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SCHOOL NEWS

ESSE QUAM VIDERI



ALL CHANGE AT THE TOP

Truro School starts the new academic year with an exciting blend of continuity and change. The new Head, Andy Johnson, brings his extensive educational experience from a wide variety of schools including independent and state, co-educational and single sex, through school and Sixth Form specialist. The new Chair of Governors, Richard Thomas, steps up from his position as Vice Chair and draws on his long relationship of support for and understanding of Truro School. Richard has been a Governor here for a decade and his two children were educated at Truro School. Andy and Richard have both written letters specifically for our community in the pages which follow, so that you can get to know them a little better.

The Governing Body takes this opportunity to formally recognise and thank the commitment and achievements of the previous Head, Andrew Gordon-Brown, and Chair, Kim Conchie, who have put the school in its current strong position. They are also excited at the potential for the school's future, drawing on this progressive balance of continuity and change at a time when the education sector needs exactly this blend of leadership.

DEAR OLD TRURONIANS



First and foremost, I am writing to introduce myself to you as the new Head of Truro School – a school that I know holds a special place in your lives, and which now also does in mine. I am thrilled to have both the privilege and responsibility of this role and am excited about the future of the School. I want to start by thanking the Foundation and the Association for their financial and wider contributions of support that continue to help us navigate the choppy seas we currently face because of the pandemic.

Your collective generosity and goodwill have certainly helped some families keep their children in our School. More than that, the investments of compassion that we make now, that are fully in tune with our Methodist ethos, will bring social, developmental and educational dividends both for the children and the School in the future. Thank you. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor, Andrew Gordon-Brown, and his family, for their service to the School. Andrew was immensely supportive of me as I prepared for this post. He is now the new Headmaster of Kingswood School in Bath, and so remains part of the wider MIST family of schools.

I am sorry that we are not able to proceed with many of the usual alumni events in the current climate, including most recently the annual former pupils' dinner. I am sure that we will make up for lost time as soon as we can, including consideration of new events. One event that the School will be hosting this academic year is a celebration of the life and legacy of our former Headmaster, Guy Dodd. We had initially hoped to host this event in October, but with the latest government announcement, and with the support of Guy's family, we have decided to delay our planning until we can be confident the event can be the kind of celebration Guy deserves. More details will follow in due course.

You will have seen that education has hardly been out of the headlines this summer. Our GCSE and A Level pupils eventually received the outcomes they deserved and our School leavers move forwards with honour as your fellow Old Truronians to an array of exciting destinations. Impressive as the Oxbridge and Medical School outcomes are, it is the diversity of destinations and ambitions fulfilled that reflects the School's breadth of talent, and mission to nurture individuals who learn how to be the best of themselves with confidence, in tune with our motto.

The new academic year has started well. Our planning for a Covid-safe environment for pupils and staff alike has been ongoing and agile in the face of evolving guidance, and responsive to the needs and feedback of our stakeholders. We wrote to current and prospective parents in June, again in early August, and just before the start of term in order to outline our plans to minimise risk to pupils and staff alike. We have also set up a Covid Steering Group that meets weekly to review our situation and the latest updates, locally and nationally.

We have chosen to err on the side of caution as the new term begins, but as much as the pandemic has created anxieties, it has also brought the community together positively to collaborate and meet this challenge. This is to the immense credit of pupils, staff, and the wider Truro family. It is an absolute joy and delight to see the School full of children once again. I am confident that the spirit and ethos of this School will triumph over this latest challenge in its proud history, just as it has over those in the past.

I recorded a video message for parents at the start of term in which I introduced myself and focused on more than just the current climate of pandemic risk management. As you know, perhaps more than others, this is a great School that is more important and more dynamic than the pandemic. There is a link to that video [HERE](#).

Finally, for my own part, my family and I are thrilled to be in Cornwall. We are settling into our new home, which, with a five-year-old and a two-year-old, is a constantly and entertainingly interrupted process! Both Pamela and I have positive existing relationships with Cornwall ourselves, and it is lovely now to be residents of this great County and champions of all it has to offer.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in person, as soon as that becomes practical.

With very best wishes to you all,

Andy Johnson
Head

ESSE QUAM VIDERI



RICHARD THOMAS BSc MRICS RICS DIP ARB

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

In line with a London bus, when one comes along another follows shortly afterwards. We as a school are proud to have a new Head in Andy Johnson, and we also have a new Chair of Governors in myself.

It is a pleasure to be elected Chair of the Governing Body of the school and to take over from Kim Conchie who has led the board with expertise over the last seven years.

I have been a governor of the school since 2012 and originally became involved because of my desire to put something back into Cornish society having earned my living from it for many years. As a Chartered Building Surveyor, my professional background is in estates and property and I have been pleased to assist Truro School in many of their capital projects over the years.

Both of our children were educated at Truro School and have benefitted from the breadth of education and experience of life that the school can give. Our daughter Milly was at the school for the Sixth Form while Patrick attended from age 3 – 18. I have been married to Sara for 28 years and this week she starts a Fine Art degree at Falmouth University. We are both taking up senior roles in education at the same time!



I was brought up in Altrincham, Cheshire, attending Altrincham Grammar School before obtaining a Bachelor of Science Degree in Building Surveying at Leicester. I started my surveying career with Strutt and Parker in London before moving to Cornwall in 1983. I established my own practice, now RTP Surveyors, in 1986. I have managed and overseen the growth of this practice into the largest independent firm of Chartered Building Surveyors in the County with offices in Falmouth and Bodmin. I sold my interest in the practice in 2018 and remain a consultant to the firm.

I retain a strong interest in building surveying and estates and sit on the Methodist Independent Schools Trust Property Committee as well as the Place Shaping Board for Falmouth. I am especially interested in local matters and am Chair of the Falmouth Business Improvement District. Until its closure in 2019 I served as Vice Chair on Sita Cornwall Trust, who as a grant funding body, donated over £13m to community and heritage projects in the County funded by monies raised through Community Landfill Tax charges.

I am a qualified arbitrator and my professional work in a consultancy capacity is generally in expert witness, mediation and building pathology.

My leisure pursuits involve generally keeping fit, photography, cricket, and playing the saxophone badly.

I very much look forward to leading the Governing Body in the next chapter of life in Truro School and would welcome your contact in whatever capacity.

Richard Thomas
Chair of Governors & Old Truronian Parent

OLD TRURONIAN MEMORIES

RETired HONG KONG UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR GREGORY JAMES, CO65, LOOKS BACK FONDLY ON HIS TIME AT TRURO SCHOOL AND WATSON WEEKS, HIS FAVOURITE TEACHER.

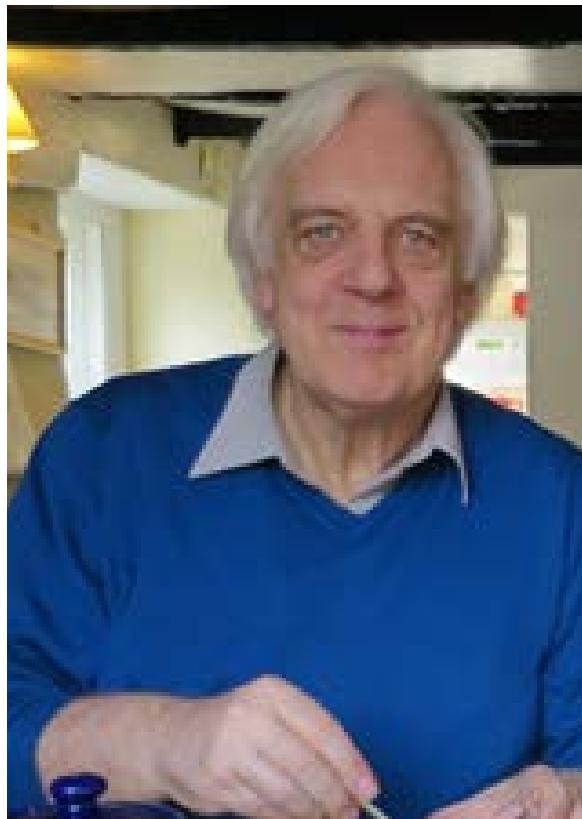
"Toto ouvre la porte." Hooked by my first sentence I learnt in a foreign language, as an 11+ entrant in 'Loopy' Lauprêtre's class, through the linguistic door I leapt, into an all-male world of surnames only, addressed by masters cloaked in raven-black gowns embroidered and sleeved strictly according to each wearer's degree. Loopy didn't wear one, as he wasn't a graduate, but with his Gallic accent and cultivated demeanor, and driving a rickety 2CV, he was, for us, the very embodiment of 'Frenchness'.

From Form 2 onwards, my nemesis was the temperamental Norman 'Daisy' **May** (French). Our mutual loathing was muddied by the dilemma (for us both) that I was enamoured of his subject and scored well in tests. Toward the ends of the summer terms, some dayboys would host French pen pals or sons of family acquaintances, and bring them to the school. We delighted in asking them to initiate conversations with Daisy, and report back to us whether he actually did speak French. The testimony was favourable. He was a solid teacher, and some of his quirky mnemonics (such as the pronominal 'football team', including "full backs *lui leur*, y's in goal and en reserve") still ring in my head.

The 1960s' winds of social change were already gusting, but our Latin grammar books, dated from the 1920s; our Modern European History textbook had been written when the Nazis were still in power; and our log tables were "2nd edition (with corrections)" – I always felt for those who'd had the first edition.

We had to select subjects to study for O level: German, Greek or Biology. Mortified that I couldn't take both languages, I chose Greek, taught by the dour David **Searle**, ("but you can call me Sir" being his only attempt at mirth). Latin or Geography: a no-brainer. History or Physics: History, since any form of science was a closed book to me. My knack for syntax was, however, apparently well known. "Just think of an equation as a sentence," Alan 'Fishy' **Scales** (Physics) once pleaded, desperately trying to kindle a spark of interest. Those deemed useless at French were shunted into Spanish. Another mortification.

My star preceptor was Watson **Weeks** (English). I didn't know then that he was fresh out of training college, joining a teaching team of three generations. Led by the gaunt Somme veteran, 'Bert' **Willday** (Latin, English), resided in Overleigh in Trennick Lane, where his wife had run a Froebel kindergarten I had attended at the time of the coronation. It must have been challenging for Watson and his fellow neophytes, having to relate to colleagues many of whom were set in their largely top-down teaching ways. With play-readings, individual presentations, quizzes, and active pupil participation, Watson represented a new brand of teacher at the forefront of a stimulating educational revolution. And with Satire as a Special Subject for A level English, the times they really were 'a-changin'. Watson's were the only classes I remember where the end-of-lesson bell was greeted with a groan.



When I was in the Sixth Form my family moved from the city, and I remained at the school as a boarder. I was a prefect in Pentreve. One day, when one of our charges had absconded and had been picked up by the police in Taunton, the housemaster, the cynical Stephen ‘Slotty’ **Wicks** (English), told me to go up on the train to collect him. I was given some cash for the fares, and on my return with the fugitive I tendered the change, which I had taken care to have in multiple coins, hoping for a shilling, or maybe even half a crown, for my assiduity. With a, “Thank you, off you go then,” Slotty solemnly handed me a penny. As a friend observed, “Well, it could’ve been a ha’penny.”

We applied for university places through UCCA, but for course details we had to obtain individual brochures. Some were sent free, others were invoiced. Looking through the handbook for Modern Language courses, I noticed a footnote announcing an innovative one in French with Linguistics, starting the following year. My curiosity was piqued. I don’t think many people ever paid for their invoiced brochures, but in this case, I didn’t want to take any risk: a one-and-sixpenny postal order was a worthwhile investment. Eventually I received an unconditional offer. From then on, and much to the irritation of the erudite Cyril ‘Freddy’ **Wilkes** (French, German), I could coast along to A level, unconcerned about grades. Having classified me as ‘not Oxbridge material’ and, despite my regularly winning prizes for Latin, always critical of my interest more in the grammar than the literary merit of classical texts, ‘Jock’ **Marshall** (Latin) was visibly shocked when I told him of my offer – from Edinburgh!

My Edinburgh days were academically idyllic, delving into the intricacies of numerous languages, with an intervening year spent immersed in the linguistic patchwork of Switzerland. After graduation and teacher-training, I joined VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas) and was posted to the Regional Institute of English in Bangalore. This was long before it became India’s ‘Silicon Valley’ so there was no television, telephone calls to England had to be booked in advance, and a pint of beer at a toddy-shop cost half my daily pay. I took up Tamil.

After India, I joined a UK-funded educational project in Iran, where I began Persian, eventually on occasion acting as an informal interpreter in the local court when British colleagues were up for traffic violations. After four years, and while awaiting transfer to a new college, I returned to Edinburgh for an advanced Persian course (Me: “Professor, I want to be able to read the paper, not learn Hafez’s ghazals.” Him: “The news is fleeting. Hafez is for the soul.”). The revolution put paid to my plans, and later that year I secured a lectureship in Applied Linguistics at Exeter, where I remained for ten years. I also directed the Testamur in English Language and Literature (a junior-year-abroad course for students of English in overseas universities) – and each year, I invited Watson Weeks to come and give talks to the groups. He never disappointed. Thence, I went to Hong Kong, where, during two-years as a vice-principal at the Institute for Language in Education, I studied for the civil service’s initial exams in Chinese – more for the concomitant salary bonus than any real hope of proficiency. And for the next two decades, I directed the Language Centre at the University of Science and Technology (who would’ve thought?), where I taught English, Rhetoric, and basic Latin and Greek, and slithered up the academic pole to a professorship. Once again, I invited Watson to share his expertise, to give some seminars and workshops to our staff. The time he spent with us in Hong Kong was eminently memorable. He had not lost his touch.

When I left Truro School in 1965, the school community was overwhelmingly mono-cultural and mono-ethnic, although, under the stewardship of Derek **Burrell**, truly a man for his time, becoming little by little more diverse. But the education I received prepared me for a life of indulging myself in language, languages, and multi-cultural experiences. I consider it a piece of inestimable good fortune to have been mentored by such masters of their craft as Truro’s begowned tutors. Old-fashioned many of them may have been, even in their day, most were fine teachers, and I have tried in my own classes to emulate their standards. Now retired, and still living in Hong Kong, like the snare-drummer in *Bolero* concentrating on maintaining a steady rhythm while all around the madness gets louder, I pass my time reading, writing and translating. La porte reste ouverte.

By Gregory James, CO65

VIEW FROM THE CHAMBER

Have you read the forecast of a cliff edge in employment stats? We now enter a nerve-wracking time for Cornish businesses as we approach the end of furlough which the Government has said will end on 31st October. We are lobbying the Government to keep a very close eye on business groups' stats and employers' intentions because, frankly, it is unthinkable that the worse predictions can be allowed to happen. If one in three businesses made redundancies, that could be over 2 million people out of work on one day. The cost to Universal Credit, people's mental health, food banks and even, dare I mention it, social unrest would be unconscionable.



Cornwall Chamber of Commerce wants the Government to be more flexible about how it helps business owners and their colleagues post-October. I would like to see more decision-making put into the hands of employers so they can decide where and when furlough payments are made, perhaps devolved to and orchestrated at a local Chamber of Commerce level. The Government has now shown it can use technology to vary VAT rates according to geography, time of year, by sector and even time of day. This agility would revolutionise business planning. Imagine the impact on productivity in retail and hospitality businesses if a business could boost trade at slack times by offering 'Eat Out to Help Out' style discounts.

While we're on the subject of VAT, it has been said that one HMRC move that could be made now that tech advances allow, would be to scrap the business VAT threshold at c£85,000 turnover per annum and introduce a sliding scale. Some commentators reckon that this would have a phenomenal impact on micro-business productivity. What happens currently is that thousands of these tiny enterprises and one-woman and one-man bands, trade up to £85K then pull down the shutters till the next financial year because they don't want to register for VAT. If we want Cornwall & Scilly to be an all year-round destination for culinary, storm-watching, walking and cultural holidays, we need all of our wide range of services open during the winter. So, let's register all businesses for VAT and scrap the scary threshold.

The Covid crisis has acted as a catalyst for many changes in behaviour. The Government must stop acting in the same way that it has collected taxes and influenced business behaviour since the 19th Century. Technology allows it to be far more nimble for the 21st Century

By **Kim Conchie**

Chief Executive Officer, Cornwall Chamber of Commerce
& Foundation Trustee

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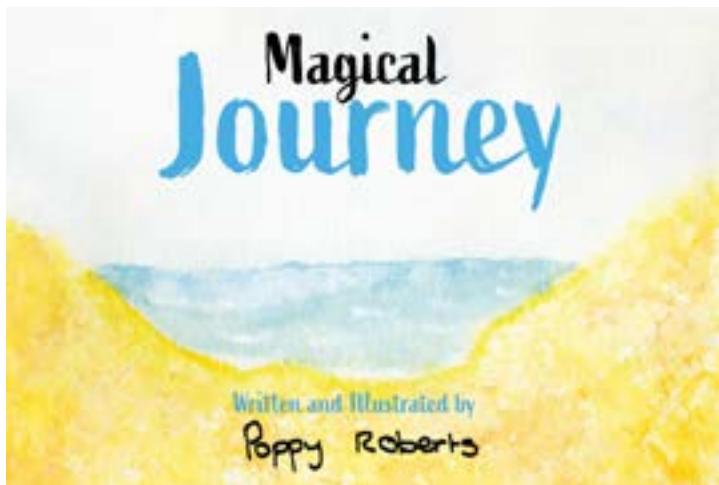
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VIRTUAL

A graphic design for the Cornwall Festival of Business. It features large, bold text for the festival name and date. To the right is a stylized graphic composed of overlapping hexagons in orange, yellow, and teal colors.

LEGACY OF POPPY GAMBLE (NÉE ROBERTS) CO99

MAGICAL JOURNEY



Old Truronian Poppy Gamble was tragically taken from her family and friends on January 13th 2019 by secondary breast cancer at the age of only 37. She left behind her husband - Lee, and her two young sons Paddy and Ernie.

Just a few weeks after her death, Poppy's mum, Bridget Roberts, found the manuscript of **Magical Journey**, a children's book that Poppy had written and illustrated when she was just 12 years old.

Poppy's enchanting work was of such high quality that **Black Dog Books** immediately accepted it for publication with a launch date of Thursday 14th November 2020. Douglas Walker, of Black Dog Books, believes that **Magical Journey** "is utterly captivating" and that "children will be enthralled by the beauty and simplicity of the language and illustrations."

Bridget Roberts said: "*Poppy would be thrilled to think that her wonderful story will now give pleasure to countless children across the UK. She would be equally delighted to know that all proceeds from the sale of the book will go to support Penhaligon's Friends, that was set up in name of former Truro MP David Penhaligon (a Cornish charity that supports bereaved children, young people and carers throughout the county) and Secondary 1st (raises funds to support vital research in the search for a cure for secondary breast cancer), two charities close to the hearts of everyone in the family.*"



Poppy, whose family owned and ran the long-established department store, Roberts of Truro, was born and brought up in Cornwall, along with her sisters and dearest friends Amy and Annie. A talented actress, Poppy was educated at Tresiske, Truro High and Truro School, leaving the Duchy at 18 to train at the prestigious Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. Early success, critical acclaim and the prospect of fame and fortune as an accomplished actress were, nonetheless, unequal to the charm, magic and magnetism of Cornwall.

Returning home, Poppy launched a new career as a business woman – founding the distinctively stylish Opium Boutique Truro and enjoyed life with her husband and two sons.

Copies of **Magical Journey** are available for sale in Waterstones of Truro at £7.99. Alternatively, it can be ordered online at <https://www.waterstones.com/book/magical-journey/poppy-roberts/9781839521492>

FOND FAREWELL

PETER HUGH WILLIAMS

29/06/1937 – 09/08/2020

TS 1945 - 1955

Peter passed away peacefully at the age of 83 from cancer.

Peter settled in Epsom, Surrey for over 50 years having moved from Cornwall to embark on his career as a chartered accountant for Phillips Electronics. For many years he was a proud member of the London Welsh Male Voice Choir.

Peter leaves wife Jean, children Robert and Sue and their spouses Alex and Mark along with grandchildren Tassy, Ben, Lucy and Sophie.

For many years Peter remained in touch with other Old Truronians from CO55, Ben Luxon, Brian Cole and David Olds.

He remained a very proud Cornishman until the end.



A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF GUY DODD

EVENT POSTPONED



In the light of recent government announcements and after consulting with Helen Dodd and Guy's family, we have taken the decision to postpone this memorial celebration until the spring of 2021.

Guy's family believe that everyone's safety must be the first consideration. Head, Andy Johnson and Foundation Chairman, Graham Hooper feel that in order to celebrate the life of someone so dear to so many, in a way that is befitting, we must postpone until we are able to host an event which can be attended by all those wishing to share memories of such an important figure in the history of Truro School.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TO ATTEND

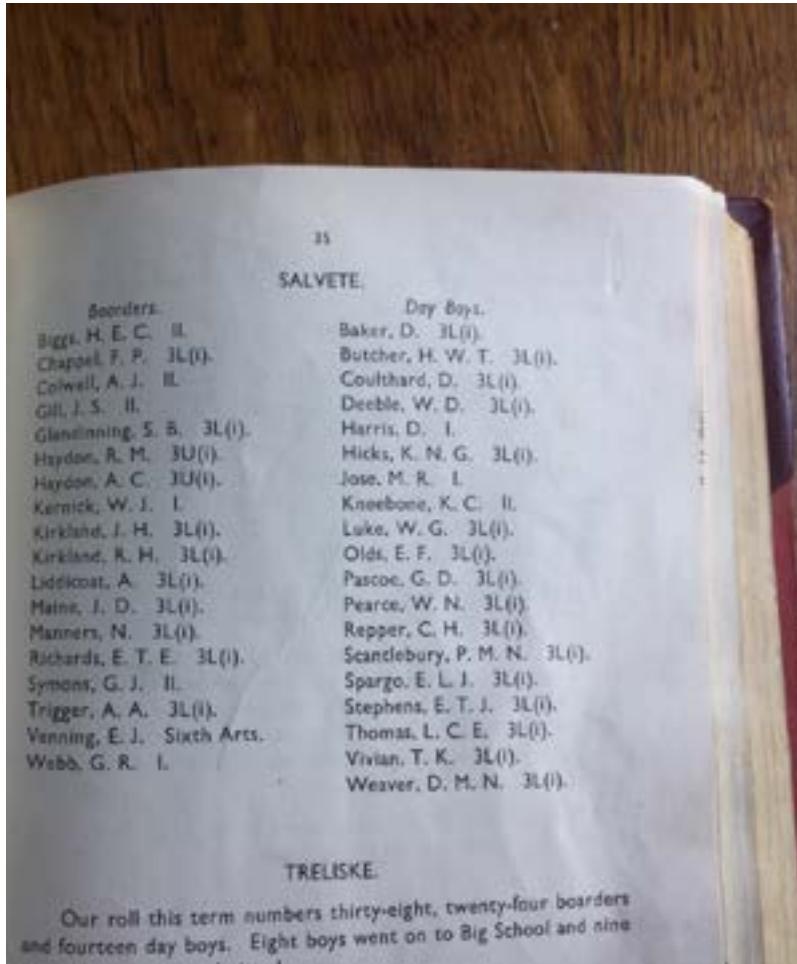
If you have not already done so, and you wish to add your name to the guest list for next year, please email:

foundation@truroschool.com

WHERE ARE THEY Now?

Recently, I had the great pleasure of chatting with Maurice (Philip) **Scantlebury** CO46, who attended Truro School from 1938-1944. Maurice is an Old Truronian through and through and has been an involved member of the Association for a great many years, including as a TSA committee member and past Chairman. As one of our 'slightly more senior' Old Truronians, and as such, we talked about who from his cohort might still be with us.

I am delighted to say that Jo Wood, Researcher / Archivist has returned from furlough and following Maurice's direction, has managed to find an entry in the Christmas edition of the 1938 School magazine, listing those in form 3L (i) who began their journey at Truro School with Maurice all those years ago.



Maurice would enjoy hearing from any of his contemporaries. Unfortunately, he does not use email, so if you would like to make contact, please email tsa@truroschool.com giving us permission to share your address and telephone number with Maurice and we will endeavour to reconnect you.

If you would like Jo to see if she can find anything in our Archives which might be of interest to you, please email:

jvw@truroschool.com or tsa@truroschool.com

SCHOOL NEWS

MEET THE TRURO SCHOOL THERAPY DOGS - BUMBLE & MAVERICK



Last year Truro School welcomed two new furry part-time members of staff.

School dogs Bumble and Maverick have become well-loved members of the Truro School community, often seen around school.

The aim of having the dogs is for them to be able to assist children who have special education needs, suffer bereavement or who are upset and find themselves in need of a little calm, comfort and space before being able to tell an adult what has upset them. They might even listen to children read which can help to improve confidence.

The children are able to pat and play under strict supervision at certain times of the day. They are also taught how to behave when with them and how to be safe around dogs in general.

Bumble's home is with Lizzie Flowers (Learning Support Teacher) who gave us an update on Bumble's progress and how he has been coping during lockdown:



"He is all grown up now. He misses everyone at school, and social distancing has been hard for him as he expects everyone he sees to want to stroke him. He loves children and misses the school children a great deal.

Bumble loves to fall asleep being stroked. His latest trick is when we say "knee" he comes up, puts his chin on your knee, and looks at you with puppy dog eyes.

During lockdown we had a 'Snap and Chat' group, where we shared pictures and stories about pets. At school last year we had a 'Walk and Talk With Bumble' at lunchtimes, where students could take him around the grounds and practise his tricks.

He is great at home - he acts like a hoover and eats anything we drop. He was brilliant during lockdown and kept us all sane. Luckily, he was old enough to go on long walks with us every day and has become an excellent swimmer too.

Bumble has tried dog agility and is ready to take the exam for his silver award in obedience. The best bit about Bumble is his 'waggyness'. He wags his whole body when I arrive home, and it's adorable."

Maverick has had a great summer and has been enjoying many adventures with his owners Vicky and Mike Cucknell. Mike is the Outdoor Pursuits Coordinator at Truro School so naturally Maverick enjoys the outdoor life; camping, paddle-boarding, sailing and coastal path exploring. He is a true adventure dog and often hops into the campervan before Vicky and Mike have had chance to pack, excited for the next journey.



Vicky told us a little more about Maverick: *"We are so delighted to look after Maverick and be able to enjoy the privilege of sharing him with our school and home communities. He just loves people and adventures, especially the D of E and Ten Tors training weekends. He loves all the attention from the children and of course all the cuddles."*

"Maverick has been such a huge asset to our family, and we are so delighted to have made the decision to get a dog. My nieces commented this summer, 'if Maverick was a human and had a profession...he would be in a caring role.'



Maverick just loves children. We are blessed to have large families with lots of children of all ages and they love hanging out together. We also live in a great place with lots of lovely neighbours' children who often ask if Maverick can come out to play. They have really enjoyed having the opportunity to play with Maverick in the garden as a break from home school during lockdown times."

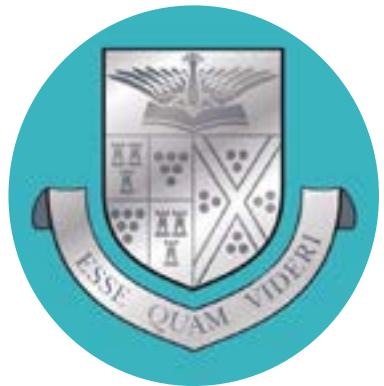
"Maverick loves people, cuddles and ball throwing. He loves his home and likes nothing better than to get back after a trip and relax in the garden, bathing in the sunshine or playing with his toys. He has an absolute obsession with bouncy balls, so there is always one nearby.

There is nothing like coming home to a gorgeous dog who is permanently thrilled to see you. Unconditional love, devotion and loyalty is always there. He is part of our family and we love him to bits."



MARIA'S RECIPE

CHICKEN PARMIGIANA



METHOD

1. Peel and finely slice the onion.
2. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a wide sauté pan and fry the onion until beginning to soften.
3. Peel and crush the garlic then add to the onion and cook for a further few minutes taking care not to let the garlic brown or burn.
4. Add the passata and tomato puree then add the sugar and season well with salt and pepper.
5. Bring to a gentle simmer and cook for 20 – 30 minutes until thickened, stirring from time to time.
6. Meanwhile split the chicken breasts in half horizontally and season each side well with salt and pepper.
7. Heat a little more oil in a frying pan and sauté 2 – 3 pieces at a time until both sides of the chicken breast are golden. Remove the pieces to a plate between batches.
8. Wash and dry the basil and remove the tough woody stems. Pick off the leaves and shred (chiffonade) finely.
9. Drain the mozzarella and tear each ball into small pieces.
10. Finely grate the parmesan.
11. When the sauce is very thick, spread half over the base of a shallow ovenproof dish.

ENJOY!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 large onion
- 4 cloves garlic
- Oil for frying
- 2 x 500 g cartons passata
- 2 generous tablespoons tomato puree
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 chicken breasts
- 1 x 30 g pack fresh basil
- 2 x balls fresh mozzarella
- 50 - 75 g parmesan

<https://truroschoolcookery.com/>

Don't forget to send your photos.
tsa@truroschool.com

2020-2021 HEAD GIRL AND HEAD BOY



Jenny and **Isaac** begin their Head Girl and Head Boy roles for the academic year 2020-21 along with their Senior Prefect team:

Deputy Head Girl: **Holly**

Deputy Head Boy: **Monty**

SENIOR PREFECTS

Amber

Benji

Jenna

Zoe,

Alfie

Ellie

Henry

Matt

Charlotte

Cameron

Lucy

HEADS OF BOARDING

Malvern: **Stephanie**

Trennick: **Trevor**

Read more about **Jenny** and **Isaac**:

CLICK HERE

SUMMER SAILING – SIXTH FORM

Many activities have been suspended since the start of the pandemic, but as soon as sailing was back on the cards in the summer, students Finn and William were back out on the water doing what they love.

During the holidays, Windsurfer Finn went to Silvaplana, Switzerland for the IQ foil European championships, a lake 2000m high surrounded by towering mountains. Finn completed a five-day warmup event before going into the Europeans, which will be his first senior event on the IQ foil, the new Olympic class for 2024, meaning the competition was extremely tough.

Finn commented: *"It was exciting racing, with big crashes and close calls. I managed to win the youth class to become the first IQ foil Youth European champion and I also came 26th in the seniors. Overall, it was a great event with lots of learning and I'm looking forward to seeing what the future brings."*



Meanwhile William celebrated sailing successes, qualifying as an RYA Dinghy Instructor, a major building block for many routes through the RYA system. He also completed a week of intensive Laser coaching combined with Foiling, and raced in a three-day UKLA (UK Laser Association) Nationals in his Laser radial class.

William has been encouraged from comments by his senior coaches and is looking forward to competing in further races including the postponed RYA Youth Nationals, in October.



Dan Sanderson, Director of Sport commented: *"We are always keen to celebrate all of our pupils' achievements and these two boys are great examples of Truro School spirit. Finn has also won a bronze medal at the junior Olympics and it is fantastic to see him achieve at such a high level, in what is a fast paced and action-packed sport. Will is an extremely keen sailor and it has been great watching his coaching talents blossom. With part of his C-Tech studies being aligned with the coaching of others, Will is a prime example of taking classroom learning into an environment where he can share his passions. We are proud of both young men and I am sure that there will be more positive news from them throughout the year."*

2020-2021 Sports Fixtures:

Unfortunately, these are on hold at present for safety reasons. Of course we will let you know as soon as they resume,

Please send us photos and stories of any social distancing outdoor adventures you have enjoyed this summer. Email:

tsa@truroschool.com

Truro School Connected

a network for life...

Truro School Connected aims to provide a lifelong networking community consisting of Sixth Form students, Old Truronians, and current and former members of the Truro School Community to assist with careers advice, guidance, work placement opportunities and networking links.

a network for life... extending beyond school - one that not only helps our Sixth Form but also enables our younger alumni to access contacts across the globe who can, in partnership with Truro School, assist and advise with future career planning.

Our network for life... programme has many facets – for example our younger alumni continue to seek advice and mentoring from members of Truro School Connected but can also offer advice about their experiences of university to Sixth Form students about to make their first big decision.

Get involved...

We appreciate that not everybody can visit the school to chat to our students about their career but there are other important ways that you can get involved. Perhaps you could offer to assist our careers team by:

- Reviewing CV's.
- Conducting mock interviews.
- Hosting a table at one of our business lunches (remotely).
- Attending post 18 options days.
- Become a delegate at our Careers Convention.
- Present at our lecture series.
- Offer work experience or an internship.

Or just chat with a student and explain what your role entails by coming to one of our TS Connected social events.

If you can help, or would like to receive help and guidance yourself, in any way, big or small, please complete the online form.

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140TH ANNIVERSARY MUG

Commemorating Truro School's
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Guilded mug with school shield on
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OXBRIDGE SUCCESSES CO20



Following some very well deserved and outstanding results, **Georgia Stone**, **Clemmy Scott**, **Katherine Gregory** and **Helena Paish** have all successfully confirmed their places for Oxford and Cambridge for this year.

Oxbridge Mentor, Mrs Collinge commented: “*We are immensely proud of them and all of those that followed the Oxbridge programme. We greatly look forward to hearing how Georgia, Clemmy, Katherine and Helena get on with their exciting year ahead.*”

Starting the new academic year, the Upper Sixth Oxbridge applicants are about to enter the most crucial term for their Oxbridge applications. While it will no doubt be a challenge and a competitive year for places, there is a robust and extensive support network and programme in place to ensure that all will be well prepared.

TRURO SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CURRENT VACANCIES INCLUDE:

SIXTH FORM ADMINISTRATOR

PE AND GAMES TEACHER

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