



Community Engagement during Lockdown

Alongside maintaining education and wellbeing for our own family during this lockdown, we remain keen to stay engaged and supportive of the wider community of which we are part. During the last lockdown the school's DT department produced PPE and we hosted the HIVE project who used our kitchens to produce over 45, 000 meals then distributed to vulnerable children through the Bosvigo School network. Below is a short summary of activity since Christmas and within this lockdown, by our pupils and/or staff:

- The **Truro Cookery School** followed up on the work with HIVE from last year by sending 50 **Christmas Dinners** ready to be distributed by St. Petrocs the homeless in and around Truro.
- Following on from last term's fundraising for several charities the Truro Food Bank, All We Can, the Wave Project, St Petrocs, Children in Need, and Christmas Dinners in a Box, our **Charity Committee** went ahead with a Charity Day on Friday 29 January in aid of the **Red Cross**, inspired by their 'acts of kindness' publicity. Activities included a Chapel Assembly, communications with the elderly, asking neighbours if they need help, volunteering in the community to deliver food or medicines, completing personal charity challenges, acts of kindness to parents, time with younger siblings, sending postcards and pictures to a local nursing home, and writing thank you cards or e mails to friends or teachers.
- **Digital Learning and Teaching.** Our staff have volunteered to share experience and advice over the best use of Teams as a platform for supporting remote learning with teachers from other local schools. A training session to support learning and teaching in this way, outside of the independent sector, was run on 21 January.
- We continue our work with other Cornish Sixth Forms to support **Oxbridge** aspirational and application via resource sharing, online workshops and teas, and interview practice. Our advice packs have been distributed to **16 different schools** and 8 were able to attend our workshops.
- **Sixth Form partnership.** We have continued to share with and learn from the best practice across our locality in partnership with other local Sixth Form providers. Lockdown has not halted these meetings.
- Our **Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme** remains active where it can, building on last year's **volunteering work** that saw 181 pupils volunteering when they could with organisations within the locality.
- Our **medical staff** have been volunteering to support local vaccination programmes in the community.
- We are working with local clubs and organisations to support their **Risk Assessment** procedures and planning for ongoing activity or future re-opening.
- The school has also offered its **wider resources and facilities** to support any local need where it can.

Please do let us know if you are aware of any other initiatives our pupils, families, or staff are engaged in to support our wider community at this time by contacting us at head@truroschool.com

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