

25 JUNE 2021: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

## Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

The School has had a fantastic week. As I said in our assembly this morning, the last seven days have seen, alongside the classroom education, the launch of our new Sixth Form Diploma programme, a 4th Year Careers Day, the 5k Rainbow Run in aid of the Children's Hospice South West, Duke of Edinburgh Award activity, a trip to St Ives, a Science Fair, a production of Macbeth, a 1st and 2nd year Gala Concert (to be shown this evening), the appointment of our Senior Prefect team for 2021-2, our Leavers' Service and Lunch, and yesterday, a truly uplifting and inclusive festival of Sports Day. Sports Day was a very special day full of joy, active participation, good humour, and all the wellbeing that flows from that. Oh yes, and Smith House ended up being particularly pleased!

Whilst it is a source of great sadness to us all that we are unable to invite parents to be present at so much of this, it is also a source of joy that we have been able to offer these activities to the pupils within the guidelines. I commend the pupils for their engagement and positivity, the staff for their tireless dedication, and all parents, carers and guardians for your understanding and support.

The remaining week and a half of term are scheduled to be busy and exciting. As I write, we are still in a position to go ahead with the events planned (as adjusted from the guidelines). We are, of course, keeping a daily eye on the pandemic as it affects our region and our community. Thus far, the positive cases that have impacted on families associated with our school have not required year groups to be placed in self-isolation or for significant events to be called off entirely. This is a fortunate position for us to be in and I commend all across our community for their sense of personal and collective responsibility. Covid is indiscriminate and nobody is at fault if they catch it, so swift diagnosis and communication is key as it enables us to enact the robust responses we have in place. We cannot guarantee no further disruption to our planning, and I ask the whole community to

accept that possibility. At the same time, we do not wish for it. Ahead of next week, then, please ask your children take their Lateral Flow Tests on Sunday, and irrespective of those, keep off site any child with any Covid related symptoms, informing us as you do.

Here at Truro School we also always look ahead. As our Upper Sixth Leavers have enjoyed their Leavers' Service today, with its poignant mixture of celebration, musical and insightful brilliance, and nostalgia, we also welcome a new Prefect Team to lead the school going forwards. As we await the external quality assurance of our summer grades for the 5th Year and Upper Sixth, we keep an eye on national debates regarding Summer Examinations 2022 for our current 4th Year and Lower Sixth. You will be well prepared, we assure you, as I mentioned in my bulletin on 21 May too. As we admire the ever-growing confidence and potential of our current 1st Years, we look forward to welcoming a full 1st Year cohort in September, which will be an equal cohort of boys and girls. And as we support our current boarders to be able to return home safely, we keep a close eye on the regulations that will shape how we welcome all boarders safely in September.

There is a real push over the coming ten days for us all. We hope the pandemic does not further disrupt your or our plans, but we will respond with clear communication if it does. My very best wishes to you all for the weekend and the week ahead.

**Mr A Johnson**  
**Head**

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## 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

- 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

## 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
- Summer Gala Concert Recording

## 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
- 9.00am-3.50pm Biology: Lower Sixth Field Trip to Perran Sands, Perran Sands
- 4.30pm Cricket fixtures Boys U12A and Mixed U13A

## 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
- 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 End

# Friday Bulletin

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**Sports Day** The very welcome sights, sounds and laughter of sports day filled the fields today. Following on from their department house challenges, pupils dressed in their house colours of red, yellow, green and blue and celebrated the competition with team spirit and unity. With 'enjoyment' the order of the day, pupils chose the activities that they wanted to participate in and had great fun competing to win points for their houses!

Congratulations to Smith House who were this year's sports day champions.  
SMITH = 91, SCHOOL = 74.5, VINTER = 73.5, WICKETT = 71



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## 2nd Year Science Fair

Across the sciences this term, we have been encouraging the 2nd Year pupils to think beyond the curriculum, to tap into their curiosity, and to develop their investigation skills by working on a project for the science fair.

Students have been given free rein to explore any topic which interests them and we have enjoyed a huge range of projects as a result; including calculating how long a person could survive trapped in a supermarket, what affects how long raisins will dance in fizzy water, through to a student replicating a method used to analyse DNA. It has been incredible to see some of the ideas and methods used by the students and we are incredibly proud of their efforts.

Class teachers selected the strongest projects to go through to the final and Mr Johnson, Dr Pope, and Mr Vanstone had the challenging job of deciding the 2021 winners.

Congratulations to all students, finalists, and especially to the winners.

1st prize – Sam T and Jacob T – For an incredibly well thought-out project on whether knowledge of brands

affect a person's perception of the taste of chocolate. These students had considered how to ensure the experiment produced reliable data by controlling variables rigorously and they also had a large sample size compared to many investigations. Their project produced some interesting data from which they could draw conclusions. Sam and Jacob also presented their project very well too.

2nd prize – Celia – Celia had explored various project titles before settling on delving into her passion for music and investigating whether genres of music affect heart rate. Celia did a fantastic job of critically evaluating her own experiment showing an awareness of what she could do in future to enable more conclusive data to be collected. Her display board and presentation skills were absolutely fantastic too!

Highly commended – Sam B – Sam was interested in whether salinity and temperature affected the density of water. Sam had done a lot of research into the context of his investigation in oceans and how these factors would vary from equator to pole. He had an interesting and visual method for conducting his experiment and did a great job of producing his display board and with his oral presentation too.



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## Leavers' Breakfast

An emotional day for our departing Upper Sixth began with fun and games on the fields and ended with their Leavers' Service in the Chapel and lunch on the Terraces - pictures from which will be available next week.



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## Junior Gala Concert

Congratulations to all our talented 1st and 2nd Year musicians who performed splendidly at their Summer Gala Concert on Tuesday. [Click here to view the concert online.](#)

First Year Bubble Band – led by Alan Pope

1st year Soloist Dylan Su  
Cello Group 1 - led by Sarah Whomersley

1st Year Soloist Lydia M  
Daniel T – soloist

Cello Group 2 – Led by Sarah Whomersley

B Natural 2nd Years directed by Tracey Bailey

2nd Year Soloist Tilly D

1st Year Soloist Victoria S

1st Year Rock Band directed by Tom Holland

2nd Year Bubble Band directed by Sarah Whomersley

Soloist -2nd Year Soloist Kinga O

1st Year boys singing group directed by Peter Thomson

Soloist 2nd Year Soloist Ella S

1st Year Girls directed by Martin Palmer

Imogen H - Soloist

1st and 2nd Year Bands directed by Peter Thomson



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## PE's word of the week: Leadership

"Leaders are developers, imaginers, inspirers. Their success depends on enabling the success of others."

"The growth and development of others is the highest calling of leadership."

Acts that may show leadership in PE can include:

- Ensuring all team members have a role to play in activities or games.
- Supporting and encouraging others who are less confident members of the team.
- Understanding peers have different strengths and weaknesses and using that knowledge when organising teams.

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

**Ben D** - who helped Mrs Wyatt run WAA cricket for the 3rd years

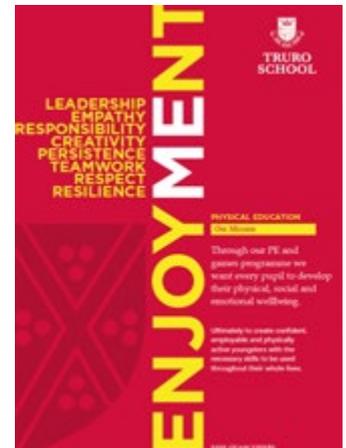
**Jacob C, Sophie D, Digby HH and Ben P** led the athletics warm up and started games for WAA

**Ollie M** showed exceptional leadership on three separate occasions during Sports Day. He supported others less able by encouraging and involving them, he led by example, respecting the umpires and encouraging others to do the same and he was very positive throughout and applied himself.

**Ollie M and Flynn M** not only led teams, split them fairly, helped boys and girls who were inexperienced in their games but also officiated games when they were not playing. They showed superb leadership.

**Stan W** dealt with having the most amount of pupils in the house and rotated the group brilliantly. If the strongest players stayed on they would have won Handball. However, never did he seek to do that, and constantly made sure all got involved.

**Harry C, Benji H, Adam H, Freddie I, Flynn M, David N, Thomas P, Tom S, Joe T, Theo W and Max Y** for demonstrating leadership skills in many different forms whilst participating in WAA cricket, including warm-up - general, warm-up - specific, setting up, scoring and officiating their own game.



## Selected for Bath Netball

A huge congratulations to Libby and Merryn on their selection for Team Bath U15 NPL Long Squad. Libby and Merryn attended a screening day at the University of Bath along with other talented netball players from the Team Bath ADCs in the South West. Against incredibly tough competition we are delighted to announce the girls made it through! Well done girls.



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## DofE Bronze expedition on the Lizard

At the weekend the 3rd Year Bronze DofE group headed out on their assessed expedition around the Lizard. The hikers did very well and adopted Maverick as their mascot after meeting them at every spot along the way.



## STEPS Issue 2: Out Now

Issue 2 of Truro School's Student Magazine, STEPS is out now. Including a student interview with the Head, the issue is available to view below:

[Read Issue 2](#)



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## A-Level English Literary Modernism

Upper Sixth A-Level English Literature students went on a trip to St Ives on Monday where two famous writers Daphne Du Maurier and Virginia Woolf are known to have stayed regularly and taken inspiration from this area for their books.

On this particular trip, the students were looking at literary modernism and had a look around Woolf's childhood summer home. 'To the Lighthouse' is based off the view of Godrevy lighthouse. The group took the time to soak in the art at the Tate, where they could see correlations between Hepworth's sculptures and paintings in Woolf's writing.



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## Upper Sixth Psychology

The Upper Sixth psychologists had their last ever school trip this week - and they did it properly, with clipboards, tally counters, stopwatches, a register and a group photo at the end. The students had missed their zoo trip last year as they were in lockdown and prepared for assessments only knowing the theory of observational research skills. However they all requested that they go as part of their Upper Sixth bridging programme, finally putting theory into practice. Their study of Psychology at Truro School is now complete and we wish them all the best for the future!



## Lower Sixth Post-18 Options

Monday and Tuesday this week was set aside for the Lower Sixth Post-18 Options Days, with numerous talks from multiple universities and businesses on education and career paths.

There were informative sessions on UCAS, student finance, choosing a course, writing a personal statement, creative pathways, and life studying in London.

On the careers front, Mr Whatley spoke about the Armed Forces as a route, apprenticeships and grad schemes from Gareth Kenward at Babcock International, STEM careers from Alix Partridge, and the National Citizen Service from Anneliese Warburton.



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## Rainbow Run - Your Way

On Sunday Truro School's boarding community completed the 5k Rainbow Run, in aid of Children's Hospice South West. Brightly decorated t-shirts were worn and a lot of fun with water pistols was had whilst the boarders, boarding staff and families completed 11 laps of the marked course despite the Cornish mizzle.

Many thanks to those of you that have already kindly donated to the cause, if you haven't yet done so but would like to, the Just Giving page is still live and can be found using the following link: Sarah Mulready is fundraising for [Children's Hospice South West \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Childrens-Hospice-South-West).



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## Sports Day House Challenges

Building on the success of our previous House Competitions, this year's Sports Day House Challenges included a range of activities for pupils to take part in. We have been incredibly impressed with the fantastic responses, a huge well done to everyone who participated and gained points for their houses.

