

Friday Bulletin

26 MARCH 2021: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Dear Parents, Carers, and Guardians,

In my assembly this morning I reflected on how strange this term has been. As much as strangeness leads to uncertainty, it also inspires creativity, and that has been very evident across our community this term. The latest illustration of this has been our charity initiatives this week, with money raised for both the Invictus Trust and Médecins sans Frontières. The most valuable charity work does more than help others; it teaches those engaged in it. Our pupils who have led this week's events have learnt a great deal from them, as well as inspired generosity in others. For the children to be reminding us all to stay outward looking and compassionate in these times is heart-warming indeed.

The school's focus over the last three weeks has been to welcome pupils back into the classroom, allowing them to enjoy being with their friends and collaborating in learning. We are cherishing the energy and excitement of this. We are not surprised that a minority of pupils have pushed boundaries in this liberation from lockdown, be that over uniform, mobile phones, or wider behaviour. We have been sensitive in our responses without letting our standards slip. We know it has been a tough time for all. The start of next term will be a reset to the highest levels of expectation for all, however. Please do reinforce that message at home - including over uniform. Pupils are expected to wear full school uniform except on days when involved in Games, PE or a sporting co-curricular club. Our full uniform list and information on ordering can be found [here](#).

May I reiterate our thanks to all the pupils who have engaged so patiently and positively with our covid-testing programme. We have remained fortunate enough not to have recorded a single positive test result thus far. Over Easter we ask pupils to stay alert to risk and to stay engaged with testing. When pupils were given home test kits last week it was with the expectation that they would use one box this term and the second box would be for next term. However, half way through the week Government guidance was updated and now requests them to continue testing twice per week across the Easter holidays. The test kits pupils already have are sufficient for 2 tests per week until Wednesday 7 April. On Monday (29 March) we will give them another box containing 7 more tests to last until Sunday 2 May. If a pupil is not in school on Monday they will be given their box when they do come in, or it will be sent home. Instructions on how to complete and report the test results are contained in the booklet that was sent home with the first set of kits. If a pupil has a positive test result at any time, please also email CSG@truroschool.com to let us know.

Looking ahead, our Summer Term calendar is live at <https://www.truroschool.com/> and can be found under Parents – School Calendar. We have included all we can to support your planning. You have the ability to sync the school calendar with personal devices. To do this, click 'Calendar Sync' in the menu when viewing the calendar, ensuring you have selected the filters that apply to you. The Summer Term calendar contains academic dates as well as wider events across the term. Further dates will be added, especially relating to the co-curriculum, over the next few weeks. Clearly, and with safety in mind, we remain alert to the need to edit or change events if national or local circumstances dictate we must. We are, however, planning with optimism for the term ahead.

With regard to the 5th Year and Upper Sixth, a schedule of next term's formal assessments will be distributed before the holiday begins next week. In some subjects information may need to follow to steer the precise revision focus of assessments because exam boards have delayed the release of steering materials that we were originally expecting to have access to by this stage. This is unfortunate, but we will, as always, share what we know when we know it.

The School's leadership team will be meeting before the end of the Easter holiday to review once again our Covid-safe mitigations ahead of the new term. We will not rush or communicate decisions over the Easter break, but we will give a clear summary of any changes in approach on or before Monday 19 April, in time for term starting on Tuesday 20. Decisions over what can or cannot be altered in our approach will be based on any updated government guidance and the reality of the environment we will all be returning into at that time.

Mr A Johnson
Head



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Training with England Captain

Current Squash England captain and British National Squash Champion, Alison Waters, has been putting our pupils through their paces this week.

Working across different year groups and abilities, Alison has provided group and individual sessions, looking at point structures and focussing on fitness and skills-based training.

Alison Waters made her Tour debut in 2000, winning her first Tour title at the Forbes Open in 2005 and has since been a prolific player at British events. Read more about Alison on the PSA world tour website [here](#).

A huge thank you to Alison for joining us for such an inspirational week.

Alison is pictured here training with students Louis M and Jack M and Truro School coach Tim Smith.



Monday 29 March

2M - Charity Week Week B

Wednesday 31 March

Period 1-4: Normal Lessons

2.05pm - 2.15pm: All Years Registration

2.15pm - 3.00pm: End of Term Service

3.05pm - 3.50pm: Tutor Time

Clubs will run as normal on Wednesday after school and school buses will run at their normal departure times (5.15pm)

5.30pm Term Ends

Tuesday 20 April

Summer Term begins

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Charity Day Donations. £2 donations for today's Charity Day will be donated to Young Minds and The Little Princess Trust. Payment will be via the school fees, but this is voluntary- to opt out, please get in touch with the Finance Department.



Charity concerts raise a whopping £1,312.50 so far!



A huge thank you to everyone who helped the Charity Concerts raise such a large amount of money this week. Don't worry if you missed the live concerts, the links to WATCH and/or DONATE online will remain available until the end of term at:

<https://www.truroschool.com/charity/>





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Christian Union prepare for Easter

With Easter on the horizon, the Junior CU cracked out the eggs and created their own interpretations of Pysanky eggs, which is a Ukranian term meaning 'to write'. Traditionally they are hand-drawn creations sketched in pencil first and sectioned off in a grid pattern, with the detail then added.





Final WAA of Spring Term

There wasn't a spare field in sight for the final Wednesday Afternoon Activities of the Spring Term. The sun shone and the air felt warmer.

3rd Years made the most of it by crafting their Easter cards outside the Graham Smith block, ready to send to their family before the break.

The ever popular sport opportunities were taken advantage of with mixed hockey, mixed football, mixed tennis, mixed military fitness, rugby, and netball.

1st Year boys took the afternoon as a chance to practise mindfulness, soaking up the sun and greenery around them in their quiet spot of the fields to master yoga.





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Fashion figure drawing

Last weekend our boarders (pictured above) visited the School's Art Studio to enjoy fashion figure drawing with our very own Art Technician, Delphine. Delphine went to London School of Fashion and is a graphic designer, fashion designer, fashion illustrator and entrepreneur. She shared with them how she starts the design phase of a new collection and showed the girls how to do some fashion illustration. It was a fabulous couple of hours with all sorts of designs, ideas and mediums. They can't wait to go back and learn more!

Our 1st Years (pictured left) also enjoyed a crash course in fashion figure drawing with Delphine. The pupils were taught how to create free flowing figures and shapes embellished with flamboyant fashion.



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Important topics in PSHEE

Personal Social Health and Economic Education (PSHEE) is taught from 1st Year to Upper Sixth at an age-appropriate level.

To prepare Upper Sixth leavers for their next life chapter in the wider world, the students cover a broad range of topics from how to handle their finances and wellbeing, to spotting dangerous or illegal behaviours.

Recently, the students discussed conflict management and how to resolve disagreements without it getting out of hand. Suggestions included remaining calm, giving space to each other, listening, and avoiding the temptation of making it personal.

The lesson then moved on to forced marriage and honour based violence, and how this denies some women of basic human rights and perpetuates false stereotypes of women.





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2H Charity Week

In early March, 2H took part in their charity week. They completed a range of activities, including park cleans, beach cleans, random acts of kindness, street cleans, car cleaning, making cards, baking cakes for others, milk bottle challenge, 5K runs, sponsored workouts, sponsored cycles, sponsored press ups, sponsored bench press and a sponsored surf.

They raised an excellent total of £230.06 for their chosen charities: Send a Cow, Motor Neurone Disease, Cancer Research (run for heroes), Shelterbox, Foodbank and Gravel Road Trust. A great class effort 2H!





Hello from Truro School Cookery...

Exciting news for the Summer term! Our Friday 'bake for the weekend' cookery kits are back by popular demand and are now available to everyone; all pupils from First year to Upper Sixth as part of our cookery club programme, and also to all of our families as part of our Cookery School Community!

Each week you can make a bake or cake from Maria's treasure trove of recipes without any planning or shopping. We supply all the weighed ingredients, recipe card and a link to an online video to follow at home. Whether you fancy a bit of solitary baking therapy or are looking for a weekend family activity our baking kits are the answer.

A taste of things to come

Raspberry and elderflower tray bake

Butterscotch cookies

Feta and sun-dried tomato scones

White chocolate and pecan blondies

Ginger fairings



Starting on Friday 23rd April, this ten week course of kits will cost £80 and will be added to your end of term bill. Each week your kit will be ready to collect by your son or daughter from 3.45 pm in the cookery school.

To book a place email your son or daughters name and year group to cookeryclubs@truroschoo.com by 19th April.

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Coronavirus: A year on

This week marked a year since the country entered the first lockdown in March 2020, and on Tuesday Senior and Prep commemorated the national day of reflection with a minutes' silence. At times it has been easy to feel like much was lost during the pandemic, but it is those moments when it's important to remember that so much was achieved.

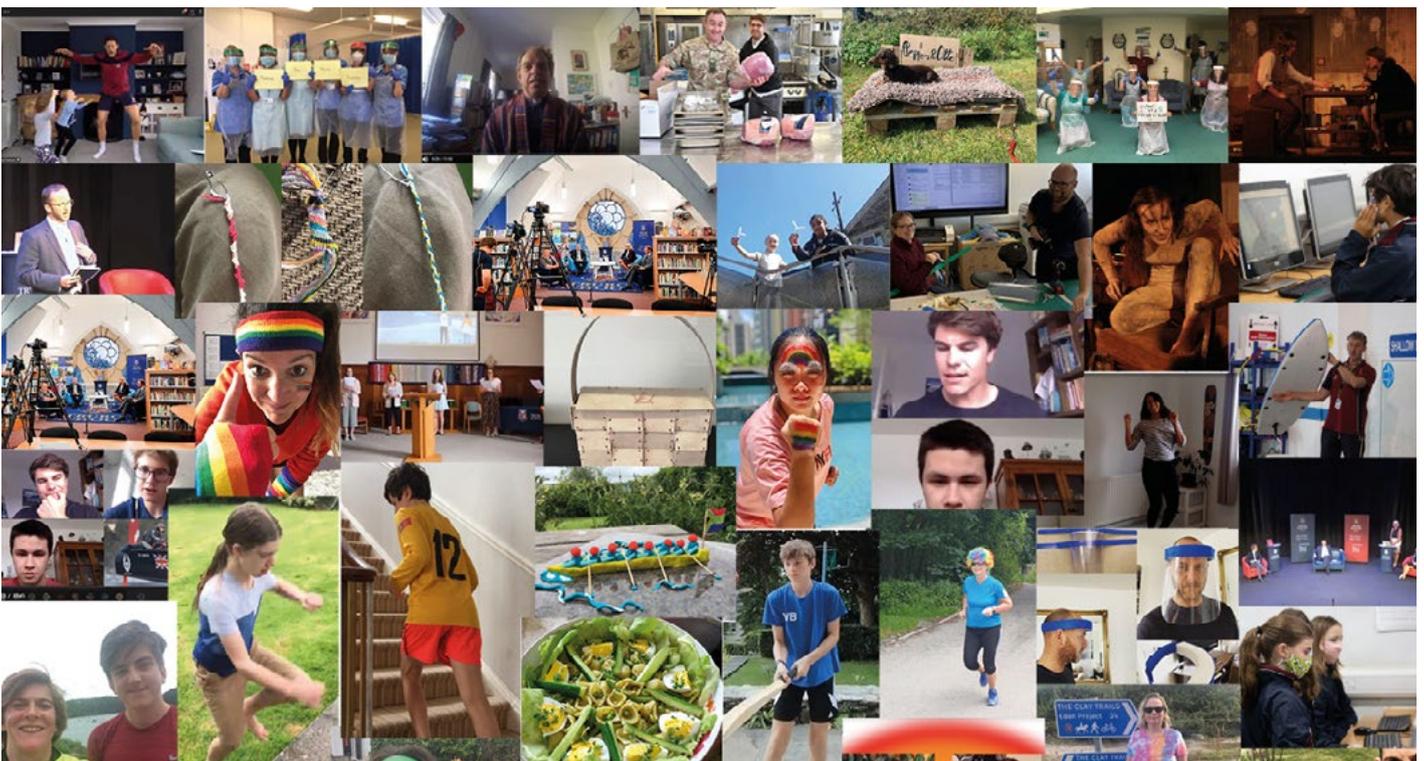
We take a look back at the year and how the Truro School community came together to support and guide each other through the pandemic, kept learning alive, embarked on brilliant charitable journeys, and made the most of the unprecedented circumstances.

Truro School moved immediately to online learning at the end of the Spring Term and with patience and practice, a new routine was established. An Enhancement and Enrichment Programme was set up for 5th Years and Upper Sixth after it was confirmed by the Government that 2020 examinations would be cancelled. The programme introduced 5th Years to life in the Sixth Form, and Upper Sixth students were prepared for life post-18 with sessions on preparing for university and the world of work, as well as continuing to delve deeper into subjects that interested them. The school site remained partially open for children of key workers.

Spirits were kept afloat with fun videos, challenges and activities. A particularly memorable video being a rendition from Senior staff of 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars. Relive that moment [here](#). The Rev took his chapel services online with his uplifting words, and weekly updates came from Mr Johnson and his predecessor Mr Gordon-Brown.

The co-curricular programme evolved and new skills were mastered. There was plenty of delicious bakes as the soda and banana bread craze swept social media. A mass collaboration from the art, drama, music and DT departments encouraged creative pupils to keep being inspired and let their feelings and surroundings guide their projects. When the November lockdown was announced, Wednesday Afternoon Activities were once again adapted so that everyone could be catered for on site.

Truro School donated its use of catering facilities to help The Hive Cornwall batch 4000 meals a week for people





EASTER HOLIDAYS JUNIOR TENNIS CAMPS AT THE HERON TENNIS CENTRE

Tennis & Multi-sports Camps

For 5-10 yr olds

Tuesdays 6 and/ or 13 April | 9.30-12pm
£12.50 members/ £17.50 non-members

Tennis & Team Games Camps

For 11 yrs +

Tuesday 6 and/ or 13 April | 1-4pm
£16 members/ £20 non-members

Please book in advance as limited spaces | Session indoors if wet from April 13 | Sessions follow Covid guidelines



HERON'S ADULT PROGRAMME RESUMES MONDAY 29 MARCH 2021

- Monday 10am Adult Intermediates/ Advanced Club Players
- Monday 6.30pm Men's Team Training
- Tuesday 9 and 10am Super Seniors
- Wednesday 6pm, Saturday 10am and 11am Sassy Ladies (and some men!!) groups
- Thursday 5pm Adult Beginners/ "Rusty" Players group
- Friday 6.30pm Adult Intermediates/ Advanced Club Players
- Friday 6pm "Top Squad" with some of the best adults and juniors in Cornwall!
- Saturday 8am Cardio Tennis

All sessions outside until allowed to move indoors following Government guidelines

Tennis sessions during the Term and in the Easter Holidays at Newquay's Heron Tennis Centre

For more info, please visit www.heron-tennis.co.uk, call us on 01637 877555 (from March 29) or email herontennis@aol.com



HERON'S JUNIOR TERM TIME PROGRAMME RESUMES MONDAY 29 MARCH 2021

- Monday, Wednesday and Thursday Mini Red (5-8 yrs), Orange (8/9 yrs) & Green (9/ 10 yrs) groups
- Monday 5pm & Thursday 4.30pm Ace Academy invitational groups with some of the best juniors in Cornwall!
- Tuesday and Wednesday Full Ballers groups (11 yrs+)
- Saturday Morning Ace Academy Mini Red, Orange, Green and Full Ball invitational Groups
- Sunday 9m Junior Fun Club Morning for players aged 5-8 yrs
- Sunday 10m Junior Fun Club Morning for players aged 9 yrs+

Plus...

- Parent & Toddler Tennis (2 1/2 - 4 1/2 yrs) resumes Friday 23 April at 9.15am



CORNWALL DISABILITY TENNIS (CDTN) SESSIONS RESUME WITH JOSH AND ANDREA

- Friday 2pm Adult Learning Disability and Wheelchair session
 - Sunday 11am Junior Learning Disability and Wheelchair session
- Plus
- Private and small group lessons for juniors and adults

*All equipment provided including tennis specific wheelchairs
Sessions follow Covid guidelines
For more information, please contact Josh on 07904 005940*