



Friday Bulletin

FRIDAY 15, JANUARY: NEWS, NOTICES AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your ongoing support for your children and the School at this time.

As busy as we have been over the last week, we know that you will all be facing your own adjustments and challenges too. In this bulletin I would like to draw your attention to our Lockdown Learning 2021 webpage that has gone live today and can be found [HERE](#).

The contents and links within this page are currently Senior School focused and will evolve and grow to share and show more about how our whole community, including the Prep, continues to live, learn, collaborate, and thrive through lockdown.

A key link to follow first for you and your children is to our Acceptable Use Policy in regard to remote learning, [HERE](#), which is a form Senior School pupils and parents must click to acknowledge acceptance of as we now enter a prolonged period of remote education. Thank you.

I would then like to draw your attention to an event we will host remotely next week to offer guidance and answer questions from Senior School parents and guardians about remote learning. Details can be found [HERE](#).

My very best wishes to you all, and your families, for a peaceful weekend, and I look forward to being in touch again next week.

Mr A Johnson

Choose to be 'Curious'



This week's message from the Head reflects upon 'curiosity', introducing the plans for the additional lockdown opportunities designed to stimulate curiosity and an enjoyment of learning during lockdown, emphasising the importance of curiosity as a driver of understanding, and challenging pupils to 'choose to be curious'. Click on the image above to listen.

ABRSM EXAMINATIONS

Congratulations to all the musicians who took their individual ABRSM examinations just after the end of term in December. The results are now in and we are delighted to report the results included 8 Passes, 16 Merits and a remarkable 27 Distinctions.

Mr Palmer, Director of Music, commented: "Under Covid restrictions, last term was a difficult time for our musicians as they could not attend their usual bands, choirs and orchestras (in school or out of school). However, many of our musicians used their time to really shoot ahead with their own instrumental playing and singing, and our end of term ABRSM examination results really bear witness to this. These are possibly our best examination results ever!"

There are, unfortunately, too many individual successes to mention, however, particularly noteworthy were:

- Molly who achieved a distinction in her Grade 6 Singing
- Harry who achieved a distinction in his Grade 7 Trumpet
- Louis who achieved a distinction in his Grade 7 Trombone
- Oliver who achieved a distinction in his Grade 7 Piano, and
- Oliver who achieved a distinction in his Grade 7 Piano with an almost unheard of 141/150 marks!

Mr Palmer apologies to any pupil who took their music exams outside of school and so have not appeared in these statistics – do let us know how you got on!



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Sixth Form student achieves Top Gold medal in British Olympiad



A huge congratulations to our Upper Sixth Physics students for achieving excellent results in the 2020/21 British Physics Olympiad. With over 1,606 most-able students from 270 schools participating, the result placed one of our students in the top 6% nationally and four others in the top 30%.

The British Physics Olympiad is an incredibly demanding paper created to challenge a range of student knowledge, preparation and ability, allowing access for good students, whilst also aiming at stretching and challenging the top young physicists in the country in a national competition. Every question requires a different perspective to get the measure of it. This fluency in recognising topics and linking ideas is, in part, what develops the physicist's confidence and mastery. These really are about particular skills, which must be developed over time.

Truro School Head of Physics, Adam Laity commented, "These results are excellent. The British Physics Olympiad Round 1 is a very demanding paper and our students have done exceptionally well to have achieved these results – we have never had so many silver medals – and for Benji to have achieved a Top Gold medal is an enormous achievement – congratulations."

Students who achieved a 'Top Gold' award will be invited to participate in BPhO Round 2, the next round in the British Physics Olympiad competition, and also the BAAO Olympiad.

Benji was awarded a Top Gold medal, Henry, Alisdair, Louis and Issac were awarded Silver Medals and Kushal an equally impressive Bronze II Medal.

Past papers and information about other BPhO competitions can be found online:

www.BPhO.org.uk

Covid Lateral Flow Testing

A huge thank you to Mr Fraser, our wonderful medical team and all the trained staff who worked so hard to put together the mass testing centre before the start of term.

Although our plans for the mass testing programme for the Senior School may be reactivated later in the term, for now, it has been revised to a smaller, but equally important, one focused on providing Covid Lateral Flow Testing for our key worker children and staff.



ESU Mace Debating Competition via Zoom

ESU Mace Debate via Zoom

Our debaters went head-to-head with schools in Devon and Somerset this week as part of the ESU Mace 'virtual' debate.

In the first round, Charlotte and Jenny pulled an excellent debate out of the bag at very short notice, following another team's withdrawal from the debate.

Our 4th Year team of Hannah, Jesse and Lucas did exceptionally well as first-time debaters, against a very accomplished Sixth Form team, delivering well-researched and clear speeches - they will build into a very formidable Team!

Well done debaters!



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The results are in for the Inter-Year Music Competition



“It’s been really lovely to see so many wonderful performances. Well done, particularly in what has been a strange year for our schools. It is good to see Truro on great form!”

A huge thank you to Alex Tester, Director of Music at St. Edwards School in Oxford, who kindly adjudicated last term’s inter-year music competition.

Truro School’s Director of Music, Martin Palmer, commented: “It was a great challenge to put together and record 24 performances from all our new Year Group Bands, Choirs and Soloists, however, our pupils and staff did a terrific job in the lead up to last half term and we are really grateful to have such a positive and expert adjudication from Alex Tester. Do listen in!”

The results were:

Solo Pieces

Special Mentions:

Ella, 2nd Year and George, Lower Sixth

Winners:

Talulla and Gracie, Upper Sixth

Vocal Groups

Special Mentions:

Upper Sixth with In the bleak midwinter as this was the hardest piece and Lower Sixth with California Dreaming for the best-balanced piece

Winners:

2nd Year Boys with A Christmas Blessing for their performance and sensitivity.

Bands

Special Mentions:

3rd Year Band with St Thomas for the amazing improvisation, the 5th Year Band with Rock Around the Clock for the sheer fun and the Lower Sixth Band with Pirates of the Caribbean for precision and accurate work.

Winners:

The very accomplished Upper Sixth Band with Brazillera (soloist Romano Bezzi-Coddetta)



[Click here to listen to the adjudication and watch the concert again.](#)



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DofE with a Difference



If your usual DofE activities are cancelled, there are loads of new ones you can try from home instead. Please read below for a message from the Truro School Outdoor Pursuits Team:

During this lockdown period it is going to be very important for you to get away from your desk, do something different and look after your personal and mental wellbeing. Continuing on your DofE Journey is a perfect way to

do that.

All of the DofE sections can be continued during lockdown but you may need to alter some so that you can do them from home...Try to contact your assessors and discuss with them if they are happy to help you through this time.

There are also lots of lockdown ideas on DofE with a Difference:

<https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/activities/>

Just remember that you need to collect evidence to show your time and have an assessor (not a relative) who is happy to sign you off at the end.

If you have any questions please let Mr Cucknell know or post it in your Teams chat! Stay safe and good luck!!

Boarders' Lockdown

Our international boarders, who are learning from their 'homes' in our boarding houses, have handled the stricter lockdown rules and the remote learning with calmness, flexibility and positivity. Last weekend they enjoyed a number of activities within the boarding houses, including learning all about marmite!

[Read all about it in their latest boarding blog > here](#)



Careers and Industry Talks

Wednesday 20 January, 5.30pm
RAF Liaison Officer Sgt Kevin Ford

Students interested in finding out more about careers in the RAF should join the Careers and Industry Talks Team to attend.

Tuesday 11 February
PR and Communications Careers

David Paull, a former pupil will be talking about his career. He studied Politics at university and has worked in PR and communications for large multinational companies for most of his career. Students interested in finding out more about careers in these areas should join the Careers and Industry Talks Team to attend.

Uniform Shop

As non-essential retail, the School Uniform Shop remains closed during this Lockdown period. However, if you do have requirements for uniform, you can place an order on-line at

<https://store.famousbranches.com/c/2246/Truro-School>

Orders will be sorted weekly (Wednesday) and posted out to parents.

In addition, the shop is unable to take in any Second-Hand Uniform currently. We will let you know as soon as this facility resumes.

Beatitudes for a Global Pandemic

Thank you to the Rev for sharing this blessing and short refecton on the beatitudes. Click below to view.

BEATITUDES
FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC



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Virtual Football Timetable

As part of our exciting new partnership with leading Football academy, Saints South West, we are delighted to be able to offer something for everyone within the Truro School community.

Linked below is a programme of events that all ages can access and have a go. Whilst the foundation of the programme is football-based, there is something for everyone, ranging from Truro Prep mini's, strength and conditioning, technical sessions, parent webinars, family quizzes, and much, much more.

Head of Truro School Football, Glynn Hooper, commented on the

partnership.

"Whilst we are in the early stages of our partnership with Saints South West, this relationship is only going to go from strength to strength. We were all keen to develop a remote programme that has something for all our community at Truro School. You do not have to be an avid football fan to access the content that is on offer; whether it is strength conditioning work, speed and agility or the family quiz, it has been designed to engage as wide an audience as possible."

To join in, simply click on the Zoom links on the PDF below.



SAINTS SOUTHWEST

A PARTNERSHIP WITH SOUTHAMPTON FOOTBALL CLUB

VIRTUAL TIMETABLE | Truro School

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT (U7-U18)
 MINI (4-6) SOCCER CENTRE (7-11)
 Family



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					Virtual Personal Coaching Sessions Book sessions and time slots by clicking here.	R and R
	Mini Prep (4-6) Fun Games 5.00-5.45pm	U7-U11 Workshop 5.00-5.45pm		U7-U11 Goalkeepers 5.00-5.45pm		
PREP SCHOOL Technical 6.00-6.45pm	Soccer Centre (7-11) Technical 6.00-6.45pm	U7-U11 SAO/S&C/Fitness 6.00-6.45pm --- U12-U18 Workshop* 6.00-6.45pm	R and R	U12-18 Goalkeepers 6.00-6.45pm		
Senior School Technical 7.00-7.45pm	Parent Webinar Workshop* 7.00-8.00pm	U12-18 SAO/S&C/Fitness 7.00-7.45pm		Family Activity Quiz/Games 7.00-8.00pm		

*Team sessions = age group coaches if possible to organise team specific sessions/socials
*Workshop = Various topics each week
R and R Rest and Recuperation



Lockdown House Competition Week 2 Challenges

1. Recycling Challenge

Put your recycling to use:

Your challenge is to use ONLY your recycling to create:

1. The Truro School crest
2. The name of your Competition House (Smith, School, Vinter or Wickett)
3. A House Mascot



Please submit your entry with a photo of yourself to competitionhouse@truroschool.com by Wednesday 20 January, 9am. Please include your name, form and competition house with your entry.



2. Book Review Challenge

We want your book recommendations!

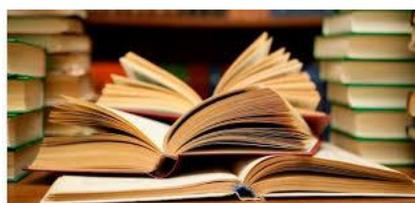
Lots of us have been reading in lockdown, we'd like you to submit a book recommendation for a book you've read in lockdown. This can be any kind of book you've read and enjoyed. Each book read and recommendation submitted will count as a point towards your house total. There will be four different age groups for recommendations so please specify whether your book is for:

- Pre-prep
- Prep
- Ages 12-15
- Ages 15 and over



If your submission could contain a picture of the book you've recommended or a picture of you reading the book that would be wonderful. Please send all submissions to competitionhouse@truroschool.com by Wednesday 20 January, 9am.

Happy reading!



3. Pet photo challenge:

Your challenge is to take the best photo of your pet enjoying lockdown! Perhaps they have particularly liked having you at home all the time or maybe they have been helping you with your school work, like this dog here!



- The more creative the photo is the better
- Feel free to be in the photo yourself with your pet

Please email your photo to by Wednesday 20 January, 9am: competitionhouse@truroschoo.com to enter. You must include your name, form and competition house with your entry.

4. Special Half Termly Challenge – this special challenge will run throughout lockdown until half term

Please ensure you complete this challenge following all government guidance.

How high can each house climb together?

As a combined total will your house climb the equivalent of Brown Willy, Snowden, K2, Everest...?

Your challenge climb:

1. Using a single step repeatedly or a flight of stairs, count how many steps you climb. Set yourself a time limit which is suitable to your ability. 1 minute, 10 minutes, 20 minutes.... it is your choice.
2. Track your climb by using a fitness tracker or equivalent and upload your evidence. If you don't have a device, ask a parent to count with you and they can be your evidence.
3. Complete the form via this [LINK](#) to submit your entry:



How high will your house climb:



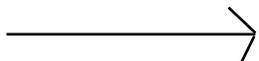
Virtual mountains	No of steps	No of flights
Slieve Donard, Northern Ireland	5,390	360
Scafell Pike, England	6,180	412
Mount Snowdon, Wales	7,120	475
Ben Nevis, Scotland	8,810	587
Mount Blanc, France	30,420	2,028
Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania	38,680	2,578
Mount Everest, Nepal	58,070	3,871

Virtual buildings	No of steps	No of flights
Millennium Dome, England	320	21
Sydney Opera House, Australia	425	28
Clifton Suspension Bridge, England	490	33
Big Ben, England	632	42
Forth Rail Bridge, Scotland	680	45
BT Tower, Birmingham, England	997	66
Blackpool Tower, England	1,036	69
Seattle Space Needle, USA	1,164	78
Canary Wharf Tower, England	1,600	107
Petronas Twin Towers, Malaysia	2,860	190
CN Tower, Toronto, Canada	3,500	233

Please submit your entry via the link above, however if you have a photo of yourself completing the challenge please upload it via the Form or send it to competitionhouse@trurosschool.com. Please include your name, form and competition house with your entry.

Thank you to everyone who entered our first lockdown competition to design the competition logo. The entries were all excellent and we had a hard time choosing this week's winner but we're sure you will agree the new lockdown house competition logo is brilliant!

**OUR NEW
LOCKDOWN
HOUSE
COMPETITION
LOGO**



WEEK 1 HALL OF FAME

