

18 FEBRUARY 2022: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

I normally start my weekly bulletin by hoping that you are well. For those residents of Cornwall, today I also hope you, your families, loved ones, and your homes are safe. For our boarders, I hope your journeys home or to guardians will be or have been safe too. It is proving rather a dramatic end to a full on and productive half term. As I sat yesterday evening in what was a very uplifting Jazz concert in the Burrell, I was wondering if it was the calm before today's storm, and then the spectacular Samba band brought the roof down (fortunately not literally). I had a sense of what today would be like! It was a super event, for its quality, its energy, the extent of pupil involvement across all year groups, of parental support, and because of the collaboration with pupils and staff from Humphry Davy School in Penzance too. Perhaps an early taste of Festival life to come.

Your children should be very proud of all they have achieved this term so far, in the classroom, outside, and beyond the school gates. I am also grateful for all that our staff, teaching and non-teaching, have given to make this possible. I wish them a restful week ahead too. As I wrote in my last Covid update, I will provide you with another specific staffing update when term re-starts on Monday 28 February including detail of any adjustments we may need to make for the second half of term.

Between now and then we are anticipating further relaxation of national and local Covid guidance. Our expectation is that this will include an end to enforced isolation periods for those who are not unwell even if they have had positive LFTs. On the one hand this will allow us to return to a more familiar way of operating whereby children are either in school feeling well, or off sick feeling ill (Covid or otherwise). We would also end our isolation offering of hybrid lessons because pupils would only be at home if ill, when we would want them resting rather than working. On the other hand, we recognise that some pupils and staff may have anxieties about the next relaxation of guidelines. To support those individuals, our leadership team is working on a system similar to the purple badge one we have run before (that protect the rights of some not to wear masks). This new system will allow individuals to identify as wishing others to maintain care and sensitivity over social distance as they adjust. More details will be provided after half term.

For the time being, I reiterate my hope that you are all safe and well, and that once half term begins, that you are able to enjoy time together ahead of what will doubtless be another exciting half of term.

Mr Andy Johnson
Truro School Head



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Monday, 28 February 2022

Week A

2H Charity Week

13:30 Swimming Fixtures
Mixed-U18A vs Truro School Mixed-U15A
Mixed-U15A vs Truro School Mixed-U18A

13:30 - 15:50 House Swimming Gala: 4th Year

16:00 Football Fixtures
U13 vs Plymouth College
U12 vs Plymouth College

16:10 Hockey Fixtures
Boys-U14A vs Penryn College

Tuesday, 1 March 2022

13:30 Swimming Fixtures
Mixed-U18A vs Truro School Mixed-U12A
Mixed-U12A vs Truro School Mixed-U18A

13:30 - 15:50 House Swimming Gala: 1st Year

16:00 Basketball Fixtures
Mixed-U12A vs Newquay Treviglas

16:00 Football Fixtures
U15 vs Plymouth College
U14 vs Plymouth College

16:00 Netball: U14 & U15 vs Mount Kelly (H)

16:55 Hockey Fixtures
Girls-U13A vs Truro High School for Girls
Girls-U12A vs Truro High School for Girls

Football Fixtures U15 vs Etonbury Academy

Netball Fixtures
Girls-U15A vs Mount KellyDetails
Girls-U14A vs Mount Kelly

Wednesday, 2 March 2022

08:45 - 09:15 Upper Sixth: Student Finance talk

from University of Exeter

09:15 - 16:00 Music: Junior Charity Concert
Recordings

14:15 Football Fixtures
1st XI vs Newquay Tretherras School

14:15 Hockey Sevens Fixtures
Boys-U11A vs Mount House SchoolDetails

14:30 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U13A vs Mount Kelly
Girls-U13B vs Mount Kelly

14:30 Netball: U13 A & B vs Mount Kelly (H)

15:00 Football Fixtures
U18 Development Squad vs Plymouth College

15:00 Hockey Fixtures
Mixed 1st XI vs Truro and Penwith CollegeDetails

15:30 Football Fixtures
U16 vs Falmouth School
U15 vs Falmouth School
U14 vs Falmouth School
U13 vs Falmouth School

16:00 Hockey Fixtures
Girls-U14A vs Truro High School for Girls

Thursday, 3 March 2022

09:00 - 15:50 Lower Sixth: Geology Fieldwork trip
to Rinsey

09:30 Hockey Fixtures
Boys-U14A vs U14 Regional Finals

11:10 Swimming Fixtures
Mixed-U13A vs Truro School Mixed-U13A

11:10 - 13:30 House Swimming Gala: 2nd Year

16:30 - 19:30 1st Year: Parents' Evening

19:30 - 21:30 Rotary Charity Concert

Friday, 4 March 2022

08:45 - 09:10 1st - 3rd Year: Head of Year Assembly

11:00 Hockey Fixtures
Girls-U11A vs U11 Girls' County hockey tournament

13:30 Swimming Fixtures
Mixed-U16A vs Truro School Mixed-U16A

13:30 - 15:50 House Swimming Gala: 5th Year

16:00 - 17:30 Les Misérables Rehearsals

16:00 - 18:00 Sixth Form: RS Candle Conference

Netball Fixtures
Girls-U15A vs County Netball Festival

Saturday, 5 March 2022

09:00 Ten Tors: Training Weekend
Location: South Dartmoor

10:00 Football Fixtures
U16 vs Saints South West
U15 vs Saints South West
U14 vs Saints South West
U13 vs Saints South West
U12 vs Saints South West

Sunday, 6 March 2022

- 17:00 Ten Tors: Training Weekend
Location: South Dartmoor

Sports Dinner

Save the Date - Friday 13 May 2022

THE ALVERTON HOTEL

Kernowhealth Vaccinations

Kernowhealth have informed us that they are running several 'catch up' vaccination clinics over half term around the county. This will be for Covid, flu and HPV vaccinations.

If you are interested please call KernowHealth on 01872 221105/06 and they will be able to give you details on your nearest clinic, and what vaccines your child is eligible for.

Train Disruption

Please note, there will be disruption on the mainline trains to and from Truro during the week of 07 – 11 Mar:

- Monday 7th March to Sunday 13 March – Replacement buses run between Truro and Penzance (including the St Ives branch)
- A reduced train service will run where the mainline remains open

Parents are advised to check the GWR website on:

GWR.com/Upgrade
GWR.com/WestCornwall (for the improvement work taking place in March)

Trennick Lane

This week there was a near miss between a vehicle pulling out of the Snake onto Trennick Lane and a School vehicle coming down Trennick Lane. Please can we draw your attention to the fact that Trennick Lane is a public highway and traffic is legally allowed to drive down so please look right before you pull out of the Snake and be prepared to stop. To help reduce the amount of traffic and the subsequent risk of congestion on Trennick Lane we direct all school traffic to leave via the one way system. The only exception to this are some of our minibuses and the plethora of delivery vehicles that come to site each day. Please expect the unexpected. Thank you.



Sixth Form Charity Concert

Our Sixth Form held this year's Senior Charity Concert in aid of Safe Passage, a charity that helps unaccompanied child refugees to access their right to reach safety.

The event was a great success, with various talented acts performing and audiences watching both live from the Sixth Form Cafe and via the livestream at home.

If you couldn't watch live, the recording can be found at <https://www.truroschoo.com/charity/> where you're also still able to donate to Safe Passage.

Well done to all of our Sixth Form students that took part, and a big thank you to our tech team who made sure the event ran smoothly!



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Guitar Concert Week

Congratulations to all the performers who took part in this week's Guitar Concerts!



3rd Year Bake Sale

3rd Year pupils set up a charity bake and sweet sale on Monday in order to raise money for the British Heart Foundation, as part of their charity week.

Despite the wind and rain, it was a popular event, with cakes selling out almost instantly as pupils couldn't wait to get a slice of the action!



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Jazz Concert



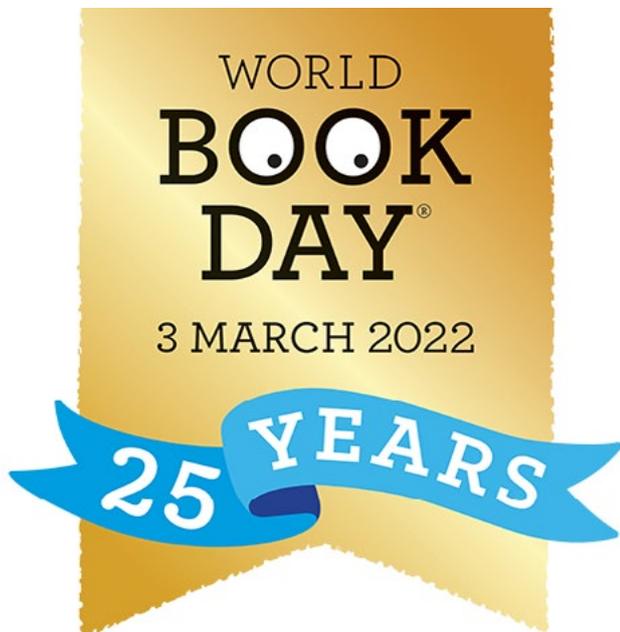
A huge thank you to everyone involved in last night's excellent Jazz Concert.

The evening featured an assortment of energetic and uplifting performances by the Junior Band, Flute Choir, 5th Year Jazz Group (Ed, Jesse, Ben and Theo), Samba Band and Truro School Jazz Orchestra, along with special guests from the Humphry Davy School.

Songs included 'Blue Moon', 'Let's Do It, Let's Fall In Love', 'Cantaloupe Island', 'Samba Rocks', 'Tequila', 'Hay Burner', plus many more. The finale showcased a magnificent rendition of 'Birdland', performed in partnership between Truro School & Humphry Davy School Jazz Orchestras. A collection for the Fishermen's Mission concluded what was a truly superb evening.



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World Book Day - 3 March

The Library Team and English Department have put together a series of activities around World Book Day to celebrate reading.

- 1) We will be asking pupils to send us pictures of them reading (#IAmAReader) to be displayed around the school and to go in the Friday Bulletin. Photos can be emailed to library@truroschoo.com and/or cll@truroschoo.com.
- 2) We will also be running a Guess the Reader competition using photos of staff behind a book
- 3) In addition we will be running a competition where each form should choose a book and decorate the door to their form room to represent the book they have chosen. Head boy and head girl will be judging. Prize for the winning form.
- 4) The Book Club will be asked to bake a cake/biscuits to represent a book or an author and bring it along to book club on Friday 4th March, the entries will be judged by the Head.

We are also hoping to have reading lessons in the library throughout the day and will have a selection of mystery books to be borrowed.





Latest News from Truro Fencing Club

Jon Salfield will step down from his current position as Head Coach of Truro Fencing Club and take on the role of Consultant Coach. Jon's role in the long term growth of Truro Fencing Club, his vision in setting up the High Performance Programme in 2007, and taking it to the pre-eminent position it holds today cannot be underestimated. Under his instruction, Truro Fencing Club relocated to the Cornwall Fencing Centre at Truro School allowing fencers to access world class coaching and training around their studies. The partnership with Truro School has been key to developing and expanding our international reputation as a fencing centre of excellence both in the UK and abroad. Countless dozens of Truro School's fencers have gone on to represent their countries at national and international competitions, with many fencers relocating to Truro School boarding in order to capitalise on the club's outstanding coaching team, in addition to Truro School winning the Public Schools' Fencing Championships for sabre for the last 9 years running. Thanks to Jon's expertise and guidance, fencing in Cornwall and in this country has been advanced, accelerating us to a position where we are able to compete with the very best in the world. With his stepping down, we owe Jon a huge debt of thanks and gratitude and wish him well with his new ventures.

Replacing Jon as Head Coach of Truro Fencing Club is Balázs Kurucz, who has been coaching at the club for the last 9 years. As a coach, he has trained a U20 world champion gold medalist, U20 world cup medalist, U20 European championship silver medalist, U17 world championship bronze medalist, European championship gold and silver medalist, U17 European Circuit gold, silver and bronze medalist. He has worked in Hungary, Mexico, Singapore and in the last 9 and a half years in Truro. In every country where he worked, he has coached fencers in the national teams and who have won their national championships. He brings a wealth of experience and expertise to take the club into the next era.



Jon Salfield coaching Old Truronian Caitlin Maxwell



Balázs Kurucz coaching Truro School fencer Amy Westwell recently at an international in Spain

FTS Friends of
Truro School



FTS Family Beach Clean

Parents, staff and children at Truro School Senior and Prep are invited to Watergate Bay to join us for a fun, family beach clean event. Everyone's welcome, grab a delicious coffee and come and hang out on the beach!

SUNDAY, 3 APRIL 2022
10.00AM
AT WATERGATE BAY BEACH

It would be incredibly helpful if you could let us know you will be attending by signing up here >

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=81jx3rZuzEaptdYLuwP70nEhtiqVbqZImK0eWtEUqz1UMVU5M1Y5QINGVFZMRIMzUTJLUIhHSEg5Mi4u>

The beach clean will be run by the wonderful team at Beach Guardian, but please note this is a family event and they take no responsibility for anyone's children.

Extended Project Showcase Evening 2022

Thursday 17 March 2022

6.00pm-8.30pm

Burrell Theatre



Members of the Upper Sixth will be delivering presentations on the projects they have been working on for the past 18 months.

This is an excellent opportunity to find out about the Extended Project Qualification.

Admission is free but please register your interest by using the QR code below



Covid: The wearing of masks is no longer mandatory but we support anyone who wishes to wear one. Please do not attend if you are displaying any Covid symptoms.

For more information, contact Mrs Thurlow
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Example of Topics
Incorporating nature into urban environments