

18 JUNE 2021: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

What a week this has been in Cornwall! Before I follow up my letter of 16 June regarding Covid and end of term Events, I do want to recognise and celebrate the normal life of our School this week too.

Last Friday it was a joy to hear our Choristers in such good form at the Cathedral, including a rousing rendition of Gee Seven. This week, it was great to spend some time watching our first home football fixture since before Christmas (which we won). We also benefitted from the thoughts of guest speakers in Chapel reflecting on the importance and meaning of love. D of E continues apace, we have streamed a 2nd Year production of Macbeth, a local novelist spoke to the 3rd Year and ran a creative writing workshop within our bridging programmes for older pupils. Sixteen pupils entered the Cornwall Schools Athletics Championships last weekend (three of whom will be going on to the SW inter-county Championships), we ran a Lower Sixth psychology trip to Newquay Zoo, a 4th Year Careers Day, and we launched our brand new Sixth Form Diploma programme for September on Thursday in a presentation evening event. Amidst all this, early in the week, I bumped into two wonderfully creative pupils searching around the site with a camera looking for natural or built forms that replicated letters of the alphabet. More will have happened besides, but I remain in no doubt that whatever the context, this is a remarkably energetic and truly vibrant community relishing and nurturing the breadth of its talents and interests.

However, my bulletin today must also reflect on the shifting picture of Covid in the region. Cases are rising and this is a region thus far spared the worst that has affected elsewhere. In a post G7 and pre-summer holiday phase, the media are also giving considerable airtime to this which is informative and also potentially anxiety inducing too, I am sure. The decisions communicated in the 16 June letter were taken with a heavy heart but one that remains determined to balance the ongoing ambition to be dynamic and open as a community, and also to maximise safety. Our School mitigations are strong and robust but as has always been the case, we cannot guarantee Covid will not enter our community. Amidst all the new information nationally and locally, I ask for an unambiguously clear and consistent focus on the basics we can all do – hand hygiene, appropriate mask wearing, and respect for physical space and distance. If you or a member of your household shows any Covid symptoms (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change in sense of smell or taste) you must please not enter the school site and seek a PCR test. Rapid response to an infection, especially with the new variant, is what will

maximise our chances of staying open for all across the rest of term.

All the pupils and staff are still urged to self-test as part of our effort to ensure we can respond to cases quickly and contain spread. Data we can access is not personal to any individuals but indicates that rates of reported self-testing across our community were strongest in March and have dropped since then. We ask pupils how this is going but we have no legal right or policy stance to enforce it. I am however, aware of two cases just this month where self-testing within our School community has meant we could pre-empt the need for wider self-isolation (let alone children being asked to go home) and we should all be very grateful for that.

In the event that there is a confirmed case amongst pupils at School, we will respond rapidly and request the appropriate self-isolations. Given the nature of the Delta variant and the short distance until the end of term, we are more likely to treat year group bubbles as a whole. Clearly, we hope this will not be the case. Staff are also being careful as you would expect. Where self-isolation proves necessary for staff we deploy cover and wider resources to continue to operate as fully as possible for the children. It is not impossible that staff absence related to isolation might force us to change event planning but again, we hope that will not be the case.

In all events, our communications will be rapid and unless you are requested to stay at home by NHS track and trace, or by the School, please presume it is business as usual under the guidelines already set out.

Along the lines of my first paragraph, there is so much more to enjoy across the rest of this term. Whilst we cannot rule out changes to those plans, including at short notice, we remain committed to doing all we can to ensure the version set out on Tuesday will be the reality.

I hope you all enjoy a really good weekend, and please do take the chance to complete our parent survey (see below) should you not have yet had a chance to do so.

Mr A Johnson

Parent Survey: Forward-Thinking

The link to the survey is available on the emailed version of the bulletin and will be available until Monday 21 June at 9pm.

Thank you very much for your time and help.

Calendar Dates

Saturday 19 June 2021

- All day Duke of Edinburgh's Award: 3rd Year Bronze Assessed Expedition, Lizard

Sunday 20 June 2021

- All day Duke of Edinburgh's Award: 3rd Year Bronze Assessed Expedition, Lizard
- 10.30am-3.30pm Music concert rehearsals

Monday 21 June 2021

- 8.45am-3.50pm Lower Sixth: Post 18 Options Days, Sixth Form Centre, Classrooms
- 2.05pm-3.50pm 2nd Year: Science Fair, Rooms 82 and 83
- 7.00pm-8.00pm Lower Sixth Parents: Post 18 Options Parents' Information Evening, Virtual

Tuesday 22 June 2021

- 8.45am-3.50pm Lower Sixth: Post 18 Options Days, Sixth Form Centre, Classrooms
- 9.00am-3.50pm Junior Gala Concert Rehearsals, The Assembly Hall
- 10.00am-1.30pm Psychology: Upper Sixth Observational research trip (Newquay Zoo), Newquay Zoo
- 11.00am-3.00pm Lower Sixth: Leith's/CTH Practical Exam, Cookery School
- 7.00pm-8.30pm Junior Gala Concert, The Assembly Hall – Audience with advanced tickets only

Wednesday 23 June 2021

- 6.00pm Boarders' Service, Chapel

Thursday 24 June 2021

- All day Duke of Edinburgh's Award: 5th Year Silver Assessed Expedition, Bodmin
- All day Sports Day: Competition House Events
- 11.00am-3.00pm Lower Sixth: Leith's/CTH Practical Exam, Cookery School
- 4.30pm-7.30pm Parents Evening: 4th Year Parents' Evening, Virtual

Friday 25 June 2021

- All day Duke of Edinburgh's Award: 5th Year Silver Assessed Expedition, Bodmin
- 9.00am-10.00am Upper Sixth Leavers' Breakfast for pupils, Cricket Pavilion
- 10.00am-12.00pm Upper Sixth Leavers' Assembly for pupils, Burrell Theatre
- 12.00pm Upper Sixth Leavers' Service for pupils, Chapel
- 1.15pm-4.15pm Summer Gala Concert Rehearsals, The Assembly Hall
- 4.00pm Lower Sixth: Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl Expression of Interest
- Deadline

Saturday 26 June 2021

- All day Duke of Edinburgh's Award: 5th Year Silver Assessed Expedition, Bodmin

Sunday 27 June 2021

- All day Duke of Edinburgh's Award: 5th Year Silver Assessed Expedition, Bodmin

Monday 28 June 2021

- All day Reserve Sports Day
- 4.30pm-7.30pm Parents Evening: Lower Sixth Parents' Evening, via TEAMS
- 5.30pm-6.15pm Drama 1st Year Drama Club performance of scenes from The Wind in the Willows – Audience with advanced tickets only

Tuesday 29 June 2021

- All day Lower Sixth: Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl Interviews
- All day Summer Gala Concert rehearsals, The Assembly Hall
- 7.00pm-9.00pm Summer Gala Concert, The Assembly Hall – Audience with advanced tickets only

Wednesday 30 June 2021

- All day 1st Year Activity Day at Porthpean (group 1)
- 2.05pm-3.50pm Wednesday Afternoon Activities: Final session of the Summer Term

Thursday 1 July 2021

- All day Duke of Edinburgh's Award: 4th Year Silver Assessed Expedition, Bodmin
- All day World Aims:
- All day 1st Year Activity Day at Porthpean (group 2)
- All day 2nd Year Eden Project (group 1)
- All day 3rd Year St Michael's Way walk (group 1)
- All day 4th Year Activity Day
- 9.00am-3.50pm Biology: Lower Sixth Field Trip to Perran Sands, Perran Sands

Friday 2 July 2021

- All day Duke of Edinburgh's Award: 4th Year Bronze Assessed Expedition, North Coast
- All day Duke of Edinburgh's Award: 4th Year Silver Assessed Expedition, Bodmin
- All day World Aims:
- All day 1st Year Activity Day at Porthpean (group 3)
- All day 2nd Year Eden Project (group 2)
- All day 3rd Year St Michael's Way walk (group 2)
- All day 4th Year Activity Day
- 11.00am-12.00pm 5th Year: Thanksgiving Service for pupils, Chapel

Saturday 3 July 2021

- All day Duke of Edinburgh's Award: 4th Year Silver Assessed Expedition, Bodmin

Sunday 4 July 2021

- All day Duke of Edinburgh's Award: 4th Year Silver Assessed Expedition, Bodmin

Monday 5 July 2021

- Periods 1-5 Lessons as normal
- 4.30pm-7.30pm Parents Evening: 1st Year Subject Parents Evening, Virtual

Tuesday 6 July 2021

- 10.30am- 12.00pm Speech Day – Audience with advanced tickets only
- 12.00pm Term Ends

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Notices

MUSIC EVENTS IN JUNE

1st & 2nd Year Gala Concert – The Assembly Hall - Tuesday 22 June 2021 at 7.00pm - Rehearsals will take place on Tuesday during the school day.

This will feature all of the 1st Years and the 2nd Year Band, Vocal Group and Music Scholars. Thank you to everyone who has applied for tickets to the Junior Gala Concert, all seats have now been reserved.

The Summer Concert – The Assembly Hall - Tuesday 29 June 2021 at 7.00pm

This will bring together all our 3rd Year to Upper Sixth Bands and Vocal Groups, Girl Choristers, 1st & 2nd Year Music Scholars and selected cast members from the musicals Annie and Little Shop of Horrors. Tickets are available by emailing music@truroschool.com and allocated on a first come, first served basis of two per family.

There are two large rehearsals for this event (The Summer Concert) before the day of the concert:

Sunday 20 June

- o 10.30am All Year Group Bands (and orchestras)
- o 11.15am All Year Group Choirs, Girl Choristers and Chamber Orchestra
- o 12.00pm All Year Group Choirs and Girl Choristers
- o 1.00pm Lunch Break
- o 2.00pm Senior Jazz Orchestra
- o 3.30pm End

Friday 25 June

- o 1.15pm Senior Jazz Orchestra
- o 2.00pm All Year Group Bands (and orchestras)
- o 2.45pm All Year Group Choirs, Girl Choristers and Chamber Orchestra
- o 3.00pm All Year Group Choirs and Girl Choristers
- o 4.15pm End

Unfortunately, on these occasions we are unable to live stream, however, both concerts are being recorded and will be available via the school You Tube channel before the end of term.

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Local author gives creative writing talks and workshops



The English Department and the Library invited local author Clare Owen into School this week to talk about her new book.

Clare talked to the 3rd Years about her recently published first YA novel, 'Zed and the Cormorants' which is set in Cornwall, reading abstracts from some chapters and explaining how she came up with her plot and characters. She also ran a creative writing workshop with pupils from the 5th Year and Upper Sixth as part of their 'bridging' activities into their next educational steps.

Find out more about the book and Clare on the link below:

[Zed and the Cormorants | Arachne Press](#)

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NEW Sixth Form Diploma

The Diploma builds on our current offering, and will evolve to add more. Commencing September, it is designed to be a choice-driven, well supported and bespoke framework that empowers students to develop skills of value beyond schooling or qualifications, and to be able to evidence their achievements and development better.

A-Level success remains at the core of the Sixth Form journey but it has never been more important to ensure that young adults develop values and skills via experiences and opportunities that go far beyond their academic qualifications, and in a way that supports ambition, success and wellbeing for the students' futures beyond school.

Supported by subject teachers, tutors and the Sixth Form team, the Diploma builds on the excellent academic, pastoral and co-curricular offering to create a guided framework from which students can develop their individual pathway.

[Click here to find out more >](#)



DIPLOMA ASPIRE

DIPLOMA FRAMEWORK

The Diploma will run across the Autumn, Spring and Summer Terms in the Lower Sixth and the Autumn and Spring Terms in the Upper Sixth with one contact lesson and one timetabled lesson a fortnight during the Lower Sixth.

Within the Diploma Framework, you will be required to complete the core component sections alongside your chosen elective. All students need to complete 150 credits and we recommend that electives are split evenly across sports/creative, personal growth and leadership and service. Support will be given when choosing your electives in order to maximise your success through a cohesive approach.

Electives will be logged and tracked through tracking, with credits assigned towards the gold, silver or bronze certificate.

150 CREDITS

split across the three electives.

LOWER SIXTH
AUTUMN / SPRING / SUMMER

UPPER SIXTH
AUTUMN / SPRING

CERTIFICATES
GOLD / SILVER / BRONZE

SUPPORT WILL BE GIVEN WHEN CHOOSING YOUR ELECTIVES

CORE COMPONENT

Core Component

Delivered in timetabled lessons

Lesson 1: Intro to Sixth Form Diploma, credits, logging/tracking, choosing electives

Lesson 2: Study habits and methods

Lesson 3: Youth typing course + test

Lesson 4: Driving Theory + hand out copies of highway code

Lesson 5: Halfords and car maintenance

Lesson 6: Halfords and car maintenance

Lesson 7: Review and logging session, tracking of credits

ELECTIVES

Leadership and Service Electives (50 credits)

Running alongside timetabled lessons

Leadership day (5 credits)

Perfection department (30 credits)

Perfection (Senior) (20 credits)

Perfection (HCG) (20 credits)

Youth Mental Health First Aid Award course (10 credits)

Committee (10 credits)

School Council (30 credits)

School Captains (30 credits)

Volunteering (5 credits)

International Schools Partnership (5 credits)

Sustainability initiative (10 credits)

Personal leadership role (ing sports captain, assistant coach, referee, head chorister, ensemble lead, team leader, lead party) (5 credits)

Charity Concert organizer (10 credits)

ELECTIVES

Personal Growth Electives (20 credits)

Running alongside timetabled lessons

One free driving lesson on 17th birthday

Seasons certificate in all disciplines/coaching course (20 credits) (4/5 Wednesday 4.30 - 6.30pm)

VHS short range radio course (10 credits) £150

Driver engine maintenance at sea course (10 credits) £100

Sea survival course (10 credits) £100

HGX level 2 certificate in Mandarin (20 credits)

First Aid/first aid qualification (20 credits) £240 WAA or after school

Reach listening qualification (20 credits) £30 Monday after school

Discovery trip TBC (20 credits)

Uganda trip TBC (20 credits)

World Challenge TBC (20 credits)

Sixth Form Trip TBC

Music Department:

National level (20 credits)

Regional/County level (10 credits)

School level (5 credits)

Various solo/instrument on a case-by-case basis (5-20 credits)

Drama/Tech Team Department:

Senior School play main role (10 credits)

Drama Ensemble (5 credits)

Tech Team (5-10 credits)

ELECTIVES

Sports Department:

International/National level (20 credits)

Regional/County level (15 credits)

School Team Sport (10 credits)

School Club (5 credits)

Sports South West (5-20 credits)

Outdoor Parallel:

G of L, Ten Tors, Skewen, Navigation skills (20 credits)

Art Department:

Life drawing (10 credits)

Open studio (5 credits)

City of Lights (5 credits)

DT Department:

Open workshop (5 credits)

Other:

Self defence (5 credits)

Yoga (5 credits)

Pilates (5 credits)

Spin class/fitness/yoga (5 credits)

Beginners fencing (5 credits)

Tai chi (5 credits)

Swimming (5 credits)

Dodgeball/tabletennis (5 credits)

Beach clean (5 credits)

WAA programme (5 credits)

ELECTIVES

Sports Certificate Electives (50 credits)

Running alongside timetabled lessons

MOOCs, additional to the MOOC in the core units (20 credits)

Burrell Society Lectures (5 credits)

Pathway, Careers and Industry Talks (5 credits)

Public Speaking opportunity (5 credits)

Academic competitions (10 credits)

UCAS conference

First 18 webinars (5 credits)

**YOUR FUTURE
YOUR CHOICE
YOUR DIPLOMA**

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Lower Sixth Newquay Zoo trip



Twenty-eight A-Level Psychology students spent the day at Newquay Zoo practising their observational research skills on a range of animals – penguins, lions, zebra, squirrel monkeys, meercats, peacocks, and tapir.

Initially they did unstructured observations, noting down every behaviour they could see, devising operational definitions (eg what counts as “one” walk? When a tapir stops and then starts again is that “two” walks?). They then coded behaviours and checked for inter-observer reliability before starting their research. Students chose an animal each and practised event sampling and time sampling techniques, followed by pooling their data and creating graphical displays to illustrate their findings.

The final element was each group created a video record about their animal, their research findings, as well as their experiences of observer bias and other methodological issues with observational research.

The sun shone while the students showed impressive research skills and enthusiasm for the task... and the ice-cream!

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2nd Years perform Macbeth



This week our 2nd Years livestreamed a performance of Macbeth. It was great for the pupils, both actors and the technical team, to have the opportunity to show how hard they have all been working and they all performed superbly.

This performance is available for parents to watch, please contact Ms Eggar JRE@truroschoo.com for the link.

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PE's Word of the Week: Creativity

Every week, the PE department has a 'word of the week' which represents the department's eight values. PE teachers and coaches will be looking to see who can demonstrate actions that encompass the word during lessons, as well as those who are aiming to develop their understanding of what the word means.

The word this week is 'Creativity.'

"Take any challenge as a creative opportunity."

"Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing and having fun."

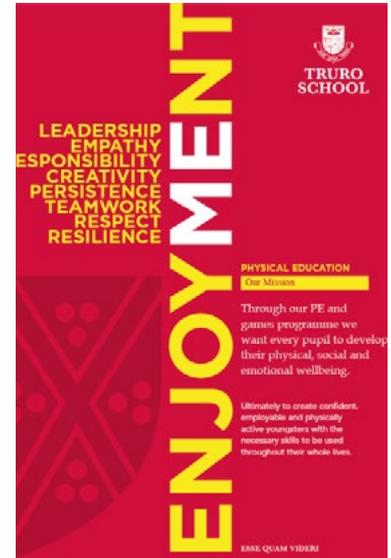
Acts that may show creativity in PE can include:

- Working with others to design new activities during warmups for example.
- Designing partner challenges during activities. See if you can beat your previous scores!
- Creating team names or celebrations when working as a team.

Pupils and/or groups chosen for best showing teamwork are:

1st Years:

Mrs Newton's 1st Year group were creative during Games, designing their own scoring systems for their cricket-type games.



Kitty wins Coppice Theatre's art competition

Coppice Theatre, a local group, ran a competition asking local children to send drawings, paintings, collages, poems, and stories based on a theme from one of their new shows, to decorate their rehearsal spaces in Truro.

The overall winner was our very own 3rd Year Kitty, who won a family ticket for their own up-coming show and £50 worth of art supplies.

Well done Kitty!



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Cornwall School Athletics Championships



Last Saturday the Cornwall School Athletics Championships took place at the Par Athletics Track. On a beautiful day, Truro School entered 16 pupils into the condensed programme. It was lovely to see so many young people enjoying the chance to compete and try to beat their own PBs. The event was superbly ran and our thanks go to all the volunteers, who gave up their time to host such a wonderful day.

Truro School pupils competed well and were a credit to our school with their effort, encouragement of others and commitment. A special mention goes out to Jacob L (SF11), Izzie L (SF01) and Jessica B (2K), who were all selected to represent Cornwall at the South West Inter-county Championships. We wish Jacob (U20 men's 200m and 400m), Izzie (U20 women's 1500m) and Jess (Junior girls 1500m) well for their next meeting and thank you again to all Truro School students and parents for their attendance and support.

Mr Sanderson

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Truro School vs Newton Abbot College



Truro School supporters adorned the side lines on Wednesday for the first football Home match since before Christmas. A brilliant crowd turned out to support their players and cheer them on. In the end, Truro School won against Newton Abbot College 3-2 in penalties. Both sides played strongly and competitively.

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Hockey and Netball vs Wycliffe



4th Year Careers Day

Today 4th Year have their Careers Day, as part of preparing them for life after Post-16 education and beyond.

In the morning, the Head spoke to the year group and asked them to think about the most useful skill they could learn at school, and when thinking of that skill, would it help them in an employee situation as well as education.

"Today is about curiosity, thinking, and asking questions," said Mr Johnson.

The full day's programme includes Employability Skills, Researching Careers, Apprenticeships and alternative qualifications, Going to University, and Morrisby testing which 'provides all the research tools needed to help students discover the world of work and pathways forward'.



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Tom wins Football Rising Star of the Year Award



Recently Mandy Kimmins, Chair at St Agnes AFC, emailed us to update the School of Fred and Tom's DofE volunteering progress, as they've moved from Bronze to Silver.

Mandy said: "I'm emailing again to let you know how proud you should be of Fred and Tom for their input as volunteers at St Agnes AFC as part of their DofE volunteering. Both boys have gone way beyond the expected hours, developed as coaches and created a real positive difference to the players and coaches they have worked with."

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fitness challenges as part of the group and raising sponsorship. Tom also created handmade cards as football collages and wrote handwritten letters to members of both adult and youth disability teams which were received so well by parents and players alike, some of whom were really struggling owing to isolation."

"Further to their coaching I am very proud to tell you that during Lockdown's this year Tom has stepped up to another level firstly getting involved with an adult disability 'keeping in touch' initiative by completing

Because of this extra amazing input, Tom was nominated for an award, and won the Cornwall County FA Grassroots Football Rising Star of the Year Award 2021.

Mandy added: "Well done to both boys for doing such a fabulous effort at their volunteering and an extra special well done to Tom for winning this prestigious award!"

As one of the coaches who worked with him commented, 'he really is a quite exceptional young man!'



Friday Bulletin

**THIS
WEEKEND!**



rainbow
RUN
your way

The Truro School boarders will be taking part in this year's Rainbow Run – your way - and would like to invite you to join them to raise money for Children's Hospice South West.

As a boarding community they have taken part in the CHSW Rainbow Run at St Mawgan for the last eight or so years. Whilst it is not taking place as a mass event again this year the boarders are ready and raring to go. They have tie-dyed t-shirts in an array of rainbow colours and designs, before taking to the school fields on Saturday evening. The boarders, boarding staff and families have pledged to walk, jog, run, hop, skip or cartwheel the 5km and we would be thrilled if you could do the same at some point, somewhere over the weekend.

They have set up a Just Giving fundraising page and they would of course be grateful for any support that you can offer.

The link to the page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/truroschoolorboardersrainbowrun2021>

As ever, if you do manage to join them, please send in any pictures that you take. It would be great to see photos from across the county, country and world - we had boarding families in Hong Kong taking part last year.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support!





Truro School Cafe is back open for all your coffee and croissant, latte and lunch or tea and cake needs! We are now open to parents and visitors all day, from 0845 until 1530. Our other news is that we now have a new range of lovely gifts and cards including St Eval candles, Sophie Allport notebooks and ceramics, Origin Coffee and Cornish Tea available to buy from the cookery school café - perfect for those last minute forgotten birthdays and wedding anniversaries! We are also delighted to have teamed up with 'The Flower Hut' from Stithians and have bunches of fresh locally grown Cornish flowers and plants available from Wednesday to Friday, or to pre-order for collection on any day. Aly, Muffy, Maria and Aj can't wait to see you all again - there is SO much to catch up on!

Truro School Cafe Open term time - **Monday - Friday 0845 - 1530**

