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TRURO  
SCHOOL

PROSPECTUS



Esse Quam Videri



## Truro School Senior & Sixth

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TO BE, RATHER THAN TO SEEM TO BE

# TRURO SCHOOL





# A welcome from **THE HEAD**

Perched on a hill overlooking Truro's iconic Cathedral and set within 40 acres of sports fields and open spaces, Truro School is a safe, happy, and inspiring environment in which your child can grow.

By maintaining high academic standards alongside a personalised support network, excellent facilities and a broad range of co-curricular opportunities, we aim to inspire and support all our pupils. We will nurture and challenge them to become the very best of themselves - confident, respectful, broad minded, and enthusiastic young people with choices in life and a sense of purpose and individuality.

Truro School is a warm, welcoming community characterised by constructive and trusting relationships, a place where talented and dedicated teachers educate pupils to be independent individuals. We believe that pupils' abilities are not fixed and that through their learning they can each grow and develop intellectually, discovering new interests and talents. We champion a broad and balanced education that includes creative, cultural, spiritual and sporting opportunities alongside genuine academic rigour. As pupils progress through the school, they will also develop social skills, confidence and leadership qualities.

We want to inspire curiosity and a life-long interest in learning, equipping pupils with the knowledge, skills and interests to thrive in the futures they choose. We are also a community that learns, in self-critical pursuit of our ambition to be a beacon of inclusive excellence and progressive education.

I hope that our prospectus gives you a sense of Truro School, our vision and values. If you would like to find out more, please do come and visit us for one of our Open Events or for a Private Tour where you will be warmly welcomed.

*“Truro School is a vibrant community with a passion to obtain the best from its pupils”*

PARENT



ANDY JOHNSON,  
HEAD OF TRURO SCHOOL



# Our Approach

Underpinned by strong Christian principles, we are a caring and inclusive community supported by a multifaceted pastoral network which values, nurtures and develops the physical and mental wellbeing of each individual.

Our school motto, *Esse Quam Videri* (to be, rather than to seem to be) captures the essence of our identity and from Nursery right through to Sixth Form, the Truro School Community shares the same values and approach to education.

*Esse Quam Videri*

TO BE, RATHER THAN TO SEEM TO BE

## TO BE ACADEMIC

To develop individual academic excellence at every level

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## TO BE CREATIVE

To inspire creativity, ignite imaginations and help each pupil to find and fully develop his or her talents

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## TO BE CONFIDENT

To develop pupils who are at ease with themselves and each other

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## TO BE AMBITIOUS

To forge pupil characters through challenges and opportunities

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## TO BE RESPECTFUL

To develop pupils who respect other people and the world around them

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## TO BE INDEPENDENT

To encourage pupils to develop their own way of thinking



# TO BE Academic

Delivering individual academic excellence at all levels.

### SMALL CLASS SIZES

Keeping class sizes comparatively small helps maintain an engaging learning environment and our teachers really get to know each pupil's strengths and weaknesses, helping them to excel. The high levels of support from our teachers results in a distinctive classroom atmosphere. Students actively embrace curiosity in their learning, creating a culture in which they are encouraged to ask questions and gain a greater depth of understanding.

### ACADEMIC FACILITIES

The school has extensive computer facilities and the use of ICT is integrated fully into teaching and learning. Virtual Learning Environments, which are accessible from both within the school and from home, provide pupils with electronic resources to help support teaching and provide opportunities for personalised learning.

### ENGAGING IN PUPIL DEVELOPMENT

With active learning and differentiated approaches to teaching, all pupils are fully engaged in developing the skills and confidence necessary to help them become truly independent and creative thinkers.

Approaches to learning are as important as attainment and subject teachers report on attitude in lessons, independent study and organisation. Frequent reports help form the basis of target setting and we encourage pupils to have a personal sense of responsibility and engagement in the learning process.

### EXCELLENT TEACHING STAFF

Inspectors recently recognised our talented and dedicated teachers by awarding us 'Double Excellent' status, the top grades possible. Coupled with small class sizes, our teachers take the time to fully understand how our pupils learn best, providing outstanding progression and individualised academic support when they need it most. Results are further enhanced by a wide range of extension studies, clinics and supra-curricular opportunities.

“The school teachers went above and beyond in offering extra support whenever requested.”

### PARENT





# TO BE Creative

Inspiring creativity, igniting imaginations and helping each pupil to find and fully develop their talents.

Combined with our academic curriculum, our varied co-curricular programme ensures that pupils thrive through a rounded and balanced education, giving them the opportunities to try, participate or excel in whatever talent or gift they would like to pursue. In fact, our experience is that students learn almost as much outside the classroom as they do inside.

### OVER 100 ACTIVITIES

At Truro School, the opportunities are plentiful. The list of activities changes from term to term but offers something for every individual and represents a key part of our education to inspire creativity and ignite imagination, from cookery in our state-of-the-art Cookery School or computer programming and robotics, to jewellery making or astronomy.

Our aim is for every child to leave us with a breadth of knowledge, understanding and a desire to further develop existing and new passions and interests. We encourage students to try a variety of activities, to embrace challenges, successes and failures in order to grow.

### TRURO SCHOOL COOKERY

Our cookery school runs a number of after school clubs exclusively for Truro School pupils. From basic knife skills to more complex meat and fish preparation, sauces, pastries and bread, our aim is that every pupil can leave Truro School equipped with the knowledge required to buy and prepare a wide range of seasonal ingredients and recipes – either for life on a budget at University or entertaining guests with style and flair.

### CREATIVE ARTS

Creative Arts are incredibly strong at Truro School, as both academic departments and co-curricular activities. Throughout the school there are signs of our pupils' creativity, guided by their teachers' infectious enthusiasm. Works include ceramics, textiles, glass work, paintings, prints, furniture and hanging sculptures.

There are a number of well-equipped art and design workshops that can cater for work with a wide range of materials and a dedicated CAD/CAM ICT suite. Workshops are open and accessible to pupils during lunchtimes and after school, allowing talented designers to enjoy freedom of expression in creating, experimenting and building prototypes.

### THE HESELTINE GALLERY

The Heseltine Gallery is a beautiful exhibition and working space located above the Chapel. Offering a light and airy space, the Heseltine Gallery provides a uniquely inspirational environment from which students can learn and experience original works of art first-hand.

As a professional gallery, the Heseltine attracts a wide-range of local and national artists and often exhibits their work alongside the Truro School Art Collection, which focuses on post-war artistic activity in the county, and showcases the work produced by three main centres of excellence – St Ives, Newlyn and Falmouth. The collection contains work by alumni and established artists alike.





## TO BE Confident

Developing pupils who are at ease with themselves and each other.

We believe that a rich co-curricular life is the key ingredient to aiding character development in our pupils. Whilst having fun, participating in a wide range of activities, without academic pressures, pupils can broaden their horizons and learn a new skill or extend existing skills. This in turn develops confidence, self-esteem, teamwork and independent-thinking, and communication skills across all year groups.

### DRAMA

Drama is an integral part of the fabric of Truro School life. Students learn core drama skills: vocal projection and articulation, spatial and body awareness, through to studying plays and the characters, stories and themes contained within the plays. Students learn not only about themselves and what makes them 'tick', but about the world around them and how the arts explore and comment on the world. The process involved in putting on a play teaches a student the invaluable life skills of creativity, adaptability, compromise, collaboration and self-confidence.

The school runs a number of major productions throughout the year including the annual whole school play or musical, an annual sixth form drama project (including performing at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival every two years) and the junior play in the summer term.

### THE BURRELL THEATRE

Whether performing on the stage or learning technical skills relating to theatre sound, lighting and stage management, if your child loves the stage then they will feel right at home in our 200-seat Burrell Theatre.

Students are also given the opportunity to take LAMDA Speech and Drama classes, preparing for examinations in one of the following disciplines: Speaking Verse and Prose, Public Speaking, Acting, Musical Theatre and Mime.

### MUSIC

Our music department is one of the busiest and most vibrant in the country. With choirs and ensembles for every instrumental group and over 60 varied concerts each year, Truro School offers pupils numerous opportunities, to rehearse, perform and develop.

There are regular concerts after school when pupils of all ability and experience perform in front of their peers, family and friends. Performance is an important part of pupils' musical education and these informal concert opportunities enable confidence to grow as pupils become more accustomed to performing. Musicians also collaborate with the drama department in musical productions and each year the pupils run a junior and senior charity concert. Every aspect is done by the pupils themselves, from arranging auditions, selecting performers, rehearsing to organising programmes, tickets and refreshments.



# TO BE Ambitious

Forging characters through challenges and opportunities.

Because we believe that essential life skills are often best taught outside of the classroom, balancing an academic education through a wide-ranging co-curricular programme, we offer every child the chance to participate, perform and lead in the fields of their choice. In a competitive world these opportunities are fundamental to ensuring your child develops essential life skills and most importantly an ambition for life.

### SPORT AND FITNESS

Truro School is blessed with outstanding sporting facilities and has a fine reputation for its sporting achievements at county, regional and national level. We take great pride in offering a broad range of sporting opportunities for all pupils, with a focus on both participation and professionalism.

Through our PE and games programme we want every pupil to develop their physical, social and emotional wellbeing. Ultimately to create confident and physically active youngsters with a healthy deep-rooted love of exercise and the necessary skills to enjoy sport throughout their whole lives, regardless of their natural ability.

For those with sporting aspirations, our elite programmes offer a wide-range of ability-based training sessions to maximise potential.

### OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Truro School is recognised as a centre of excellence in the South West for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This is an optional but very popular programme within the school and each year well over 100 pupils achieve their Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

Furthermore, a large number of participants enter the Ten Tors event on Dartmoor. It is a huge challenge for those that take part and one that stays with its participants for the rest of their lives. Students spend months in training with the outdoor pursuits team as they prepare themselves for either the 35, 45 or 55 mile challenges.

Both of these awards provide great life experiences for our students, allowing them to be taken out of their comfort zone, learning to work together as a team, discovering that everyone has different strengths and weaknesses and learning how to succeed and fail.

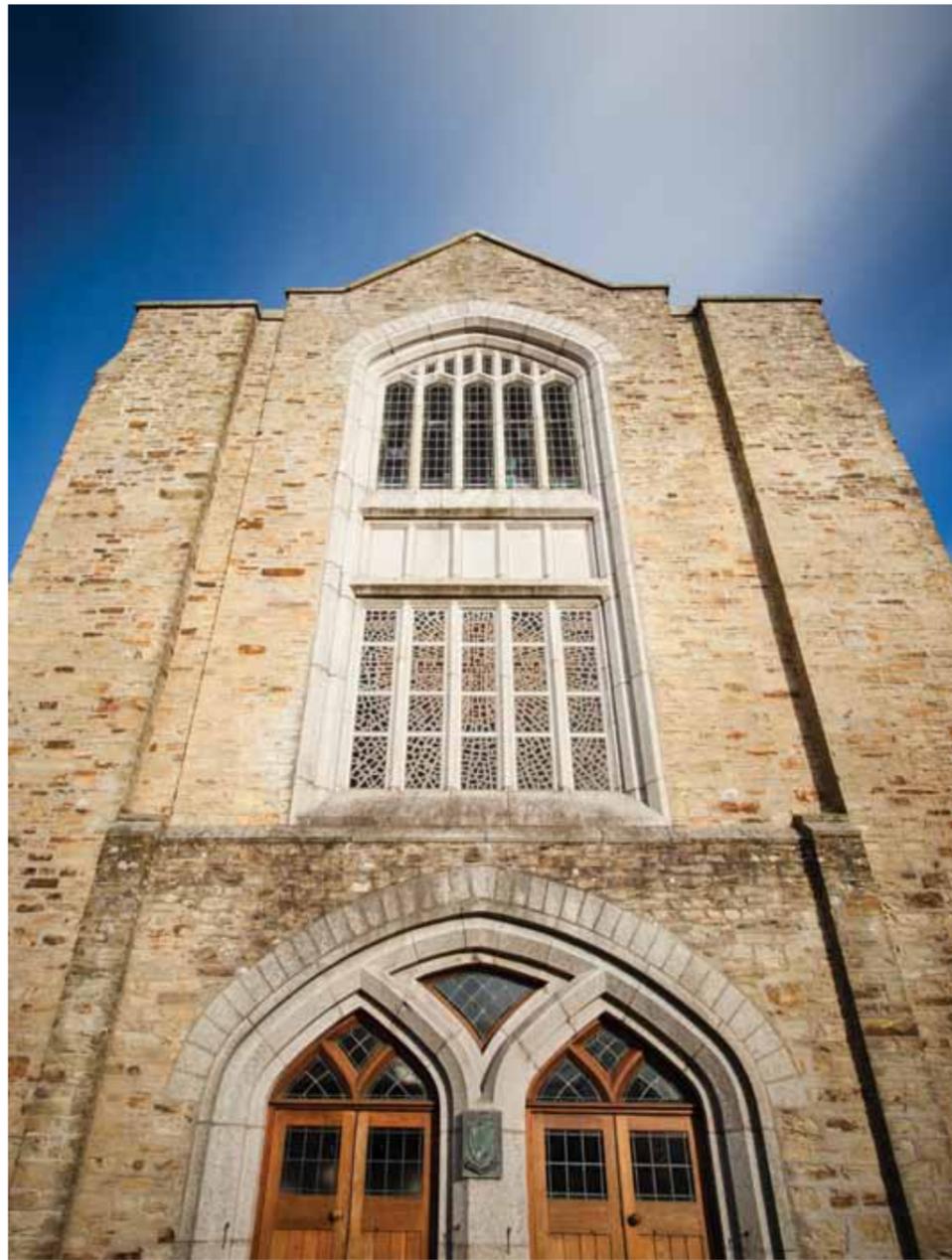
### ON THE WATER

Our enviable location provides ample opportunities for pupils to take to the water and advance their skill levels in a range of water sports, including sailing, surfing and kayaking.

### SCHOOL HOUSES

Every pupil at Truro School belongs to a competition house. There are a wealth of inter-house competitions and events throughout the year, building comraderies between house members and a spirited pride for one's house.





## TO BE Respectful

Developing students who respect other people and the world around them.

Our Methodist roots guide us to become a place of mutual trust and respect, one in which, through traditional values, good manners and support, our pupils are encouraged to respect other people and the world around them.

Our vibrant international boarding community and serene location encourage the development of balanced and mindful children with a great awareness of the world and understanding of their role as global citizens.

At Truro School, we want our pupils to leave with a sense of responsibility, one where pupils are committed to living their lives to the full and to transforming society for the better.

### A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

Truro School is a caring and supportive community with an excellent pastoral care network. This nurturing environment recognises each child as a unique and special individual, providing emotional and spiritual development, security and friendship.

We aim to instil a sense of security within all our pupils, providing an environment in which they feel safe and supported, allowing them to find and celebrate their own strengths and giving them the confidence to discover their role in the wider world.

### A GLOBAL VILLAGE

The school's charity and sustainability committees help to unite and guide the school, facilitating the understanding that, as a school and as individuals, we have a role and responsibility in a global village. Events and activities run throughout the year and include charity events, days and weeks - whereby each form group supports a charity of their choice, overseas partnerships with the Sella Community in Sierra Leone and Bethany School in Uganda, campaigns run by the Amnesty International committee and at the end of each year, all pupils spend two days fully immersed in a global topic.

### CHAPEL AND ASSEMBLIES

Truro School Chapel is a quiet space within busy school life, providing a sanctuary for reflection and thought. The Chapel also provides opportunities for spiritual expression through music, with the Chapel frequently coming alive with singing and concerts.

“Truro School has a wonderful feeling and the pupils and students do it proud with their behaviour.”

PARENT



# TO BE Independent

To encourage pupils to develop their own way of thinking.

Underlying all that we do is a solid foundation based on the ethos and values of Christianity. We nurture and challenge each individual child in a caring environment that is inclusive, enjoys diversity and supports a genuine desire to question what we see and what we know.

### EMBRACING DIFFERENCES

At Truro School we embrace an inclusive, vibrant community in which girls and boys are unafraid to ask important questions about life and values, celebrating and embracing their differences as well as their similarities and developing their own way of thinking in an environment that reflects real-world communities and workplaces.

Our pupils appreciate that talents and successes are presented in all shapes and sizes and achievements are celebrated whether a national triumph or personal hurdle.

### CELEBRATING UNIQUENESS

Known for our outstanding pastoral care and trusting partnerships with pupils and parents, the support network at Truro School underpins everything that we do. Alongside high-quality teaching and learning, it ensures the success and personal development of each pupil so that they can flourish socially and academically and grow to be comfortable in their own skin.

Our support network nurtures and celebrates the uniqueness of each individual within the school community and a wealth of opportunities available through drama, debating and public speaking, as well as pupil-led assemblies and appearing in music and singing concerts, help to ensure pupils learn key communication skills and gain the confidence to be themselves.

### LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY

Truro School has a strong tradition of leadership and responsibility throughout the school and all pupils and students are given the opportunity to develop active leadership skills, whether within the prefect system, student-led committees and events, sports teams or co-curricular activities.

### WELLBEING

Truro School is distinguished by being a place where every child is known as an individual and where a personalised pastoral network led by a team of staff trained in youth mental health awareness ensures their mental wellbeing is cared for.

“There is a real community amongst the students and teachers”

SIXTH FORM PARENT



“My children have been so incredibly happy at Truro School. They have grown to be very balanced, intelligent and thoughtful individuals and I absolutely credit the school and their teachers for that, thank you.”

PARENT





# AGES 11-13



Whether arriving new to Truro School or progressing from our Prep School, the beginning of the Senior School is an exciting time for our pupils. Known for our outstanding pastoral care and trusting partnerships with parents, pupils are warmly welcomed into the community and our superb pastoral network ensures pupils are given the individual time and support to settle in their new environment.

Pupils enjoy a varied academic and co-curricular programme, encouraging them to try, participate or excel in whatever talent or gift they would like to pursue.

The rich variety of clubs and activities on offer helps pupils to develop friendships through common interests and the healthy mix of ages contributes towards a warm and sociable school community, allowing our younger pupils to feel at ease in their new environment whilst empowering older children to practise leadership skills under the guidance of teachers.

Run by a group of parents, the Friends of Truro School (FTS) is designed to bring the warm and welcoming community of Truro School parents, pupils and teachers together. They host a number of 'welcome' events for new parents and are on hand to answer any questions that you may have.

# AGES 14-16



GCSE options are made in the Spring Term of the 3rd Year. By this stage, pupils are able to build on the foundations of their earlier years, working alongside teachers, and through organised events, to find aspects of the curriculum that inspire and excite them, guiding them to achieve a good balance between breadth and depth.

A range of compulsory subjects sit alongside optional ones to reflect an individual's passions and interests whilst providing a solid foundation for future study and career opportunities. A copy of our GCSE curriculum guide is published on our website and available on request.

Pupils are offered superb levels of support, both in and out of the classroom. Small class sizes, tutor groups and excellent teaching maintain an environment where each pupil is able to be the best that they can be academically, whilst a proactive approach to tracking, monitoring and communications nurtures their wellbeing and provides a safety-net for all our pupils.

Truro School has an accomplished academic record and whilst the focus of these years is to provide pupils with the academic knowledge to perform well in their exams, we also aim to equip them with a wide range of skills and experiences that go far beyond the curriculum. Educational field trips play a vital role in our curriculum, serving a wide range of benefits to our pupils, from building self-confidence and fostering a sense of teamwork and community to engaging and learning about new environments.



# AGES 16-18 SIXTH



Whether building upon the foundations laid in the Senior School, or joining us at 16, students in our Sixth Form are ready to learn, grow, develop and flourish together in an exceptional learning environment.

By combining an excellent academic environment with small class sizes, extended learning opportunities, academic extensions, weekly clinics, personal mentors and supra-curricular activities, students are well-equipped to handle the challenges ahead of them.

Some students look forward to diving deeper into subjects they enjoyed at GCSE, while others are excited by new A-Level options, such as Business Studies, Economics or Psychology. We offer both and, crucially, are happy to advise on which combinations might best help students achieve their ambitions after school.

Our excellent academic standards are delivered alongside a personalised support network and innovative life skills programme with a strong focus on leadership and employability skills to provide students with a balanced education.

Underpinned by Truro School Connected – a network for life and visiting speaker programme – the Sixth Form provides wonderful opportunities for its students.

For more information about our Sixth Form, please view a copy of our Sixth Form Course Guide.

“I’ve really loved my time in the Sixth Form and particularly the opportunities offered outside of the classroom to explore new activities and experiences.”

SIXTH FORM STUDENT





# AGES 16-18 SIXTH

To truly help our students be the best that they can be, and to fully prepare them for life after A-Levels, we run a series of programmes focused on character development outside of the classroom.

### A CONSTANT BUZZ

Every student who passes through our Sixth Form leaves a mark on our community and it is through these additional programmes and constant buzz of events and activities that our students really develop an identity and skill-set to prepare them for the challenges of adult life.

We believe that studying A-Levels shouldn't mean giving up other interests; balance is important and co-curricular activities play a vital role in preparing students for the pressures of the exam room, as well as providing improved wellbeing and mental toughness. Sport and fitness, cookery, creative arts, drama, music and outdoor pursuits, to name but a few, provide opportunities for students to perfect their talents and master their craft.

### LIFE AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

Our Life and Employability Skills programme runs throughout the Lower and Upper Sixth. It helps students make well-educated and informed choices, whilst respecting the independence of each individual. The programme is designed to prepare students for the journey ahead and gives them a firm understanding of the common threats and challenges that they may face. Students also get to take part in Options Days where they will have the opportunity to meet a range of entrepreneurs and high-profile visitors from leading businesses and universities. With a multitude of talks and seminars going on at the same time, they can dip into the sessions of specific interest, gaining first-hand insight from those at the top.

### LEADERSHIP

Truro School has a strong tradition of leadership and responsibility and all students are given the opportunity to build and develop active leadership skills during the Sixth Form.

Whether serving as school prefects, heads of houses, team captains or representing their peers through the democratically elected Sixth Form Association, we expect students to become positive leaders to their peers and make an important contribution to the life of the school.

Many students take part in events that develop leadership skills such as the Mock Council of Europe, Model United Nations, Debating Competitions, World Challenge and Ten Tors. In addition, students are encouraged to join the Charity and Sustainability Committees who help organise events, initiate change and exercise their student voice.

ACHE stands for Advice, Care, Help and Empathy. It's a programme that sees Sixth Form students develop the skills and experience needed to listen to others and to offer compassion in times of need. Although optional, the vast majority of students take part. A key feature of the ACHE training programme is putting what students learn into practice. As they move into the Upper Sixth, students take on the responsibility of running the peer-mentoring drop-in sessions, working with the younger members of our school community.



# AND BEYOND



One of the biggest advantages of being part of Truro School's Sixth Form is the outstanding careers guidance on offer from our in-house Careers Team. This service continues for up to three years after leaving the Sixth Form and provides extensive and highly personalised support to those considering their next steps.

Throughout each school year there are a number of careers events, including psychometric testing, one-to-one interviews, timetabled career sessions and a dedicated resource centre, as well as workshops and business lunches, allowing students to get a taste of various professions during their time at School.

Extensive and highly personalised support is provided with every aspect of your UCAS application, from writing a personal statement to preparing for interviews and deciding which offers to accept.

Medical Pathways is Truro School's personalised programme that prepares students for success at securing an interview and a place at medical, dental or veterinary school. For those applying to Oxford or Cambridge there is a designated member of staff who supports them through this particular application system.

#### A NETWORK FOR LIFE

Beyond School, we have a wide network of Old Truronians helping to maintain connections and provide a network for life. This thriving and supportive network of past and present students, parents, staff and governors work together to offer students life-changing opportunities. A professional and social network, we encourage every member to enjoy and benefit from their association with the Truro School Community through diverse events, invaluable careers support, guidance and mentoring opportunities.

Careers Advice and Networking  
Mock Interviews  
Work Shadowing  
Lecture Series  
CV Techniques

TRURO SCHOOL  
CONNECTED





## Boarding

“One of the special things about Truro School is the teachers’ passion for their respective subjects which extends beyond the classroom and their devotion to instil that same passion into their students”

SIXTH FORM STUDENT

We have three beautifully presented boarding houses, each accommodating between 15 and 35 boarders. Some pupils board full time, whilst others take advantage of our day, weekly or flexi-boarding options. Flexi-boarding is an increasingly popular option as it offers a practical solution to the complications of modern family life.



Each boarding house has a dedicated team of boarding staff whose pastoral work is essential to maintain the smooth running of the boarding community and to provide a genuine, family environment where boarders support each other and enjoy and share in each other’s successes.

Boarders enjoy a busy calendar of events, with trips and activities taking place most weekends and occasionally during weekday evenings. The trips are an opportunity for the boarding community to come together, to have fun, and

to explore Cornwall. There are plenty of opportunities to relax too, with comfy sofas in the lounge and friendly communal areas for playing games or reading a good book.

“Boarding is an amazing fusion of cultural diversity. It is like a big family, where everyone cares for and looks out for one another.”

SIXTH FORM STUDENT



# Next Steps

Choosing a school is like choosing a home; it has to feel right. We are proud of our warm, friendly and nurturing environment and we welcome the opportunity to share this with you and your family.

### CONTACT THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Our admissions team are on-hand to answer any questions that you may have relating to your child's entry. They are also pleased to provide you with details about our upcoming open events and answer any queries that you may have relating to the registration process.

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### ATTEND AN OPEN EVENT

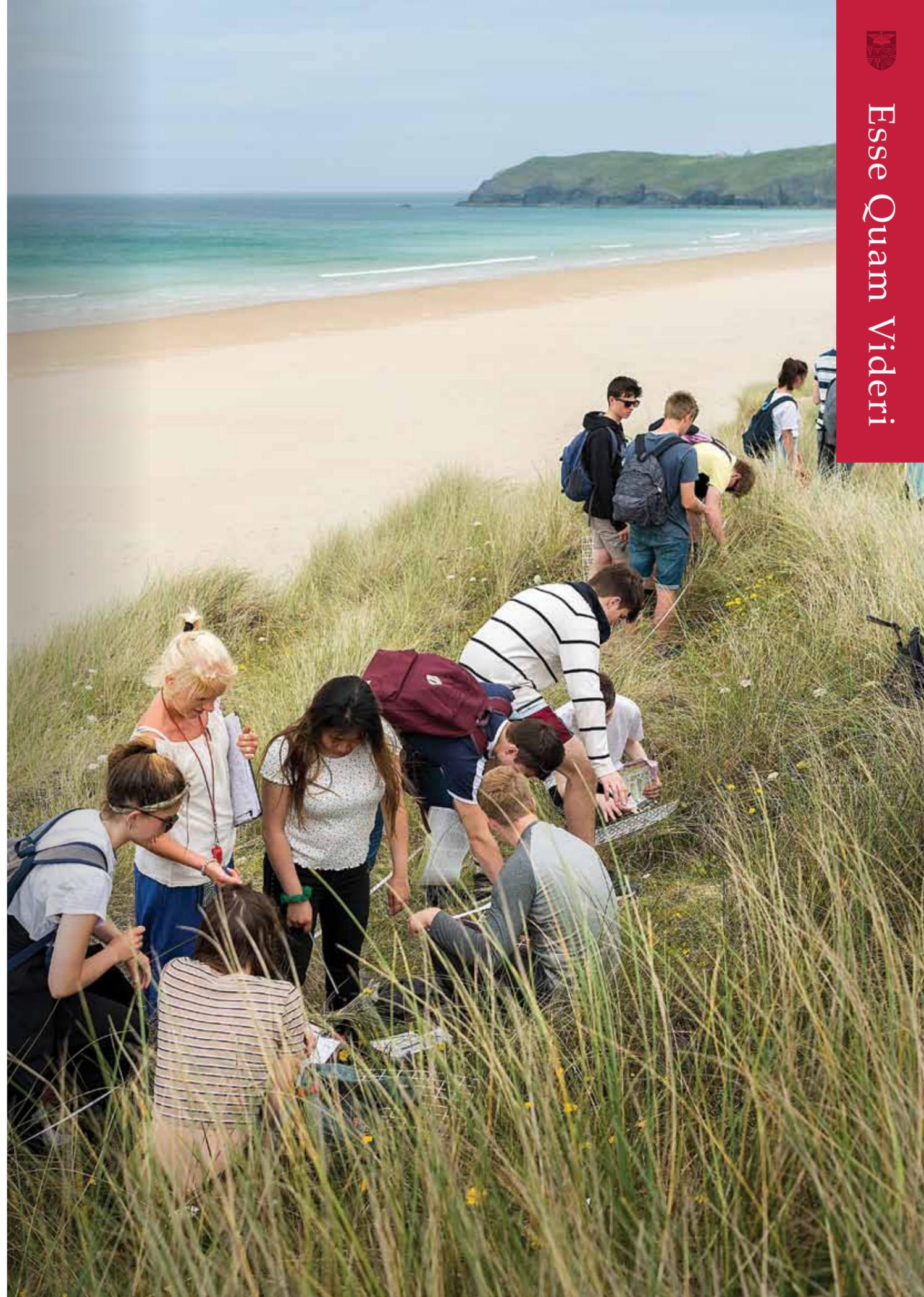
Our annual open events are a great opportunity to explore each department, talk to current pupils, students and staff, and find lots of things to do, see, make and try out. Our 11+ open morning is held in early October and our 16+ open evening takes place in September.

We're also pleased to welcome parents for a tour of the school at mutually convenient times throughout the year. These tours, given by our current students, are a great way to witness the school in action and to soak up the atmosphere.

We look forward to hearing from you.

### COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM

The first step in the process for any admission is to complete and return the Registration Form, along with the relevant registration fee. The registration will be acknowledged providing you with further details about dates and any paperwork required, if entry is imminent. Applications for future years are very welcome; they will be acknowledged and parents will continue to receive updates until detailed information is required about the entry process.





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