



# Friday Bulletin

FRIDAY 20 MARCH: NEWS, NOTICES AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Dear parents and guardians,



“My overwhelming experience as the Headmaster of Truro School is that I lead a community in the true sense of the word. We are a group of pupils, staff, family and friends who look out for one another and who seem to have a reservoir of endless acts of kindness and generosity. I am very proud of the whole school community and the way they have responded over the last couple of weeks as news of this pandemic has unfolded.”

This week's message from Mr Gordon-Brown comes in the form of a video link.

[Click here to watch](#)

Our official School communications will be providing pupils with their in-depth curriculum via Everest but on top of this, we plan to share with you messages for all the community, including virtual assemblies with Mr Gordon-Brown, prayers with the Rev., work-outs with Mr Sanderson and cookery with Maria and AJ, plus much more.

We hope to keep our bulletins and social channels going throughout this time but we will need your help with this. Please keep your wonderful stories coming so that we can share them with the community. Sing us a song, play us a tune, send us a picture of you learning from home... whatever you are doing, we want to know about it. You can send via social media messaging or email to [bulletin@truroscool.com](mailto:bulletin@truroscool.com)

Our valued FTS team are also on hand to provide a friendly parent contact at any time during this situation, if you haven't already, their year group Facebook pages are easy to access and there to help.

Please don't ever feel alone. As Andrew Gordon-Brown said, Truro School is more than just a School, it is a community that cares very much about all its members; pupils, staff, alumni and their families.



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## Sports Dinner

Nearly 100 guests descended on The Alverton Hotel to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our sportsmen and women alongside great food and company at this year's Sports Dinner.

The evening's guest speakers were former England cricketer Jack Richards and Linda Mitchell-Norfolk, physiotherapist at 14 major games, including the Olympics in Atlanta, Sydney and Salt Lake City.

Mr Dan Sanderson, Director of Sport, commented: "I would like to thank Jack and Linda for their time and entertaining insights into the sporting world, and for showing our pupils that there are many roads to sporting success."

Before the awards were given out, Mr Sanderson took the opportunity to speak about the many and varied benefits that sport can have on relationships, here are just a few of them:

- A strengthened bond with teachers, formed by spending time together outside

of the classroom, having the opportunity to see one another in a different light and environment.

- Spending time with parents and family members who are supporting you on your sporting journey. Whether they are driving you around or cheering you on from the side lines, you are sharing the highs and lows that sport has to offer and learning to celebrate and commiserate with those who love you the most.

- Learning how to conduct yourselves to strangers, your opponents. Are you fair, honest, compassionate to those you play against? From what I see, there is no doubt that you are! What a great skill set to be able to take into your adult life.

- Lifetime friendships. Maybe this is the reason you play sport. After all, the best times you will have together may be in the changing rooms, the bus trips to fixtures or coming through tough practice sessions. Your mutual love for sports will form a lifelong bond and these experiences

will help you continue to form further friendships after you leave Truro School.

During the evening Mr Sanderson announced this year's sports ambassador and sports personality awards before reiterating the importance of sport; not for the winning but for the life lessons it teaches and for the friendships it forms.

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate this wonderful occasion and thank you to the Alverton Hotel for hosting our evening and for providing a spectacular setting for the evening.

**Sports Ambassador 2020**  
**Mollie B**

**Sports Personality 2020**  
**Eddie P**





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## Old Truronian advises government in time of need



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Sir Patrick Vallance CO78 FRS FMedSci FRCP, attended Truro School from 1973-1978. He is currently the Government's Chief Scientific Advisor (GCSA), Head of the Government Science and Engineering profession and a key figure in the UK's ongoing Covid-19 response.

Patrick was President, R&D at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) from 2012 until 2017. Prior to this, he was Senior Vice President, Medicines Discovery and Development.

He joined the company in May 2006 as Head of Drug Discovery. He was a member of the GSK Board and the Corporate Executive Team. During his period as head of R&D over 14 new medicines were approved for use worldwide, for diseases ranging from cancer to asthma and HIV.

Prior to joining GSK, he was a clinical academic, Professor of Medicine and led the Division of Medicine at UCL. He has over 20 years' experience of basic and clinical research, and was a consultant physician in the NHS. His research spanned from work on medicinal chemistry and structural biology, through to cellular work, studies in humans and use of large electronic health record databases. He made important discoveries in the field of nitric oxide and endothelial cell physiology and showed that the human arterial vasculature is actively dilated by continuous release of nitric oxide. He demonstrated the functional significance of this effect in different physiological and disease states and identified new pathways

for regulating nitric oxide biosynthesis.

Patrick was elected to the Academy of Medical Sciences in 1999 and to the Royal Society in 2017. He was on the Board of the UK Office for Strategic Co-ordination of Health Research (OSCHR) from 2009 to 2016. He is an Honorary Fellow at UCL and holds honorary degrees from Imperial College London, Glasgow University, University of York and St George's, University of London. He was a non-executive director and board member for UK Biobank and a non-executive board member for Genome Research Limited but stepped down in taking up the GCSA role.

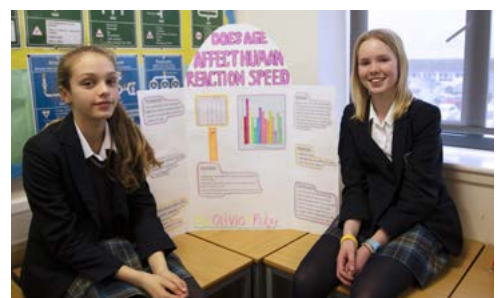
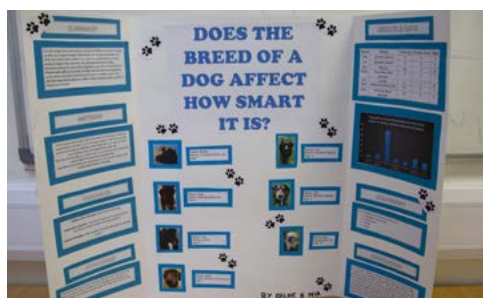
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## Science Week

Science week ended last Friday with a 2nd Year science fair where they displayed their findings of their chosen experiments.

Ranging from measuring spice tolerance to the happiness of seeing a cat, the scientists displayed their results on colourful and creative display boards, ready for three scientists

from the University of Exeter to judge them, Dr Katie Shanks, Dr Ajit Pillai, and Mr Jon Hardwick.





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## A tasty eruption



The 1st Year geography pupils impressed their teachers this week with their fantastic plate tectonics projects, including 3D models, posters and some very delicious cakes. Great work 1st Years!

## Support for local charity



Charity day today will support West Cornwall Search and Rescue, a local charity made up solely of volunteers who search for missing persons in rural and urban environments at all times of the day and night.

To demonstrate some of the equipment that fundraising goes towards, Dr Pope willingly volunteered to be vacuumed packed into an inflatable stretcher, which cost in the region of £6-700.

## Uniform Shop

Truro School Uniform Shop remains open next week (23-27 March) at the usual times. However, under the current circumstances, the shop will not take any second-hand uniform for resale. We will update parents at the beginning of next term with regard to opening arrangements, depending on the situation with schools and shops nationally.

You can continue to place all your uniform and sportswear requirements using the website [monkhouse.com](http://monkhouse.com). The Monkhouse team will contact you once you have placed your order to give you information about the delivery of your order. Please bear with them during these challenging times but they will aim to despatch your order as soon as they can.



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



Dear all

Please know that you are all valued members of our amazing School community. During these difficult times the FTS would like to offer you our support, should you find yourselves in need during these unusual times.

As a strong community we are here to help each other in whatever way we can. Many of you will have friends and family close by but there may be some who do not have such a network down here or who are worried about loved ones at a distance. We know that the School will be maintaining contact with parents and pupils via a number of official channels but if anyone out there needs a friend to talk to then we are also here to offer our support. Please feel free to message us via these pages or messenger. You can also email us at [fts@truroschoo.com](mailto:fts@truroschoo.com).

We also encourage anyone who is not already part of our Facebook Year Groups to join the pages. Together we can offer a network of support to anyone self isolating.

Wishing you all strength in these difficult times

Laura on behalf of the entire FTS Team

