



TRURO SCHOOL

Friday Bulletin

FRIDAY 3 JULY: NEWS, NOTICES AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Truro School Speech Day



The Headmaster and Governors were joined by guest speaker Ros Atkins (CO93), BBC Presenter, Outside Source, BBC World News & BBC World Service for this year's Virtual Speech Day.

Congratulations to Smith House for winning this year's Opie Shield



Smith 164.5 points
School 142 points
Wickett 141.5 points
Vinter 120 points



VIRTUAL SPEECH DAY 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE

Truro School Chamber Choir
There is no Rose: Philip Stopford Conductor - Christopher Gray Editing - Palmerama Studios

Welcome: Headmaster, Mr Andrew Gordon-Brown

Opening Prayers: The Chaplain, Rev Aubin de Gruchy

Chair of Governors: Mr Kim Conchle

Headmaster: Mr Andrew Gordon-Brown

Poems: Lily Wells, Finlay Harris

Prizegiving: Academic Prizes announced by Heads of Year

Poem: Celica Gill

Drama: Diggory Gill, Chloe Lansdowne, Kit Gordon-Brown, Monty Rix, Cat Boote & Lowenna Wearne, Harrison Fraser, Finley Morel

Prizegiving: School Prizes: Announced by Deputy Head Academic, Dr Shaun Pope
Lockdown Prizes and winner of Opie Shield: Announced by Headmaster, Mr Andrew Gordon-Brown

Address: Former pupil Ros Atkins CO93
Presenter, Outside Source, BBC World News & BBC World Service

Head Boy: Alex Martin

Head Girl: Georgla Stone

Tomorrow from Annie (music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin)
Performed by Susannah Melville and Elsie MacDonald
Accompanied by Peter Thomson

Address by Deputy Head Academic, Dr Shaun Pope
and
Deputy Head Pastoral, Mrs Emma Ellison

Final Benediction: The Chaplain, Rev Aubin de Gruchy

You Raise Me Up
Katherine Gregory, Harry Flint, Katherine Gregory, Lowenna Wearne,
James Lansdowne, Helena Paish

[Click here to watch Virtual Speech Day](#)



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Andrew Gordon-Brown, Truro School Headmaster January 2013 - July 2020



***A special thank you from Truro School
Click here to watch the Quarantine Contest 'Thank You' video***



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Virtual Sports Day

Sports Day this year took a rather different format as pupils were set not just sport challenges, but cooking, writing, acting, singing- you name it, it was done. In a bid to win those all important house points, the participants sent in their evidence of their challenge, which was totalled on a spread sheet throughout the day. There were over 1700 entries!

A big well done to everyone who put 110% in Truro School's first virtual sports day.





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World AIMS



This year's World Action in Methodist Schools (AIMS) day explored the themes of race, privilege and discrimination, reflecting on what it means to be able to 'breathe'. It also looked at how, as a community, we can be anti-racist and anti-discriminatory.

The programme started by two Old Truronians about 18 years ago with the aim to get schools to look beyond themselves, to the needs of the local and wider community. We continue to aim to recognise the various challenges facing our community and the wider world, and also to celebrate all that is good.

To find our more, you can watch the introduction video with Revd. Aubin de Gruchy and Upper Sixth leaver Maisy Vincent. We will also be compiling information from the day to share with you next week.

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In case you missed it... End of Term Chapel Service



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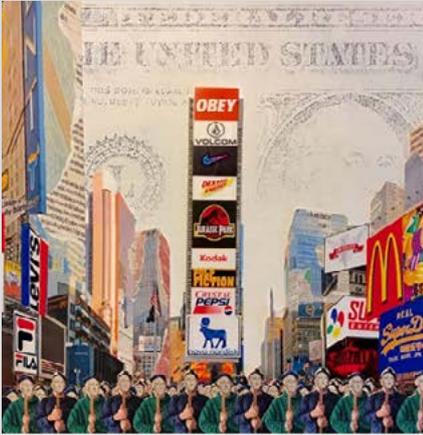


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Truro School
Summer
Art Show



We are pleased to invite you to our end of term virtual art show in the Heseltine Gallery. Showcasing works of art from across the Prep and Senior Schools, including A-Level and GCSE pieces, the exhibition is available to view at

> <https://www.heseltinegallery.com/summer-show/>



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Huge congratulations to Upper Sixth students Cat and Lowenna who are celebrating after both successfully earning places at Guildford School of Acting.

Ben Oldfield, Director of Drama, said, 'It's wonderful that these two talented students have achieved such a remarkable feat. Drama schools are notoriously hard to get into and they very rarely consider school leavers. Cat and Lowenna obviously impressed them with their skill and their passion for the art form. They have both been stalwarts of the drama department during their time at Truro School, playing many memorable roles, and they have contributed massively to the success of countless projects through their energy and commitment. I am delighted that Cat and Lowenna are moving on to the next stage of their careers in the theatre and I look forward to seeing what they do next: it's bound to be exciting!'

Cat commented, "I couldn't be more delighted to have a place at Guildford School of Acting come September. I can say hand on heart that there is genuinely no way I would have achieved this were it not for the incredible help and support given to me by Truro School, especially from Ben Oldfield and Jo Egar in the drama department. I am so thankful for the opportunities that Truro School has offered me and I cannot wait to see where these experiences take me next. Thank you so much."

Lowenna said: "I am incredibly excited to be going to drama school in September, thanks to lots of hard work and a massive amount of support from the school and the drama department. I've had countless brilliant opportunities during my time at Truro School to allow my passion and craft to flourish, for which I am incredibly grateful."

Congratulations girls, we look forward to following your careers in the theatre, well done!

You can also catch Lowenna and Cat performing a section of Blood Wedding, their A-Level performance piece, in this year's virtual speech day.



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Dear all

Thank you for the letter to me and the teachers of Truro School received on 15 June and signed by over 300 current and former students and parents. Very largely as signatories you are students and parents I have known during my tenure as Headmaster and I am grateful for your involvement in this very important matter and, knowing that you have benefitted from Truro School's ethos, not at all surprised at your strength of feeling that more should be done by everyone. I have shared the letter with the teaching and non-teaching staff at both the Senior and Prep Schools as well as with our board of governors, who have helped me to consider how best to respond. It is fair to say that Truro School, the largest school within the Methodist Independent Schools Trust, is part of a long tradition of speaking out against discrimination, but we must do more to ensure pupils stand up to all forms of racial prejudice and learn about these issues.

In the wake of the horrific death of George Floyd, I spoke to our pupils in my weekly video blog about the fact that there is absolutely no place for any form of racial discrimination at school, and that we are serious about the implementation of the anti-racism policy that has existed at school for the last 14 years. As an institution we are committed to being actively anti-racist and recognise that there is more that we can and should be doing to this end. I believe that actions speak louder than words but I would like to set out in this letter some of the initial reflections that emerged when we discussed our response to the letter in a staff meeting last week, and also at a meeting of the governors.

- We are committed to an anti-racist education and at our staff meeting, teaching and non-teaching staff requested the opportunity to review their areas of responsibility and to critically reflect on all aspects of what they do from an anti-racist perspective. This includes both educational and operational areas.
- Over the course of the last year a group of teachers has been conducting a review of our KS3 curriculum and this work will continue including a specific focus on curriculum intent; what and why we are teaching, with a view to diversifying our curriculum.
- Our World AIMS programme for the final week of this term has been rewritten to give our pupils the chance to reflect on issues of racism with their form tutors. I am very grateful to some of our current upper sixth students for their input in creating resources for this event. The theme of the programme is Breathe; let me breathe, let creation breathe.
- Mr Andy Johnson, my successor, would like to establish a steering group next term to work with representation from current staff, pupils, parents and alumni. I have received an excellent proposal from a current student, and signatory to this letter, for an Equality Ambassadors Programme which our staff are keen to see implemented in the forthcoming academic year.
- Cornwall is not a diverse county and while everyone has questions about racism, only very few have experience of racism. We will introduce unconscious bias training and education for both staff and students.
- We will seek ways to further celebrate our international community. This is a crucial moment and it is important that the response is one of substance not just symbolism. A good number of the signatories to the letter are current pupils who can work with us on developing and implementing the agenda next year. If, as signatories to this letter, you would like to be involved or simply visit us at school to talk about the steps we have taken, you would be welcome. In the spirit of *Esse Quam Videri*, we would be very pleased if you were willing to commit time, energy and resources to support Truro School as we work to achieve our mission to be an anti-racist beacon of inclusive excellence.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Gordon-Brown

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Dear Parents,

Trips are a fundamental part of our co-curricular offering at Truro School. Normally at this point in the year we know exactly what trips will be going out over the next academic year. Right now we don't know exactly how next year will look, but what we do know is that trips help to nurture and develop interests amongst our pupils and to aid in personal development, curiosity, motivation and social skills. If we are able to make them happen, we will.

Surf Trip – February 2021

Mr Meads is as keen as ever to organise our annual surf trip to Portugal, which is always popular and rewarding. We are uncertain whether we will be able to travel in February half term 2021 as previously planned, but ever the optimist, we would like to plan with trepidation for our next Portugal surf adventure. Initially, there will be no fixed commitment, only an expression of interest. This will guide us as to whether there is demand for such a trip in these uncertain times. There will be no obligation to attend, but if you would be interested in your child joining the trip please could you email djm@truroscool.com to add your name to the list, Mr Meads will then be able to communicate with you directly about what might be possible and can start to enquire with external providers. Safety will be paramount and no commitment will be made to an external provider until approved by the school and to you as parents. So if you are interested, please email Mr Meads in the first instance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Kind regards

Zoe Jobling

Director of Co-Curricular



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Wednesday 10am - 2pm (Appointment for New Starters ONLY)

Thursday 10am - 2pm (Appointment for New Starters ONLY)

Friday Closed

Saturday Closed

Sunday Closed

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CLOSED 31st August - Bank Holiday