



Friday Bulletin

FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY: NEWS, NOTICES AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Dear parents and guardians,

National Quarter-Finals

We were blessed with a rare interlude of sunshine yesterday as our Under 15 boys rugby team hosted the team from John Fisher School in South London, competing for a place in the semi-final of the NatWest plate competition.

In 2017 John Fisher school were named National Rugby School of the Year, and when they took to the field, I could tell it was going to be a testing game. They grow them big upcountry! Our boys were magnificent and, in my view, were the slightly better team on the day. The final result was a 12-12 draw which the lads can be incredibly proud about. I feel their disappointment however as, on account of the home ground rule, they do not advance to the semi-final. We wish John Fisher the best of luck.



Dreaming of Midsummer...

I'm not sure if A Midsummer Night's Dream has ever been performed in five sequential acts by a cohort of 12/13 year olds but I hope the Bard would have approved of this year's 2nd Year Shakespeare Festival.

According to Ms Selvey, our Head of English, "for the past few weeks, the English corridors have resounded with the bloodcurdling war cries, laughter, rock music and earnest discussions of bears and wings which must accompany any worthwhile production of Shakespeare's work." It is a great thing to get every child on stage playing their part/strutting their stuff and I take my hat off to the boys and girls for some super acting and creativity as they rather seamlessly progressed from one act to another.

Cornwall rocks

It's a well-known fact that Cornwall is the best place in England to study Geology. Our own Geology department have been achieving amazing things for many years and have a deserved reputation as one of the finest around.



Congratulations to Monty, Oscar, Molly, Sophia, James and Hugo, our Lower Sixth Geology students selected to compete in the regional round of the Geological Society's School Competition. They competed against four other SW schools and won all sections of the competition convincingly. The team's presentation was the Emergence of Life which focused on early life and the prospect of life on other planets. The students were a real credit to the school and will be heading off to the National Finals in London in March.

Jazz hands

Last night's Jazz Concert was as joyous as it was outstanding. When the Junior Band blew us away in the opening piece with Duke Ellington's C Jam Blues, I knew we were in for a cracking evening. By the time our jazz musicians are getting on into the Sixth Form, many of them are in a position to be hiring themselves out for gigs, such is the quality of their performances. Whether your son or daughter is involved in the musical life of the school, I would encourage you to commit the 24th March to your diary and to join us for our Easter Concert.

Community wildlife

We are proud to be supporting the Hedgehog Roundabout - I hope you enjoy the installation of ceramic wildflowers, created by students and staff, which are there as an element of our 140th birthday celebrations.

I would like to wish all of our families a very happy time over the half-term break.

Mr Gordon-Brown, Headmaster



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The 15th annual Shakespeare festival



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Our own Shakespeare Festival was conceived of thirteen years ago: the then Head of Drama, Ben Symes (now director of cube theatre) and Sue Spence, my predecessor as Head of English, wanted to stitch into the curriculum a way for all pupils to experience Shakespeare as performers. Each Second Year form produced a twenty-minute piece, directed by its English teacher, worked on in lessons and performed for parents on-stage in the Burrell Theatre. Mr Berger is

now the only surviving veteran of these first years and, bloodied but unbowed, has seen it transform into the richly entertaining and much anticipated annual event it has become.

I would like to extend hearty thanks to the Burrell Theatre tech crew and to Miss Egar, our drama specialist, for their superb skills of organisation and tireless help; to our English teachers for their inspirational creativity and limitless good humour; to our English prefects for their practical support; and to the children themselves for their abundance of energy, enthusiasm and insight.

Mrs Selvy, Head of English

Diary Dates

Sunday 23 February

Boarders return 1400 onwards

Monday 24 February

Tuesday 25 February

Drama: Scholar Meeting, Room 51, 8.15am

Geology: Lower and Upper Sixth fieldtrip, Millook Haven Beach, 9.00am

Music: Catch-up Concert, Chapel, 1700

Sixth Form: Pancake Day social, Sixth Form Cafe, 1600

Football Fixtures: Boys-U14A vs Camborne Science and Interntional Academy, 1515

Wednesday 26 February

Squash Fixtures: 1st vs King's College, 1st vs National Schools Championships Stage 2, 1st vs Reigate College, 1330

Football Fixtures: 1st XI vs Newquay Tretherras School, (H) 1400

Rugby Sevens Fixtures: 1st VII vs Penryn College Boys-U16A, (H), 1400

Hockey Fixtures: 1st XI- Girls vs Truro College and Richard Huish, 1415

Netball Fixtures: Girls-U13A, U13B vs Mount Kelly, 1430

Netball Fixtures: Girls-U15A vs Brannel School, 1530



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DofE participants receive their awards



Last week the participants of the Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) received their bronze and silver awards.

In total, 166 Truro School participants had completed their respective awards across all three levels.

Sixth Form students who had completed their Gold DofE awards or Ten Tors Challenge, gave a short presentation encouraging their peers to continue with their outdoor pursuits and the benefits it can bring in post 18 opportunities, including university or job applications.

Mr Cucknell, Outdoor Pursuits Co-ordinator, said:

'Last year's DofE season we had a bumper year of participants progressing through their levels with 122 participants completing Bronze, 29 completing Silver and 15 completing Gold.

This is a phenomenal effort which takes perseverance, dedication and commitment to progress through their activities and which culminates with their expedition. I would like to congratulate all of the participants on their outstanding achievement and thank all the staff, parents and volunteers for their support of the students in reaching these awards'.

A certificate presented to the School from the DofE South West Director states

that from Truro School participants, 2756 hours of learning a skill was accumulated, 2925 hours of physical activity, and 2795 volunteering hours were completed in the local community.

Mrs Ellison, Head of Pastoral, said:

'I think people believe that working with teenagers means we deal with young people who do not want to give back or interact with their community. I know this is not true and see our amazing young people every day.

'The DofE Scheme gives them the opportunity to show themselves in the best light, whether it is giving up time for volunteering, building on their team work and determination in the expedition, or developing their skills and fitness in the skills and physical sections. It is great that so many of our young people get involved in this fantastic award and they should be so proud of all they have achieved'.

Diary Dates

Thursday 27 February

PSHEE - 4th Year: Challenge Team UK talk
Location: Chapel, 11.35am

PSHEE - 3rd Year: Challenge Team UK talk
Location: Chapel, 1430

Hockey Fixtures: Boys-U13A vs Mounts Bay and Hump Davey, 1530

Hockey Fixtures: Girls-U12A, U14A vs Richard Lander School 1600

Football fixtures: U16A, U15A, U14A, U13A, U12A vs Helston Community College, 1600

Music: Cornwall Music Festival entry deadline, 1600

Ten Tors Training: Outdoor Pursuits Area, 1600

Music: Parent, Staff and Friends Choir, M1, 2000

Netball Fixtures: Girls-U13A vs County Festival, tbc

Friday 28 February

Whole School Assembly, The Assembly Hall, 8.45am

Cricket Fixtures: Girls-U15A vs Tournament, 1300

Holy Communion - Lent, Chapel, 1325

Music: Auditions for Senior Musical - Cabaret, M1, 1600

1st - 2nd Year Disco, The Assembly Hall, 1900



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Geological Society's Regional Winners



The Lower Sixth Geology students competed in the regional round of the Geological Society's School Competition, and won.

They competed against Exeter College, Torquay Girls School, Torquay Boys School, and Helston College which was more than the previous year.

The team consisted of Monty, Oscar, Molly, Sophia, James and Hugo. They produced a poster on the Emergence of Life which focused on early life and the prospect of life on other planets, they also gave a presentation on the topic and then competed in a quiz.

The students are delighted to be heading to the National Finals in London in March.

Diary Dates

Saturday 29 February

Music: Cornwall Music Service Trust/Truro School Horn Festival, Music School, Chapel and Dining Hall, all day

Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Gold Direct Entrant training, Dartmoor, 8.00am

Ten Tors - 8: Introduction to Dartmoor
Location: South Dartmoor, 8.30am

Football Fixtures: 1st XI, 2nd XI, Boys U16A vs Blundell's School, 1330

Football Fixtures: Boys-U12A, U13A, U14A vs Charlestown FC, **tbc**

Sunday 1 March

Music: Cornwall Music Service Trust/Truro School Horn Festival, Music School, Chapel and Dining Hall, all day

Music: Junior Charity Concert technical rehearsals, Burrell Theatre, 10.00am

Music: Senior Charity Concert technical rehearsals, Burrell Theatre, 1600

Parents, Friends and Staff Choir

A reminder that on selected Thursdays from 8.00-9.30pm, rehearsals will be taking place for the Spring and Summer concerts.

Please email music@truroschool.com for more information.



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'Hedgehog' roundabout welcomes an explosion of colour



A meadow of ceramic wildflowers has appeared overnight on Truro's Trafalgar Roundabout

Truro's award-winning 'hedgehog' roundabout has welcomed an explosion of colour with a ceramic wildflower installation, created by Truro School pupils and staff.

The wildflowers appeared overnight, complementing the four hedgehogs on the roundabout that was recently named Roundabout of the Year by the Roundabout Appreciation Society.

The project aims to highlight the importance of wildflowers on our environment, and their role in providing pollinators (bees and other insects) with local food sources across the seasons. The ceramic wildflowers are also designed to bring colour and joy into the community

during the winter months, bridging the gap between autumn and spring before the real wildflowers emerge.

Sustainability is integral to the ethos at Truro School and wildflowers were chosen to sit alongside the current Hedgehog project and further promote a sustainable theme.

Pupils and staff at Truro School were involved in the sculpting of the wildflowers, building upon a current theme at school around the protection and preservation of nature for future generations.

Andrew Gordon-Brown, Truro School Headmaster said: "Truro School celebrates its 140th anniversary this year and like the School, wildflowers have grown and evolved for many years, flowering in many shapes, sizes and colours. The roundabout is a celebration of our past

and a nod to the future, a future with a bright, sustainable focus.

"It is hoped the wildflowers will add a cheerfulness to these dark winter months, and be enjoyed by all those who pass the roundabout."

We would also like to say a special thank you to Russell and the Truro School Art Department who have been instrumental in the coordination and installation of the display, spending weeks glazing and firing the wildflowers in the School's kilns.

The wildflower stems have been kindly donated by Devoran Metals. Devoran Metals are the leading specialist supplier of CARES approved cut and bent reinforcing bar or rebar and mesh for concrete reinforcement in Cornwall.



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Exceptional performances at Jazz Concert



Spurred on by Mr Thomson's infectious enthusiasm, the Jazz Concert gets bigger and better each year with pupils from all ages performing both instrumental and vocal jazz in a live setting.

This complete immersion into the language of Jazz created a number of high-level performances throughout the night, with the enjoyment of playing live jazz shining through at all times.

The evening included a collection for the Australian Red Cross, helping with disaster relief and recovery work following the bush fire tragedy.





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'The Only Way is Ethics' Conference



This year's 'The only way is ethics' question time panel conference took place on Tuesday 11 February and provided 5th Year pupils with a significant insight into some of the key GCSE Religious Studies themes of Crime and Punishment and Animals Rights and Environmental Ethics.

Pupils from other local schools were invited to join in the debate in which pupils were tasked with critically evaluating and

engaging with a wide range of viewpoints about diverse ethical issues.

During the day crime and punishment issues were debated alongside matters of war and peace, including panel views from a prison chaplain in one of Britain's most secure prisons and a former police superintendent with over 30 years' experience during the troubles in Northern Ireland.

In the second panel debate, pupils considered animal rights and environmental ethics and put their questions to representatives of different religious beliefs.

A huge thank you to our expert panel of speakers



Under 14 Boys win County Championship

Congratulations to our Under 14 boys who put in a fantastic performance and showed great attitude at the County Tournament, earning themselves the well-deserved title of County Champions.

The team now go on to play at the regional finals in March at Millfield School. Well done boys!

The full match report is available [online](#).



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FUN FOR CHILDREN
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Friends of Truro School (FTS) *Save the Date*



Spring Term

- Friday 28 February Cheese and Wine FREE Parent Social, Sixth Form Cafe, during 1st and 2nd Year Disco (19h10 - 20h50). Please email fts@truroschool.com to reserve your place.
- Friday 20 March Barn Dance – Prep (18h30 - 20h30) Tickets available [here](#)

Summer Term

- Saturday 16 May Prep Triathlon – provisional date (09h15 - 12h30)
- Saturday 20 June Prep Summer Fete – provisional date (12h00 - 15h00)
- Thursday 18 June Senior 1st Year Gala Concert
- Wednesday 10 June Pre-Prep Sports Day
- Thursday 11 June Prep Sports Day
- Thursday 25 June Senior Sports Day
- Saturday 27 June Summer Ball (for all Truro School Parents - Senior and Prep)**
- Thursday 2 July Prep Speech Day
- Friday 3 July Senior Speech Day

The Friends of Truro School (FTS) is designed to bring the strong and inclusive community of Truro School Senior and Prep parents, pupils and teachers together.

All parents and/or guardians of pupils at Truro School Senior and Prep are full members of the FTS. The FTS works to enrich our children's school experience, strengthen the school community, raise funds to help enhance the facilities of the school and ensure that our children get the most out of their time here.

Thank you very much for your support and we look forward to seeing you at events around the school.

Best wishes, Laura Rundle and The FTS Team
Chair of FTS Committee fts@truroschool.com

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Sports Dinner 2020

Friday 13 March

Sixth Form, Parents, Staff and Alumni

Join us for a celebration of sporting achievements

The Alverton Hotel, 7.00pm
Black Tie
£30

- > Awards will be presented throughout the evening
- > Three course meal with coffee

Book tickets at > <https://www.truroschooel.com/parents/sports-dinner/>

Heseltine Gallery



DEPICTION - *the human form*
Preview - Friday 14 February 2020
6 - 8pm

Opening times: Sat/Sun 10am - 3pm, Weds 5pm - 8pm



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Maria's recipes of a lifetime - Saturday 22nd February

CoppaFeel is a charity very close to home at Truro School Cookery. Join Maria and some of CoppaFeels "boobettes" for a fundraising Feast for Four. You will learn how to make some Maria's recipes of a lifetime while helping us to raise money for this fabulous charity. £20 of each ticket price will be donated to CoppaFeel in exchange for some of Maria's secret recipes we have persuaded her to share. We hope you don't mind us packing the cookery school to capacity for this event – we promise the tunes will be rocking (not chosen by A!) and the fizz will be flowing (Maria is in charge of the Prosecco).

Menu:

My Favourite baked aubergines from my first cookery book by Anne Willan

My Mums Chicken with Orange and Tarragon

My Nans Canadian vanilla cheesecake

My Girls favourite chocolate fudge cake

Plus a bottle of wine from St Austell Brewery to wash it all down.

Visit www.truroschoolorcookery.com for more information and book your place

Book [here](#)

LOVE YOUR BEACH

WEEK 2020!

For further information, please go to www.beachrangers.com or visit our Facebook page.

Map locations and groups:

- Bude Marine Group - Summerleaze Beach
- Polzeath Marine Group - Polzeath Beach
- Beach Guardian - Hartlyn Bay Beach
- Plastic Free Mawgan Porth - Mawgan Porth
- Newquay Marine Group - Porth Beach
- Beach Guardian - Trevone Beach
- Perranporth Marine Group/ Plastic Free Perranporth - Perranporth Beach
- Looe Marine Conservation Group - Millendreath Beach
- Three Bays Wildlife Group - Pentewan Sands
- Friends of Fowey Estuary - Readymoney Cove
- RSPB and The WI - Marazion Beach
- Falmouth Marine Conservation/Plastic Free Falmouth - Flushing Beach
- Cornish Seal Sanctuary - Coverack Beach

YOUR SHORE BEACH RANGERS

When? Friday 14th February until Friday 21st February.
 Who? EVERYONE IS WELCOME, Cost: FREE



Calling all badminton players

Everyone who comes to club is good enough to enter the Cornwall County Championships in the coming weeks

Treviglas Sports Hub, Newquay TR7 3JA

Selected squad members receive top level coaching for the 2020/21 season and represent Cornwall in matches

Pick up an entry form from the badminton coaches, Tina or Linda or email [MatthewBick cybsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:MatthewBick@cybsecretary@gmail.com)

Sessions:

- Born in 2009 or later = U11 Champs on 29 March 2020 at 0930am Treviglas Sports Hub
- Born in 2007/2008 = U13 Champs on 5 April 2020 at 0930am Treviglas Sports Hub
- Born in 2005/2006 = U16 Champs on 3 May 2020 at 0930am Treviglas Sports Hub
- Born in 2003/2004 = U18 Champs on 26 April 2020 at 0930am Treviglas Sports Hub

Badminton is a sport for life

