

28 JANUARY 2022: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

I hope you are all well. This has been an exciting week for many reasons. Last weekend saw our entrance assessment day for pupils seeking to join our school at 11+, 12+ and 13+. Interest is very high in Truro School, and the children were given a day that involved building spaghetti and marshmallow towers as well as the more formal aspects of assessment. My thanks go to all those involved, including our marvellous Sixth Formers who helped the younger children to feel relaxed and at home for the day (and clean up some of the inevitable mess!). It was also a day when virtually the whole of our 3rd Year were on site planning for DofE, which was very inspiring to see.

Despite an impromptu fire drill, it was great to engage with 5th Year families over A-Level choices on Monday evening, and the week has also seen more drama performances, and sports fixtures too. On Thursday, whilst many staff and parents were engaged in the online Lower Sixth Parents Evening, it was a privilege for me to be able to attend Evensong at the Cathedral where our Chamber Choir sang in a service dedicated to Holocaust Memorial Day. It was an occasion of both musical beauty and timely perspective, amidst the excitements and challenges of the lives we currently lead.

As we enter a new phase of our existence with the pandemic, following the relaxation of rules on Thursday, we must stay vigilant. The school will keep in touch where there is any reason to amend or update those guidelines. At this stage, the only addition is to remind pupils that we do expect them to mask up (unless exempt) when they go into our Medical Centre, which still seems entirely appropriate.

For all the engagement your children continue to enjoy with our academic and wider curriculum, they deserve much credit. January has been a really positive month for the school despite many fears from before Christmas. With caution and optimism, we look ahead to a February of increasing daylight, and ongoing happiness and success at school.

My very best wishes to you all for an excellent weekend.

Mr Andy Johnson
Truro School Head

Walking with Bumble



A firm favourite lunchtime activity is walking with Bumble, the school dog, and as blue skies were in abundance on Wednesday, our pupils made the most of being outside.

Pupils have the opportunity to walk around the school grounds with Bumble whilst chatting with their peers. As well as this, some of the pupils have been teaching Bumble some tricks.



The week ahead...

Saturday, 29 January 2022

09:00 - 17:00 Ten Tors: Training Walk
Location: Bodmin Moor

22:00 Netball: Regional U14 Netball Finals
(Bournemouth) returns

Sunday, 30 January 2022

09:15 - 15:30 Gold & Silver DofE: Gold,
Silver Route Planning for Gold, Silver Practice
Expedition 1

Monday, 31 January 2022

3K Charity Week Week B

5th Year: Options Deadline

Music: Strings Concert Week

11:00 - 14:00 Upper Sixth: (U6A) Leiths Final Exam

15:30 Football Fixtures
Girls-U14A vs Falmouth School
U15 vs Falmouth School

15:40 Football Fixtures
Mixed-U11A vs St Agnes
Mixed-U11B vs St Agnes School

16:30 - 17:30 Music: Strings Concert 1

Tuesday, 1 February 2022

All Day Immunisations

10:30 Hockey Fixtures
Boys-U14A vs County Tournament

16:00 Hockey Fixtures
Girls-U16A vs Truro High School for Girls

16:00 Hockey Sevens Fixtures
Girls-U12A vs Truro High School for Girls
Girls-U13A vs Truro High School for Girls

16:00 Sustainability Committee Meeting

18:00 - 19:00 Undergraduate Study in the USA
Information Evening

19:00 - 19:30 Sports Scholarship Opportunities in
the USA

Wednesday, 2 February 2022

All Day Dance: 'Looking Back, Stepping Forward'
Dance Showcase

Lower Sixth: Options Deadline

08:30 - 16:00 Upper Sixth: Geology Fieldwork trip
to The Lizard

14:00 Squash Fixtures
Boys-U14A vs National Schools KS3 Stage 2

14:15 Football Fixtures
1st XI vs Helston Community College

14:30 - 17:00 Sixth Form: Parents Tea

15:00 Football Fixtures
U18 Development Squad vs Plymouth College
U18 Development Squad vs Plymouth College
Boys-U18A

15:00 Football: Development Squad v Plymouth

15:30 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U12A vs Penrice Academy
Girls-U12B vs Penrice Academy
Girls-U13A vs Penrice Academy
Girls-U13B vs Penrice Academy
Girls-U15A vs Penrice Academy
Girls-U15B vs Penrice Academy

15:45 Football Fixtures
U13 vs Penrice Academy

U12 vs Penrice Academy
U12 vs Penrice Academy
U13 vs Penrice Academy
U14 vs Penrice Academy
U15 vs Penrice Academy
U16 vs Penrice Academy

16:00 Hockey Fixtures
Boys 1st XI vs Truro and Penwith College

Thursday, 3 February 2022

16:30 - 17:30 Music: Strings Concert 2

Friday, 4 February 2022

08:45 Head's Whole School Assembly

12:00 Music: ABRSM Theory Deadline

13:15 - 14:00 Burrell Society Lecture: Rachel Findler:
world-renowned extreme skier. All years.

16:00 - 17:30 Music & Drama: Les Mis Auditions
Group 2

Saturday, 5 February 2022

09:15 - 15:30 Gold & Silver DofE: Gold Silver Route
Planning for Gold/Silver Practice 2

11:00 Football Fixtures
U13 vs Shebbear College
1st XI vs Shebbear College
U15 vs Shebbear College
U18 Development Squad vs Shebbear College

Cross Country Fixtures
Mixed-U16A vs South west schools

Sunday, 6 February 2022

09:00 - 16:00 Music: TS & CMST Trumpet and Cornet
Skills day led by Paul Denegri

09:00 - 16:00 TSVCMST Trumpet and Cornet Skills

FTS

Coffee meet-up for new
parents and 1st & 2nd Year
parents

Friday 4 February

After drop-off
See page 9 for details

Coming Soon...

Geology Talk

A career in Geoscience, Geology at University and insights into career opportunities with guest speaker Ian Cloke. Monday, 7 February 4-5pm, Rm 8.

Marine Biology Careers Talk

With Victoria Hobson, Exeter University on Friday, 11 February, 13:30 to 14:00 in B2 and online.

Dr Victoria Hobson is a marine biologist, currently lecturing at Exeter University. She will be talking about her career as a marine biologist. Please email llu@truroschoo.com if you require a packed lunch to attend the talk and to sign up to the talk.



DofE Training

Our 3rd Years have been training for their bronze DofE award, and with an incredible twenty expedition groups this year, they are all eager to get started.

Teamwork and leadership skills have been building over the weeks, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence growing alongside their technical knowledge. This weekend they concentrated on mapping routes ahead of their expeditions; last weekend focussed on putting up tents, learning to use a Trangia, packing an expedition rucksack, discovering what food to eat on an expedition and learning the basics of first aid and navigation.

Thank you to all the staff and helpers involved with the training for what will undoubtedly be an incredible year of DofE.



Astronomy is one of the many co-curricular clubs at Truro School and is especially popular with our keen physicists. The Astronomy club has a wide variety of telescopes for pupils to use, including several large telescopes on loan from the Roseland Observatory.

These are all kept in the 'school observatory', which is in a dark skies location above the school. This is essential to get the best sightings and photographs of the moon, sun (for sunspots), many of the planets, and looking at the various constellations and nebulae.

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Lower Sixth Drama

Our Lower Sixth Drama students took to the stage in a performance evening for their friends and family yesterday evening. The evening was an excellent opportunity for the Lower Sixth to acquaint themselves with performing in front of an audience again before they do their A-level pieces.

It was a wonderful evening with lots of brilliant performances featuring a range of genres, which certainly kept their audience captivated. Well done to all those who took part; we look forward to seeing more performances throughout the year!



GCSE Music

The 4th Year GCSE Music pupils hosted a spring concert in the Chapel to showcase their hard work to friends and family.

The concert started with some improvised group pieces, based on a film of their choice. This was then followed by a range of brilliant solos featuring a variety of instruments, from flutes to drums. It was a fantastic performance to watch; well done to all those who performed!



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Sporting News

We would like to wish good luck to the U14 netball team, who are competing in the regional finals, and the U16 rugby team, who are travelling to Hayle to play the county finals against Redruth School, kicking off at 6 pm.

Congratulations to Squash players Joe, Ben and Louis, who recently played in the County Squash final with some excellent results! And congratulations to our 3rd Year Rugby team, who were recently runners up in the cup final and Josh C, who has recently been selected to play for the Southwest of England football squad.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that the GBR European Fencing Championships selections have been announced, with several students qualifying. They will travel to Serbia to compete in February.

Cadet (U17) women's sabre: Lexie C
 Junior (U20) women's sabre: Lexie C and Amy W
 Cadet (U17) men's sabre: Henry M
 Junior (U20) men's sabre: Old Truronian's Max Cromie and Darcy Holdsworth



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January Boarding Round up

It's been a busy start of term for our boarders, with lessons back in full swing. Still, they've enjoyed lots of weekend activities between homework, revision for mocks for our sixth formers, and the other array of sports fixtures and clubs our Boarders are a part of.

The term started with a day of mindfulness, with our boarders learning the benefits of yoga, exercise, and mindfulness to our mental health and positive wellbeing. The following weekend, a new member joined our boarding family, Nonu the spaniel! Everyone was excited to meet her, and she received lots of cuddles and attention.

This month the boarders have also ventured further afield to participate in a range of off-site activities, from ice skating at the Eden project, horse riding at a local stable, and quad biking in very muddy conditions.

The boarders also wished a happy 18th birthday to Malvern's Issy. AJ and Aim made a beautiful cake to celebrate. As well as cake baking, the boarders have decided, this term, to celebrate the diversity of the houses by having themed food days. This month started with Pippa and Luzia baking German breads with traditional toppings to share with their housemates.





TRURO
SCHOOL
MUSIC

String Concert 1
Monday 31 January 2022

String Concert 2
Thursday 03 February 2022

Both in the Chapel
from 4.30 - 5.30pm

All welcome



TRURO
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MUSIC

Guitar Concert 1
Monday 14 February 2022
in the Chapel from 4.30pm

Guitar Concert 2
Tuesday 15 February 2022
in the Chapel from 4.30pm



TRURO
SCHOOL
MUSIC

Jazz Concert

Thursday 17
February 2022
In the
Burrell Theatre

Featuring
Senior Jazz Band,
Jazz Ensembles,
Samba Band,
Flute Choir and
special guests
Sir Humphry Davy
Jazz Band

Collection for Charity
at the end

SENIOR SCHOOL

Coffee Morning

We would like to use this opportunity to extend a warm welcome and invite all **1st and 2nd Year parents, and other new Senior School parents too**, to a relaxed coffee morning at Loading Bay 7

Friday 4 February
8.30am - 10.00am
at Loading Bay 7 in Truro

Closest parking is in the council Moorfields Car Park

The meet up will be held in the first floor function room with pastries provided, Origins coffee will be available to purchase from the ground floor. So that we can check numbers, please could you let us know if you are coming by filling in this quick [RSVP form >](#)

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=81j-x3rZuzEaptdYLuwP70nEhtiqVbqZImK0eWtEUqz1URTBGSIBONEgxMUc1RjNNO0ZPMldPNIE1US4u>

Don't worry if you can't make this event, we are looking at other events too, including some evening and weekend dates.



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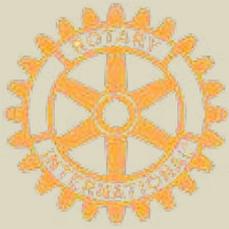


£28 PER DAY



Bookings for our February Half Term Activity Camps are now live >

<https://sirbenainsliesportscentre.com/activitycamps/multi-sport-activity-camps/>



YOUNG MUSICIAN CORNWALL COMPETITION 2022

1ST PRIZE £100

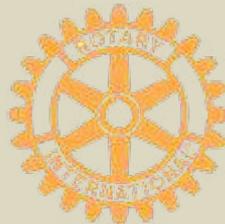
1ST PRIZE £100

2ND PRIZE £50

2ND PRIZE £50

AGE GROUP 18YRS AND UNDER

AGE GROUP 14YRS AND UNDER



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Closing date for entry 31 January 2022

Competition Date 12 February '2022, Holy Trinity Church St. Austell

For information and to download the entry form from:

<https://www.rotarysta.uk/ymc.html> and return the entry form to mbowden@rotarysta.uk