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17 APRIL 2020: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



"Well virtual school has started. I guess it was inevitable really that we heard the news yesterday that we are confined to at least another three weeks of staying at home so that we help the NHS and save lives. None of us wanted this and Truro School is not the same without all of you, but I

am proud of the way our pupils and teachers have stepped up to make the most of the situation. Being the hard-wired optimist that I am, I see this time as an opportunity to innovate, to develop new skills and to engage with new things."

[Click here to listen to the Headmaster's full message.](#)

Coronavirus Emergency Bursary Fund

Our Coronavirus Emergency Bursary Fund is up and running. The current situation has had a huge impact on every family and individual in different ways, and we are proud to be part of a community that supports each other and those around us. All donations to the fund will be used to help the families who cannot manage their School Fee payments due to the crisis. This Fund is being administered by the Truro School Foundation, therefore attracting gift aid and tax relief. If you are able to

help, you can do this by following the link below.

We very much hope that all the steps we are taking will enable the Truro School community to be together again as soon as possible and thank you very much indeed for any contribution you are able to make.

To those of you who have donated already – a sincere and heartfelt "Thank you" from us all.

Andrew Gordon-Brown

[CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY FUND DONATE ONLINE](#)



We continue to monitor the response to coronavirus and continue to follow the advice and guidance of Public Health England. We know that this is a challenging time for everyone and hope the virtual website support pages will help to simplify our processes and communicate our actions.

[Click here to visit our Virtual Truro School website pages](#)

House Competitions

Our prefects have put together some fun house competitions. The results and the new competitions will be published weekly. All entries will win house points, so every entry counts, no matter how big or small.

Click on the image below for more information.

Good luck!

Georgia, Alex, Lily and Ollie





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Virtual co-curricular is LIVE!

Truro School Virtual Co-curricular is up and running.

Moodle is the platform pupils should visit to access all the co-curricular activities and Wednesday Afternoon Activities that are on offer. The range of activities looks different to the normal Summer Term offering, but staff have been busy coming up with creative solutions, so hopefully there will be something there of interest for every pupil. All pupils should access the Moodle page through RM Unify and click on 'co-curricular'.

Suggested Expectation

Pupils are being asked to participate in one Wednesday activity each week, one co-curricular activity each week, perhaps at a lunchtime or after school, and also to complete a minimum of 30 minutes physical activity every day, ideas are available via the PE department Moodle page, where there are a range of workouts, challenges or tasks.

We understand that every family circumstance is different, so we are asking you as parents to set the correct limits for your children.

Below is what is on Moodle so far, but the range is likely to extend over the next couple of weeks. Pupils are able to swap and change each week so they can try a variety of activities. Form tutors will be asking pupils how they are getting on.

If you have any suggestions or feedback please get in touch. We would love to hear how you are getting on and if you want to send any photos through it would be great to see how you are all getting on (waa@truroscool.com)

One Wednesday afternoon activity each week		One co-curricular activity each week	30 minutes physical activity each day
Art Activities – Ceramics	Hockey Umpiring Course	Art Activities	Access the Physical Education Moodle page for various workouts, challenges and links.
Art WAA	Kitchen Chemistry WAA	Challenge Club	
Biology WAA	Knitting WAA	Earth Day	
Board Games	Maths Clinic	Football	
Boy Choristers and Theory Class	Mast Track Music GCSE	History Film Club	
Business Studies/Economics WAA	Online Escape Rooms WAA	Music Family Challenges	
Cookery WAA	Outdoor Pursuits	Oxbridge and Supra Curricular	
Cricket	Parallel Maths Challenges	Scavenger Hunt	
Crime Solving Puzzles	Photography WAA	Spanish Club	
Culture Club	Psychology WAA	Snap and Chat with Bumble	
Drama	Photography WAA	Or use one from the WAA list	
DT	Psychology WAA		
Dungeons and Dragons	Religious Studies WAA		
French Clinic	Sailing		
Friendship band making	Sea Fishing WAA		
Geology WAA	Sock Creature Club		
German Clinic	Spanish Clinic		
Girl Choristers and Theory Class	St John's Ambulance First Aid		
History Film Club	Surf Academy		



Some excellent examples from this Wednesday afternoon's friendship band making class with Mrs Mulready.

Visit the co-curricular section in Moodle for more information.



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A touching thank you

The DT department have delivered their face shields to frontline workers, who replied with these touching photos. We'd like to thank NHS staff and key workers for all that they are doing to look after our communities during these turbulent times.





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Outdoor Pursuits: Challenge



This weekend should have seen 91 participants completing the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award practice expedition, walking from Padstow to Porthcothan, camping overnight and then finishing at St Columb the following day... For those missing the great outdoors, Truro School Outdoor Pursuits will be creating a weekly challenge for all pupils and their families to take on, as well as co-curricular projects on Moodle.

This week's challenge is to spend a night camping in your garden and upload a picture of you enjoying a night under canvas.

Follow Mr Cucknell and the team on their [Truro School Outdoor Pursuits Facebook Page](#) for the latest challenges and we look forward to seeing your photos!

Virtual creativity

Our design students have been putting their DT skills to use at home, here are two fantastic pupil projects.



In case you missed it...



On Wednesday, Rev. Aubin de Gruchy welcomed the community 'back to school' with his beginning of term service.

[Click here to watch it](#)

Fundraising for neuroblastoma

We were recently contacted by Old Truronian Meghan Prindl. Megan works for a small charity which funds much needed research into kinder and more effective treatments for neuroblastoma, a terrible childhood cancer.

She said: *Like many charities, we are experiencing a drastic drop in fundraising support as people turn their attention towards coronavirus. We can't let research for neuroblastoma stop because of coronavirus, however, so we've launched our first ever virtual fundraiser called Tribe 100.*

Around 100 children are diagnosed with neuroblastoma every year in the UK. Tribe 100 encourages participants to take on a 100-themed challenge of their choice and creation, to give families affected by neuroblastoma hope for the future. You can take part in the challenge wherever and whenever you can. Cycle 100 miles, dance 100 routines, bake 100 cookies, draw 100 pictures – in your front room, garden or local area. There's no minimum sponsorship and no registration fee.

[To find out more about Tribe 100, click here.](#)



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Together we are stronger...



"When you listen to the news, it's not always clear whether the world will emerge from this pandemic more united or more divided. What seems blindingly obvious to me is that we are Together Stronger. For our part as the Truro School community we are choosing the more united option!"
Andrew Gordon-Brown.

We are very proud to be part of such a strong community and thank you to everyone for their ongoing support. Here are just some of the lovely messages that we have received, thank you.... together we are stronger.

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Firstly, a big thank you from us for all that you have done as a school to support the children, the school community and local community in navigating this new world in which we find ourselves. It is encouraging and heart warming to see the example that you are setting, and I hope that the messages of your creativity in community support are made known to the children as they return to school tomorrow.

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Many thanks. I delighted to find that I don't have a clue what they've been up to for the last week. I consider this evidence the system is running effectively as 'online schooling' rather than 'home schooling' for which I'm very grateful.

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Please pass on our congratulations to all your teachers and staff in getting through this first and strange week of learning. We have been very impressed by the different lessons our children have been part of, especially with the teacher interaction and also the peer chat as they support

each other through the subject groups. The children need this interaction with each other to maintain their friendships and their sanity!

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I hope this email finds you well. First of all I want to thank you and the teachers for all you're doing for the children in these uncertain times. I know it is a huge challenge and we're all having to adapt to a very different life.

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Firstly, thank you for supporting the children with some school routine this week. I can't tell you how much this has helped, just having a structure, being busy away from this horrible situation. I appreciate everything the school is doing.

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At the end of this extraordinary week, we just wanted to pass on our thanks to the entire teaching team and to acknowledge that everyone is now effectively running two schools, online and real.... We're also very conscious that staff looking after key worker children are at greater risk of infection and have additional stress in this. This sacrifice benefits us all but it is a very significant one. Thank you!

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Huge appreciation to you and all the team for all your hard work to deliver really excellent remote learning to all the students.

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I am choked by this letter (27/3/20). thank you for everything you have done and are doing to continue keeping 'our community together'. Happy Easter to all and THANK YOU

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It came as no surprise to me that xxxx would fully embrace the challenges of working remotely. Indeed, having checked in on him now and again today, while working from home myself, I was absolutely delighted to see how up-beat he seemed to be; completely at ease with a very different format, and telling me what a great day he'd had, even finishing for lunch bang on 12.55 as usual! A great testament of course to all the hard work you and your colleagues have put in at very short notice to make all this work

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I just wanted to thank you and your wonderful colleagues for making today an enjoyable one for xxxx. He began the day being anxious and ended it very happily. He enjoyed his interactive lessons and worked well independently. The work was all engaging and challenging. We're really grateful to you all for your hard work.