

10 DECEMBER 2021: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

I hope you too have had another good week. In anticipation of an end of term letter that will be sent to you all before the end of next week, I will be brief in this bulletin.

I would like to thank everybody across our community for remaining so compassionate and also calm about the current Covid context, and also to wish all who are ill, a full and swift recovery.

The school remains stable at approximately 6% of our pupil population being absent in isolation after a positive PCR. That figure has been consistent for about three weeks now and in actual fact that percentage has very slightly dropped this week compared to last. This is reassuring as we all look ahead to the holiday period and is a result of both luck and judgement. It also means that we can still welcome families to the planned Christmas events that help us all be a community at this important time.

I look forward to sharing those events with you, including the Concert tonight and the 9 Lessons and Carols on Monday, albeit, regrettably, at an appropriate distance and behind our face-coverings, of course!

Warm regards to all, and best wishes for the weekend too.

Mr A Johnson
Head



Congratulations to the winners of our 1st Year Biology Cell Model competition, pictured above



TRAIN DISRUPTION NEXT WEEK

GWR has notified us that there will be disruption to the train services next week. This will affect passengers on the main line between Plymouth and Penzance from Monday 13 to Thursday 16 December.

- Track renewal work will take place in the Redruth and Penzance areas
- Buses will replace trains between Truro and Penzance as well as between St Erth and St Ives (14-16 December only)
- An amended train service will continue to run between Plymouth and Truro

If your children use the train please check the GWR website for more details.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Next term's clubs and activities will be available to view on the end of term Bulletin.

The week ahead...

Saturday, 11 December 2021

All Day Drama: Mary's Letters Location Film Shoot

13:00 Netball Fixtures

Girls-U16A vs Woodhouse Grove School

Girls-U18A vs Woodhouse Grove School

14:00 Netball Fixtures

Girls-U16B vs Woodhouse Grove School

Girls-U18B vs Woodhouse Grove School

14:00 Rugby Union Fixtures

1st XV vs Woodhouse Grove School

19:30 - 21:30 Music: Handel's Messiah Concert
Truro Cathedral

Monday, 13 December 2021

Week B

08:30 - 11:30 Music: Chamber Choir & Prep
School Choir rehearse Carols with Prep School
Truro Cathedral

08:45 - 09:10 Cancelled Colours Assembly

11:30 - 12:30 Music: Nine Lessons Readers
Rehearse, Truro Cathedral

13:30 Football Fixtures

Boys-U12A vs St Michaels CofE Middle School

Boys-U15A vs Taunton Court

14:30 Hockey Fixtures

Girls-U13A vs Truro Santa's

15:40 Football Fixtures

Mixed-U11A vs St Mary's School

16:00 Hockey Fixtures

Girls-U13A vs Truro Elf's

17:30 Boarders - Boarders Service, Chapel

19:00 - 21:00 Music: Nine Lessons and Carols for
all parents and friends. Truro Cathedral and
livestream

Tuesday, 14 December 2021

14:00 Rugby Union Fixtures

Boys-U14A vs Ivybridge Community College

Wednesday, 15 December 2021

Closing date for all 11+/13+ scholarships and
means-tested bursaries applications

14:00 - 15:50 End of Term Service and
Entertainment, Form Rooms

End of term

Thursday, 16 December 2021

09:00 - 18:00 Music: ABRSM Exams (Special Visit)
Location: M1

Friday, 17 December 2021

09:00 - 18:00 Music: ABRSM Exams (Special Visit)
Location: M1

The week ahead continued...

Monday, 3 January 2022

Bank Holiday

Tuesday, 4 January 2022

Staff INSET Day

Wednesday, 5 January 2022

Boarders Return

Staff INSET Day

Thursday, 6 January 2022

Spring Term Begins

Week B

5th Year: Exam Feedback

Friday, 7 January 2022

5th Year: Exam Feedback

Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth: Mock Exams, The Assembly Hall

Upper Sixth: A Level Mock Art Exam, Art Studio

13:00 Charity Committee: Charity Concert Meeting, Burrell Theatre

Saturday, 8 January 2022

09:00 - 17:00 Ten Tors: Training Walk
Location: Mousehole - Sennen, Outdoor Education



Sixth Form Christmas Party

Our Sixth Form students celebrated in 'Covid-safe' style yesterday at the annual Christmas party. It was an evening filled with festive cheer, lots of good food, and a range of great games in the absence of dancing.

It was lovely to see the Sixth Formers able to celebrate together again, and it was clear that everyone had an enjoyable evening. [More pictures can be viewed here.](#)



120 years on...

We visited the Marconi Centre in Poldhu nearly 120 years to the day that Marconi sent the first transatlantic radio message from Cornwall to Newfoundland in 1901.

We were warmly welcomed by the custodians of the museum and were given a series of interesting talks and films about the history and development of radio transmissions.

Pupils were able to send Morse code messages, watch meteorites hit the Earth's atmosphere and speak to a person in America via a radio transmission.

Adam Laity
Head of Physics



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A Christmas canapé experience to remember!



As a component of their Leiths professional cookery qualification, Upper Sixth students have to plan, prepare and host a large themed canapé party. This year, the students decided on a 'Christmas Market' theme and have spent the past three weeks trialling and tasting canapés, designing packaging and making decorations.

100 special guests were invited to experience carol singing, warming mulled wine and orange spiced mince pies outside on arrival, before being invited to walk through the Christmas market to choose a selection of savoury canapés to parcel up and take home to enjoy. From seared venison with celeriac puree on chestnut rosti, to thyme crackers with blue cheese, spiced poached pear and honeycomb, the flavours and attention to detail were delicious and creative.

Guests were then invited to visit Santa's corner, where Father Christmas and his Elf gave everyone a beautifully packaged gift containing a selection of dainty desserts, such as Baileys panacotta with dark chocolate ganache, almond praline, tiny spiced apple meringue tarts and homemade mint and white chocolate macarons.

Without a doubt, this was a canapé party to remember and provided the Leiths students with the perfect opportunity to thank staff for all their hard work this year.

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Boxes of Kindness for Christmas

Following on from the success of last year's Cornwall Christmas Box Appeal, staff and pupils have once again been rallying together to create boxes of festive food and treats for local families in need.

Each box contains enough food for a family Christmas dinner, with all the extras included like mince pies and of course, Christmas pudding. A typical box costs around £30-40 to create, but forms across Truro School have been working together to fill boxes.

Filled boxes were collected in the upstairs of the Chapel, ready for collection on Friday 10th December. They will be distributed to disadvantaged families across Truro and the wider Cornish community.

With thanks to Mrs Kenward, Mrs Alford and the Charity Committee for their hard work in organising this worthwhile campaign.



Final Autumn Term WAA

As we near the end of term, Wednesday marked the last of this term's WAA.

It was lovely to walk around the Art Block and see the pupils finessing their ceramics, fine art, and textiles skills in their final projects. These ranged from delicate flower drawings in fine art to using sharks as inspiration for their ceramics pieces.

We look forward to seeing the pupils explore even more new skills in next term's wide range of Wednesday Afternoon Activities. Options range from wargaming and textiles to golf, surfing and horseriding. We can't wait to share more updates with you in the Spring Term.



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4th Years put on purple in support of Great Ormond Street Hospital

For this week's charity day, 4H came up with the idea of doing a whole year group Charity Day (rather than in individual forms), in support of Great Ormond Street Hospital. They chose to wear purple to support the charity, with pupils donning purple clothes and accessories, ranging from purple socks to ties, to jumpers and coats.

Great Ormond Street Hospital has a special place in one of our 4th Year pupil's hearts, so being able to support him, and ultimately a wonderful hospital, seemed a good choice of charity.



Mandarin on the Menu for Sixth Form Diploma



Courage and curiosity were on display at a recent Mandarin Class here at Truro School.

Mandarin is available as an option for the newly launched Sixth Form Diploma. Designed to be run around the core academic curriculum, the Diploma offers Sixth Formers the opportunity to document their development and explore areas of interest within supra-curricular, personal growth, leadership and service.

The Mandarin Classes, led by Mrs Monnier-Gilchrist allow students to develop their spoken and written Mandarin. It was great to see the names students had created for themselves, which they felt expressed their personality best. And, as the lesson progressed, how each student grew in confidence within the language.

One student, Olly, explained why he had chosen this option for his Diploma, "Mandarin is a very popular language globally. I want to travel abroad, so modern languages like French and German and increasingly Mandarin, are incredibly important." Find out more about the Sixth Form Diploma [here](#).

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More Horseplay in WAAs

With thanks to Mrs Roberts for the lovely photos.



Laser Cutting

Harry has made these beautiful notebooks for his family using the laser cutting machine, and they look fantastic. Next term, the DT department will be running a lunchtime club for anyone who wants to come along and learn how to design and make similar items.



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Autumn Term projects

DT pupils have had a busy term. Here are some pictures of the 1st Years making boats, 2nd Years with their Trinket boxes, 3rd Year Oil Burners and 4th Year Jewellery.





**Don't be a Grinch this
Christmas**

**Donate to the Gift Appeal and make
your heart triple in size.**

Make sure your gift is:

- ***BRAND NEW***
(we do not want second hand items please)
- ***CE safety marked***
- ***For a child aged 0-16 years***
- ***Within the price range £5-20***
- ***Preferably unwrapped***

***All gifts to be deposited at Truro School reception
before the end of term.***

***The gifts are distributed between homeless shelters in Truro and Falmouth,
to children who would really appreciate them.***

News from **FTS** Friends of Truro School

The Friends of Truro School AGM took place on Wednesday this week and it was lovely to welcome a number of new faces - thank you for coming along!

The FTS plays a crucial role in the Truro School Community; welcoming new parents across both schools and providing experiences for our pupils.

With events and activities largely put on hold due to Covid, the FTS is now looking to the future and ways to continue to build our communities in new and better ways.

A steering committee meeting will be held on the 12th January at 6.30pm via Teams. It is a chance to be involved in shaping the future of FTS and how it supports our parents and pupils. FTS would welcome anyone to attend; there is no formal commitment needed and everyone is welcome.

Please email FTS@truroschoo.com if you would like to be involved in any way.



The FTS Community Christmas Guide is here!

The 2021 Guide is our biggest yet and a joyful celebration of the wonderful people who make up our Truro School Community.

Please find the digital copy to enjoy [here](#).

FTS CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

There is still time to enter our FTS competition with Origin Coffee.

Find out more inside the FTS Community Christmas Guide 2021.



FRIENDS OF TRURO SCHOOL
WIN!
with Origin Coffee

WIN! The kind people at Origin have gifted FTS an Origin Three-Month, Monthly Subscription to giveaway this Christmas. Sent to you on an A6 gift card, the gift card can be activated at the Origin Roastery.

To win, simply answer the following question: Which of the following is NOT a Truro School Value: curiosity, coffee, confidence, compassion, creativity, courage.

Email your answer to marketing@truroschoo.com to be entered into the draw.

Origin
coffee roasters

T's & C's: You will receive a three-month Origin coffee subscription with monthly deliveries consisting of 3 x 250g bags of coffee in total. 1 x 250g bag of coffee will be delivered to your nominated postal address each month. The standard terms, roasting dates and delivery methods of Origin's subscription apply. No purchases can be added to the monthly delivery. The prize is non-exchangeable, non-transferable, and is not redeemable for cash or other prizes. Origin reserves the right to substitute the prize with another prize of similar value.

Christmas Concert

Featuring Truro School
Instrumental Ensembles
Symphony Orchestra
Chamber Orchestra
Jazz Orchestra
Junior Band
Wind Band
Junior Strings
Flute choir
Brass group
Recorder Group
Early Music Group

Friday 10 December
7.00pm - 9.00pm
in the Assembly Hall

Free ticketed event -
max 2 per family book via
music@truroshool.com,



TRURO
SCHOOL
MUSIC

Nine Lessons and Carols



Monday 13 December 2021
Truro Cathedral

7.00pm - 9.00pm

Featuring Truro School
and Truro School Prep
Choirs and Vocal Groups

All welcome



TRURO SCHOOL COOKERY

Our cookery school made gifts and goodies are back.....all the jams, chutneys and stocking fillers you need this Christmas.



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