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# Friday Bulletin

FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY: NEWS, NOTICES AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## Dear Parents and Guardians,

Great scholarship was in evidence over the course of this rather busy week. It started off with our Sixth Formers competing in the 2020 Independent Schools' Mock Trial Competition in Southampton over the weekend. Our four barristers (Alex, Hettie, Sam and Finley), four witnesses (Charlotte, Holly, Jenny and Jess) and a clerk/usher (Scarlett) made it through the heats to a closely fought final. As ever, the generosity of our parents in offering their expertise proved invaluable, and the time that the team spent being put through their courtroom paces by a current parent barrister was hugely appreciated.

Show host Dr Spring and question mistress Mrs Stone tested the metal of 4th and 5th Year teams in the Top House Quiz. After some tense starters for ten and fingers on the buzzers, School House emerged victorious, beating Vinter into second place. Meanwhile 124 of our 3rd-5th Year pupils took on the Intermediate UK Maths Challenge and, if history is any guide to the future, we can expect a good number of certificates to be won.

Our debaters have also been out and about. Alex, Sam, James, Finley, Monty, Lily, Hannah and Anna took part in the Oxford

Schools' debate this week. Our teams debated two motions: whether we should regret our country's annual commemoration of war and whether workers should be given the opportunity to give up some rights in return for higher pay. Well done to our teams who were a credit to the school, narrowly missing a place in the finals.

### Design is all around us

Our Sixth Form product design students were treated to an inspiring, fascinating, and memorable departmental study trip to Jaguar Landrover near Birmingham, the Mini product plant in Oxford, Herman Miller headquarters in Bath and also the new campus for Bath Spa University. Again we are indebted to a current parent who went to great lengths to help arrange the visits and to provide a real insight into the real world of top-end design.

One of the axioms of a great education is that boys and girls learn as much outside the classroom as they do within it. A typical week in the life of Truro School certainly proves the point.

Mr Gordon-Brown, Headmaster

### Coronavirus Update

This is an update relating to the Novel Coronavirus and the measures the school is taking to keep all pupils and staff safe. We continue to monitor the situation regularly and to follow the advice of Public Health England (PHE) and the Boarding Schools' Association (BSA).

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has advised against all but essential travel to China. As a result, the school strongly advises against pupils travelling to affected countries at half-term. Anyone choosing not to follow this advice will be required to self-isolate in the UK for a period of 14 days before being allowed back into school. Measures are in place to ensure that boarders from affected countries are being accommodated within the UK over the half-term holiday.

The whole school community is being fully supportive of those with friends and family in affected areas and we are well aware of the significant burden of any restrictions the school makes. Please be assured however that the health and welfare of each and every member of the school community is our primary concern. We are extremely grateful to everyone for your ongoing support and engagement at this difficult time. We shall continue to update you as the situation develops.



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## Experiencing a career in the courts



A talented team of Truro School Sixth Formers performed very impressively and with great enjoyment in the 2020 Independent Schools' Mock Trial Competition at the weekend.

Preparations began before Christmas, with a fascinating morning spent at Truro Crown Court, observing trials and getting a sense of the practicalities of the roles of different legal personnel. We were lucky enough to have time to chat with two judges in court, later followed by tea and Q and A back at school with D.J. Jonathan Stone.

The competition required a team of four barristers (Alex, Hettie, Sam and Finley), four witnesses (Charlotte, Holly, Jenny and Jess)

and a clerk / usher (Scarlett). Detailed files for two cases were sent, to be combed over for key details and weaknesses by the barristers and for the statements to be learnt by the witnesses. One case involved a hair stylist accused of money laundering and the other an attack with acid by a party gatecrasher. We were very fortunate to be joined by parent-barrister Mr Philip Lee for some coaching sessions too - providing fascinating insights into style and techniques for making arguments clear and memorable to the Jury.

[Read the full story](#)

## Oxford Schools' Debate



Alex, Sam, James, Finley, Monty, Lily, Hannah and Anna have been practising in Wednesday afternoon and Friday lunchtime meetings of our Debating Society, and all enjoyed the great challenge of this format: just 15 minutes to consider the motions and plan their opposing or proposing cases, then five minutes to make them, facing live challenges from schools across the South West throughout.

Our teams debated two motions: whether we should regret our country's annual commemoration of war and whether workers should be given the opportunity to give up some rights in return for higher pay.

All of our teams put in performances that were a credit to the school, and, as always with these competitions, came away much enlarged in understanding of both the format and the issues debated. We narrowly missed a place in the finals, but with some very promising debaters coming up from the 5th Year, the future of debating at Truro School looks bright. It was the last competition for our stalwart Upper Sixth debaters who have shown such energy and commitment over the last two years: I will miss them, but am sure the debating societies of universities across the country will be lit up by them in years to come.

Anna Selvey, Head of English

## Diary Dates

### Saturday 8 February

**Music:** Cornwall Youth Orchestra rehearsal, Truro High School, all day

**Ten Tors:** Fitness Walk, wild camp skills and basic navigation, Smugglers Way - Davidstow - Minions - Looe, 8.30am

**Football Fixtures:** 1st XI vs Newquay  
Boys U15A vs Newquay, (H) 10.00am

**Football Fixtures:** Boys U16A vs Newquay AFC, 10.30am

**Football Fixtures:** 1st XI, Boys U13A, U15A vs Shebbear College (A), 11.00am

### Sunday 9 February

**Music:** Cornwall Youth Orchestra rehearsal  
Location: Truro High School, all day

### Monday 10 February

**1st Year:** ASD Peer Awareness workshops, Rooms 82 and 83, 9.15am

**Art:** Combined Truro Schools Art Events Exhibition Private View, Truro Cathedral, 1800

**Valencia Trip** Information Meeting, Chapel, 1815

**Hockey Fixtures** 1st XI- Girls vs All Star Game vs Truro High School  
Girls-U16A vs All Star Game vs Truro High School, 1600

**English:** 2nd Year Shakespeare Festival Performance, Burrell Theatre, 1900



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## Renowned Cornwall artist visits



The Jayne Callaghan memorial exhibition finished this week in the Heseltine Gallery, but before it could disappear, artist Anthony Frost, son of late Terry Frost visited the exhibition, with Mark Callaghan, Jayne's twin brother.

Terry Frost features heavily in Jayne's collection, where much of his art work has been previously unseen.

[Read the full story](#)

## Doing pull ups for donations

3rd Year pupil Andrew R beat the mid-week slog by setting himself quite the challenge of aiming to complete 1000 pull ups in under 100 consecutive minutes.

Why, you may ask, would someone want to put themselves through such a tough test? Because while Andrew was on an epic exploration with his family through Singapore, New Zealand and Australia, he saw the toll the bush fires had taken on the Australian countryside and wildlife.

Andrew explained: 'Australia was the second major stop of the trip after Singapore, and we arrived in mid-December when fires had spread throughout the Australian bush. We accommodated to the north of Sydney where the air was thick with smoke from fires for the majority of our stay.

'One of the things that struck me about the extremity of the fires, was that the smoke was so thick that on some days, you couldn't see either end of the beach we stayed on. The

sheer scale on which these fires occurred at were extraordinary, and the accounts of them from locals demonstrated how devastating they were to the environment'.

On his return, Andrew felt compelled to help the relief efforts by coming up with the sponsored pull up, reasoning 'it's a challenge, like the challenge of changing lifestyle to help the environment'.

Andrew beat his own predicted time and completed the 1000 pull ups in 86 minutes and has so far raised £200 to 'help recover the wildlife that has been destroyed and damaged in the fires'.

Andrew passionately gave his stance on climate change, citing the contribution it may have had on the fires.

[Read the full story](#)

## Diary Dates

### Tuesday 11 February

**Drama:** 5th Year and Sixth Form trip, London, 5.00am

**RS 5th Year:** The Only Way is Ethics Conference, Burrell Theatre, 10.05am

**Geography:** Lower Sixth Fieldwork trip, Truro East to West transect

**Music:** 5th Year GCSE Ensemble Concert, Chapel, 1700

**English:** 2nd Year Shakespeare Festival Performance, Burrell Theatre, 1900

**Netball Fixtures:** Girls-U15A vs County Festival, 9.00am

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

**Netball Fixtures:** 1st VII vs The Maynard School. Girls-U16A vs The Maynard School, 1600

### Wednesday 12 February

**Geology:** South West Schools Competition, Plymouth University, 1300

**Hockey Fixtures:** Girls-U15A vs Hockey Festival, 12.00pm

**Hockey Fixtures:** 1st XI- Boys vs Truro College 7 a side and Mixed 11 a side, 1st XI- Girls vs Truro College 7 a side and Mixed 11 a side, 1415

**Football Fixtures:** Boys-U12A vs Polwhele House School, 1430

**Hockey Fixtures:** Boys U11A, U11B, U11C, U12A, U13A, U13B vs Mount Kelly, 1430

**Football Fixtures:** Boys U12A, U13A, U14A, U15A vs Redruth School, 1400



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## Arty afternoon activities



The art department has been a hive of activity throughout the Wednesday Afternoon Activities, with the clay class making totems which will be featured in the Burrell when they're finished, and next door the new textiles class were cutting, painting and hairdrying their creations.

## Language Olympiad

For the first time, Truro School have entered the UK Language Olympiad. The olympiad is a problem-solving competition and last year 470 UK schools registered.

The puzzles require competitors to spot patterns in unfamiliar data. A typical question offers a small sample of sentences or words from an unfamiliar language, and competitors work out the rules needed to produce a further example. The competition requires skills of analysis and pattern-spotting, and the focus on language patterns has a special attraction for many students.

Although they carry no formal exam credit, they can be seen as an attractive 'extra' when applying for university places or careers.

This year's host nation for the 18th International Linguistics Olympiad will be Ventspils, Latvia and the final will take place in July.

## Diary Dates

**Netball Fixtures:** Girls-U12A vs Mount Kelly, Girls-U12A vs Polwhele House School, Girls-U13A, U13B vs Mount Kelly, 1430

### Thursday 13 February

**Music:** Jazz Concert rehearsals  
Location: Burrell Theatre, 9.00am

**Music:** Jazz Concert Performance  
Location: Burrell Theatre, 1900

**Ten Tors:** Training, Outdoor Pursuits Area, 1600

**Rugby Union Fixtures:** Boys-U15A vs John Fisher School, 12.30pm

**Hockey Fixtures** Girls-U15A vs Hockey Festival (B team), Girls U16A vs Hockey Festival (B team), **tbc**

### Friday 14 February



**Whole School Assembly,** The Assembly Hall, 8.45am

**Music:** GCSE Performance and Recordings, Chapel, 9.00am

**Hockey Fixtures:** Girls-U12A vs Hockey Festival, 11.00am

**Surfing:** Portugal Surf Trip 2020, Portugal, 11.30am

**Maths:** 2nd and 3rd Year House Challenge, Room 4, 1300

**Sixth Form:** Valentine's Day Special - Social Science Lecture "Must it be Love?", Chapel, 1315



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## A day in the life of a Vet



1st Years to Upper Sixth were invited to Penmellyn Vet Practice to learn hands on about veterinary medicine.

Students were provided with a unique opportunity to see behind the scenes of a working veterinary practice and hospital which will help inform their decision making about entering a career in this area.

They had tours from two of their vets, one specialising in small animals and the other in equine veterinary medicine.

Sarah Finnegan, Medics, Dentists and Vets Coordinator, said: 'Students were given the chance to see behind the scenes of one of the best equipped veterinary practices

and hospitals in Cornwall. They witnessed small animals being prepped for theatre, a horse coming round from sedation after it's dental check-up and got to see the only CT scanner at a vet practice in Cornwall.

'The hands on experience of trying on scrubs, rectal gloves and lead-lined suits enables them to get a feel for what it would be like to work as a vet and the insight provided by the professionals furthered their understanding. It was a unique and inspirational day. The biscuits were rather tasty too!'

## Diary Dates

**Boarding:** Boarding Houses close, 1800

**Heseltine Gallery - Private View:** "Depiction - The Human Form", Heseltine Gallery, 1800

## 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@truroscool.com](mailto:music@truroscool.com) for more information.

## Promoting a love of problem solving

The UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) yearly Intermediate Mathematical Challenge took place this week for 124 entrants.

The Challenge encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

The problems on the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think.



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## Sixth Form task masters



Mrs Thurlow's form group enjoyed a celebratory evening with a meal at Pieros, after winning the Sixth Form task master challenges last term.

## Generous donations



Stephanie Good from Shelterbox revisited the school on Wednesday to show the Sixth Form an award winning video, depicting Malawi families whose livelihoods were devastated after a flood. The £1700 raised from the 140th anniversary party will help send 15 shelter boxes to lives that have been torn apart.

## National Apprenticeship Week



Truro School recognised the important roles that their Apprentices play at School this week, National Apprenticeship Week, with tea and a celebratory cake at the Sixth Form Cafe.

[Read the full story](#)

## A career in the Royal Air Force



RAF Liaison Officer Sargent Kevin Ford visited the school today to advise Sixth Form students on the multiple doors the RAF can open.



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# Friends of Truro School (FTS) *Save the Date*



## Spring Term

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](mailto:fts@truroschool.com)

# Heseltine Gallery



Mary Mabbutt

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

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



# MULTI SPORT ACTIVITY CAMP



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• Download an application form from [www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com](http://www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com)

- Also available from the Sports Centre Reception. Truro School, Trennick Lane, Truro, TR1 1TH

Tel: 01872 246050 [www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com](http://www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com)



# Newquay's Heron Tennis Centre & Ace Academy



## School Holiday Tennis & Multi-Skills Camps 2020

February Half Term • Easter Holidays • Summer Holidays • October Half Term

*Camps for Younger Juniors: Wednesdays & Fridays for 5-11 yr olds*

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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.truroschoo.com/parents/sports-dinner/>

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# 2020 Careers CONVENTION

Including: Keynote Speaker 'The Workplace of Tomorrow',  
Break-out Sessions & Delegate Stands hosted by professionals  
representing a wide variety of business sectors.

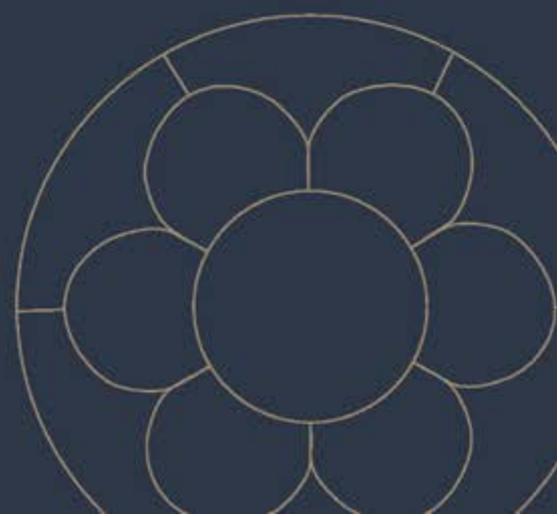
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Wednesday  
18 March 2020  
4:00 – 7:00 pm

The Assembly Hall, Truro School,  
Trennick Lane, Truro, TR1 1TH

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## Truro Cathedral Choir Spring Concert

Howells Requiem, and works by Bairstow, Harris, Bainton, Parry and Walton: The programme for Truro Cathedral Choir's Spring concert is built around the deeply personal Requiem by Herbert Howells. The six short movements will be split into three groups of two and interspersed with much-loved choral works that can be heard afresh in the light of Howells's poignant music: Bairstow's Blessed city, Harris' Strengthen ye the weak hands, Bainton's And I saw a new heaven and Walton's Jubilate.

Tickets: Full Price: £14.00; Supporter Tickets: £15.50 (£1.50 from each ticket goes directly to support the cathedral choir). (U18s free).

Full details and booking information will soon be available on [www.trurocathedral.org.uk](http://www.trurocathedral.org.uk)

**FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY AT 19:30**

**LOVE YOUR BEACH**

**WEEK 2020!**

For further information, please go to [www.beachrangers.com](http://www.beachrangers.com) or visit our Facebook page.

Map locations and groups:

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

