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THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 2019 TRURO SCHOOL CONNECTED, LONDON

An opportunity to meet or reunite with fellow alumni and friends over a drink and canapés, chat about university, discuss career development, opportunities, achievements, entrepreneurial ideas and much more. All alumni and former staff welcome. Guests very welcome. Places are free of charge but please RSVP via the booking form on the Truro School [website](#). 6.30pm-9.00pm.

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2019 EVENSONG AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral, performed by Truro School Girl Choristers. Guests very welcome. Places are free of charge but please RSVP to tsa@truroschoo.com. 5.00pm.



WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2020 TRURO SCHOOL CONNECTED, BRISTOL

Truro School Connect, Bristol. An opportunity to meet or reunite with fellow alumni and friends over a drink and canapés, chat about university, discuss career development, opportunities, achievements, entrepreneurial ideas and much more. All alumni and former staff welcome. Hosted by Headmaster Andrew Gordon-Brown and former Headmaster Paul Smith. Guests very welcome. 6.30pm-9.00pm. Please RSVP via the [booking form](#). 6.30pm-9.00pm.

FRIDAY 3 APRIL 2020 AFTERNOON TEA REUNION

Annual Afternoon Tea Reunion. Enjoy a Cornish cream tea with fellow alumni and partners from pre-1975. Guests very welcome. 2.00pm-5.00pm.

4, 5, 6 JUNE 2020 ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW



JEREMY EDMONDS CO75

Sailing around the Indian Ocean

Jeremy is currently helping his friend sail around the world, but we managed to catch up with him after sailing part of the Indian Ocean. He told us he left Sydney in April before cruising up Australia's east coast and then across to what they call 'The Top End'.

The heavy duty sailing started in mid-July, with me, my skipper and my niece forming the intrepid crew. We departed Australia from a remote but very friendly town called Broome. The local Australian Border Force officers were nothing less than stellar - they drove down onto Cable Beach, a stunning venue off which we were anchored, and gave us our customs clearance at 7.30am on a Saturday morning, after we had come ashore in a dinghy. They even sent us a photo to wish us well! Talk about great customer service!

After 10 days, we stopped in the Cocos Islands, which are stunningly beautiful, and then sailed on to the

Chagos Archipelago, which is even prettier. We have now arrived in the Seychelles, having covered 4,200 nautical miles in the past 5 weeks (that's about 8,000 kilometres, or 5,000 miles. I will be joining the boat again in Cape Town in early January.

After leaving Truro School Jeremy had a break, working on farms in Brittany and Bavaria before eventually moving to Australia where he has been now for 39 years after initially visiting on a working holiday in 1980. He worked in the financial services sector with his most prestigious role as Chief Executive of the Qantas Superannuation Plan.

We asked him if he still manages to visit Cornwall and



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Truro School at all?

While my parents were still alive, I came back to the Duchy every year for the past two decades. Regrettably, but inevitably, they both passed away in the last four years.

I have visited the School a number of times over the past four decades, and am in awe at the advances I've seen.

Are you still in touch with anyone from your time at Truro School?

*My closest friends in Cornwall are **Tony Deacon** CO78 and his family, who are based in Falmouth.*

We look forward to hearing more exciting tails of Jeremy's trip as it continues in South Africa next year.





FEATURES

Annual Reunion Day

Saturday 7 September 2019

The day began with netball and rugby fixtures in the afternoon in the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre and on the sports fields. These annual fixtures comprise of the new Truro School 1st teams playing, in the case of rugby; last year's outgoing 1st team - aka our new alumni team and the netball alumni team which was rallied by **Amelia Grigg** CO14. All teams played well with the alumni teams victorious in both matches!

During the evening of Saturday 7 September, Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown, Director of Admissions, Jayne Grigg and her Alumni Relations Team, and the TSA Committee welcomed alumni, former staff, current staff and their guests to the 99th Annual Reunion Dinner at Truro School. Over 100 guests attended from across the globe, including France, Australia, Japan and Hong Kong and of course, from all over the UK. The familiar faces of former staff including, former headmaster Guy Dodd accompanied by wife Helen, Ann Weeks and Alan Johnston, also delighted alumni.

The evening specifically honoured the decennial anniversaries for classes of 59, 69, 79, 89, 99, 09 as well as some of the earliest female alumni. Attendees gathered for pre-dinner drinks in the Heath Dining Hall with the wonderful sound of the clarinet played by Lower Sixth Form student Romano Bezzi-Coddetta and electric organ played by Truro Schools' Peter Thomson, floating down from the gallery above. They were able to enjoy chatting and reminiscing over the beautiful archive display which once again had been put together by Truro School Researcher/Archivist, Jo Wood and included, full school photographs, sporting photographs, old newsletter articles and more.

At 7.45pm, as tradition would have, the old dinner gong was sounded inviting guests to take their seats in the old Dining Hall to enjoy a 3-course dinner prepared by Chef Manager, Andy Burt and his team. Reverend Aubin de Gruchy led those present in the Grace. This year we were delighted to see a large group from CO69, including some of the former Truro School 1969 rugby 1st team, among them **Ian White** all the way from Australia and **Simon Nicholas** from France. Some of the first ladies to graduate from Truro School were also present and others who had travelled from abroad included, **Claire Mak** CO99 from Hong Kong, **Wataru Hayashi and Sherman Leung** CO99 both from Japan. Guests began to leave at around 11:00 pm, with some continuing on into the night in Truro, but Jayne, Nicky

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and Amanda were still chatting with some guests until after midnight.

Rachel Vaughan, TSA Chair writes:

Next year will be the 100th TSA Annual Reunion Dinner on Saturday 5 September when we hope to mark this auspicious occasion by gathering as many Truro School alumni together as possible. Please put the date in your diary and start now, gathering members of your cohort together, and help us to make this a truly memorable event, especially as it takes place in the 140th year of Truro School.

We are keen to hear from any alumni who might be able to gather their year group. So if you are willing, please get in touch as we can send you class lists. To reserve your place for the 2020 Annual Reunion Dinner, please contact us by emailing: tsa@truroschool.com or telephone Amanda: 01872 246094.

Visit the [Alumni Community Events Gallery](#) on the Truro School website to view even more photographs from the evening.

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2019 dinner and we look forward to seeing many more familiar faces at the upcoming Truro School Connected event in London on Thursday 10 October and Bristol on Wednesday 26 February 2020. Reserve your places now by visiting the [Alumni Events page](#) of the TS website.

Grateful thanks also to the Truro School Teams who helped to make this evening an enormous success as always: Events, Caretaking, Catering Teams and Music Department.



Annual Reunion Netball Match Report

Truro School 1st VII vs Alumni
Saturday 7 September 2019
Venue: at home

A strong leavers' team provided a tough test for the newly formed 1st VII but the game was highly entertaining and played in a great spirit. School's performance gives us plenty of reasons to feel optimistic about the upcoming season and there were some beautiful passages of play from our girls.

A solid defence did well to keep a formidable leavers' attack to just 29 goals. Plenty to feel good about!

By Dan Sanderson, Director of Sport

Alumni Team Lists:

Gabriella Cecil CO11
Amelia Grigg CO14
Rebecca Hughes CO15
Molly Jenkins CO14
Abigail Little CO15
Elinor Powell CO21
Antonia Sparling CO21





Annual Reunion Rugby Match Report

Truro School Boys-U18A vs Alumni
Saturday 7 September
Venue: at Home

On a fantastic September afternoon, we were treated to a very competitive game of rugby between the Truro School 1st XV and the returning former pupils.

School started well, gaining possession and field position early. School were rewarded with a penalty in front of the posts, with Josh Allister slotting comfortably. An arm wrestle ensued for the remainder of the half, with the former pupils gaining the upper hand. After 10 minutes of pressure on the School try line, the former pupils were rewarded with a try after a series of pick and go's. The try was converted by Callum Penry. The former pupils added another try in similar fashion just before half time, with Penry again converting, this time from out wide.

The second half was a tale of missed chances and handling mistakes from School, with both defences coming out on top. It wasn't until the last play that we were treated to the best play of the game, sadly though it belonged to the former pupils. After a midfield scrum, the former pupils broke down the side line and were hauled down at the 22. With quick hands and deep runners, the ball zipped down the line, allowing Hugo Polglase to score in the corner. A big thank you to all involved and it was a good experience for the School team.

We wish the former pupils well as they take their next steps and hope to see them back next year, as spectators!

By Dan Sanderson, Director of Sport

Rugby CO19:

Charlie Armstrong
Billy Bateson
Will Beconsall
Alfie Burns
Sam Dunn-Rundle
Milo Hallam

Toby Haywood
Roan Kitto
Will Moore
Jordan Opie
Ross Paling
Callum Penry

Hugo Polglase
Matt Pritchard
Max Sampson
Troy Sixton
Charlie Standen
Mark Nicholas - Coach





Truro School Alumni Train with the Cornish Pirates

Two former Truro School rugby 1st team players relished the opportunity to train at the start of 'pre-season' with the Cornish Pirates: **Ollie Andrews** CO18 and **Joe Elderkin** CO17.

Prop forward Ollie Andrews is presently at Cardiff Metropolitan University. The 19-year-old has played for Exeter Chiefs under 18s/Academy, Falmouth, and for Cornwall under 20s.

Fly-half/full-back, Joe Elderkin, has previously trained with the Cornish Pirates, making one appearance for the team in a pre-season friendly played in 2017. Joe is presently at Exeter University, he has represented Exeter Chiefs Under 18s/Academy and played for them in the Singha 7s. He has also played for Redruth.

Cornish Pirates Director of Rugby Chris Stirling said:

To ensure a balance between youth and experience is crucial to any successful club, so to provide the opportunity for talented youth from the county to experience professional rugby is a win-win for all involved.



Brian Tempest

**PHILIP HOSKEN CO53**

Educating and providing career opportunities in Cornwall to help combat climate change

Philip is Director of Bio Engine Technology Ltd based in Cornwall who are working with support from the ERDF (European Regional Development Fund) to develop a powerful alternative Rankine Cycle engine based on Cornish technology. Packaged with the biofuel, it will fulfil all that is required of it and will appeal to eco-anxious motorists and commercial operators.

Philip says:

Cornwall is in the forefront of this new science with the Environmental Technology Institute at Tremough and, with projects such as the Wave Hub, Hot Rocks, its wind power making a positive contribution to the grid and HerblTM engine and fuel development ... The Cornwall Development Company has high hopes for its recently submitted claim for further ERDF Marine Challenge Funding that supports the above projects.

Billions are being spent in the battle against Climate Change and there will be numerous career opportunities for the suitably qualified. The Cornwall Development Company has high hopes for its recently submitted claim for further ERDF Marine Challenge Funding that supports the above projects. There will be an exhibition of its work at Heartlands, near Pool, Redruth, on Friday 1 November.

Following his time at Truro School, Philip took an 'interesting international life' working in construction and motor management at director level, but before that he joined Lloyds Bank Ltd. Philip is now retired but chairman of Bio Engine Technology, and lives in Redruth where he was born. We asked him a few questions:

If he could offer any advice to anyone considering a similar career path?

Depends who you are, if you're single-minded, choose a career you can live in all your life and make the best of it. If you have a variety of interests, enjoy them all.

Are you still in touch with anyone from your time at Truro School?

Eric Jenkins, David Letcher CO52, Adrien Willcocks CO51, George Prowse CO49, and Alan Murton CO51.

Do you feel your time at School, or anything about your time here, helped you to progress in later life?

The influence of the staff, 'Bert' Willday, Alan Scales, etc. and its disciplined way of life.

Read more about Philips work with Bio Engine Technology, climate change and his knowledge of possible student career pathways in this industry in Sustainable Career Opportunities Combatting Climate Change.





PHILIP HOSKEN CO53

Sustainable Career Opportunities Combatting Climate Change, by Philip Hosken

We hear more about Climate Change every day. Researchers and scientists warn us, politicians talk and financiers look for ways to make money. Few of them actually 'do' anything about it.

Combatting Climate Change presents students with substantial career opportunities in a new science. It is not the age-old divisions of physics, chemistry and biology but one where an appreciation of all three subjects is necessary to be successful.

Which sector should a student choose?

The industrialists with stakes divert our attention away from their environmental misdemeanours and statistics vary depending on their source. Students interested in a worthwhile career combatting Climate Change would be well advised to draw their own conclusions as to where their endeavours will be most rewarding, for them as individuals and the planet.

Let's take the environmental student who wishes to follow an agricultural career. With agriculture being the third-largest contributor of greenhouse gases, he or she might wish to find alternatives to diesel tractors and trucks, the use of mains electricity, artificial fertilizers and the headline-grabbing emission of methane from ruminants. In addition to solar and wind energy, there were once 288 water mills in Cornwall. Most of the energy in that free water now flows to waste. One can see a requirement for physics, chemistry, zoology, and botany in the agricultural scene.

This isn't the place to explore all the components of the agricultural scene so we'll just take the first one, the internal combustion engine (ICE). This man-made machine has done more than any other device to cause climate change. So long as the ICE is manufactured it will use fossil fuel. Emissions from transport are the only ones that are rising. The oil industry is buoyant with plans for the next forty years that are at odds with governments aiming to reduce CO₂.

Fossil fuels are derived from vegetation laid down in the time of the dinosaurs. Fuel obtained from current vegetation is clean and powerful. Around for 9,000 years, bioethanol was the only liquid fuel until various alternatives were refined by the oil companies. It was used in the first motor vehicles and Henry Ford described it 'as the fuel of the future'. Seen by the oil companies as its greatest competitor, it has been eased it out of the market place and the public has been turned against it. Most people do not know that bioethanol exists but over 120 million cubic metres are manufactured annually.

Its exhaust is composed of neutral CO₂ and water (steam); with no other gases, black carbon or other harmful particulates.



Engineers in the writer's Bio Engine Technology company are working with support from the ERDF to develop a powerful alternative Rankine Cycle engine based on Cornish technology. Packaged with the biofuel, it will fulfill all that is required of it and will appeal to eco-anxious motorists and commercial operators. Please view www.cleanclimate.co.uk and pose questions.



Woodwork: My World

by Tim Tall, Alumni and Former Truro School Teaching Staff

Woodwork, CDT, Design Technology, Design and Realisation, Resistant Materials, and Product Design, all of these labels, timetable names, exam syllabuses/specifications and qualifications have at some stage in my time at Truro School been relevant to what went on in the School's workshops, wherever they were at the time.

I suppose a bit of a timeline at this stage might help clarify things a little, as really I can only write about my experiences, first-hand both as a pupil and then later, and for much longer, as a teacher who delivered the subject that has now evolved into DT.

Well, my journey through what started as Boys Handicrafts, ie woodwork and later, for me, metalwork, began back in 1966, when at the tender age of 12, and joining the 2nd Year, I had my first taste of woodwork with the then head of the department Dennis Keam, who to all accounts was a one-man-band in terms of delivering the subject.

For some reason then, we got half a year of woodwork and half a year of art on our timetable, but that did not commence until we were in the 2nd Year. I never really knew or asked why we were not able to do that from the 1st Year but Truro School has always had its little idiosyncrasies, as we all well know.



Anyway, back then the woodwork room was a single storey room, which is now the outer part of the Sixth Form Centre, and linked to it, and down a few steps, was the space that later became the metalwork room in 1968, with the arrival of Roger Shore. By the standards of the day it was fairly well set out, with excellent workbenches, a good selection of hand tools, all of which were carefully stored/displayed, and importantly, kept sharp and in good working order. There was a solid Union Graduate woodturning lathe, that remains in service to this day, a modestly sized band saw, and an oil-cooled tool grinder, that similarly is still in use.

The timber store had a small circular saw. There were no portable power tools that I can remember at that time. The space itself, however, was at best modest and could feel quite cramped when in use by older pupils working on larger projects. Certainly storing work in progress was an issue, and the open beams and rafters above the room had been put to use to rack table frames and the like.

[Click here to read the full article online](#)





CLARE COCKS CO97

Teaching Music

Clare studied at Truro School right the way through from Year 1 to Upper Sixth, in the first cohort of girls to do so. At that time there were about 40 ladies in a year of 120 pupils. We asked Clare if she had any special memories from her time at Truro School?

Clare says: *Looking back at the musical opportunities we had I don't think I realised at the time how lucky we were, the Cathedral concerts were fantastic along with a host of other events. However it will be the A-Level music lessons with the long-suffering Derek Spedding in what was then called 'the band hut' that I will remember most fondly. We were a very keen, if not always conforming A-Level music class who kept him on his toes from what I remember. I hope it's not too late for an apology!*

Clare says she knew at the time she wanted to pursue music, in particular piano performance before leaving School and was fortunate to gain a full scholarship to the Junior Royal College of Music for Sixth Form where she spent "many happy Saturdays" travelling from Camborne to London for her music studies. She then left Truro School with an unconditional offer to study piano performance at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester before beginning her teaching career.

She now teaches piano and violin at some of the UK's most well-known schools, and is the Music Development Coordinator at Moreton Hall, alongside running the music society, organising chamber music groups and teaching piano, violin and theory whilst working on a freelance basis as a piano teacher at Oswestry School. Outside work she is also on the committee of the Gregynog Young Musician Competition in Wales helping to develop the size and exposure of the competition through their social media platforms and generating overseas interest from music professionals.

She says: *My job is hugely varied, from teaching one-to-one lessons through to organising music trips to London and helping develop music scholarships in the school. No two days are the same.*

Outside work Clare lives in Cheshire, near Manchester, with her partner Terry, 13-year-old daughter Beatrice and a "menagerie of cats and dogs"! However, she still visits



her family in Cornwall in the school holidays and even visited to give a piano recital in the chapel after a few years after leaving.

Clare reflected: *Looking back, I don't think I appreciated at the time how much there was on offer musically at Truro School, and in Cornwall in general. Having now taught in many different schools and counties, I can see how lucky we were, not only to have staff that were so dedicated to us all but the opportunities that we were offered. There seems to be even more music making happening now in Cornwall which is wonderful as music is dwindling across many parts of the curriculum in other areas of the UK and to see it going so strong in Cornwall fills me with a lot of hope as a musician.*

We asked Clare if she felt her time at School helped her to progress in later life?

I think being the first year of girls made me more resilient and the music department had an obviously large influence on my life. The school motto, which I obviously knew at the time, really only meant a lot to me years after. I often think about how important it is to be yourself and not seem to be something you are not.

What are your immediate / long term plans for the future?

My current roles are only relatively new so I would like to develop those for another few years and then would like to get back into performing again, start to look more into research and possibly university teaching. Life has a habit of making its own plans so who knows!

Having attended Truro School on a music scholarship, it's fantastic to hear that Clare has gone on to have such a successful career within music.



RICHARD STEVENS CO91
JONNY INNES CO15

Truro School Connected

DT students welcome leading UK designer, former pupil Richard Stevens and recent design graduate Jonny Innes

Nancy Kenward, head of careers, was delighted to welcome **Richard Stevens CO91**, one of the UK's leading designers, and **Jonny Innes CO15**, a recent design graduate, to talk to Sixth Form A-Level Design & Technology students at the end of last term.

Nancy commented: *This is part of the Truro School Connected initiative, aimed at using the wealth of knowledge within our alumni community to help current Sixth Form students as well as recent leavers. Receiving advice and guidance from those who have previously 'walked in your shoes' is always inspiring and hugely helpful for our students. Being able to call on this wonderful knowledge base that we have among our alumni, offers an enormous advantage for our Sixth Formers.*

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



Richard was also responsible for the design of The Keyn Chair Group which is the first group of Herman Miller chairs to be entirely conceived and developed outside the USA.

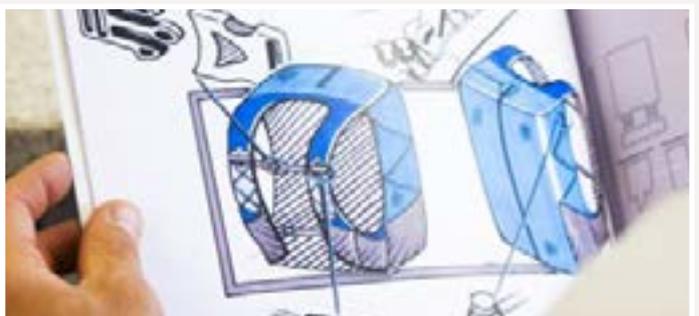
In a recent interview with Design Insider, Richard commented: *A few things led me into design – the first was the fact that I had an amazing design teacher at school... He recognised a talent in me and pushed it.*

forpeople Ltd now employs more than 95 people whose talent, experience and consumer knowledge have led to strong relationships with many premium global brands.

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

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

If you would like to contact Richard or Jonny for advice or to reconnect, please contact Amanda in the Alumni Relations Office at tsa@truroschoo.com or 01872 246093.





COLIN GROVES CO80 – CONNECTING WITH - BETH RUTTER CO17

Truro School Connected

Colin Groves left Truro School in 1980, a Truro boy, Colin is now a Kiwi living in New Zealand. Colin has spent the past 25 years primarily as Director of M&A at Tetra Laval, one of the world's largest private companies and maker of the renowned Tetra Pak packaging solutions and DeLaval milk processing machinery. He has also held roles at Informix Software, and US healthcare multinational Johnson & Johnson.

Colin is an entrepreneurial business strategist and marketer. A passionate rugby businessman, a serial investor and director both in NZ & UK, across investment companies, start-ups, high performance & sporting, & agri-tech.

A chartered accountant and former English schools & colts rugby international, Colin currently chairs the Agri Group of Companies, which includes dairy consumables business, Deosan, as well as Oriens Capital, SeaDragon and Waikato Rugby. He also sits on various other boards such as Sprout Agri-Tech, Cornish Pirates Rugby, Truro City FC and is an independent director of Bay Venues in NZ.

In 2016 Colin connected with the Development Office at Truro School, and was asked if he might visit and talk to Sixth Form students about his businesses, sporting and life experiences, as a former pupil now 'living the dream' in the Land of the Long White Cloud: Aotearoa, New Zealand.

At the end of his presentation, Colin was approached by one of the students, Beth Rutter, and she said that she wanted to go to NZ and 'live the dream' too! Beth explained that she already had a University place in 12 months-time to study Marketing but really wanted to go to NZ for her gap year.

Colin explained: *We kept in touch and it was clear that Beth was determined and driven, and, long story short, she ended up working at St Paul's Collegiate in Hamilton-Waikato, a mainly all-boys public school. However, Beth didn't stop there, and took on an internship at Waikato Rugby Union, I just happen to be the Chair, but absolutely no strings were pulled, as our Commercial Manager selects everyone on merit.*

After about 10 months, Beth and I were in touch again, she said she had fallen in love with NZ and wanted to stay - What to do? I was able to give her some advice and make introductions. Waikato Rugby Union have great relationships with the 2 Universities in Hamilton, through our sponsorship arrangements, but these places are normally reserved for High Performance Rugby Players.

Once again Beth's determination and drive came to the fore and she is now studying for her Marketing degree in Waikato.

So simple message:

If you have a dream, as long as you are determined, with just a little help and the right 'connections' you can make it happen and you never know who might be out there to help within the Truro School Community!

Colin Groves CO80

Chair: Waikato RU

Director: Cornish Pirates and Truro City FC 246093

Read about Beth's account of discovering her love for New Zealand, with a little help from Colin on the next page.





COLIN GROVES CO80 – CONNECTING WITH - BETH RUTTER CO17, CONTINUED

Truro School Connected

Beth Rutter attended Truro School from 2010-2017. This is her account of discovering her love for New Zealand, and how determination and the right support can pay off in life changing ways.

Beth writes:

At the start of the autumn term in Upper Sixth, I applied for a Gap Tutor position at St Paul's Collegiate School in Hamilton, New Zealand. I had sent my CV to the school, along with having an interview for the role, so it was now a matter of time as I was waiting for a response. Colin Groves then arrived at Truro School to give a talk to the sixth form and when I heard he was based in New Zealand; I saw this as a great opportunity to find out more about where I could be going for my gap year. After the talk I decided to ask Colin some questions which he was more than willing to answer, while he also said I should keep in contact with him if I end up getting the place. When I found out that I had finally been awarded the position in early 2017, I let Colin know straight away and we arranged to meet up for breakfast with my parents, to talk more about life in New Zealand. I asked if he knew of any unpaid work experience I could take part in while I was out there because at the time I was planning to return after a year to study marketing at a university in the UK. He told me to get in contact with him once I had finally landed and that we could go from there. Colin quickly got me in touch with David Fox, the commercial marketing manager for Waikato Rugby, which led to me helping at matches, award evenings and corporate events; all invaluable experiences. These all involved me working closely with the marketing team which gave me the chance to do a range of jobs while meeting a range of people from the behind the scenes staff to the players. Throughout this time, I was working at the school in the classrooms, offices and sports department during the day, while in the evening I was helping in the girl's boarding house; Harington.

When I reached the halfway Christmas mark of my gap year, I reached the decision that one year was not enough and that I would love to stay on and carry out my study in New Zealand. I discussed this with Colin and tried to figure out the best plan of approach as he helped me

through my application from start to finish. I ended up applying to Waikato Institute of Technology, also known as Wintec, where I am currently studying.



I am now nearing the end of my first year of study at Wintec. I will soon be starting the summer Christmas break, and I begin looking forward to starting my second year in February, majoring in sales and marketing. I am also gaining the role of Assistant Housemaster in the girl's boarding house for the upcoming 2020 school year, where I hope to continue working throughout my study and time here. I am still in continuous contact with Colin Groves and David Fox regarding my study, while I also continue at current Waikato Rugby events. I have now been in New Zealand for roughly two and a half years and I am looking forward to what my future in New Zealand brings.





Truro School Connected

CAN YOU HELP?

Truro School are hoping to increase its exchange opportunities for students.

Over the summer break, Headmaster Andrew Gordon-Brown took the long trip to Australia with his son Kit to take part in a school exchange at Toowoomba Anglican School in order to try and increase the School's exchange opportunities for students.

In support of our mission to produce young men and women who are ready to influence the world we have been building a programme of opportunities for our students to grow as internationally minded global citizens.

To this end I spent a very interesting couple of weeks in Australia over the summer holidays visiting Toowoomba Anglican School (TAS) with whom we have set up an exchange programme. Last term a couple of Toowoomba boys spent half a term at Truro School and my son, Kit, volunteered to take one for the team, as the Truro School guinea pig on this programme.

Kit spent a thoroughly enjoyable month at TAS. Toowoomba is the second largest inland city in Australia after Canberra and the school is perched in a stunning location at the edge of the Great Dividing Range, looking back down on the coastal plain towards Brisbane. Kit was so warmly welcomed into the school with a strong family ethos and really benefitted from the cultural experience of attending lessons and boarding in that environment.

This new exchange with TAS adds another relationship to our programme. This is something that I would like to continue to expand by developing partnerships with other schools around the world. I would love to hear from alumni who might be in a position to make some introductions.

We know that many of our alumni are working in schools abroad, so please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you can help.

Contact Amanda at tsa@truroschoo.com or call 01872 246094.





ALEX YOUNG CO13

Truro School Connected

Business Lunch Report / STEM Careers

We were pleased to welcome back **Alex Young** CO13 to Truro School on Thursday 26 September. Alex was kind enough to deliver a talk at our first Truro School Connected Business Lunch of the academic year to students who are thinking of studying STEM subjects at A-Level and/or beyond.

Alex is a former pupil who left Truro School to study Geology and Engineering at undergraduate level before using it to pursue a career in several areas before landing on his feet as a graduate IT Project Manager. He is now based in Hertfordshire, but still comes back to Cornwall to visit his family often!

Once the students had left for their afternoon lessons, Alex commented on the impressive turnout, and how interested they were.

Alex said: *It's great to be back and have the opportunity to provide advice and support to current students as I know how vital it is to be offered career advice at school, and how valuable that can be before the time comes when you start deciding what you want to do after school. The students today should be praised for how seriously they are all taking their futures... It's also just nice to be back at my old School, and to see what's changed!*



We have been hugely grateful over the years for the help and assistance our alumni, former and current parents have given in support of our Careers programme.

We are now developing this to ensure that not only our Sixth Formers but also our alumni have access to a network of contacts across the globe who can, in partnership with Truro School, assist and advise them in their future career planning.

Truro School Connected aims to connect Sixth Form students, alumni, current and former members of the Truro School Community to assist them with careers advice, guidance, work placement opportunities and networking links. If you are a former alumni and think you may be able to help, please don't hesitate to contact the Development office. We appreciate that not everybody is able to visit the school to chat to our students about their career paths but there are other very important areas in which you can help us, if you are happy to do so. Maybe you can review CVs? Attend our London and/or Bristol Networking events? Offer work experience?

If you can help, or indeed would like to receive help and guidance, in any way, big or small then contact Amanda at tsa@truroschoo.com today.



Latest School News



New Sixth Form Café Opens

The refreshed café has been completely redecorated with a light and modern nautical design, following extensive work over the summer holidays.

The new focus will be about providing a variety of tasty and exciting dishes using fresh ingredients that are all cooked from scratch on site, in an open kitchen where students can see dishes being prepared right in front of them, whether they're socialising or studying.

Alistair Turner, Assistant Head of Cookery School, said: "There's a trend to start opening up kitchens, and in a way inviting the customer to see what's going on and how things are prepared, cooked, and managed. We are adopting this trend in our Sixth Form Café to encourage openness."

The café will have a different menu every week, with themes including Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, and Spanish, to name just a few. Responding to the increasing demand for vegetarian and vegan choices, the café will offer a range of options. As the season moves on, dishes will move

from salads to stews and vegetarian bakes.

Maria Taylor, Head of Cookery School at Truro School, said: "It's a very different type of offering from your regular lunches or breakfasts. It's a good opportunity to encourage students to taste a range of different flavours, and most importantly, a range of nutrition."

The recipes are all prepped on site. Alistair and Manuel Espejo, Cookery School Assistant, have experience as senior chefs at Rick Stein's Padstow, and are now at Truro School leading the chef team.

[Read the full story online](#)



National Volunteer Award Nomination for Maisy



Sixth Form student Maisy Vincent has been nominated for a national award for her dedication to Helpforce, working closely with dementia patients to improve their time in hospital.

On October 25 Maisy will be travelling to London for the Helpforce Champions Young Volunteer of the Year.

Maisy has been dedicating her Wednesday Afternoon Activity to Helpforce, a new charity working with the NHS aiming to release pressure on NHS Trusts by increasing numbers of volunteers to help with the care of patients.

Each NHS trust has its own volunteers and volunteer system, but Helpforce is working to provide links between them by looking at all the trusts, seeing who's doing what well and how that can be applied to other trusts across the country looking to increase their volunteer numbers.

Maisy has spent most of her volunteering as dementia support at Royal Cornwall Hospital Triliske, where she's based on wards with high volumes of dementia patients.

[Read the full story online](#)

1st Years arrive for Induction Day



We were pleased to welcome the new starters to the Senior School induction day this week. Full of enthusiasm, the 1st Years took part in a day full of team-building tasks. To help them get to know each other, the children led the way in solving their challenges, giving each other instructions and ideas to be able to complete the scenarios.

School raises over £13,500 for charity



Truro School had another fantastic year, raising over £13,500 with money from charity days and events.

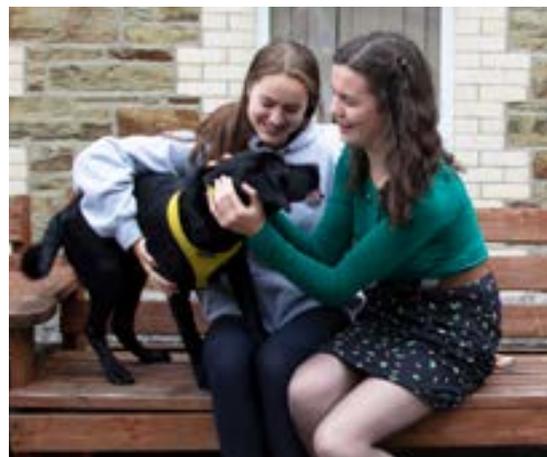
Sarah E was a fantastic Chair last year and we were all impressed with her energy and enthusiasm. She stepped back in the Spring Term to concentrate on her A-Levels and was replaced by then Lower Sixth students Lily H, Zoe B and Alex M.

The team covered a wide variety of jobs last year such as researching charities, presenting in chapel, offering technical support, designing posters, marketing and writing speeches for our charity days.

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 Co-ordinators)

Bumble and Maverick



We welcome two new furry part-time members of staff!

School dogs Bumble and Maverick have been greeted with literal open arms as they settle in to their role as help and support companions.

The aim of having the dogs present is for them to be able to assist children who have special needs, suffer bereavement or who are upset in any way and are in need of calm, comfort, and space before being able to tell an adult what has upset them, or could even hear children read that may help improve confidence.

Children will be able to pat and play under strict supervision at certain times of the day. They are also taught how to behave when with them and how to be safe around dogs in general.



Pupils and students celebrated excellent A-Level and GCSE results this summer



Congratulations to our Upper Sixth leavers who did us proud, and to their teachers for supporting, guiding and inspiring them to heroic things. Just over 70% of all exams were marked A*, A or B with an impressive 45% of all grades at A*/A. In raw terms these are the best results in the last four years.

Just as pleasing as the many high flying results are those where, after intervention from our specialist staff, individual students have been helped to turn things around to negotiate the step up to A-Levels. Our A-Level value added score, which takes into account the inclusive nature of our intake, is once

again judged excellent (nationally). Many academic departments have achieved superb results, but Geology and Geography deserve a special mention where their value added was amongst the best in the country.

GCSE results were also very good with 21% of all grades at 9/A* and 57% 9-7. Twenty students scored 9 grades at 9/8/A* or better and there were also some great results from students who, with targeted input from our Learning Support department, achieved good passes.

Particular highlights this year include exceptional results in the Sciences where

Biology, Physics and Chemistry achieved 72%, 71% and 70% at grades 9-7 respectively. A superb performance was also recorded by English Literature and History where 68% and 76% of students achieved grades 9-7 respectively. Our Geology department continues to do amazing things with an incredible 85% of all students scoring a 9-7.

Truro School's commitment to the performing arts is once again reflected in very strong results with music students topping the charts achieving an unbeatable 100% 9-7 grades.

[Read more online >](#)





Success in the Dinghy Fest Championships



Sixth Form student Amy sailed her way to victory at the Royal Cork Yacht Club's 2019 Dinghy Fest Championships held in Cork Harbour.

Amy and her sailing partner won 1st place as Junior Crew and 1st Lady Crew, beating the Irish National Champion and Olympians in the process.

The girls came fourth overall - a splendid achievement, well done!

Finn crowned National Youth Class Champion



Finn Hawkins has been competing in the RSX Windsurfing National Championships, which were held at Grafham water over the 7th and 8th September. The nationals are the biggest event of the year and over 200 athletes took part.

Finn explained: "With mainly 10 mph winds, it was quite shifty but this made for exciting racing. There were a total of 8 races over 2 days and I managed to win all 8, which I am very pleased with. This meant I was crowned RSX youth class National Champion".

All of us here at Truro School are very proud of Finn's achievements and we wish him well as he continues his windsurfing journey.

Brilliant performances at National Squad Selection



Truro School's sabre fencers put in some brilliant performances at the first national Cadet (U17) and Junior (U20) squad selection event.

In the Cadet Boys' event, the school's fencers absolutely dominated proceedings, with Darcy H taking gold and Max C Silver. Both Roman N (9th) and Henry M (12th) made the top 16, and some younger fencers also impressed, including our newest Truro fencer Sam H and Amari L who both made the L32.

[Read the full story online](#)



Budding designer adds to his portfolio



Sixth Form Student Sean is a budding Design Engineer who recently went on work experience at ISO Spaces, a Container Conversion company based in Truro. Sean was given a design brief, similar to one that a job applicant would be given, and in just four days, Sean had to create a plan, design, and present his idea in a pitch style presentation.

The brief was to design a container conversion for an area at Bristol Temple Meads train station. Guided by an experienced Design Engineer, Sean came up with a brand new company concept, the Coffee Container Co.

Using a design programme called Solid Works that Sean was familiar with, he created the exterior and interior, thinking about the biggest and smallest details as realistically as possible. Aspects like light features and plugs may be something we all take for granted,

but the planning has to be thought out for it to work glitch free.

In a short space of time, Sean built upon his software knowledge, pushed his creativity, and added valuable work experience to his portfolio. Sean is keen to study Design Engineering and Product Design at university.

Currently, the dedicated student has been working on multiple projects as part of his coursework.

Sean said: 'I'm working on an accessory that attaches to paddleboards to make them more stable and provides propulsion. Whether you're a beginner or looking for a thrill, the accessory can enhance the speed. My Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is more electronic based. I have created a device that can be stuck on to speakers or headphones to make them wireless and Bluetooth'.



National Under 17 Title for Lexie at British Cadet and Junior Fencing Championships in London



[Read the full story online](#)

Eddie Pearce seizes European Champion Title in latest Surf Life Saving Championships



[Read the full story online](#)



Sad News

OBITUARY NOTICES

Brian John White
1957 - 2019

Attended Truro School
1968 - 1975

Brian's memorial took place on
Monday 5 August in Camborne

Cecil Henry Jones
1922 - 2003

Attended Truro School
1934 - 1940

Adam Hughes
1998 - 2019

Attended Truro School
2010 - 2014

Died 22 August 2019
Adam's memorial service took
place in Cambridge

Charles Tyack
1934 - 2018

Attended Truro School
1948 - 1951

Died peacefully in his sleep

In our newsletters we place brief obituary notifications, but we welcome more personal tributes which are published in the annual alumni Truronian magazine. If you would like to discuss a tribute please contact Amanda at tsa@truroschoo.com. Thank you.



Happy News

ABIGAIL AND BILLIE WOOD CO16

Graduation news from the Wood family as we learnt of Abigail and Billie graduating from Exeter University in July with a BSc Geography with Applied Geographical Information Systems (GIS). Billie has now started with Lidl at their Exeter Regional office as a Graduate Regional Manager and Abigail is heading off to South Korea to teach.



GREGG BALDWIN CO80

We were delighted to welcome Gregg Baldwin back for a visit on Monday 5 August. Greg, wife Louisa and their two children, were holidaying in Cornwall and took the opportunity to contact us and see if they might be able to drop in.

Greg certainly noticed many changes to the School since he attended from 1973 – 1978, leaving after O-levels. He recalled many of his former teachers including; Mr Worsley-White and Dennis Keam. He told us: *It was lovely visiting the old place, it has certainly rekindled some old memories, including the long train journey to and from school each day.*

Greg now lives and works in Cambridgeshire, working for Cambridge University as part of the Project Management team.



Happy News

BARRY TONKIN CO87

We were delighted to welcome Barry Tonkin back for a visit on 8 August 2019. He arrived with his partner Shan Wu for his first look around the school since leaving in 1982 and moving to the USA permanently shortly thereafter.

Barry has recently been staying in London temporarily for six months on a work contract, so we were pleased to welcome him back to the school during a fleeting visit to Cornwall.

During his time at Truro School (1977-1982) Barry told us he particularly enjoyed woodwork lessons and even continued creating. Barry now works for HSBC.



ROGER YAU CO68

The TSA was pleased to welcome back Roger Yau CO68 on Wednesday 21 August along with his wife Karen. It had been 50 years since Roger had last been at Truro School and so there was a lot to take it with so many changes and renovations have occurred over time. Roger was at Truro School for just a short time as a 5th Year student and border after coming directly from Hong Kong, but he recalled having a pleasant experience despite it being such a short stay at the school. Roger described his time at Truro School:

I came to Truro School in September 1967 with 3 other boys (**Philip Niem** CO68, **Patrick Lam** CO68 and **Terrance Ng** CO69) through the same school agent. We were in the 5th Year and took the GCE O-levels in July 1968. Patrick and I were in the same dormitory above

the old library. The dormitory was just a big hall with 10 beds on each side. There was a tiny cubicle just behind each bed for keeping our belongings and had some privacy for changing clothes. We were allowed to have a shower once a week and put out our dirty laundry for cleaning on every Monday. At meal time, we were allocated a long table in a group of 10 with the Prefect (a Sixth Former) sitting at the head of the table. The food came to him first; he then dished out the meat for each of us (the juniors on the table often got the small pieces, well that's life). As we claimed to be Catholic, we were allowed to go down to town every Sunday morning to attend the Catholic Church – a rare freedom which we wouldn't have missed for the world! On the whole, I quite enjoyed my stay at the school.

We decided to do the GCE A-Level in London; hence we left the school in July 1968 and ventured separately into the capital. I attended the Southgate Technical College and got the A-Level grades I needed to do the Electrical Engineering degree course at Loughborough University of Technology. I graduated in 1974 and landed a job with The Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE, but has recently renamed IET) as a senior Information Scientist. I was made a group leader later and stayed with them until I took an early retirement in 2005.

I am married to Karen and we have 3 daughters and 4 granddaughters. I have been keeping myself busy with DIY, gardening and my hobby; repairing vintage mechanical clocks and in my spare time I like to read news from the Internet and enjoy chats with friends via Whatsapp.



ALUMNI newsletter



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Happy News

The TSA was pleased to welcome back **Wataru, Sherman and Nicholas** CO99 on a rainy, drizzly September day. Despite the weather they enjoyed looking around the school which had changed a lot from their time. Some things remained the same such as the old Dining Hall and Trennick boarding house. It was great to hear that the boys had such positive memories of their TS days too. Nicholas shared that he felt Truro School really set him up to go forward with his studies in Medicine. He is now a GP in St Austell. Wataru and Sherman both live in Japan and Hong Kong respectively with their new families. It was lovely to know Nicholas has just welcomed a new baby boy.

The next day we were thrilled to welcome them back once more in their suits as they attended the Annual Reunion Dinner to reunite with their friends.

If you would like to arrange a visit and tour of the School please contact Amanda on 01872 246094 or email: tsa@truroschoo.com.





Archive Attic

Step back in time

1879 - 140 years ago

The School was founded by local Methodists and first advertised for pupils; George O. Turner, the first headmaster, was appointed

1889 – 130 years ago

Thomas Jackson resigns as headmaster at the end of the autumn term and is succeeded by Herbert Vinter

1894 – 125 years ago

Sanatorium built, designed by Silvanus Trevail (now Trevail House)
Lower terraces landscaped

1899 – 120 years ago (picture below)

1904 – 115 years ago

School came under the control of the Board of Management for Methodist Residential Schools, administered by governors appointed by the Methodist Conference.

House system introduced – East, Hall, Tower, Town

1909 – 110 years ago

'High on the Hill', the school song,



first sung. It was written by Joseph Hunkin, later Bishop of Truro, with music by Rev. R.K. Vinter, brother of the headmaster.

1914 – 105 years ago (picture above)

1919 – 100 years ago

1914 – 1919

War memorial unveiled in December

1929 – 90 years ago

Pentreve purchased by the School

1934 – 85 years ago

Truro School gained Public School status

Epworth opened as a boarding house

1939 – 80 years ago

Bathing pavilion at Loe Beach, Feock, first used for school swimming

1949 – 70 years ago

The Memorial Library opened (now the staff room)

1954 – 65 years ago

Poltisco opened as a boarding house
The School opens its own swimming pool

1959 – 60 years ago

Derek Burrell succeeds Lowry Creed as headmaster

1969 – 50 years ago

The name of the school magazine changes from Truronian to Terraces





Archive Attic

1979 – 40 years ago
School centenary launched with a firework display on 28 September

1989 – 30 years ago
Prep School goes co-ed

1994 – 25 years ago
The school kilt introduced as uniform for girls

2004 - 15 years ago
Wilkes Modern Languages Building and Sixth Form Café opened

2009 – 10 years ago
'Black hole' or 'heart of school' development – leading to the opening of the Dodd Library and Heath Hall dining room

2014 – 5 years ago
Poltisco reopened for boarding

2019
Sixth Form Café refurbished

Off down memory lane...

Does anyone remember the 'Merritt slog' or performance in the Cathedral in the Spring term of 1968?

The archive has just been given a copy of Tribute to Thomas Merritt recorded in Truro Cathedral on 16 March 1968 performed by various choirs and musicians including Truro School Choir. The Choir report in the school magazine from that term included

A 'Merritt' slog in the first weeks of term resulted in a most satisfying and exciting performance of the Cornishman's music in the Cathedral, under the direction of Mr Malcolm Arnold. Because of the massed rehearsals, resulting standards in Chapel have perhaps slipped...

We recently received an email from Malcolm Burwood (TS 1954-59):

I loved the cover of the recent Truronian for it brought back the memory of sleeping in Dormy 3 in 1956. My Christmas shopping list included a copy of The Ying Tong Song for my brother, which I stowed behind the hot water pipe. The heating came on and the record distorted!!

Then I read the tribute to Martin Fido, which did not mention that he was a wonderful pianist. He used to practice in the adjacent chapel well after lights out, and I have loved Chopin ever since, always with his memory.

If you have any memories of school you would like to share please get in touch.





Welcoming our newest member of the Development Office Team



The Development team is pleased to welcome our newest member to the team: Amanda Forde (pictured centre), who joins us as the Development & Alumni Relations Officer.

Amanda will be working alongside Nicky Berridge, Development and Alumni Relations Manager (left), Joanna Wood, Researcher/Archivist (below) and Jayne Grigg, Director of Admissions and Development (right), in continuing to maintain, build and reinforce relationships between the Truro School Community, Foundation and Association. Amanda's position also plays a vital role in delivering Truro School Connected to support current students through a professional networking programme with the help of our ever-achieving and supportive alumni.

Amanda grew up in Bedfordshire and attended school in Bedford before moving to London at an early age. She studied at UCL, Institute of Education and worked in various roles within education, arts administration and events all around the city, before moving to west Cornwall to pursue a slightly 'quieter life' with her Cornish-born partner, Adam.

Amanda works full-time, Monday-Friday between 8.30am-5.00pm, so do not hesitate to get in touch with her anytime by email at tsa@truroschoo.com or call directly on 01872 246094.



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We recently received a note from Ed Brunyee, who left in 2005 and has since had a career with Deloitte and Royal Bank of Canada, advising on Private Equity and M&A transactions.

Ed co-founded SamsonVT and completed a pre-seed investment in Feb-19. The company has completed the first phase of their product development, and concurrently to onboarding first customers, are completing a seed round, with institutional / VC money verbally agreed. Ed is keen to engage to see if anyone in the network, or colleagues of, might like to be included in the funding round as an angel investor.

Below is a link to a short presentation on SamsonVT. Please feel free to contact Ed directly or meet up in London any time soon.

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