



# Friday Bulletin

23 OCTOBER 2020: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

## Half term

The half term break is here. It has been a purposeful, busy, and happy start to the school year, but not without challenges. In his assembly this morning Mr Johnson spoke to the school about thunder and rainbows, the importance of recognising that they come from the same sky, and are part of the same climate in which we all live, flourish and support each other. The photo compilation below is a reminder of how, despite the thunder, rainbows still shine. There will be an updated Covid Steering Group Bulletin published on Monday 26th to bring everybody up to speed. Wishing you a safe and restful break, and we will see you in November.





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## Former professional football player is new coach at Truro School



After half term Truro School students will benefit from football being written into the games curriculum for all year groups. Alex is already involved with after school and lunch time clubs.

Alex commented: "I've just moved down but I'm familiar with Truro because I've been here in the past but not stayed here. It's going really well. The school's fantastic, and everyone's lovely and helpful. At the moment I'm getting to know sports staff, mainly because I have the most interaction with them, but I've started getting to know curriculum staff because they come up to teach and coach as well. It's all been really enjoyable so far."

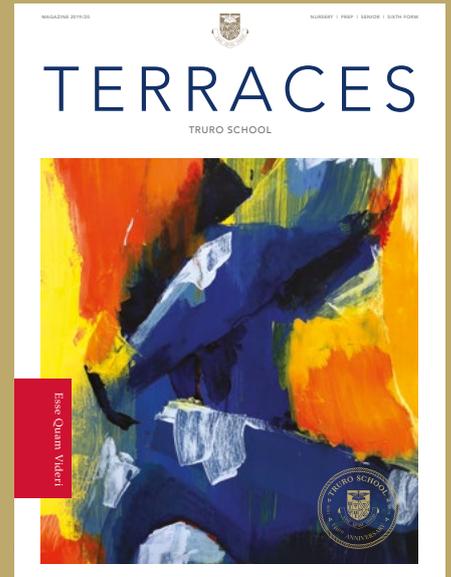
Ex professional football player Alex Watson has recently joined the school as part of the new partnership with Saints Southwest. Alex had a successful career that started in the late eighties through to the mid-noughties, beginning by signing for Liverpool Football Club. During his career, Alex had over 400 league appearances in a host of clubs including Derby County (loan), Bournemouth, Gillingham (loan), Torquay United, Exeter City, Taunton Town, and Clevedon Town.

While Alex was still playing, he began to take his coaching qualifications at the age of 28. Then referred to as C, B, and A licences, (now levels 1,2,3 and beyond) Alex had completed his coaching awards before finishing playing. His modern-day football idol is Van Dijk, who plays centre back (also Alex's playing position) for Liverpool and captains the Netherlands national team.

Truro School students will be 'concentrating on football as a general term'. To begin with, the emphasis will be on participation and enjoyment for all year groups, with the future aim to focus on players who want to take football seriously and are 'really into their football' so they can channel their enthusiasm, and to make them as good as they can be at a local level or further afield. The football programme will also re-enforce the core values and standards of the school.

Alex finished: "I am looking forward to building and progressing the football programme down here and getting to know the area better. The long-term goal is to make Truro School a hub for football. Excellent programmes will ensure players and students enjoy themselves and that students stay in football after they leave school."

## Terraces Magazine out now!



The 2019/20 Terraces Magazine is packed full of news, images and features from the last academic year and should be making its way home with your youngest child this week.

If you would like to order additional copies, please email [bulletin@truroschoo.com](mailto:bulletin@truroschoo.com)

## Ten Tors

We hope to be able to run some day training walks next half term for Ten Tors. Information about Ten Tors and an enrolment form link can be found on the Ten Tors Outdoor Pursuits page of Moodle (enrolment key Cucknell). Please read this information, fill in the form and join the Teams group (entry code p1fbxve). If you have any questions, please email [mjc@truroschoo.com](mailto:mjc@truroschoo.com).

Deadline for enrolling is **23 October**. Once I know how many people want to be involved and from what year group, I can plan walks. Mr Cucknell



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## Championing the Arts



**C**reativity is the rainbow that shines colour into our everyday lives. It is and will continue to be, one of the core elements to the Truro School identity, 'to inspire creativity, ignite imaginations and help each pupil to find and fully develop their talents'. The arts and the opportunity to be creative are vital for children growing into teenagers and young adults. It is their chance to explore exciting new hobbies, to discover what they're good at, and what they could become. At Truro School painters can be poets, singers can be sculptors, designers can be dancers.

Providing creative subjects and events is certainly a challenge in times of coronavirus, but not impossible.

With plans in the making to film prep

and senior annual concerts and plays, students will have an introduction to performing to the camera. There are senior school drama projects for each year group in their bubbles, so every student has the opportunity to perform. Ambitious as always, rehearsals are underway for a full-length new play set in a dystopian future slave-world and a radical reinterpretation of 'Amadeus' set in an insane asylum.

We spoke to some of our teachers about the importance of arts education. Director of Drama Mr Oldfield, a passionate actor himself, said: "The potential opportunities for creative people to work in various sectors is vast. The entertainment industry calls on the skills of hundreds of thousands of people. And beyond

that sector, collaboration, empathetic behaviour, creative innovation and a diligent, disciplined, adaptable approach is valuable in every field; skills and attributes that are enhanced by an arts-rich education which is what we offer at Truro School."

Mrs Gregory, Prep Drama Co-ordinator, added: "Not only do we want the children to develop a love of performing, but for any child, no matter what they choose to do later, the skills developed – confidence, teamwork and expression – are vital as they go through life. One of my most memorable moments after one of our end-of-year plays was a quote from a mum, 'thank you for helping my daughter find herself'. This is what performing arts education is all about; giving children confidence in their own identity."

In the recent HMC Conference Mr Johnson virtually attended, there was mention about schools' dedication to the arts and a big championing of the arts in schools. Not only is Truro School a big champion of the arts but is in a strong position in this area, leading partnerships with choristers, Truro Cathedral, and Cornwall Music Service Trust (CMST).

Mr Oldfield commented: "Exposure to the arts and following a programme that enables students to explore them is beneficial to the individual and to the wider community. The individual learns about self-expression and how to wield their imagination, and so the wider community benefits from a new generation of young people who are interested in the world around them and have the vocabulary to question and explore it."

Read the full feature [here](#).



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## Inter Year Group Music Competition

This week and last week over 100 pupils have been performing in their Year Group Bands and Vocal Groups for the Inter Year Group Music Competition.

The positive sounds radiating from the Assembly Hall have been even more uplifting than usual, with performances also being recorded for our virtual concert, soon after half term.

A huge thank you to the music department and technical team for all their help and hard work in putting this together! Here are some pictures of the 3rd Year band rehearsing.



## Team Bath

Congratulations to 4th Year pupils Libby and Merryn who have both been selected for the Team Bath netball academy hub.

We are very proud of their achievements and wish them every success in the next stage of their netball journey.





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## Wednesday Afternoon Activities

This week still saw plenty of action before half term, with activities including rugby, play rehearsals, board games, netball and cooking up bolognese and white sauces. Yum!



## Flying high with the CU

In the Christian Union this week, the pupils were challenged to make a paper airplane and to see which design flew the furthest. They were asked to give their planes a biblical names which were very creative 'The Holy Spirit', 'The Holy One', 'God's Messenger', and 'Jo-Jo-Jo-Joseph'.





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## School Showjumping

A group of girls attended the Schools Team Show Jumping event run by The Western Pony Club and held at Pendarves Equestrian Centre.

First up was the open team, consisting of Charlotte riding Robbin Diamonds, Emily riding Georgia Rain and Chloe riding Blackberry. They jumped two rounds, in this section the first round was 85cm and the second round 90cm as well as timed.

Charlotte and Emily jumped lovely double clears with good times and Chloe knocked a pole in the first round, but jumped a great clear in the second round. This was good enough to put the team in the lead and they went on to win the class. Charlotte came 1st in the individual, Emily came 2nd and Chloe came 4th. The team also won

the Tack and Turnout, so rosettes galore for the girls.

Next to go was the novice team. In this section there was the option of choosing what height to jump, 60/65 or 70/75. This team consisted of Hattie riding Huckle, Charlotte riding Bluey Smith and Jess riding Piper. Charlotte jumped Bluey in the 60/65 and jumped a lovely double clear. Next up was Hattie who jumped a brilliant first round, but had an unlucky four faults in the second round. Later in the day it was Jess and Piper's turn in the 70/75, they had an unlucky pole in the first round but jumped a perfect clear in the second round. Overall the girls did very well but were not placed in the SJ in a very competitive section. But Charlotte did come 2nd on Bluey as an individual in the 60/65 and the whole team came 3rd in the tack and turnout.



## Cornwall Hockey Academy Assessments

Any hockey players who have not been involved in the Cornwall Hockey Player Pathway before who wish to be considered for this year's programme, please contact [djs@truroschoo.com](mailto:djs@truroschoo.com) by Friday 30 October. You preferably must play for a club and be of County standard or above and be willing to attend all training sessions and matches.

There are approximately four training dates per age group between January and March.

U14 Girls and Boys (born in 2007/2008). Girls assessment – Sun 29 Nov 10-12 and 12.30-2.30 Truro High School. Boys assessment – 27 Nov 6-8.30 Truro School

U15 Girls and Boys (born in 2006). Girls assessment – 20 Nov 6-8.30 Truro School. Boys assessment – 6 Nov 6-8.30 Truro School

U17 Girls and Boys (born in 2004/2005). Girls assessment – 13 Nov 6-8.30 Truro School. Boys assessment – 6 Nov 6-8.30 Truro School

GKs must attend their age group assessment nights.

# Mr Sanderson's Sports Report



## Dear parents and carers,

I hope that the first half of term ran smoothly and that you will be able to spend some quality time with your family over the break. The return to school can be unsettling at the best of times and with the added changes, it could feel unfamiliar for all. However, I have been very pleased to see smiling and happy pupils, who have returned to school with enthusiasm and thrown themselves into the challenges head on.

With the uncertain picture that we had in the summer, the PE department focused planning around sports that we knew were viable. We have switched rugby and netball with football and hockey during games lessons for example, and swimming will be taught after Christmas. All of our usual curriculum

offerings will be taught but the order has been re-arranged. We are always keeping up to date with the latest sporting guidelines and I regularly meet with other Directors of Sport across the South West to discuss ideas, problems and solutions. I am confident that Truro School is offering varied and safe sporting and PE lessons.

During this half term, we have had 55 clubs up and running across 14 sports. Football - girls and boys, netball, hockey, basketball, rugby, cricket (ask the 1st and 2nd years about belgies), tennis... to name just a handful, have been offered to our pupils. We recently worked out that on any given Monday, close to 200 pupils are involved in a sports club after school. It is a fantastic sight to see and I want to say a special thank you to the staff who generously

give up their time to facilitate these fantastic opportunities for our pupils. Under challenging circumstances, Truro School staff, supported by expert coaches, have ensured the safe running of the clubs while providing fun and challenging content. We are still not operating at our usual full capacity and I know this is frustrating for pupils and staff. All clubs are restricted to year groups and this requires more staffing and separate areas for each club. We are introducing new activities but before we do so, we must ensure that they are able to run safely and that they sit within the 'return to play' framework of that sport and within the guidance set out by the DfE. As a school, we have far stricter guidelines than those of local sports clubs, and our main aim is that we continue to offer our pupils an uninterrupted learning experience.





We have added new faces to our department and said goodbye to a valued member of staff. Miss Emma Bickley (above left) joins us as a newly qualified teacher, teaching lower school PE and GCSE and A-Level PE. Emma is a very keen sports woman and is coaching netball this term but her most favoured sport is swimming. Also joining us is our new sports administrator, Mrs Monica Lowe (above right). Monica will be helping with the admin for the department as well as communicating with parents and running our social media platforms (more on that later). Monica hails from Valencia and is doing a fantastic job in teaching the PE department vital phrases we will need for our holidays! We have sadly had to say goodbye to Miss Leanne Manley, who was our head of hockey. Leanne had been at the school for eight years and her devotion to the hockey programme was legendary. Leanne will be missed but we wish her well in her new role.

We have launched Twitter (@TruroSport) and Facebook accounts. We aim to use these to keep you up to date with pupil successes, school news and interesting articles around youth sport and coaching. Please do give us a follow and we look forward to being able to interact with you more.

The last piece of the 'what's new' section is the Saints South West partnership. We are thrilled to be able to work with such a well-respected organisation and the head of this programme for the school is Alex Watson. Alex has made over 400 league appearances and has

been at clubs such as Liverpool, Derby County and Bournemouth. Alex is already involved with after school clubs, girls' football and games lessons.

If you would like to get in touch to ask about anything regarding PE and sport at Truro School please do, my email is [DJS@truroschoo.com](mailto:DJS@truroschoo.com).

I hope to see and speak with you soon,

Dan Sanderson  
DIRECTOR OF SPORT



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Our Mission

Through our PE and games programme we want every pupil to develop their physical, social and emotional wellbeing.

Ultimately to create confident, employable and physically active youngsters with the necessary skills to be used throughout their whole lives.

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## HEAD LICE

It has come to our attention that several pupils in the first year are suffering with head lice which is being treated. However, we need to ask all parents of pupils to check their child's and siblings' hair for head lice and eggs and to treat as necessary. Please also continue to check each week for three weeks as this problem relies on everyone's vigilance to be eradicated.

Treatment is by

- Wet combing – this is a method of removing lice with the regular use of a fine-toothed comb (the teeth of the comb must be 0.2 to 0.3mm apart). You need to comb through the entire head of washed hair (generously covered in conditioner) every four days for at least two weeks. It's important that you keep doing this until there have been three consecutive sessions without seeing any lice
- Medicated lotion or spray is an alternative method for treating head lice. However, no medicated treatment is 100% effective. Your pharmacist will be able to recommend an over-the-counter lotion or spray

Thank you for your cooperation,  
From the school nurses

## Cornwall Children's Clothes Bank

A huge thank you to everyone from both Truro School Senior and Prep who very generously donated a large amount of childrens clothes earlier this month. There were four very full estate car loads! This enabled the Clothes Bank to help more than 30 local families, handing out 75 packs of clothes as well as numerous coats, shoes and wellies. I am told they had some very grateful mums.

I shall be collecting good quality second hand childrens clothes for girls or boys from age 4 to late teens immediately after half term. Also looking for coats, shoes and wellies from size 1 upwards. These will again go directly to local families.

With the current restrictions on meeting at Senior and Prep Schools, I shall repeat what seemed to work well last time. Meet me in the Tesco or Sainsburys car park at the following times and you can put bags directly into my boot. I have a dark grey BMW estate - YJ67 XGG and I will park as close to the recycling area as possible. It's an ideal opportunity to have a clear out over half term.

Monday 9 November 4 - 4:30pm Sainsburys  
Tuesday 10 November 8:30 - 9am Tesco  
Wednesday 11 November 8:30 - 9am Sainsburys  
Thursday 12 November 4 - 4:30pm Tesco

Thank you  
Jo Craze  
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## Diary Dates

### Monday 2 November

Drama: Upper Sixth devised performance rehearsal all this week, Burrell Theatre **(all week)**

GCSE Exams: JCQ Autumn Exam retakes start **(all week)**

### Monday 4 November

Religious Studies: Sixth Form - Evil and Suffering Candle Conference Location: Room 84

### Monday 9 November

#### Return to school

GCSE Exams: JCQ Autumn Exam

retakes continue **(all week)**

4H charity week **(all week)**

Music: 16+ Music Scholarship Auditions, Location: M1 and Chapel **(all week)**

### Tuesday 10 November

Music: 16+ Music Scholarship Auditions, Location: M1 and Chapel

Ten Tors: Training Location: Virtual on Teams

### Wednesday 11 November

Religious Studies: Sixth Form - Evil and Suffering Candle Conference, Location: Room 84

Upper Sixth: Mock MMI for Aspiring Medics, Dentists and Vets Location: Virtual Platform

### Thursday 12 November

Football Fixtures: Boys-U16A vs Taunton School

Ten Tors: Training Location: Outdoor Pursuits Area

Upper Sixth Parents: Parents' Evening, Location: Virtual Platform

### Friday 13 November

Whole School: House Assembly Location: Virtual platform

For the latest calendar updates and changes, please check [online](#)

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## Half Term Hardball Camp @Truro School

- Hard ball nets, Games, Practices, Competitions
- Oct 26th, 30th
- £24 per day, £45 per 2 days  
Siblings Half Price

## Half Term Soft Ball Camp @Truro Prep School

- Games, Practices, Competitions
- Oct 27th, 28th, 29th
- £25 per day, £45 per 2 days, £60 per 3 days - Siblings Half Price



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Normally at this time we would be inviting Year 7 and 8 girls to join us for a Chorister Experience Day. Whilst we are unable to offer the full 'experience day' this year, we would like to invite interested girls to contact the Cathedral's Director of Music, Christopher Gray, who is happy to meet them at a mutually convenient time.

Christopher Gray, Director of Music  
Truro Cathedral  
[christophergray@trurocathedral.org.uk](mailto:christophergray@trurocathedral.org.uk)

Jayne Grigg, Director of Admissions  
Truro School  
[jeg@truroschoo.com](mailto:jeg@truroschoo.com)

# Covid-19 Information for Parents and Carers

You should contact NHS 111 or 119 if your child has Covid-19 symptoms to find out whether they need to be tested. Our medical team **cannot** advise parents of day pupils about whether or not they need to be tested.



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## Covid-19 Symptoms

### A high temperature

Over 37.8 oC

**OR**

### A new, continuous cough

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

**OR**

### A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

This means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child does not have symptoms of Covid-19 but has other cold like symptoms, such as runny nose, they do not need to be tested and they or members of your household do not need to self-isolate. Your child can attend school if fit and well. If they are not well enough to attend School please advise us via the appropriate absence line - 01872 246 118 (Senior School) or 01872 272 616 (Prep) or there are email addresses - [absence@truroschoo.com](mailto:absence@truroschoo.com) (Senior School) and [prepoffice@truroschoo.com](mailto:prepoffice@truroschoo.com) (Prep).

## What to do if:

### Your child has been advised to be tested for Covid-19:

- Do not send your child to School
- Book a Covid-19 test directly
- Household self-isolates
- Inform School immediately via the appropriate absence line - 01872 246 118 (Senior School) or 01872 272 616 (Prep) or there are email addresses - [absence@truroschoo.com](mailto:absence@truroschoo.com) (Senior School) and [prepoffice@truroschoo.com](mailto:prepoffice@truroschoo.com) (Prep).
- School staff will be in contact to set up enhanced remote learning support

### Somebody in your household has been advised to take a Covid-19 test:

- Do not send your child to School
- The household member should book a Covid-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform School immediately via the appropriate absence line - 01872 246 118 (Senior School) or 01872 272 616 (Prep) or there are email addresses - [absence@truroschoo.com](mailto:absence@truroschoo.com) (Senior School) and [prepoffice@truroschoo.com](mailto:prepoffice@truroschoo.com) (Prep).
- School staff will be in contact to set up enhanced remote learning support.

### Your child has tested positive for Covid-19:

- Do not send your child to School
- Inform Truro School immediately by emailing or calling the Head or Head of Prep.  
Senior – 01872 246008 or [head@truroschoo.com](mailto:head@truroschoo.com)  
Prep – 01872 243120 or [prephead@truroschoo.com](mailto:prephead@truroschoo.com)
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days or as advised.
- School staff will be in contact to set up enhanced remote learning support.

## When your child can return to school:

If you have not been advised to self-isolate by the NHS Track and Trace service then your child can return to School if the test is negative, providing they are well enough.

Your child can return to School if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the NHS Track and Trace service.

Your child can return to School after 10 days, even if they still have a cough/loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

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**Somebody in your household has tested positive for Covid-19:**

- Do not send your child to School
  - Inform Truro School immediately by emailing or calling the Head or Head of Prep. Senior – 01872 272 763 or head@truroschoo.com Prep – 01872 272616 or prephead@truroschoo.com
  - Self-isolate as advised
  - School will be in contact to set up enhanced remote learning support.
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**Contact tracing has identified my child as a close contact:**

- Do not send your child to School.
  - Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by NHS track and trace.
  - Inform School immediately via the appropriate absence line - 01872 246 118 (Senior School) or 01872 272 616 (Prep) or there are email addresses absence@truroschoo.com (Senior School) and prepoffice@truroschoo.com (Prep).
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**Your child has been in contact with someone who has been identified as a close contact:**

- Attend school as normal.
  - If your child does not have any Covid-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.
  - If they present symptoms, please follow the relevant advice elsewhere in this document.
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**Your child has travelled abroad and has had to self-isolate:**

- Do not send your child to School.
- Inform School immediately via the appropriate absence line - 01872 246 118 (Senior School) or 01872 272 616 (Prep) or there are email addresses - absence@truroschoo.com (Senior School) and prepoffice@truroschoo.com (Prep).
- School staff will be in contact to set up enhanced remote learning support.
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice.

Your child can return to School when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms.

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