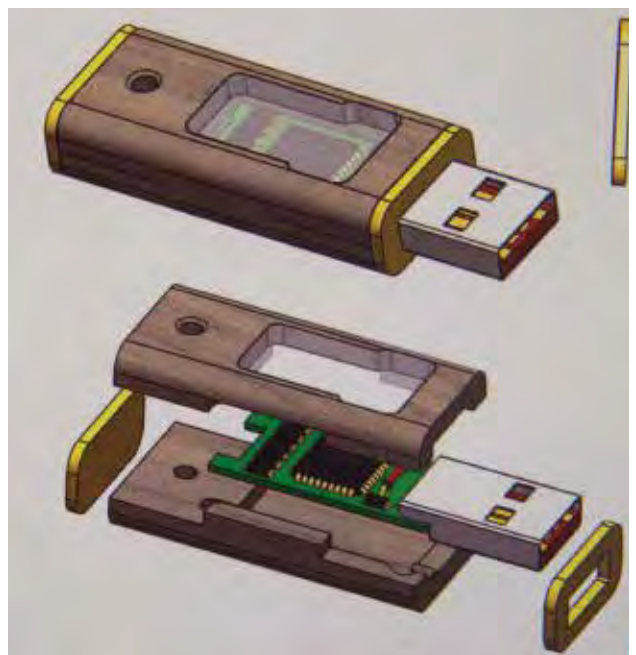
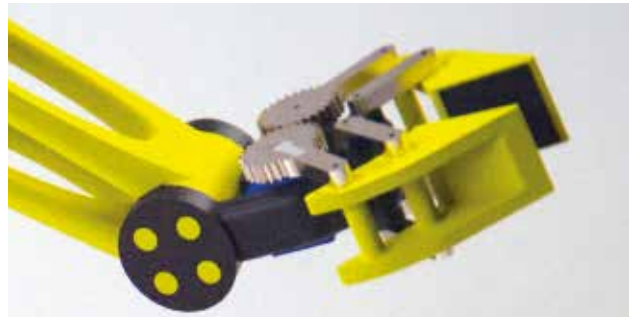
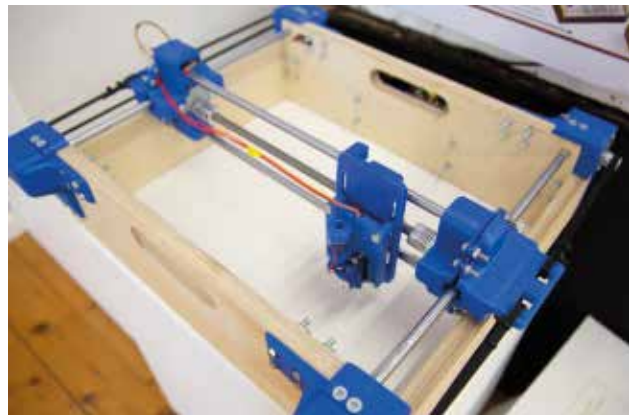


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// Sport PREP



Athletics

Year 4 Athletics: Silver Medals at the Cornwall School Games

Congratulations to our Year 4 athletics team, who competed in the county finals on Friday 28 June 2019. Previously, they had finished top out of 28 schools at the qualifying round.

Each member of the team competed in the following four events: 50m sprint, 300m run, vortex throw and standing long jump. Outstanding performances from Freddy, Barnaby, William, Maddox, Clara, Ayesha, Lilly and Evie helped to score high points for the team.

Special mention must go to Clara for achieving the course record for her age in the 300m. Team: Freddy, Barnaby, Maddox, William, Clara, Ayesha, Lilly and Evie N.



'On your marks, set, go!'

About 45 children from Truro Prep were involved in our Year 5 and 6 athletics event, on Wednesday 8 May 2019, with Polwhele House School.

Despite an unpromising weather forecast, we managed to dodge the heavy rain showers, and the event went ahead as planned.

There were some outstanding individual performances in inter-school athletics fixtures. All of the following children finished in the top three places in their events.

Year 5: Beth, Harriet, Ella, Woody, Jacob, Kayo, Luke.

Year 6: Sophie, Anna B, Alice, Anna, Jasmine, Kyla, Dexter, Louis, Cassius, Felix, Rory, Jack B / Oliver G, Jack D, Isaac, Billy

Year 3 and Year 4 athletics event

An incredible 100 children were involved in our athletics event, held on Tuesday 21 May 2019, with Polwhele House School and Truro High School.

All of the 47 children who have attended the after-school athletics club were involved. They each competed in four events: 60m sprint, 400m, long jump and vortex throw.



We also had sufficient time for the top four finishers from the sprints to take part in a relay.

Congratulations to all of the following children, who finished in the top three places in their events.

Year 3: Sanna, Rosie, Millie, James, Reuben, Rufus, William, Barney, George.

Year 4: Lilly, Clara, Ayesha, Amelia, Lucy, Evie, Felix, Toby, Barnaby, Maddox, William

Relays: Congratulations to our relay teams, Year 3 girls, Year 3 boys, Year 4 girls and Year 4 boys, who all won their races.



Cross Country

SILVER MEDALS FOR OUR YEAR 4 ATHLETICS TEAM
AT THE CORNWALL SCHOOL GAMES

OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES
IN INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS FIXTURES

Winners at Polwhele House cross country

Twenty-eight children competed in this brilliant annual event, held at Polwhele House School. Despite the unsettled weather, the course conditions were good. The top section of the course was windy but firm underfoot, as usual the lower sections of the course were extremely muddy.

Congratulations to all of our runners, who coped extremely well with this hilly woodland course, in particular with 'garlic hill,' which is a testing climb for any runner. We were delighted to win the trophy for the best Primary School.

Prep conquer Coose Trannack

Congratulations to the fifteen children who raced in the cross country event at Coose Trannack in March. Coose Trannack is a steep, woodland course near Helston. Race distances vary from 1800m (Year 6) down to 300m (Reception).

There were many strong individual performances, with the school taking third place in the team competition for the primary schools.

County cross country finals

Congratulations to Year 4 Lucy (6th), Clara (22nd) and Felix (21st) for competing with such determination in their races at the County finals. They all received gold medals for representing their area team, Peninsula, which came first out of the four areas in Cornwall.

Congratulations to Year 5 and 6 Harriet (15th), Daisy (5th), Alice B (12th), Anna B (15th), Sophie (22nd), Felix (5th), Cassius (14th), Rory (30th) and Billy (reserve). All of the Year 6 children received gold medals for representing their area team, Peninsula, which again came first out of the four areas of Cornwall.

St Petroc's cross country

In beautiful sunshine, on Friday 22 March, Truro School Prep competed in St. Petroc's annual cross country competition.

With around 300 competitors involved in the event there was good competition for all runners.

Felix B picked up 2nd place in the Under 9 boys, with Lucy and Lilly taking first and second place respectively in the Under 9 girls.

All the competitors raced with determination and passion and should be proud of the places they achieved in what was a very challenging, yet enjoyable course. Team: Millie, Amelia, Grace, Lucy, Lilly, Clara, Thomas R, Christian, Henry M, Alfie, Maddox, Felix and Dexter.



Cycling

Congratulations to our brilliant grass track cycling teams, who competed in the county finals on Thursday 28 March in the Cornwall Spring Games.

In February, we hosted the qualifying grass track cycling event for the Truro area. A record ten schools attended, each bringing teams of children from Years 5 and 6. We were delighted to win this event – and therefore qualify (alongside Mount Hawke School) to represent the Peninsula area at the Cornwall School Games.

On Thursday 28 March, both of our teams raced at Newquay Sports Centre. The format is team pursuit, with races consisting of 6 laps of four riders – overall positions were based on the lowest combined times for each school.



Our Year 5 team (Kayo, Beth, George and Joe) and our Year 6 team (Isaac, Freddie, Jasmine and Dexter) raced extremely well.

They showed impressive teamwork – staying close together and changing over the front rider each lap. They fully deserved their bronze medal, for finishing 3rd in Cornwall.

Football

WINNERS OF THE TRURO AREA SCHOOLS' LEAGUE 2018/19

SEMI-FINALISTS AT THE ISFA 2019 REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Year 3 and 4

What a great start to competitive football our Year 3 and 4 teams have had this term. Despite the weather getting the better of a couple of fixtures, they have still managed to fit in playing three matches. We have several strong teams in the making and their energy and enthusiasm is infectious, with an incredible thirty children attending training each week.

The Year 3 teams have experienced friendly games and tournaments against Polwhele House School, as well as a highly competitive game against Archbishop Benson – all boding well for the future.

The Year 4 football team have had a great season, with every boy and some of the girls playing in competitive fixtures. They play a mature passing style of football, which makes coaching them a pleasure. As you would expect, they love to win but have played their football with a competitive but sporting attitude all season.

They have played Polwhele and Archbishop Benson this term. Their away match against Polwhele will stay long in the memory, for the see-saw score line which saw us eventually emerge victorious.



Year 5 and 6

This has been an excellent season for the Year 5 and 6 football teams, both in terms of their commitment and results. Thirty or more boys have regularly attended the Monday after school club and forty have represented the school in fixtures against other schools.

In total, the Year 5 and 6 teams played 37 matches over the winter terms, winning an astonishing 24 of them. Whilst only 18 goals were conceded, 88 goals were scored, giving an impressive goal difference of 70 goals.

Pride of place must once again go to the A team, who this term followed on from their fantastic achievement of winning the local schools league, by reaching the semi-final of the Independent Schools Football Association South West tournament.

They finished joint 2nd in their group matches (with 3 draws and a win), then won their quarter final, narrowly missing out on progressing to the final by losing 1-0 in their semi-final. Remarkably, this was the team's only defeat of the whole season.

Well done to all the players from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who have been involved in such an entertaining and successful season!

Football Colours

Isaac, Felix, Leon, Fred F, Cassius, Billy, Jack D, Dexter, Jowan and Charlie S.

Judo

WINNERS OF THE COUNTY
PRIMARY SHIELD

SEVERAL COUNTY CHAMPIONS
ACROSS DIFFERENT WEIGHT
GROUPS

The Judo club continues to make fantastic progress on the Judo scene at all levels. We successfully compete in many local and regional competitions. In recent years, we have made a name for ourselves for our throwing style of Judo.

Recently, we won the County Primary Shield, being the first school team to do this against club sides.

In addition, we have several county champions in their weight groups, together with county silver and bronze medallists.

This year, Harriet (Year 5) participated in the Western Area Schools' Championships at Weston-Super-Mare, winning a silver medal out of eight competing counties.

The club have also had great results in local club level competitions, with all people taking part in these medalling.

There have also been other exciting developments. Judo classes have started at the Pre-Prep and also at Truro School, which will allow our Year 6 to continue their Judo on transfer to Truro School.

Well done to everyone involved with Judo at school.



Rounders

WINNERS OF THE COUNTY PRIMARY SHIELD

SEVERAL COUNTY CHAMPIONS ACROSS DIFFERENT
WEIGHT GROUPS

The Year 4 girls' team hosted Polwhele House School for two rounders matches this term. Both matches were a great opportunity to practice our skills within a competitive game. The girls batted bravely, with Clara and Flo scoring some brilliant rounders and this was matched by a strong fielding innings, where they made quick decisions to limit the Polwhele team.

The Year 5 girls hosted Truro High, who proved to be strong opposition but the Truro Prep girls showed excellent team work and communication to field effectively. Amy worked hard at backstop to get the ball back to Beth and limit their scoring opportunities.

The Year 6 girls travelled away to Plymouth College. The girls got off to a brilliant start with their fielding innings; communication was clear between Sophie as bowler and Daisy as backstop. Plymouth were constantly put under pressure to try and reach second base, resulting in several players being stumped out.

Whilst batting, Truro showed excellent decision-making, by trying to place the ball away from the fielders and give themselves time to get around the diamond.

It has been a really fun, enjoyable season, with many boys and girls signing up for the popular after-school club each week. We've had some lovely competitive games and hope to have even more next year.



House Rounders – Mixed house rounders

	SCHOOL	SMITH	VINTER	WICKETT
Position	Fourth	First	=Second	=Second

Hockey

DOUBLE SUCCESS AT THE GIRLS' AND BOYS' COUNTY HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS

GIRLS CELEBRATE FINISHING IN 2ND AND 3RD PLACE IN CORNWALL

BOYS' TEAMS FINISH IN 3RD AND 4TH PLACE IN CORNWALL

This season has been a busy and successful one for all of our hockey teams. All of the girls in KS2 have been involved in hockey fixtures, mainly with local schools from Cornwall and Devon, sometimes with schools from Dorset and Somerset. Around 30-40 children have regularly attended the mixed after-school hockey club on the astro at Truro School.

During the spring term, boys from KS2 were given the opportunity to play hockey fixtures with other schools. We also attended both the boys' and girls' county hockey tournaments in Penzance, which were the qualifying events for the regional hockey tournaments at Millfield.

Year 6 hockey

Our three Year 6 girls' hockey teams have played various fixtures against Truro High School, Polwhele House School, Mount Kelly School, Claire's Court School, as well as attending the Bryanston hockey tournament.

Highlights have included:

- A highly successful tournament at Bryanston in early November 2018, when our U11 team achieved the fantastic result of finishing runners-up in their group in the afternoon.
- A brilliant afternoon of indoor hockey matches with Claire's Court School in the SBA at Truro School - our three teams finished 1st (red team), 3rd (yellow team) and 5th (orange team).
- Success at the U11 boys' County hockey tournament - our teams finish in 3rd and 4th place in Cornwall.
- Success at the U11 girls' county hockey tournament - our teams finish in 2nd and 3rd place in Cornwall and qualify for the regional tournament.



On Friday 1 March, we took two boys' teams to the U11 County tournament. Both teams played extremely well in their group matches.

Team 1 narrowly missed out on winning their group. It was so close - unfortunately, their strongest opponents in their group scored off their last touch in the group game. Despite qualifying for the semi-finals, in which they played their best hockey of the tournament, team 1 were unable to score. Following a no-score draw, they went out on penalties to the other team.

Team 2 played consistently well in their group games, scoring goals and playing extremely well as a team. After their group games, they finished in 4th place in Cornwall.

On Friday 8 March, we decided to take all eighteen girls from Year 6 to the County hockey tournament. Our girls' teams did extremely well by finishing in 2nd and 3rd place in Cornwall.

With a total of five teams, this meant that each team played four games of 18 minutes one-way.

Truro blue team

Squad: Sophie, Anna F, Kyla, Anna B, Alice, Eva, Daisy, Jasmine, Izzy

Results: Truro blues finished 2nd in Cornwall, and qualified to represent the county at the regional tournament.

Truro blues started their campaign against St. Breock School. They managed to start off the competition in style, scoring plenty of goals to win 6-0. Kyla, Alice, Sophie and Jasmine all scored goals in this match. A close, nervy game followed, against Truro High School, which determined the outcome of the tournament - our team losing by just one goal, despite several opportunities of their own.

Following this disappointment, they picked themselves up, winning their next game comfortably against our orange team. With the rain now belting down, they played their last game against Treloweth School, scoring several goals to win 4-0.

Truro orange team

Squad: Charlotte, Celia, Ankita, Myla, Elsie, Lottie, Bella, Ava, Meredith.

Results: Truro orange team finished 3rd in the County.





Meanwhile, Truro orange played extremely well in their opening match, against Truro High School, losing a closely contested game 0-1. In their next game, against Treloweth School, they played even better – scoring several goals and winning this match. Ankita, Myla and Elsie all scored goals in this game. A tough match followed, against Truro blue (our other team), in which the orange team conceded several goals. Finally, the orange team played against St. Breock School – in which we had most of the possession and eventually scored the winning goal.

Regional Under 11 Girls' hockey tournament

On Tuesday 26 March, we arrived in high spirits at Millfield School for the regional Under 11 girls' hockey tournament.

The West Hockey Association, who organise the tournament, had split the 14 teams into two boxes – with the top two teams qualifying for a semi-final. All games were 10 minutes one-way.

As usual, the standard of play was high. Our team played consistently well in all of their games. Their toughest match was their first game,

against Clifton College, who were an attacking team, with some confident goal scorers. Their other matches – against Hereford Cathedral, Clayesmore and Richard Pate Schools – were all closely contested games, which we either drew or conceded by one goal.

Squad: Anna F, Sophie, Alice, Anna B, Daisy, Kyla, Eva, Ankita.

Year 5 hockey

Our three Year 5 girls' hockey teams have played various fixtures against local schools, such as Truro High School and Polwhele House School.

Highlights have included:

- Scoring a total of nine fantastic goals in early October against hockey teams from Truro High School and Polwhele House School.
- Several talented Year 5 hockey players stepping up to play in the U11 fixtures with Mount Kelly School in late November 2018.

Year 4 hockey

Our three Year 4 hockey teams have all played against hockey teams from Truro High School and Polwhele House School. Unfortunately, two

other fixtures were cancelled by other schools, due to bad weather. However, ten children from Year 4 were selected to participate in the Plymouth hockey tournament in October 2018.

Highlights have included:

- Scoring a sensational 11 goals in total against Truro High School and Polwhele House School in early October 2018.
- Scoring plenty of goals against schools from Devon in the Plymouth tournament in October 2018.

Year 3 hockey

Our two Year 3 hockey teams have all played in two fixtures against hockey teams from Truro High School and Polwhele House School.

Highlights have included:

- So many firsts – first hockey matches, first time playing on an astro pitch.
- Scoring lots of brilliant goals in their fixtures with Truro High school and Polwhele House School.

Well done to everyone for making so much progress this term in hockey. We are looking forward to continuing the good work with you at the after-school club next year and in next season's inter-school hockey fixtures and tournaments.



House Hockey - Year 3-6 overall results

	SCHOOL	SMITH	VINTER	WICKETT
Position	=Third	Second	=Third	First

Netball

Inclusive excellence - Did you know that all the girls in KS2 (Year 3 -6) have represented the school in netball and hockey matches on several occasions this season?

COUNTY HIGH 5 NETBALL CHAMPIONS 2018/19

YEAR 6 HIGH 5 NETBALL: GOLD MEDALLISTS

On Friday 28 June, the Year 6 High 5 netball team travelled to Bodmin College to compete for the title of County Champions at the Cornwall School Games.

The game of High 5 netball is similar to that of the full 7-a-side game but with players having to change positions after every half match. It requires a real team effort to win, as everyone has to be able to both shoot and defend.

We faced Mousehole, Millbrook and Poldu in our group matches. Some solid shooting from Ankita and an amazing shot from Jasmine kept our scores high, enabling us to progress to the semi-finals (as second in our group).

Here we met St. Stephen, who had finished top of Pool B. We knew we had to play some good netball to beat them, but a few great passes from Jack and a last-minute goal from Anna meant we had booked ourselves a place in the final.

In the final, we met Threemilestone, who we had played before at previous qualifying rounds. The game was fast but some great interceptions from Sophie and Dexter meant Truro Prep kept the ball and control of the game throughout. After what felt like a very long 12 minutes, the final whistle went with Truro Prep being crowned County Champions. A very worthy title for a team who had played so well together throughout the whole tournament, and who had practised every Tuesday lunchtime this term.

Team: Anna B, Alice, Kyla, Sophie, Jack, Jasmine, Ankita, Dexter, Daisy.



Year 5 and 6 inter-school fixtures

All the girls in Year 5 and Year 6 have represented the school in netball matches on several occasions this year. A huge number of children have committed to attending both the lunchtime and after-school clubs over the winter terms.

Our teams have faced teams from Polwhele House School, Mount Kelly School and Plymouth College, as well as attending the various qualifying rounds of the High 5 netball competition and competing in the Truro High annual netball tournament.

Truro High netball tournament

We took two teams of girls who all represented the school with an outstanding attitude, showing great gamesmanship towards all the other teams involved.

All teams attending played each other, so there were lots of opportunities to play and support each other, as well as practise the skills we have been learning throughout the season. All the Truro Prep girls played well but a special mention must go to Ava for her tireless defending and Kyla for her brilliant intercepting. At the end of all the matches, our teams had finished in 3rd and 6th place overall.

Year 3 and Year 4 netball

On Tuesday 29 January 2019, we hosted the Year 4 girls from Polwhele House School for an afternoon of netball. All the girls from Year 4 played, showing an excellent attitude by supporting both their friends and the opposition, in a very well contested match.

Some great passing from Lilly and Clara allowed us to get the ball down the court swiftly. Furthermore, the shooting partnership of Lucy and Flo meant that the majority of the game was played in our third.

A beautiful goal by Flo meant we started the scoring, and some tight defending by Isabelle and Eva kept the Polwhele team from scoring.



We also hosted Polwhele House for an afternoon of netball, with all the girls in Year 3 representing the school. For many of the girls, it was their first competitive game of netball, which was very exciting.

After a nervous start, we started to link some passes down the court, with Georgia and Millie showing excellent determination, by continually dodging into space to help maintain possession. Marley worked really hard in defence to put Polwhele House under pressure and limit their scoring opportunities. All of the girls showed an excellent attitude towards the game and learnt a lot from the experience.

Other fixtures with Truro High School and Mount Kelly provided great opportunities for the girls to practise their movement and passing skills.

Mount Kelly travelled to us for an afternoon of netball. The Year 3 team were very excited to play and showed great enthusiasm towards improving their skills. They worked hard on moving into space with Rosie and Millie dodging brilliantly to get the ball and maintain possession. This was a great game, with some accurate passing and lots of improvement.

The Year 4 girls had been practising their angular runs in training and they put them into practice within the game against Mount Kelly, when trying to get free. Some great passing from Lily and Eva and a few interceptions from Clara and Flo kept the pressure on the visitors for the whole game, with both schools playing brilliantly as a team. Lilly was awarded player of the match at the end of the game.

Tennis

On Friday 17 May, we took 15 children from Year 3 and 4 to the tennis festival at Richard Lander School.

Each of the eight primary schools who attended, selected their top four players to be involved in singles match play with the other schools. Our team of Felix, Aleksander, Millie and Evie N performed extremely well in their singles matches – winning the event overall.



Meanwhile, the rest of the team were having a brilliant time. They were rotated through a variety of challenging tennis activities, all designed to develop their physical literacy; in particular, their agility, balance and coordination.

Team: Felix, Maddox, Lucy, Alfie, Aleksander, George, Jack H, William, James, Lilly, Ben M, Millie, Evie, Barnaby and Eva.

Mini Red Competition

On Monday 3 June, our mixed team of four players from Year 3 and 4 headed to Truro LTC for the mini red qualifier competition. The top two teams from this event would qualify for the county finals (Cornwall School Games 2019).

The big difference this year was the ruling that no club tennis players could participate. Schools were encouraged



to take their emerging players – to promote inclusion and involve a wider range of pupils.

Eight primary schools from the Penryn Partnership attended, which included Falmouth, Truro and Redruth areas. The format was timed singles points, scored in a similar way to a tie-break, with the team totals determined by points won in each round.

Our team played a wide range of players from various schools. The overall standard of the event was very good. Our team were disappointed to finish in fourth position overall, as they had won the majority of their matches.

Team: George F, Barnaby, Evie N, Ayesha.

Year 5 and 6

House tennis competition

An incredible fifty children from Year 5 and 6 chose to take part in the house tennis competition. The format was round-robin singles (where you play everyone in your box), with tie-break scoring. The top two in each box then qualified for the knock-out rounds.

Results: Individual winner: Ben M, 2nd place: Benjamin O, 3rd place: Isaac. Individual winner: Sophie D, 2nd place: Ankita, 3rd place: Jasmine.

House Tennis- Year 3-6 overall results

	SCHOOL	SMITH	VINTER	WICKETT
Boys' competition	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Girls' competition	Fourth	Second	Third	First

Rugby

PREP HOSTS SOUTH WEST RUGBY FESTIVAL FOR UNDER 10 AND UNDER 11 AGE GROUPS IN NOVEMBER 2019.

CONSIDERABLE RUGBY SUCCESS AT INTER-SCHOOL FIXTURES AND TOURNAMENTS IN CORNWALL AND THE SOUTH WEST.

Yet again, Truro School Prep has enjoyed an action-packed rugby season, developing both the number of fixtures played, as well as increasing the number of children involved.

The season started with the annual Under 11 festival at Plymouth College, at which both Truro Prep teams played well, with one progressing to the final stages of the competition. The most pleasing thing from this was that it sparked an interest in rugby amongst so many children, hopefully they continue to play into adulthood!

Thursday 8 November saw Truro Prep take two teams to compete in Mount Kelly's annual Under 9 Rugby Festival. In fine and dry conditions, Truro School Prep, as ever, demonstrated an attractive and fast flowing style of play. Both teams faced some high-quality games against St Peter's, Mount Kelly, Stover, Trinity, St John's, Plymouth College and Exeter Cathedral School. Aleksander F and Felix B were chosen as players of the day for their respective teams, although every player contributed with their fantastic tackling and evasive running.

Wednesday 14 November saw the return of Truro School Prep's annual rugby festival. This year, the festival was expanded to include Under 10 teams, as well as Under 11. Two more schools entered this year with Shebbear and Polwhele joining previous entrants Plymouth College and Mount Kelly to make for an action-packed afternoon of rugby.

Another welcome addition to the festival this year was the introduction of Truro Senior School pupils refereeing the matches. This was a fantastic opportunity for the Senior School pupils to share their rugby knowledge and gain some valuable experience, as well as giving the children four great role models.

On Wednesday 21 November, Truro School Prep travelled to play Exeter Cathedral School, having previously only faced them in tournaments attended by both schools; this was a new fixture for Truro.

The Year 5 team played a thoroughly entertaining match against closely matched opposition. Strong ball carries and decisive tackles were the theme for this match, with both sides showing a mature understanding of the game.

The Year 6 team's match was not quite such a close-run affair; Truro School Prep scoring 2 tries in succession

from the opening kick offs. This attacking flair and precision play continued throughout the match, with all players executing coaching points of footwork before contact and low tackle height with seeming ease. Exeter Cathedral School picked up their play in the second half of the match and forced some good defence from the Truro School Prep team.

On Saturday 24 November, 11 boys chosen to represent the Prep School made the long journey to Millfield School to compete in their Under 11 Saturday Festival. The competition was of a very high standard and it did not take long for the players to realise they needed to be playing at the top of their game if they were going to be competitive. This is exactly what they did; with slick attacking play and ferocious defending, the team made a great account of themselves.

The boys played three matches against Llandoverly College, King's Worcester and finally Millfield School. Every single player played with heart, spirit and skill; they could not have given more if they tried.

Following the match, all players were presented with a t-shirt by England Under 18 and Bristol Bulls player James Dun. Fred F collected the award for player of the day, whilst Rory received the award for embodying the core values of the RFU the most throughout the festival.

Truro then played host to two Claire's Court Under 11 teams. With conditions that made us question whether the game would go ahead, both sides produced some outstanding running rugby. High tempo play continued throughout the match, with the more experienced and drilled Claire's Court eventually coming out on top.

Saturday 16 March saw the return of Fulham Prep to Truro, for their annual Year 5 Rugby Tour. The game was, as usual, a hard fought and physical encounter.

Fulham Prep took the lion's share of possession in the opening 20 minutes of the game. Although Truro held strong in their defence and tackled as though their lives depended on it, Fulham were ahead at half-time. The second half saw a much-improved attacking display from Truro Prep and with a combination of fantastic team handling and some individual brilliance they slowly chipped away at Fulham's lead. The game finished with Fulham edging ahead by a try.

Thank you once again to all involved in Prep School rugby for another fantastic year.

House Rugby – Year 3–6 overall results

	SCHOOL	SMITH	VINTER	WICKETT
Position	First	Fourth	Third	Second

Swimming

The year got off to an enthusiastic start with the Year 5 and Year 6 time-trials and an outstanding level of participation.

This level of interest and commitment has continued throughout the year, with good attendance at all extra-curricular sessions.

On Thursday 14th March, 16 Year 5 and 6 swimmers set off for Millfield School - to compete at the regional qualifying round for the national IAPS swimming gala.

The standard of swimmers going onto the finals was incredibly high. Our highest position was 25th out of over 100 entrants, which meant that we did not qualify for the next round.

However, their commitment to swimming and their level of sportsmanship were outstanding, so we were extremely proud of their individual and team performances.

Closer to home, our keen swimmers were delighted to emerge as overall winners at their annual fixtures with Mount Charles School and Devoran School. The competition was extremely strong and the pool atmosphere vibrant and happy, as the teams swam with all their hearts.

All the children's hard work in lessons and clubs paid off as the house galas saw an amazing 17 records fall at our house galas. It is not all about records and speed but swimming with confidence and good technique. Whilst not every child can win, all the children were winners - swimming to the best of their ability and with great sportsmanship. As you can see from the table of results, the overall house results were really close - with Smith house finishing as overall winners.



Swimming award scheme

Once again, we have been busily printing certificates for our swimming award scheme, as all the children from reception up to Year 2 have astounded us with their progress.

Year 1 upwards proudly demonstrated their skills at our Pre-Prep galas, swimming front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke and fins races.

We are looking forward to extending the swimming programme further in the coming year.

House Points	Year 3	Year 4	Years 5 and 6	TOTAL
School	90	81	266	437
Smith	112	95	246	453
Vinter	97	151	197	445
Wickett	96	84	254	343

Colours Awards

Athletics

Alice, Anna B, Daisy, Kyla, Sophie, Jasmine, Felix, Jack D, Cassius, Dexter, Billy, Isaac and Rory.

Cross Country

Daisy, Anna B, Alice, Izzy, Sophie, Felix, Cassius, Jack B, Rory, Oliver, Jack D, Archie and Billy

Hockey

Sophie, Alice, Daisy, Anna B, Kyla, Eva, Elsie, Izzy, Celia, Anna F, Ankita, Jasmine, Meredith, Dexter, Jack D, Jack B, Ivan, Billy, Isaac, Felix, Cassius and Jowan. Evie H, Evie M, Amelie, Hebe, Rose, Eleanor, Ysolde.

Rounders

Sophie, Jasmine, Alice, Anna B, Eva, Bella, Ankita, Daisy, Myla and Elsie.

Rugby

Felix, Rocco, Fred F, Cassius, Leon, Isaac, Charlie S, Freddie, Dexter, Jack D, Billy, Rory, Simon.

Tennis

Charlie S, Leon, Billy, Jack D, Max, Alex, Felix, Roberts, Isaac, Sophie, Ankita and Jasmine.

// Sport SENIOR



Mr Sanderson's Sports Review

During my first year here at Truro School, I have been blown away by the sheer scale of the sports programme that we offer to our students.

From athletics to volleyball and everything in between, our students have a plethora of sporting activities to be involved with. Whilst all sports differ, the common thread has been the application, hard work and pride for the school shown from all involved.

We have increased our sports offering and have competed in Basketball, Beach Volleyball and Beach Rounders. These have all sat alongside our traditional sporting programme and as of last count, we have fielded teams for 22 different sports!

There have been many standout achievements this year (covered in the following pages) with some of the highlights including:

- Finn H won a bronze medal at the Youth Olympics, held in Argentina, for windsurfing. Incredible!
- Our 5th Year rugby team completed a clean sweep by winning the county cup, which meant this age group had won every county tournament they entered.
- The 5th Year girls had a remarkable run in netball and made the national semi-final which they played in front of a large crowd in the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre.
- The boys' KS3 and KS4 squash teams made the national final; such were their achievements that Truro School is now ranked 2nd in the country!
- The KS3 girls' badminton team returned home from national finals day with a bronze, which complemented last year's KS4 silver.
- Our 1st Year girls won the Cornwall School Games netball competition, and it was fantastic to see potential talent allowed to flourish and see passion for competition ignited.



What all of these teams and individuals shared throughout the year, were challenging situations and obstacles which they had to overcome. Whether that was coming from behind to win the match, playing opponents far older than themselves or having the pressure of representing the school for the first time. Some of the teams and individuals won medals, some didn't. What I am most proud of though, is the effort and love for their chosen sports and the determination they demonstrated in reaching these wonderful achievements. If our students continue to perform with these qualities, we will always have successful years in sport at Truro School.





Athletics

There were good entries for the County Clubs Championships where we had 49 pupils taking part and we came away with a total of 42 medals, 8 gold, 14 silver and 20 bronze.

After this came the ESAA track and field cup where the team performance of the day came from the intermediate girls who finished first in the county and qualified for the regional finals at Exeter Arena, where they beat their round one score and finished 4th.

In the County School Championships not only were medals up for grabs but county selection at stake for the elite performers. There were 15 pupils entered and from those pupils we achieved 10 podium finishes, with five gold medals, three silver and two bronze. From this five of our pupils were selected to represent Cornwall at the South West Championships, Harris M, India B, O' Brien, Jacob L, Isaac M where they all put in positive performances. Finn Birnie was selected to go to the National finals in the middle of July.

Badminton



Basketball

The enthusiasm has been great and the students have displayed their potential, already improving both their skills and game understanding.

The students have had a taste of competitive basketball through friendlies with Truro College, Treviglas School, Mount Kelly School and a tournament held at Treviglas. We have had success and we have also been able to develop our game by 'pitting' ourselves against much stronger and experienced opposition, and although we were defeated, our players stood up to the challenge and showed great character as well as potential. We look forward to next season.

Cricket

Truro School is blessed with some of the best cricket pitches in the county and I know for a fact that we have the best teas and lunches. This all adds up to a wonderful setting in which to host and play cricket.

Our fabulous girls' Under 15 team made the national finals and the boys season started with a final for the Under 15 boys. It was held indoors due to the weather and our boys won, ensuring Truro School started the year well. They also finished well by being crowned county champions at the Under 15 age group. The Under 12 and Under 13 teams made county semi-finals and so the standard of cricket at Truro School remains high.

Our 1st XI sported a new cricket kit and also had debuts from a number of younger players from the school.



Cross Country

The racing season started in October with the first round of the ESAA Cross Country Cup. There were some excellent performances with Izzie L finishing in second place in the intermediate girls' race and Isaac M finishing first in the intermediate boys' race. Both the intermediate and junior boys qualified for the regional finals where again Isaac ran superbly and won his race against very strong opposition in some wet and windy conditions.

There were other wonderful performances throughout the season with 11 pupils representing Cornwall at the Southwest Championships and from that Alexander M, Harris M, Isaac M, Benjy M, Anna E and Izzie L went to the National Championships and performed well. Finn B raced in Belgium for the England Under 20 team.

The highlight of the year for me was our entry into the prestigious King Henry VII School Coventry Relay race. All the best cross country schools were there and this was our first time entering. Our team of Finn, Alexander, Harris, Isaac, Benjy and Ben performed brilliantly finishing in 5th position overall.

Fencing

With over 40 competitions and countless hours of training, our fencers have delivered another excellent performance for the 2018-19 season at novice, LPJS, Under 17, Under 20 and Senior levels. We welcomed new fencers, Henry M and Amari L from London and Leanne C from USA to the school team.



Whilst Roman N claimed his first National Championship title, we were thrilled to see the lion's share of international teams being made up again of Truro School fencers with Maia F, Molly W, Hannah O and Luke H all competing for the GBR Under 20 team in addition to Leanne C (Singapore), Roman N (France) and Jack W (Hong Kong), Darcy H (GBR), Max C (GBR) at Under 17 level. Lexie C, Aimee W, Sam C, Amari L and Henry M all competed, too, at youth internationals. After the countless trips around the world chasing ranking points we were delighted that Darcy H and Max C both qualified outright for their place in the Under 17 European Championship team, competing in Italy. In addition, Maia F also qualified for the Under 20 European Championships. Leanne C was selected to be part of the national team representing Singapore at both the Asian and the World Junior & Cadet Fencing Championships alongside Darcy H and Maia F who competed for GBR at the Under 17 and Under 20 World Championships in Tourun.

Record Year at the Public Schools' Fencing Championships

A 14 strong team travelled to Crystal Palace in London again this year to compete in the largest fencing competition in the country, the Public Schools' Fencing Championships. This year we dominated every category our fencers entered and secured the Brian Howes and Johnson cup, securing our position yet again as the number one public school at sabre fencing in the country. Full individual results are as follows:

Boys' Mount-Haes Sabre

Henry M – Gold, Amari L – Silver, Sam C – Bronze

Boys' Junior Sabre

Darcy H – Gold, Roman N – Silver, Max C – Bronze, Jack W – 5th

Boys' Senior Sabre: Luke H – Gold

Girls' Mount-Haes Sabre: Lexie C – Silver, Aimee W – 9th

Girls' Junior Sabre: Leanne C – Gold

Girls' Senior Sabre: Maia F – Gold, Hannah O – Silver, Molly W – 7th

Football

Truro School football has seen over 200 boys and girls play this year with 90 games played over the course of two terms.

There have also been some outstanding individual achievements: Ethan E was selected for the Cornwall Under 18s whilst Cameron H, Eli E and Joe M represented Cornwall Under 15s.

Freddie I has been signed by Plymouth Argyle and Ben W has been training at Exeter City. Both boys along with Sam H represented Cornwall Under 13s. They have also been picked for the Under 13 South West Independent Schools squad which also features Flyn M and Ted P.

Freddie has since represented England Independent Schools Under 13 v Wales. We also have Melia F representing Cornwall Under 14 girls' as a 12-year-old.

The 1st XI played its annual fixture against the former pupils on Easter Saturday. It is always lovely to welcome back former pupils and find out what they are up to.

The 1st XI won 2-1 on the day with Callum P scoring the winning goal eight minutes from time. The Under 15s and Under 14s reached the quarter final of the County Cup and the Under 13s the semi-final.





The Under 13s have had the most success this year, having a good run in the Inter Schools Hockey Club but unfortunately getting knocked out against Blundell's in the last five minutes by one goal.

These boys played at the county tournament and didn't concede one goal. They went on to play at the Regional Finals at Millfield and put on a fantastic performance. The boys were certainly not out played and held their own against top class hockey schools creating a number of opportunities and scoring many goals. The boys were extremely unfortunate not to get out of the group stages but should be very proud of where they got and how they performed. Overall another excellent term for hockey with some exciting opportunities next term.



Golf

The three-person team comprising of Cameron G, Sophia B and Oscar P reached the South West final in the I.S.G.A. competition. With resounding wins over Stover School and Kings Taunton in the first two rounds, we were narrowly defeated by Canford School in the final at Woodbury Park Golf Club.

In the HMC Foursomes competition we unfortunately drew Millfield in the first round and went out 3-0 at Okehampton Golf Club. Special mention goes to Wilf G in the first year who made his debut for the golf team and is the youngest ever player to represent Truro School at senior level. Ollie B and Charlie S were the other players that represented the school at golf this year.



Boys' Hockey

It has been another very busy and successful term for Truro School boys' hockey. With a few highlights to mention, including the Under 18 Boys' winning the county tournament against Truro College, it's always an extremely close and thrilling game to watch. The Under 14s took 3rd place in their county tournament, the Under 12s still have their tournament to go but with a number of high quality players in that team, I have high hopes for these lads!



Girls' Hockey

It has been another very busy and successful term for Truro School girls' hockey. With a number of fixtures being played and a number of successful results, the players have enjoyed the season. A few highlights from the year include the Under 18s battling at the County Tournament against arch rivals Truro High School and Truro College. The combined team of the Under 15s and Under 16s was extremely successful at the County Tournament not conceding one goal and going on to beat Truro High School in the final which lead them to the preliminary regional rounds.

Facing two other high-quality schools, the girls were successful in winning both games which meant they qualified for the regional finals. The girls put on an outstanding performance at the finals and I was extremely pleased with their attitude and performance throughout the day.

The Under 12s still have their County Tournament to come, with the numbers, commitment and ability from these girls, I am expecting great things. The Under 15 girls were through to the County Final against Truro High School, which was always going to be a great battle and unfortunately took their chances more than we did to come out on top.

A number of players are representing a club, county and playing at the Regional Performance Centre which is a huge success to them as individuals and us as a school. Overall another excellent term for Hockey with some exciting opportunities next term.



Netball

It has been another very busy and successful year for Truro School netball. Netball continues to be a very popular sport, with a huge proportion of the girls training and experiencing playing competitive netball at a level each and every one of them feels comfortable with.

The Under 16 squad were crowned county champions progressing through to the regional finals in Bournemouth in January. The Under 13s and Under 18s finished a creditable 3rd in their county tournaments.

All five junior teams have played in the School Sports Partnership league winning the majority of their matches. The Under 12B team won the Cornwall School Games competition.

We are incredibly proud of 5th Year Rosie B who has achieved her international honours, representing England at Under 17 level, with her squad taking home gold. Lots of other girls have been attending the regional and county academies.

Many people watched the Under 16 squad in their national cup semi-final against Godolphin and Latymer. It was a fantastic occasion for netball at Truro School, many of the girls played in front of a large audience for the first time.

In March, girls from the current 2nd and 3rd Year were given the opportunity to go on tour to Manchester, playing matches and receiving training from Manchester Thunder netball coaches. This was a fantastic experience for all involved and lots of fun was had. Overall another excellent year for netball with some exciting prospects for the future.



Rounders

The 1st to 4th Years have once again played in the SSP Rounders' League this year. It has been great to see so many girls attending practices and being given the opportunity to represent the school.

All of the girls love rounders and the weather has been kind to us this year. It has been fantastic to play some triangular fixtures, reducing the number of fixture nights and travelling time. Truro also entered a team in the Cornwall School Games, which was aimed at those pupils who have not represented the school in other sports teams – they had a fantastic day at Bodmin College and were delighted to win some of their games.

Rugby

The rugby season was well contested as usual at Truro School, with 10 teams competing in over 100 fixtures. This doesn't include the festivals, 7's and 10's tournaments that were entered.

Truro School has had many talented teams throughout the years and the 5th Year rugby team can add themselves to that list. Our 5th Year team were not only crowned county champions in the regular format, as well as in 10s, they also managed to go through the entire year undefeated!

A huge well done to all who contributed to the team. It was down to their hard work, commitment to training, strength in depth and their coach, Mr Austin, that they had such a successful year.

We continued to field two teams at Under 12 and Under 13 age groups and the focus will remain on improving players and attracting new recruits to these age groups.

Our Under 14 and Under 15 teams have had mixed results but the potential within both groups is clearly obvious and I will very much look forward to seeing how they progress next year. They have had to adopt new methods and ways of playing and I hope to see this bear fruit in the future.

Our 1st XV continue to be the pinnacle of rugby for the school; they maintain a high level of play and have represented the school admirably at all times.



Sailing

Truro School sailors have had a fantastic term at St Mawes Sailing Club on a Wednesday afternoon. The sailors have had the opportunity to sail in a wide variety of boats, including Hartleys, Lasers and Fevas. All of the students have made brilliant progress, across the wind ranges.

Sam C competed in the 33rd Eric Twiname Junior Championships in May and was crowned RS Feva Class champion. He had to contend with a range of challenging weather conditions, including strong winds. It is an outstanding accomplishment.



Truro School sailors competed in the RS Feva National Championships at South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club in May. It was an exceptionally strong fleet and Truro School sailors performed admirably well. Sam C finished 18th in Gold Fleet; Henry H finished 23rd in Gold Fleet; and Tara S finished 28th in Silver Fleet. Congratulations to all of the sailors.

Squash

Squash continues to develop rapidly at Truro school. Sessions are well attended and vibrant, with emphasis on fun for all, coupled with serious team training for those involved at elite level.

The National Schools Championships were undoubtedly the competitive highlight of the year with both our age groups making the grand final itself in Nottingham and firmly establishing us as the no.2 school in the country for squash.



During the winter term we held a school masterclass for all our players with British no.1 and Commonwealth gold medallist James Willstrop and British no.2 and silver medallist Daryl Selby. These legends of the professional game were then followed in the summer term by ladies world no.3 Alison Waters and world no.6 Sarah-Jane Perry who inspired all our pupils and especially female participation going forward.

Two of our boys trained monthly all season at the "Aspire" sessions held for the best players in the South West in Somerset and both have since hit the top six in the country and enjoyed England call-ups! No less than six pupils are now on the national junior circuit and Truro School pupils fill three quarters of all the junior county team places for Cornwall, including the county champion at every single age group!

Surfing

It has been a wonderful year for the Surf Academy. We have had record numbers of pupils taking part in this activity and due to the number increase we have had to resort to using a coach to transport the army of little wave riders to the beach. We have experienced all weathers ranging from beautiful sunshine, driving rain, icy rain, hail, and wind in all strengths. Even with all this it never seems to deter the pupils from wanting to madly rush into the sea. We have been lucky enough to still have Sam Lamiroy as our head coach and with his expert eye he has developed our advanced surfers to much higher levels.

We have so many great surfers in our group and I have had many positive comments from local surfers who marvel at the overall confidence, bravery and standard of all our surfers. We were able to put together a full team to represent the school in the Cornwall School Games competition



held in the autumn term at Godrevey beach. J. Ellery, S. Stonebridge, S. Norton, E. Hayes and T. Blackford all gained places in the final which was held in very tiny surf conditions in June on Perranporth beach.

The pupils also had the chance to go on the Portugal surf trip that always makes them return another level higher on the lam Band scale of ability.

Overall it has been another amazing year for surfing at Truro School and we are already planning new ideas for next year to take this sport further forward and to give more pupils the chance to experience the joy of riding waves on the Cornish coast.

Swimming

The year started with the Essa team event. Miss Holroyd took a team of over 30 swimmers to Millfield fielding both A and B teams in the junior and intermediate ages.

This year has seen good attendance at all the extra-curricular sessions on which we hope to build further going forward. The sessions have been aimed at fitness swimming, stroke improvement, competitive training, and all including swimming for fun.

At the end of the Spring Term we invited three other local secondary schools to gala with the 1st and 2nd years which is to become an annual event; Truro School came second with 110 points. Next year we intend to establish a similar gala for pupils in the 3rd and 4th years.

The House Galas were a great success seeing outstanding team spirit and sportsmanship across all four houses. Congratulations to all our swimmers who commit much

of their leisure time outside school to train and compete at the Cornwall County Amateur Swimming Association Championships many of who also gained regional times.

Tennis

Truro School has continued its tradition of offering tennis all year round to its pupils, for both recreational and performance players, and having successful teams in the annual school competitions.

Truro School's tennis programme now offers its keenest and most aspiring players two weekly sessions before and after school, four sessions per week during the summer term for recreational and team players, competitive opportunities in Cornwall and national school competitions and an annual trip to Portugal for beginner to performance players. Plus, pupils can access further coaching, national and international tournament trips, plus US and UK university placements thanks to the school's association with Newquay's Heron Tennis Centre.

A number of Cornwall's leading young tennis players have been recruited in the past year and the coming year due to Truro School's continued commitment to helping pupils excel in the classroom, developing into well-rounded young people and by providing the opportunities for pupils to fulfil their potential in tennis and other sports. The future is especially exciting for Truro School tennis!

Highlights of the past year include; Under 13 team became Cornwall Champions, Harry M wins the Plymouth Regional Tournament, Aimee B and Archie M represented Cornwall and Sammy W announced player of the Portugal trip, as voted for by the resort's coaches.

// Boarding



Trennick House

The year started with a highly enjoyable induction weekend for the new boarders. The weather was kind for the boarders' first trip to the beach where they enjoyed an afternoon of paddle-boarding and kayaking. The returning boarders arrived soon after, including a very strong Upper Sixth led by Head of House Oliver, Deputy Head of House Justas, and School Senior Prefects Mars and Callum. The Trennick boys immediately got stuck into the many extra-curricular clubs and activities. Alex started his Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award; Cam started bronze. Cam was also heavily involved in the school plays including the summer term's touring company. Jack and Roman were busy with fencing – they both performed at the British Youth Championships and Roman competed in the French National Championships. James and Alfie represented the school at rugby – it was great to welcome Fahed back to Trennick when he played for the Old Boys. The spring term saw Obum and Andrey play well in the school football 1st XI.

Weekends were busy over the course of the year. Highlights included a surf lesson at the nearby Perranporth beach. Simon discovered a love of surfing; he joined the Wednesday Afternoon Activity surf club and also returned every Saturday afternoon for another lesson at Perranporth. Another great day was the whole boarding community team-building in a disused quarry. The Trennick boys were mixed up into groups with the boarders from the other houses and enjoyed a day of different activities. Some of the boys clearly needed to build better designed rafts!

The House Council met several times over the year. Sammy made many sensible suggestions to improve the boarding experience including purchasing a Wii from the house entertainment budget. Jay provided invaluable help in maintaining and replacing the controllers to the Playstation and Wii. Max volunteered to join the Boarders' Food Council. He brought a great maturity to the role and was able to persuade the catering manager to make several changes!



The summer term always brings an increase in focus towards revision and preparation for exams. The Upper Sixth and 5th Year boys who were working hard towards their A-level and GCSE exams took full advantage of the excellent school library which is immediately adjacent to Trennick. Chris and Trevor led the way with his outstanding work ethic and independent learning habits. The weather also improved and the Trennick BBQ was dusted off and used regularly on Saturday evenings.

Theon insisted on organising a BBQ evening even when it rained!

Mr. Jeff Kitto, the Resident Tutor announced his engagement to Gemma Godzic. Sadly for Trennick they will leave at the end of the year - both will be sorely missed. The boys will retain fond memories of the pool tournaments which Mr. Kitto was always keen to organise and win! He has been a great role model for the boys who have benefitted hugely from his warmth, generosity and

sense of humour. Congratulations must go to Mr. Glynn Hooper, our outstanding Monday evening tutor who was married in June. Finally, special thanks must go to Mrs. Alex Copeland for the guidance and help she gives the boys on Thursday evenings, and also for all the extra hidden support she gives both the boys and the Housemaster!

Tom Copeland
Trennick Housemaster





Malvern House

The new academic year began in earnest on 1 September with many new faces, both boarders and staff, across both junior and senior girls' boarding. In Malvern we welcomed Miss Naylor to the staff team. Miss Naylor came to Truro School as a PE graduate assistant and also fulfilled the role of Resident House Tutor, providing support and adding strength to the existing house staff team that also included Miss Wright and Miss Malla.

The new year also brought with it many new boarders and it was a pleasure to open the doors to girls from the UK, Germany, Lithuania, Hong Kong and the United States of America. As ever there were the usual teething problems and homesickness to contend with but this did not last long and the girls quickly started to establish routines and initiate some lifelong friendships. With familiarisation activities designed to get the girls acquainted with both Truro School and the wider city, an afternoon of water sports at a nearby beach and a fencing taster session, there was no time to draw breath and the girls enjoyed getting to know each other and the boarders from the other houses before school started properly. It was refreshing to see the

girls stepping out of their comfort zones and I was impressed with their 'have a go' attitude; they certainly set the bar high for the coming year.

This year we have welcomed twenty-three girls to Malvern. Into the 5th Year, Kristina, Hannah and Anna joined our existing boarders Amy and Stephanie who moved over from Pentrewe. Into the Lower Sixth, alongside Helena, Tulip and Tung we welcomed Anna, Sophie, Emma, Codi, Meg, Leanne and Winkie and our Upper Sixth boarders Jemma, Sophie, Cherry, Hannah, Charlotte and Lisha completed the Malvern family. Over the course of the year, we have been delighted to welcome Lowenna and Erin as weekly boarders.

The weekend activity programme has been as busy as ever. Water based activities such as surfing, FlowRiding, kayaking and paddle-boarding have, as expected being in Cornwall, been factored in and have been complemented by activities including pot painting, horse riding, go karting, bowling and climbing to name a few.

This year we have benefitted from the new on-site Leith's Cookery School with the senior boarders enjoying some cook and dine sessions. Watching Miss Taylor teach and



guide the Malvern and Trennick boarders through a three course Italian, or Asian, meal is definitely one of my highlights and having these skills in their armoury as they leave for University and future careers will, I am sure, stand them in good hosting stead! Saturday evening activities have been organised and led by house prefects this year with the board games evening, the t-shirt decorating evening and the chocolate/cheese (not at the same time) fondue nights particularly well received.



Early on in the year, the boarders completed a team building and leadership day with Footsteps of Discovery and there has been a continued emphasis on mindfulness throughout the year. The boarders have benefitted from workshops where relaxation and managing/ coping strategies have been explored and developed and yoga sessions have been enjoyed.

Raising money for charity, being community-minded and trying to establish ourselves as environmentally sustainable has once again been a key feature. The annual Boarders' Bake Off for Macmillan Cancer Research was a resounding success for the third year running and the community came together to raise money on a number of other occasions too. Particular highlights include the Paris to London virtual triathlon and this year's Rainbow Run for Children's Hospice Southwest. With a plethora of beaches and coastal walks on our doorstep we have made the most of all that Cornwall has to offer; beaches

have been visited, ice creams in all imaginable flavours have been tried and the art of creating the perfect cream tea on St Piran's day was enjoyed. We have supported the Malvern musicians and budding actors at school plays and concerts and have revelled in the fact that one of our family appeared on Britain's Got Talent! There has been much sporting success on both the hockey field and netball court and our international fencers, Hannah and Leanne, have competed and made their mark at competitions all over the world!

Malvern has been successful on the inter-house competition front this year too, emerging triumphant in both the Boarders' Bake Off and the House Christmas Decoration competitions. Having led by example it was great to hear that the junior girls were following our lead and beat the junior boys in the summer term junior inter-house quiz.

Amidst the fun and play there has been plenty of academia too. Prep times have been used carefully and effectively with the girls taking their

studies very seriously. They have displayed high levels of motivation and I have been impressed with their work ethic and desire to succeed and do the very best that they can. I have enjoyed reading the very many positive comments on their reports and remain inspired by their ability to manage and juggle their many commitments.

The summer term has flown by in a wash of revision cards, wipe clean whiteboards and spider diagrams; post-it note and revision poster style wall paper has adorned the bedroom walls and the computer room has been a hive of activity over the last few months; the girls have worked tirelessly preparing themselves for their internal and/or external exams.

For me, it has been a pleasure to head up girls' boarding this year; it has been a privilege to help, support and guide this year's group of young ladies. The Malvern House tutors, Miss Naylor, Miss Malla and Miss Wright and this year's Head of House Jemma have provided fantastic help and support. Creating the home from home, caring and supportive boarding house atmosphere, where every boarder is known as an individual is so important and I know I speak for all the girls when I say a massive thank you to each of them.

Finally, all that remains is for me to say goodbye to the Malvern Upper Sixth Leavers: Cherry, Hannah, Sophie, Lisha and Jemma. I wish them the very best in the next stage of their adventures. We will really miss them and I hope they will pop back for a cup of tea and a catch up whenever they are back in the county.

Sarah Mulready
Housemistress for Girls' Boarding





Pentreve House

At the start of the year we welcomed Louise, Holly, Evie and Delilah to the house and the Pentreve family, and they all settled in very quickly to life in both Pentreve and the wider school. We have also welcomed several other girls to the house over the past year, including Aim and Aom, who came from Thailand to experience life at Truro School. In January we were joined by Michelle and Uliana, and in April by Mariia and Diana. It is wonderful to see how welcoming the girls are to each other and how people from many different cultures quickly bond.

As ever, it has been amazing to witness how much the girls achieve over the course of the year. Katie had her first solo in the cathedral with the school's Chamber Choir. She has followed this with a solo with the Cathedral Choir; she sang beautifully of course! With the Cathedral Choir, Katie and Evie have sung at both St. Paul's Cathedral in London and Exeter Cathedral. We all went to the service of Remembrance and the girls found it a very moving experience, especially when thousands of poppies were dropped from the central tower at 11am. The choir sang the world premiere of three pieces composed especially for the occasion.

In January Katie and Evie also sang at the enthronement of the new Bishop



of Truro. Later on in the year, everyone gathered in the common room to watch Britain's Got Talent to see both Evie and Katie, along with the other choristers perform "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" by Elton John. The girls were all very proud and excited when they watched the choir receive four Yeses from the panel of judges who thought the performance was so good they gave it a standing ovation! It was a very special moment.

This year saw the school production of West Side Story after more than a year of rehearsals. Nana, Katie and Bea had such a busy week: a whole weekend of final rehearsals, Monday

the dress and technical rehearsal and then six performances from Tuesday to Saturday! We all went to support them on Friday evening and were blown away by how good the acting, singing, dancing and playing was! Louis, Bea and Michelle also performed in 'The Crucible.'

We've also had the Boarders' Bake Off and used the new cookery school. Mr Hatfield is a trained chef, and so the girls spent a Sunday afternoon making their own pizzas from scratch. The pressure was on as Freya had revealed earlier in the week she had good experience in this area, and there was, as ever, much debate

about the rights and wrongs of pineapple on pizza. The girls were lucky enough to have a cookery lesson from Miss Taylor who runs the cookery school. The girls, joined by boys from both Poltisco and Trennick, were taught how to make a roast dinner (with chicken, lamb and pork to choose from) and two different puddings: 'Not a' lemon cheesecake and an Apple and Berry Crumble. Everyone then ate together around a large table in the cookery school café. There was also a session preparing a summer picnic. The girls were joined by the Poltisco boys to make sausage rolls, layered salads, rice krispie cakes and tear and share bread with olives and chorizo.

Holly and Delilah have both completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards, including both practice and the actual expeditions, walking in North Cornwall and down on the Lizard. Lily and Freya have both started guitar lessons and Evie is learning the violin. 2019 has also been the year of the ukulele in Pentreve, with many of the girls taking up the instrument!

We have taken part in a wide range of activities at the weekends, during their induction the new boarders went to Swanpool beach where they enjoyed water sports. We went bowling, to play laser tag, horse-riding



and all the boarders went to an adventure centre to take part in some team building. This included taking part in activities such as raft building, rock climbing and abseiling.

One of the girls' highlights was a trip to Truro Paintball. After some target practice, they were sent out into the muddy field to compete in the four different games. One Saturday the boarders completed a Paris to London triathlon. The 300km from Paris to Calais was divided into 6km bike rides on the static bikes in the school's sports centre. The 33km across the Channel was divided into 600m row or swim segments and the 122km from Dover to London was divided into a 2.5km run from Truro School, along the picturesque River Fal to the nearby Boscawen Park. We then treated all the boarders who took part

to a traditional cream tea at the local Trennick Mill café. I was really proud of the girls for taking part so readily and putting a great effort into each part of the triathlon. There was also a trip to Stithians lake, our local reservoir, to try out some water sports. Holly, Freya and Olivia were our intrepid trio who had lessons in kayaking and paddle boarding.

I would like to thank all the staff who have helped both the Pentreve girls and I over the course of the year: Mr Webb, Mr Hatfield, Miss Jackson, Miss Malla, Mrs Chanter and Mrs Kenward. Their willingness to get involved and do their utmost for the girls has been wonderful. We say farewell and good luck to Delilah and Michelle and wish them every success for the future!

Kensa Broadhurst
Pentreve Housemistress





Poltisco House

The year started with a full boarding induction trip to the beach for a very enjoyable afternoon of paddle-boarding and kayaking. Following this get together with our new boarders, we also welcomed back our two existing boarders, Alex and Morgan.

Our boys got involved early on with extra-curricular activities, with Ben and Owen beginning their morning swimming routines (including 6.30am starts twice a week), and our fencers, Amari and Henry beginning their training. They have had an extremely busy year, travelling across the UK and Europe to compete in competitions, whilst sustaining very high standards in their work at school. Peter also brought his US basketball skills with him across the Atlantic, and enjoyed weekly sessions with the boys from Trennick.

As well as sports fixtures and general entertainment, including regular trips to town, we also made the most of the lovely early Autumn weather with trips down to Boscawen Park, only a short walk down the estuary from Poltisco



house, where we enjoyed a game of football. An early highlight of our weekend trips was a beautiful trip down the river to Trelisick house and gardens. We were treated to cream teas and beautiful views of the Fal estuary.

During this term, Urko represented the school in Rugby, while Peter replaced

his American football with the British rugby ball, taking to the new sport very well.

Our term finished with excellent Christmas celebrations in the dining hall, combined with our annual trip to the Eden Project and its seasonal ice-rink. We also had an opportunity to wander around the biomes,

exploring their tropical and Mediterranean habitats. A highlight of the spring term was when Henry stepped in to drum for the Easter concert and the junior band following illness. In just a few days, he learnt Chameleon by Herbie Hancock and produced it in front of a crowd of hundreds of pupils and parents. In the summer term, we were joined by Mathis, Seva and Adrian. As the weather picked up, we made the most of it on a number of trips around our beautiful county. These included a whole boarders day trip to St Ives, where we bought ice-cream and enjoyed the scenery – although the water looks inviting, it was still too cold for a swim!

We also enjoyed a junior boarding trip to watch Cameron perform in the junior play, which he had been attending rehearsals for over several months. One of our final weekend activities was a trip to Holywell bay, where the whole community played golf around a beautiful Pitch and Putt course overlooking the sea. We also bid farewell to our Housemaster, Mr Andy Lawrence, who had led our house for two years, having served in Trennick before that. A special thanks to Mr Andy Pomery and Mr Andy Barnett for their duty nights over the year. The boys particularly enjoyed watching the staff relay race, as Mr Thomson, Mr Barnett and Mr Pomery all ran a relay leg in the winning Smith House team on Sports Day.

Peter Thomson

Poltisco Resident House Tutor



// Throughout the Year

Charity Committee

Truro School has had another fantastic year, raising over £13,000. Sarah Ellis has been a fantastic Chair this year and we have all been impressed with her energy and enthusiasm. She stepped back in the Spring Term to concentrate on her A-Levels and has been replaced by Lower Sixth students Lily H (Charity Prefect), Zoe B and Alex M. They have been ably supported by Bimini L (Charity Prefect), Daisy B-H, Matthew S, Dan H, Orla E, Jess H, Katie M and Lara W. The team have covered a wide variety of jobs this year such as researching charities, presenting in chapel, offering technical support, designing posters, marketing and writing speeches for our Charity Days.

Our main charity events continue to be the five half termly Charity Days, where students opt to wear home clothes for the day and donate £2 to our chosen charity. We spend time researching each of our proposed charities before voting during our break time meetings; hopefully this ensures that we choose organisations which really resonate with our school community.

This year we have supported national charities such as *All We Can* for our Harvest Festival, *Ocean Cleanup* and *Lumos* (a charity to prevent children entering orphanages and institutions) and some fantastic local causes such as *Surfers Against Sewage*, *Shelterbox*, *Cornwall Helicopter Appeal* (for *Cornwall Air Ambulance*) and *Children's Hospice South West*. This year we also added some events for our charity days including a sponsored cycle/run for *Shelterbox* and a beach clean at Perranporth to support SAS.

The annual Senior and Junior Charity Concerts were exceptional this year. The events are student-led so auditions, planning and marketing are dealt with by the students involved. However, they couldn't possibly deliver the events without Swen and his tech team and the Burrell Front of

House team, who offer up so many hours of their time over weekends and after school to make the event happen. We are so lucky to have their help along with the massive support from the music school and Mr Palmer.

This year they were in aid of *Brain Tumour Charity* (£1839 raised for the Junior Charity Concert) and *Children's Hospice South West* (£390 raised for the Senior Charity Concert) and particular credit should go to Ben R, Jenna K and Ben J for hosting these events in such a humorous and entertaining manner. Fin W should get a special mention for his sponsored head shave during the interval – a Charity Concert first!

Each week of the Autumn and Spring Term a different tutor group takes its turn to run a charity event of their choice and this year we have had some fantastic cake sales, hot chocolate sales and sponsored events. Charities supported include *The Flicka Foundation*, *Macmillan*, *WWF*, *Children in Need*, *Penhaligon's Friends*, the *RNLI*, and *Cancer Research UK*. The most successful event so far was from 2H's sponsored silence, raising an impressive £285 for the *Children's Hospice*, while 2L and 3L's 'wear one pink item' day at School raised £266 for *The Pink Ribbon Foundation*. The 2nd Years have certainly led the way with form fund raising this year and we look forward to seeing what new ideas they come up with next year.

As always, we would like to thank all the form tutors who take the time to organise these events. We are really appreciative of the time and effort that staff, parents and pupils have contributed to this fantastic total and look forward to supporting worthwhile causes in the coming school year. We always welcome new faces to our meetings, so if you would like to get involved in anyway, please come along on a Thursday break time.

Nancy Kenward and Heather Alford
(Charity Coordinators)





Sustainability

This past year has been filled with many exciting projects. The energy from last year's World Aims on 'Our Hidden Worlds' has continued with all elements of the Truro School community working hard to become more sustainable.

Mr Baker's wildlife garden continues to flourish and develop. Sophie Poat has helped to establish a new insect hotel alongside the raised beds and a number of bird boxes / feeders have been strategically positioned around the site. A wildlife corridor has been marked out which has led to sightings of foxes and deer and wild meadow seed has been sewn to encourage pollinators. The estates team and gardeners are a valued asset to the sustainability committee but more so recently with their wealth of knowledge on conservation and ecology which is enabling us to make the most of our precious grounds

In the kitchens, there has been a great effort to reduce our plastic waste and impact on the environment. The meat free Tuesdays were inspirational and some exciting dishes like 'pulled jack fruit' have enabled us all to appreciate how a varied diet can be tasty but also sustainably better for the planet.

Following on from the Lobster release at the end of last year after World Aims, future opportunities have been developed to support the national lobster hatchery in their continued efforts. With a new team of student divers going through their training, it is hoped that Truro School will be doing many more activities to help support our oceans and hidden worlds.

The estates team have also been hard at work making sure that our school is reducing its carbon footprint. With a range of new LED lights along with the solar panels, there is hope for the work to continue so we can be a beacon of sustainable excellence.

There has been a lot of work behind the scenes setting up networking opportunities to help Truro School move



forward. Miss Malla and Mr Baker were honoured to attend a Tevi (Cornish for grow) strategic meeting in which we were able to discover ways in which Truro School can support the community around us and become a 'giver' but also be a 'receiver' in hope that we can get enough funding behind us to start to explore the build of Tobi Yeomans 'environmental educational hub'. Truro School have also enjoyed making new relationships and enabling old relationships to grow.

Miss Malla recently had an exciting meeting with the great minds behind the Refill Store in Truro and helped them to celebrate their year anniversary with staff, students and parents going along to try to ditch bad habits and work on our 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' efforts.

Academically, we have seen a range of students focus their EPQ projects on sustainability. Ben F dazzled us with the exciting changes that flight companies are having to contend with in order to reduce their carbon footprint and this year; Jack H is looking into the sustainable fuel alternatives in trains, Harry C-L is designing and making a sustainable surfboard and Izzy B is already working at a degree level on her analysis of water security.

There are many exciting projects in the pipe line; from diving and lobster releases to wildlife gardens. The launch of the student sustainability committee will help to make an even greater impact with regular beach cleans and creative focus groups to steer the school into its sustainable future.



World AIMS

During this year's World AIMS Days, Truro School pupils from 1st Year to Lower Sixth attended workshops and talks encouraging students to 'look beyond themselves'.

Taking place over two days and working in house teams, the students welcomed and visited charities and organisations committed to helping others, including; Shelterbox, Send a Cow, Cornwall Air Ambulance, Sea Sanctuary, All We Can, Wave Project and Street Cramps.

At the Shelterbox Visitor Centre in Truro, students attended a specially designed immersive event activity where they were given an exciting insight into what it takes to be a Shelterbox Response Team (SRT) member, from packing the shelterboxes for the right climate to prioritising disaster areas.

Back on School grounds, representatives from Cornwall Air Ambulance put the students through

their paces with an activity designed to symbolise the fitness levels required by Air Ambulance personnel. They also explained how the charity relies on fundraising efforts in order to provide their life saving service and showed the students some of the kit required for each mission.

Send a Cow explained how they look beyond themselves to help poorer countries. They used a Transformative Household Methodology to explain the roles and responsibilities of household members in these countries and open up conversations around equality. Send a Cow outreach staff use the same methodology with families in rural Africa as part of their gender development work.

Penryn based Mental Health Charity, Sea Sanctuary, taught the students a technique called 'anchoring' and explained how everybody has mental health and that we can work together to improve our own and each other's mental health and wellbeing. The students then created their own

storyboards around mental health issues.

All We Can joined our groups for a workshop designed to think about situations faced by communities affected by climate change, reflecting on the influence that external factors can have on the outcome of any aspect of your life.

The students also enjoyed talks from Tassy Swallow who is focussed on getting girls into surfing and Bimini Love with her charity, Street Cramps.

Each student formed their own understanding of the topics covered and took their own insights away with them. Whilst the activities only took place over a few days, it is clear that the messages and lessons will help the students and staff to looking beyond themselves.

Thank you to all the Charities and speakers who joined us and to all the staff who helped to organise the days and to the pupils for embracing the theme and truly looking beyond themselves.



The Extended Project Qualification

Once again, the Sixth Form students have produced some outstanding projects this year with two students: Anna W and Maisy V managing to complete the EPQ in a year. Each year, I am amazed by the amount of resilience that the students develop throughout their EPQ as well as the level of professionalism in their approach to developing relationships with collaborators on their projects resulting in a wealth of skills for students to take with them beyond the recognised academic outcome. Traditionally, students have often elected to complete a project in a field that will support their future career development, however, we are seeing more students decide to focus on subjects that they have a personal interest in which is enabling the students to leave Truro School with a deeper sense of identity.

The range in dissertation projects this year highlights the flexibility of the EPQ at Truro School. Our unique approach to delivering the programme means that students get focused support and advice to steer their project in the right direction. From a detailed analysis into venomous snakes to a potential new political system of 'Epistocracy', the breadth in literature reviewed and quality in synthesised arguments is refreshing. There are too many dissertation projects to go through in an isolated manner but each project was a testament to the level of academic maturity required to write at a degree level.

Whilst we did not have any performance students this year, our artefact students were particularly inspirational.

Anyone who attended the EPQ showcase evening in March would have been privileged to see the wonderful works from Ben R on breeding a new species of 'lavender hens'. Likewise, individuals who were able to attend the art installation from Millie M would have been blown away by our students' skill and vision. James V's project which was a little 'more close to home', focused on creating a Cornish board game and Billy B's robotic arm was a result of great computer programming skill. Each project was developed with exceptional creativity and refined with great skill which would support them in the professional industry.

I am proud of what each student has achieved this year as they have all had to manage the challenge of completing an EPQ. Any student who has completed it will tell you that at 'times it feels never ending but was worth it for the academic skills they had learnt'. I am confident that each student has learnt real world skills as well as academic resilience that will support them post A-Level.

I would like to thank all those who have supported our students as supervisors as well as Mrs Stone, who has continued to offer her valuable support to our students.

Extended Projects undertaken by this year's Upper Sixth

DISSERTATION

Alex McC

Is Online Journalism Justified in its representation of Venomous Snakes of Malaysia?

Anna W

Should Germany extend their video surveillance and follow the example of Great Britain?

Callum P

To what extent were the British to blame for the murder of 'The Twenty-Six Commissars of Baku' in 1918?

Charlie S

To what extent is the Marxist interpretation of the causes of the French Revolution still valid?

Finn B

Doping within the realms of sport: is what's being done enough?

Finn W

Should Democracy be replaced with Epistocracy?

James B

Is the commercial aviation industry doing enough through innovation in technology to limit its effect on Global Warming?

Maisy V

Should lessons in drama be compulsory for all secondary school students due to the health benefits (physical, mental, and social) in adolescents?

Oliver L

How likely are humans to colonise Mars within the next 50 years?

ARTEFACT

Ben R

To create a lavender Indian Game & breeding program through selective breeding, to enable the coronation to be made

Billy B

Assembling and programming a robot arm that can perform similar actions to that of a factory robot without human input

James V

To design a game about Cornish industry through the ages.

Millie M

To produce a conceptual mixed media art installation as a form of social engagement to highlight façade in Chinese society during the 2008 Olympics in the style of Chinese political contemporary artist and activist Ai Weiwei.



Staff Leavers

James Austin

We welcomed James (Ozzie) Austin to the PE department at school in September 1996. James quickly made his mark as a talented all-rounder sportsman and outside his immediate teaching commitments was always eager to undertake new responsibilities, showing an enthusiasm and willingness to fully involve himself in the life of the school. Over the course of 22 years he has inspired generations of youngsters in lessons and those involved with rugby, football, hockey, cricket, athletics and cross country teams.

His greatest passion has always been rugby and he was indeed a first class player, representing England Colts as a scrum half in the same side as British Lions and World Cup winning captain Martin Johnson.

I was pleased that James joined us on our first tour to South Africa in 1998 and in addition to his expertise as a rugby coach, he also famously excelled as a jockey riding in an Ostrich race!

James' school teams were always well prepared and he was deservedly appointed as Cornwall Under 16 county coach and subsequently Under 18 county coach. Without doubt his most notable rugby achievement at school was seeing his Under 16 team of 2012 win the All England Schools Sevens tournament at London Irish RFC and also reach the quarter final of the Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens, the largest sevens tournament in world rugby.

James has been dedicated to his service to Truro School, combining his PE teaching with Maths and History and has been staff Common Room representative. He was an integral member of the boarding community for many years as Head of Trennick House and I know that countless numbers of youngsters and parents from all over the world have deep gratitude for the opportunities, care, kindness and support offered by James and Emma during their time in Trennick.

We have shared some wonderful memories with Ozzie during the last 22 years, as a close friend and colleague, and we all wish him, Emma and family the best of fortunes as James takes up his new role as Housemaster at Wycliffe College in Gloucestershire.

Mrs S Newton

Phil Brewer

Phil Brewer joined Truro School in September 2010 as the Head of Sixth Form and Co-Ordinator of Co-Curricular. Phil rapidly built strong relationships with the staff and students and in particular his charges in the Sixth Form, who often affectionately called him 'Brewdog'.

Phil is a first rate teacher respected by his students and with a gift to inspire students on matters, philosophical and ethical. Phil's many strengths and coaching

abilities were quickly recognised by Andrew Gordon-Brown when he took up his headship and Phil was promoted onto the senior leadership team.

Phil has fulfilled many different roles at senior level and showed great flexibility to take on responsibility in areas where resource was needed. He was a valuable source of experience for all of us on the senior leadership team and influenced many strategic decisions. Phil was instrumental in co-ordinating the continual professional development of staff and in particular the leadership programme which has had a significant impact upon many aspects of school life.

Phil got stuck in outside the classroom and was very supportive of the games programme. He led many expeditions around the world in his time with us including trips to Uganda and our first World Challenge to Peru.

Phil's calm demeanour and outdoor education experience was invaluable on such trips when 'things happened' and he is always someone you would want with you to deal with and take charge of a crisis. Phil also managed to fit in, amongst other things, coaching rugby and numerous outdoor pursuits, including the DofE.

His versatility, calmness and resourcefulness will be sorely missed by us all but they are qualities perfectly suited to the next stage of his adventures where he is heading out to Nepal and then Laos utilising his coaching and teaching skills.

Mr S Pope

Kensa Broadhurst

Kensa Broadhurst joined Truro School in September 2017 as Deputy Housemistress for Girls' Boarding and a teacher of French. During her time in post Kensa guided the junior girl boarders with passion and enthusiasm and provided a caring and nurturing home from home environment in which they were able to make the most of all that was on offer to them.

From the end of January through to July 2018, Kensa stepped in as Housemistress for Girls' Boarding to provide maternity cover. Here she offered invaluable help and guidance to the senior girls in Malvern House, supporting them through the stressful GCSE and A-Level examination sessions and UCAS application process.

Kensa was an avid supporter of all things musical and worked tirelessly to support the girl boarding choristers over the last two years. She assisted in the organisation of weekend and evening trips and activities and played an instrumental part in the induction of new staff to boarding.

We wish Kensa the very best of luck as she moves on from Truro School and thank her for her hard work and support over the last two years. Her novel take and dry sense of humour will also be missed greatly by the MFL Department, for whom Kensa has provided valuable support in teaching French; a unique sense of humour; a wicked laugh and a whole new lexicon!

Mr O'Neil

David Connolly

David Connolly joined Truro School as the Head Chef in November 2005. Arriving from the Headland Hotel in Newquay where he was the Executive Head Chef, he brought a career's worth of knowledge from the hospitality sector with him.

His technical skill was immediately apparent and a couple of years later he became the Catering Manager. David has overseen many developments within the department, not least the construction of the two new dining rooms which doubled the seating capacity and required a complete restructuring of how meals were served, along with the provision of lunches in the Sixth Form café to give our students more independence. Latterly, David has moved the school diet in a healthier direction.

David has lost none of his culinary prowess while being a manager as anyone who has been to one of the dinners will vouch for. His menus are imaginative, cooked to perfection and delicious. His witty 'one liners' are capable of brightening any meeting and will be missed.

The Department David leaves bears little resemblance to the one he inherited. Not only has there been the expansion in the premises there has been exponential growth in the number of commitments David and his team are asked to support around the school.

David is leaving Truro School after 14 years of dedicated service to enter an even busier field, that of retirement, but he is planning to 'keep his hand in' on the stoves so you never know we may not have experienced the last of his culinary expertise just yet. We wish David all the very best for the future and thank him for everything he has done for Truro School.

Mr C Fraser

India Hare

India joined the Prep reception office last September, having worked in the office at Truro School since January 2018. She leaves us to return to the world of auctioneering which is her area of expertise. India has been such an asset to the Prep, very quickly picking up the ropes and has worked tirelessly to ensure that everything ran smoothly in the office, always with a smile on her face. I know that her colleagues, parents and the children will all miss her, but we wish her all the best in her new job.

Mrs C Wambeck

Sallyann Homer

After 16 years at Truro School, Sallyann's departure will mean a notable absence, particularly in Pre-Prep, where she has been an integral member of the team. The huge quantity of love and admiration shown for this wonderful lady, by the children and their families, is due to her kindness, care and boundless energy.

Completely dedicated to the school and ensuring every child receives the most

memorable, plentiful and enjoyable experiences possible, Mrs Homer has committed an incomparable amount of time to creating a wonderful classroom, lessons and extra-curricular opportunities that stay with our pupils for life.

The number of children and staff that will recall Mrs Homer being at the centre of ski trips, French trips, Café-Théâtre, DVD and Duvet nights and creative comfort breaks, amongst so many other occasions must be huge. A haven of peace and tranquillity, the Pre-Prep staff room is not with Sallyann around - the only person who could create an Olympic style competition with Maltesers and a tape measure.

As the instigator of activities, ideas and no small amount of mischief among staff and children alike, Sallyann's effervescent presence will be hugely missed.

Mr P Sharp

Lucy Joines

Lucy Joines was with Truro School for 17 Years. She helped develop the ceramic department to a thriving and much loved area of the school. Lucy is an amazing ceramicist who is Japanese trained and a magician on a potter's wheel. When I arrived, new to Truro School, she looked after me and showed me the ropes in her quiet and calm manner. She was aided by a wonderful technician called Val Coutts who mothered all the pupils.

My first impressions of Lucy was of a teacher who really cared for every child and focused on the good in everyone. She always gathered her pupils around her table at the start of the lesson and spent time putting up Christmas decorations in her studio. Students naturally warmed to the environment she created and her classroom was always full at break times, lunchtimes and after school.

Lucy was instrumental to the development of the City of Lights parade at Truro School and was one of the key figures in the Combined Truro Schools Art Events where she attended meetings and helped with workshops and the final exhibitions.

She always ran her ceramic clubs which were very popular with the younger years. In her time, she has inspired so many pupils to take up ceramics and glass. Lucy was a wonderful member of the staff team during the annual Cape Cornwall and London residential art trips.

She will be greatly missed in the department but we will need to call on her from time to time to teach us more about glass. We wish her all the best with this venture and always look forward to catching up with her.

Mr D Meads

Phil Kerkin

Phil Kerkin stepped down from our Governing Board a couple of years ago having given a dozen years of service to the school. As a Governor he was hugely insightful and, although a man of few

words, he is one of those people who when they do speak, are worth listening to.

Phil has an amazing ability to see the wood for the trees and cut to the heart of any issue. With over 30 years of banking experience and as a start-up and turnaround specialist, Phil is certainly a man with employability skills! And so when it came to finding a new school bursar it wasn't long before I was devising an approach to persuade Phil that he really did want a demanding full time job, this time as an employee of Truro School. I failed, but Phil did kindly agree to step in as interim bursar on a two days a week.

During his nine months at Truro School, Phil has been an absolute pleasure to work with and has added such great value to the school in this time. His strengths are many but he managed in a short space of time to have a really positive influence on the culture of all areas bursarial, giving line managers both the support and freedom to feel empowered to take decisions and get on with the job.

Phil is a wise and discerning fellow as well as possessing great commercial awareness. He's definitely a guy you want on your side in any negotiation and he did the school proud on many an occasion. It was an honour to work with Phil as interim bursar and I am full of gratitude for the extraordinary contribution he has made at Truro School over many years. All that remains is for us to twist his arm to re-join the Governing Body!

A Gordon-Brown

Andy Lawrence

Mr Lawrence first started at Truro School on the 17 September 1984. He has just completed his 35th year as a member of staff at Truro School and he has worked across many departments; lab technician, boarding master, IT teacher, PE teacher and Head of Cricket are all roles that Mr Lawrence has thrived in.

Truro School has been blessed with many teachers who have influenced its pupils across a wide range of subjects, and Mr Lawrence is certainly one of them. It is without a doubt that he always had time for the students that needed him and his pastoral care made him an obvious candidate for a boarding role, with his final calling being housemaster to the junior boys in Poltisco.

Mr Lawrence's other passion, cricket, has seen him lead the programme over the last few years and, as Head of Cricket, he has kept the proud traditions of Truro School's cricket team alive. Mr Lawrence has juggled this whilst teaching IT and he has been an active member in the PE department, running rugby, football and cricket teams throughout the terms.

We are very thankful for all of his hard work throughout the years and Mr Lawrence will be missed by all the staff and pupils here at the school.

Mr D Sanderson

Andy MacQuarrie

I feel slightly fraudulent being the person who has the honour of writing about Andy MacQuarrie because I have known him such a short time compared to many other colleagues. Andy has worked at Truro Prep for 32 years and I have only known him for three of those but I have loved all three of them. Starting a new job, but particularly a headship, is quite a significant challenge - one that I don't think I could have done without Andy by my side. One of the first conversations that I had with him was to ask him to steer me in terms of all things historical related to Truro Prep and to Cornwall so that I didn't 'drop any clangers' (this is a very Andy MacQuarrie phrase!). He has been so kind with his gentle guidance and advice, and I am extremely grateful to him.

Another 'Mr Mac' phrase that I have heard him use so often and that makes my heart smile is when he says 'We've come up with a bit of snag' and then closely follows it with, 'but I think I have a solution!' That sums him up so well - there is no job big enough; no challenge great enough; nothing that can stop him from just making things work - both literally and figuratively.

Mr MacQuarrie goes the 'second mile' in every way; I know I will never be able to summarise all the examples of this - I would need a few chapters - but some of the areas where he has run, co-ordinated and steered the school is in Design Technology (obviously); music and instrumental lessons; plays and productions; sports and the outdoors; Truro Prep Diploma; John Muir Award; liaising with so many teachers regarding different needs (sometimes repairing their furniture, I have even heard!). And that is only in three years; he has worked in so many departments and in so many areas during his 32 years.

Children adore Mr Mac; they see someone who genuinely cares for them and wants the very best for them. Whether it is in the classroom, on a moor, up a mountain, on the continent, on a lake or a cliff path... anywhere, he is wholly wonderful in his care of children. There have been so many FTS events (quiz and curry nights; barn dances; summer fairs) where he has been invaluable to the parents, too. Whether it is quiz master extraordinaire, encouraging parents to do-si-do each other around the dance floor, or putting up gazeboes, Mr Mac is the man for the job!

I will miss him, the children and staff will miss him but we know he will be back to visit us very regularly and I hope that he will continue to be part of our school for many more years to come. Educator, Legend and Friend - thank you, Mr MacQuarrie.

Ms S Patterson

Sue MacQuarrie

Sue MacQuarrie's contribution to Truro Prep and Truro School over the years has been immense and hugely valued by all who know her. During her time here, Sue has worked with the children in the

Nursery and Pre-Prep, been a receptionist, first aider and resources administrator, and of course been a leading light in the delivery of kayaking and outdoor activities to the Prep children. Her calm competence and good humour has been so appreciated by all who know her, both staff and pupils.

Sue was always the first to volunteer to help on school trips, including many hikes around the Cornish coast with all year groups, and of course on the Year Six French trip when it was always considered a bonus for the pupils if they were in Mrs Mac's group. As well as her amazing contributions in her own right, she has been a great support to her husband, Andy, including helping with props for the school plays and the buggy construction. She has also been a supportive and involved Truro School mum, with Stuart, John and Kathy going through the school from Prep to Sixth Form.

We wish her all the best for a well-earned rest away from school and a very happy future doing what she loves.

Mrs A Gregory

Claire Murphy

Claire has been at Truro School for ten years, first as Housemistress of Malvern and then after a couple of years, Claire became Head of Boarding.

In her time here, Claire has also taught Biology, Physics, Chemistry, PE, games and PSHEE. In her role as Head of Boarding, Claire also ran and managed the boarding and policies inspection a few years ago, in which the school achieved an outstanding report.

As Head of Boarding, Claire was also a Pastoral Head at the school and sat on the child protection senior management decision group for many years. She also ran Inset training days, school liaison meetings, ran marketing teams for boarding and managed the health and safety groups.

Ms S Finnegan

David Neale

What can be said about this gentle, quiet, stalwart and pillar of the Treliske and Truro School Prep community?

David Neale took up the post of class teacher over thirty years ago. During his time in the school he has been a form teacher, games, art, history and English tutor across the year groups as well as leading the pastoral work for a number of years and adding so much inspiration through assemblies – (where he might play the lyrics of pop songs to emphasise the importance and beauty of the English language, surround the hall with a roll of toilet paper to show the passing of history's time or count out the precise number of minutes held at break times to illustrate the importance of social interaction) or through information when leading extra-curricular trips and visits.

He has had a huge influence on pupils and staff alike, possibly more so than he realises. His care and love of the children has been exemplary, always using a calm and dedicated approach to enable children (and colleagues) to be the very best they could be.

It is probably best to use the words of pupils, parents and staff to sum up his much cherished time at the school;

'Mr Neale - thank you for your honesty when it came to my lack of sporting enthusiasm! Especially my cross country abilities which were truly terrible! After getting a stitch about 5 minutes in and moaning about it, you helped me get through it then encouraged me to keep going and complete the course! I have now run marathons and still think about your encouragement as I'm running a course!'

'Mr Neale - you are to this day my favourite teacher - I aspired to be like you when I started teaching. My main interests and specialisms all came from you, Football, Art, English and History. My Dad and I still have fond memories of you and taking all of us off to football matches. Thank you, as I would not be where I am today without your efforts.'

'Mr Neale - you taught our son in year 4 and 6 and the transformation is quite amazing. English wasn't always his favourite subject but somehow you managed to change him. We now fall out when it's time for bed as he wants to carry on reading and I want him to go to sleep!'

'Mr Neale - you were the man who taught me that it's possible to write left-handed without smudging, and once sat down with me on a bench next to the side woods in front of the Millennium Block during a lunch break and patiently listened whilst I explained that absolutely nothing was wrong, even though I was clearly having a hard day.'

'Mr Neale understood and appreciated our son's quiet but insightful ways! The nurturing and encouragement have been priceless.'

Mrs M Issaka

Neil Rudge

Neil Rudge joined Truro School as the Facilities Manager in January 2016. Returning to the UK from working at a boarding school in Kenya, Neil brought a unique array of skills and knowledge to the role.

Neil arrived at a time of restructuring for the Facilities Department and he set about this with much energy. He introduced a new approach to caretaking support which has resulted in a much improved service to school but the most notable, and certainly most time consuming, aspect of his role was managing the transport requirements of the school.

During his tenure the number of vehicles has grown by a third, two of the school bus runs were brought 'in house' after being contracted out and the whole fleet

has been replaced with new comfortable vehicles. The number of transport commitments the Department is asked to meet has grown significantly and it is due to Neil's efforts that they are able to do so.

Much of the work that Neil undertook was behind the scenes and not visible to most staff but none the less it was very important. In his time, he oversaw the renewing of some of the largest contracts in the school (energy, cleaning and transport to name but three) and developed a schedule for all his planned maintenance tasks that ensured compliance when the School received its ISI inspection. We thank Neil for all his hard work and wish him well in his new venture.

Mr C Fraser

Bob Warren

Bob Warren has served Truro School for the best part of twenty years. He brought with him two main passions; firstly, his enjoyment and skill in design and manufacture, and secondly his love for water sports.

In the workshops, Bob had a lovely manner and his gentle way with the pupils ensured that individuals were able to thrive and grow in confidence. He was a 'class act' in manufacturing, able to think his way through, often challenging, design problems in all material areas, but his main skill and enthusiasm was for woodworking, where he was able to apply traditional techniques to create beautiful products.

Bob has fostered Truro School students' love of water sports by instructing them at Roseland Paddle and Sail, his sailing school based on the Percuil River. Bob's infectious enthusiasm for sailing, windsurfing, kayaking and SUPing, combined with his extensive experience, encouraged the students to forge a lifelong commitment to these sports.

Over the years he has undertaken a number of impressive endurance events particularly in rowing and yachting. His rowing has seen him compete a multitude of times at the Gig rowing world championships on Scilly, where in recent years his team was crowned World Champion in the veterans category. Last year he sailed in the 'Round the British Isles' yacht race where he was winning in his class for most of the race until poor weather forced him to take refuge, providing opportunity for another boat to pip them to the post! But perhaps Bob's most impressive claim, was his rowing of the Atlantic, which led to an invitation to be the key speaker at Speech day in 2006.

Mr C Baker

John West-Letford

John West-Letford has served Truro School Design and Technology department as a technician for 10 years. His skills in engineering, honed over 35 years in industry, have provided both colleagues and pupils with invaluable experience and opportunity.

His famous steam engine building activity was central to inspiring dozens of aspiring young engineers and his commitment to engineering principles has remained one of the cornerstones of manufacturing, during a time when digital has become more prevalent. John's ability to up-skill with more modern technologies, while excelling in the more traditional, but still highly relevant engineering practices, places him within an increasingly rare and valuable group of individuals.

John's sometimes 'gruff' verbal manner was utterly betrayed by a warmth and generosity of spirit, that will be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to experience his help. John has been a magnet for many individuals, many of whom have enjoyed and benefitted from his calm, nurturing and supportive interest. So too, his interests and insight into past engineering marvels as well as developments through time of the British navy, will be remembered by many fondly. We will miss him dearly and hope that we can do justice to his legacy and appreciation for British design!

Mr C Baker

A special mention

Glenys Tall

She was a great lady and I think she'll go down in Prep history.

Our Prep School community was shaken by the news of Glenys' death on 6 June; although she had been away from school since the previous autumn, it seemed so horribly sudden when it actually happened. Although we were, and still are, so sad at the loss of our colleague and friend, what I notice is that whenever anyone speaks about Glenys, it is always with a smile.

Glenys worked at Truro Prep for nearly 14 years and had many responsibilities in different areas of the school. She was first and foremost our first aider (she hated it when I referred to her as matron in my first couple of weeks at the school) and so her job was looking after children – a most important one. She was keen to be involved in everything! She loved the residential trips away and would get stuck in to any activities whether that meant diving head first into mud or taking to the skies in the 'high' challenges. Her trips to France with our Year 6 children were always a highlight for her and she loved sitting and chatting to the children and the staff about anything and everything.

Music was another one of Glenys' loves and you would often hear her humming or singing quietly to herself as she went about her work. She loved to come into assembly for the hymn singing and to hear what was going on.

I will best remember Glenys for her wholly positive approach to life, even when she was feeling so poorly; she was always able to turn things around and make people smile.

Sarah Patterson



A Word from the Governors

I am very proud to be Chair of Governors at Truro School. The role of a Governor is a fine balance between eyes on and hands off, so we Governors can't take credit for any of the amazing advances that staff and students achieve – only blamed for when things go badly off track! So, when Truro School and the Prep have another year of progress, success and stunning moments, I merely take some vicarious pleasure that we helped to build a framework in which these things can take place. I watch in awe as motivated staff and inspired students do great things in the classroom, in the theatre and art gallery, on the sports field, squash court and fencing piste, at concerts and now in the wonderful Cookery School. I must confess to having indulged more in the results of the Cookery School than the sport this year; and think this a genuinely 21st Century life skill that we have added to our young people's repertoire.

Life skills like this, creating rounded and well-balanced citizens make our children and alumni stand out from the ordinary. In a world where the individual is taking control, where the standard-produced people and homogenised products of the 20th Century no longer cut the mustard, Truro School people – enquiring, communicative, collaborative and kind – will be the star colleagues, entrepreneurs and innovators of the future. Teenagers' and children's wellbeing and, more than that, happiness are at the top of Governors' agenda. We try to balance Truro School's role as Cornwall's pre-eminent educational establishment with a place where each child feels individual, cherished and confident in this complicated world we live in. The digital, social media environment we inhabit is realising that personality, integrity, value-driven qualities are what make the difference. We are trying to nurture young people who deliver these qualities in spades.

Although Truro School Governors are not always at the top of your mind, we are in the background consistently endeavouring to create the right place for Cornwall's young people and we are always happy to hear your thoughts and feedback.

Kim Conchie
Chair of Governors

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