



# Friday Bulletin

26 FEBRUARY 2021: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

## *Dear Parents and Carers*

There is excitement in our school community about the return to on-site education, and also a desire to ensure we support every individual to return with confidence. This is not just a physical return, but a social and emotional one, and at a time when the nation is still observing lockdown.

**Covid testing** is at the forefront of many minds. Alongside this bulletin was sent a link to our brochure outlining plans for lateral flow covid-testing next week. It includes education about the tests to be used, schedules, consents, and some admin to complete in advance. Widespread testing will add confidence to our community but it is not the only way to minimise risk. Our wider measures will be outlined for you next week. [You can the Covid-Testing document here.](#)

**Academic testing** has also been in the news. We welcome Ofqual's updates over summer grading processes. Dr Pope has today written a letter to 5th and Upper Sixth parents. He outlines our initial responses and actions in light of what we now know.

Our **Boarding** community has been as resilient and creative as the whole school. We have boarders here, elsewhere in the UK, and across the globe. They have all been in our thoughts. Thank you for engaging with the advice sent by Mr Copeland and Mrs Mulready over their return to school or alternative arrangements this term, and the dedicated advice in our testing brochure for them.

**Learning and teaching, and the wider life of the school** will carefully resume on 8 March. Between now and the end of this term our priority is to restore the enjoyment of school life and learning – inside and beyond the classroom. Across the first half of next term, teachers will evaluate the strengths and weaknesses in pupil knowledge and skills. They will do this sooner than in a 'normal' year so that the understanding we gain can inform careful intervention or enrichment programmes that will run through June, after half term. We have every confidence, based on the excellent remote learning and teaching that has already happened, that your children will reach the end of this academic year strongly placed both to have a full summer break, and then to hit the ground running in September.

Next week, I will share with you a more extensive document outlining the way the school will support your children between 8 March and the end of this term. You will receive it by Wednesday and there will be an opportunity to submit any questions you have about it ahead of a Question and Answer session with School Leaders that I will host on Thursday 4 March 7-8pm. Details of how to submit questions and join that session will be shared in the document you receive next week.

I hope you will all be able to enjoy what looks like a splendid weekend.

Warm regards

Mr A Johnson

*"It is now time for us to support the pupils back into the classroom physically, educationally, socially, and emotionally, which we are fully committed to doing.*

*Thank you once again for your support and patience, in so many ways, over the last days and weeks."*

Please [click here](#) to view Mr Johnson's weekly video message.





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## FRIDAY NIGHT IS MUSIC NIGHT... IS BACK

GCSE pupils perform their solo performances as part of this week's Friday Night is Music Night. Please see below for details:

**Friday 26 February**  
**4th Year GCSE Concert 1**

**Friday 5 March**  
**4th Year GCSE Concert 2**

[Click here for  
Friday Night is Music Night](#)

## ASPIRING HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

On Wednesday 3rd March, at 7:30pm, Lucy Conrad (a dentist working in General Practice and at Bristol University Dental School) will be giving a talk about her career. All are welcome to join the Aspiring Healthcare Professionals team and listen. There will be the chance to ask questions.

## CAREERS

### Engineering Careers Talk

Dr Tony Batchelor, Chairman of GeoScience Ltd, will be joining us to discuss careers in the engineering industry and his work in the energy sector. Join us at 6pm on Thursday 4 March to find out more.

### Law Careers Talk

Come along to this talk and hear Anna Platten from Stephens and Scown discuss the pros and cons of Law degrees and Law conversion courses, how training contracts work and the new apprenticeship routes in to Law. Thursday 12 March 1.20-2pm

## EPQ PRESENTATIONS

We are pleased to invite you to join our EPQ showcase evening on Tuesday 9 March, 6pm - 8.30pm.

This event is a showcase of what our Upper Sixth students have achieved over the past two years in the Extended Project Qualification. Each student will present their project and you will be invited to ask questions. This year's cohort is comprised of a range of dissertation projects, two artefacts and a psychological investigation.

[Please join the evening via this link.](#)



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## Spring has sprung



The sun is shining, the crocuses, camellias and daffodils are blooming and the crest has been planted... all we need now is you! All of us at Truro School are very much looking forward to welcoming you back to the Prep and Senior sites soon and thank you for your support during this time.



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122	112	72	107

## Lockdown House Competition

### Week 7 (FINAL) Challenges

#### 1. Staff School Report Challenge

Which of your teachers was a good boy or girl at school? Who was a chatterbox? Who was just like you? Read the school reports and try and guess which teacher the school report belonged to. You will be surprised!

Please submit your entry via this link [Link to Microsoft Forms](#) by Wednesday 3 March, 9am. One point for every entry.

#### 2. Heroes Challenge

What does it mean to be a hero? Have a go at one (or all) of the following hero challenges:



- Write a sentence about who your hero is and why they are important to you? How have they inspired you? Include a picture of your hero.
- If you were a superhero, what would your special power or special weapon be? Write a brief description and draw a picture.
- Design a superhero outfit! Draw your entry and make it colourful.

Please submit your entry with a photo/picture to [competitionhouse@truroschoo.com](mailto:competitionhouse@truroschoo.com) by Wednesday 3 March, 9am. You must include your **name, form and competition house** with your entry. One point for every entry.

### 3. Active Challenges from the Youth Sports Trust:

Each challenge is completed in 60 seconds. Have a go at one or all five!

Scan the separate QR codes to access each of the challenges:

a. Hopscotch challenge:



b. Hunt the hats challenge:



c. Step in, step out challenge:



d. Wall ball challenge:



e. Zig zag relay challenge:



If you cannot scan the challenges using the QR codes, the five challenges can also be found here: <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/60-second-physical-activity-challenges>

Please submit your entry with a photo and whether you achieved bronze, silver or gold to [competitionhouse@truroschoo.com](mailto:competitionhouse@truroschoo.com) by Wednesday 3 March, 9am. You must include your **name, form and competition house** with your entry. One point for every entry.

## 4. Lockdown View Challenge

As we come out of lockdown, we will all be glad to work and learn in a different environment. We would love to see your memory of your lockdown space either as a photo or preferably a drawing. It could be the view out your window, your desk set up or working space, or the piles of books you have been working from.

Please submit your entry with a photo/picture of your view to [competitionhouse@truroschoo.com](mailto:competitionhouse@truroschoo.com) by Wednesday 3 March, 9am. You must include your **name, form and competition house** with your entry. One point for every entry.

This is the final week of our lockdown competition as pupils start to return to school from Monday 8 March.

The Lockdown Competition House Team would like to say a massive thank you for all your entries. We have loved seeing all your work; what a creative school we have!

We do not want this to be the end of our competition house ideas and we will continue to look at creative challenges in the future.

Our Amnesty International team would like to share the following challenge with you. You will be hearing more about International Women's Day in due course, but here is a way for you to start to be involved...

**An additional challenge from our Amnesty International Group at School, which is separate from the house competition:**

### International Women's Day



On behalf of Amnesty International we'd like to encourage you to participate in three challenges related to International Women's Day coming up on the 8 March.

- a. creating a short acrostic poem about a woman you find inspiring
- b. draw a comic strip about the life of an inspiring woman e.g., Jacinda Ardern or Kamala Harris
- c. research an inspiring woman and give a small presentation to friends or family.

Please submit your entry to [amnesty@truroschoo.com](mailto:amnesty@truroschoo.com) by Wednesday 10 March, 9am. You must include your **name and form** with your entry.

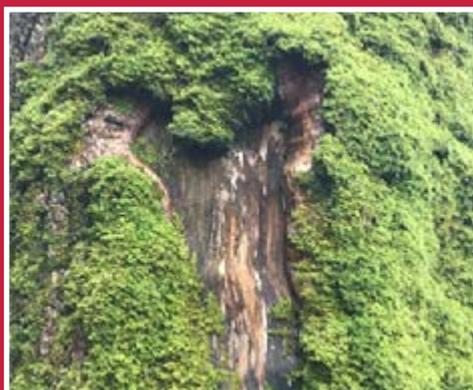


## WEEK 6 HALL OF FAME



Valentines' cookies and painted stones









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