

18 MARCH 2022: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

This week I have learnt the significance of the fact that I am not a woodpecker. And if that seems like an odd thing to say, please ask your children to explain following their Chapel assemblies, where we have been celebrating **Brain Awareness Week**. In fact, the week has been characterised by some fabulous brain activity. A highlight for me was the **Extended Project Qualification** presentation event yesterday in the Burrell. As I said to the Sixth Formers there, there is a real 'golden buzzer' moment in education when pupils, as a result of hard work over a long period of time, can unselfconsciously and passionately share knowledge and interests with others. The range of curiosity demonstrated was inspiring – social media impact, medieval history, modern Lebanon, guitar making, urban green spaces, the Breakfast Club, chess engines, cooking, and much more besides. It was a triumph of curiosity and also for the sixth formers who led the event with such confidence.

I also applaud the children and staff who have been involved in the **Cornwall Music Festival Week**, juggling locations and responsibilities to contribute to and enjoy this community festival, and our equally creative **GCSE Drama** performers from Tuesday. Our **sports teams** have also continued to perform with credit and with impressive reward too, in the case of our Fencers amongst others.

For 5th Year and Upper Sixth pupils, next week will also be rather a brain week as they take assessments. Dr Pope has asked me to share this information: "The 5th Year and Upper Sixth have an opportunity to practise exam style questions, under timed conditions, on the advanced information released by exam boards back in February. I have been impressed by the way these two year groups are taking this in their stride. In the increasingly unlikely event that the public exams are cancelled then these assessments would form one part of the wider evidence used to generate grades. However, the assessments are very much like those we would normally be doing at this time of year in order to prepare pupils for public exams, and a great way to get feedback before the Easter holidays on further ways to improve grades. Pupils should prepare well for them but more importantly learn from the feedback that will follow, as this will enable them to prioritise their revision time and leave them well placed for success in the Summer Term." Dr Pope will also be writing to pupils about arrangements for future study leave over the coming weeks.

Finally, I want to share with you the news that from next academic year, **Mrs Ellison** will be moving to join Dr Pope's academic leadership team from her current position as Pastoral Deputy Head. Before Mrs Ellison was a Pastoral Deputy, her Senior Leadership experience was in academic leadership and she is very excited to return to working in the academic team. The school is fortunate to be able to enable this and I support Mrs Ellison fully. I am delighted she will remain a key part of our leadership team. This change won't happen until next year, but meantime the school is excited about recruiting a new Pastoral Deputy Head to build on her excellent and compassionate work.

My best wishes to you all for a sunny and enjoyable weekend. Before then, I do also want to thank you and your children for all your support for the ongoing charitable initiatives designed to help provide humanitarian aid for children and families affected so terribly by the conflict in Ukraine.

Mr Andy Johnson
Truro School Head



Saturday, 19 March 2022

All Day Bronze Duke of Edinburgh training (Walk)
Location: North Coast

All Day Music: Cornwall Music Festival All Day
Location: Truro Methodist Church

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

14:30 Football Fixtures
1st XI vs Blundells
U18 Development Squad vs Blundells
U16 vs Blundells

Sunday, 20 March 2022

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

Monday, 21 March 2022

Week B

2L Charity Week

All Day 5th Year and Upper Sixth Assessment week

16:00 - 19:00 Year 3 parents' evening meetings (dining hall)

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

Tuesday, 22 March 2022

10:00 Cricket Fixtures
Girls-U13A vs Tournament @ Truro College

10:00 - 16:00 Hockey: U12 A & B Girls Hockey County Tournament (H)

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

Wednesday, 23 March 2022

Netball Fixtures
Girls-U13A vs County Netball Festival

08:45 - 09:15 Lower Sixth: Choosing a Course and University

14:00 Football: Development Squad v Callington (H)

14:30 Football Fixtures
U18 Development Squad vs Bodmin College

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

15:30 Football Fixtures
U13 vs Humphry Davy School

15:45 Football Fixtures
U16 vs Penrice Academy
U15 vs Penrice Academy
U14 vs Penrice Academy
U13 vs Penrice Academy
U12 vs Penrice Academy

19:00 - 21:00 Music: Junior Charity Concert Livestream Introductions (livestreamed)

Thursday, 24 March 2022

11:00 Rugby Sevens Fixtures
Boys-U14A vs Pool Academy

19:00 Songfest 2022 @ Truro Cathedral

19:30 - 21:30 Drama: "Everyone's Talking About Jamie" Theatre trip

Friday, 25 March 2022

08:45 Head's Whole School Assembly

12:45 Football Fixtures
Girls-U11A vs Truro College Tournament

14:30 Squash Fixtures
Boys-U18A vs National Finals

16:00 - 17:30 Music & Drama: Les Misérables Rehearsals

Saturday, 26 March 2022

All Day Bronze Duke of Edinburgh
Training Walk 2, Location: St Agnes

All Day Drama: A-level Extracts
Performance Technical Rehearsal, Burrell
Theatre

Cross Country Fixtures
Mixed-U16A vs Coose Trannack Cross
Country

Sunday, 27 March 2022

All Day Drama: A-Level Extracts
Performance Technical Rehearsal, Burrell
Theatre



Flowers for Refugees

Next week at Truro School, we will be launching a whole-school charity drive to raise money for displaced Ukrainian refugees.

Pupils will be asked to create a piece of art centred on national flowers. They may choose to do their own country's national flower or they may choose another flower.

We will be displaying the art in the Heseltine as a whole school art installation. The Chemistry Department (materials) and the Art Department (displays) are working together to ensure this is an incredibly evocative and meaningful visual display.

Parents will be able to purchase the artwork to raise funds for the cause. More information will follow next week.

Thanks to Mrs Brodgen and Ms Wormald and all of the staff who are bringing this idea to life.



Choristers' Crowdfunder

Truro School's Choristers have come together to record a song for UNICEF and their emergency 'Protect Children in Ukraine' appeal.

The choristers and adult singers are learning a Ukrainian piece by a contemporary composer, Valentin Silvestrov – a beautiful Ave Maria. The piece will be sung in Ukrainian and the choristers are learning the language with support from a UCL professor.

The song will be recorded and filmed on Monday 21st of March and released on Youtube on Mothering Sunday (27th of March). The project has the dual function of practical help (children helping children) and honouring the culture of Ukraine.

The project is receiving donations via Crowdfunder at:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/cornish-choristers-support-unicefs-ukraine-appeal>

Photo Credit: Hugh Hastings, with thanks.



Sport Fixture Results

Cricket

Boys U15A Won Tournament

Rugby Union

Boys-U16A 0-19 Canford School
 Boys-U16A 7-28 Whitchurch High School
 Boys-U16A 15-22 Sherborne School
 Boys-U16A 34-0 Queen's College
 Boys-U16A 17-5 Prior Park College

Netball

Girls-U12A 8-20 Plymouth College
 Girls-U16A 24-4 Plymouth College
 Girls-U18A 13-25 Plymouth College
 Girls-U15A 30-8 Plymouth College
 Girls-U13A 33-10 Plymouth College
 Girls-U13A 13-12 Mount Kelly B
 Girls-U13A tbc Mount Kelly A

Football

1st XI Canc Penwith College
 U16 3-1 Penryn College
 U15 2-1 Penryn College
 U12 1-3 Penryn College
 U12 7-1 Penryn College
 U14 2-1 Penryn College
 Mixed-U14A 5-0 Penryn College
 U13 2-1 Penryn College
 U13 2-3 Penryn College

Hockey

Girls-U15A 2-1 Truro High School
 Girls-U14A 4-3 Penair School
 Boys-U14A 3-7 Sandroyd U13A
 Boys 1st XI 2-2 Rendcomb College
 Boys 1st XI 5-1 Queen Elizabeth's School
 Boys 1st XI 1-1 King Edward's, Bath

Public Schools' Fencing Championships

The Public Schools' Fencing Championships took place this week at the Lee Valley Athletics Centre. Congratulations to everyone who took part and thanks to all of the parents, staff and helpers who made the trip such a success.

Individual results are as follows:

Boy's Junior Sabre:
 Eiger S 3rd
 Niki L 8th

Girls' Junior Sabre:
 Lexie C 3rd
 Aimee W 7th

Boy's Mount Haes Sabre:
 Chris L 2nd

Girls' Mount-Haes Sabre:
 Lauren A 5th

Boys' Senior Sabre:
 Ethan H 1st
 Sam H 3rd
 Henry M 3rd
 Amari L 7th
 Paul D 14th

Girls' Senior Sabre:
 Amy W 1st



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Sporting Successes

Truro School athletes have been busy recently, with our pupils competing in a range of sports and showcasing their sporting talents.

Our U14 girls' football team kicked off the season with a fantastic win against Falmouth. Meanwhile, the U15 girls' hockey team took the win in their group in a tournament last month; they now go on to play in the cup final, as well as our U12s who have been having a successful season and won their recent fixture against Penryn.

Our cross-country runners have also had a great season so far, facing all winter elements! As well as this, our U16 Basketball team recently had the opportunity to play Truro College in a friendly to prepare them for their upcoming games this season.

The KS5 squash team has also had a good season so far, having qualified for the national finals at the end of this month and the boys' U15 cricket team won their recent tournament.

Finally, sailing Team Scully is currently training for the RYA Youth Nationals, where they'll compete for five days against the best teams in the country!

We look forward to sharing more sporting news as we follow our sports teams throughout their seasons!



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Cornwall Music Festival

Over 150 of our pupils have been taking part in this week's Cornwall Music Festival.

Celebrating its 110th year, and taking place at Truro Methodist Church, the Cornwall Music Festival returned this year to enthusiastically welcome thousands of musicians and spoken-word enthusiasts, to both competitive and non-competitive classes.

Our pupils have been achieving great success in all classes, including solos, groups and verse. Pictured here are the B Natural group, and some of the Chamber Choir.

More photographs and results to follow next week!



The Mind Takes Centre Stage for Brain Awareness Week

Brains have been moulded in more ways than one this week at Truro School.

To celebrate Brain Awareness Week (March 14th to 20th, 2022), pupils across all year groups have been taking part in a range of mind-bending activities.

Brain Awareness Week aims to support brain science by showcasing the wonders of the brain and the impact that brain science has on our lives.

The week at School was launched with a chapel service and lunchtime activities in Room 85. Students can take part in a range of research projects, tackling questions including:

- do pictures you've been shown influence what you see in an ambiguous picture?
- do we have an unconscious gender bias in who is a superhero?
- does seeing pictures of mouldy cakes influence how much we enjoy eating a (non-mouldy) cake.

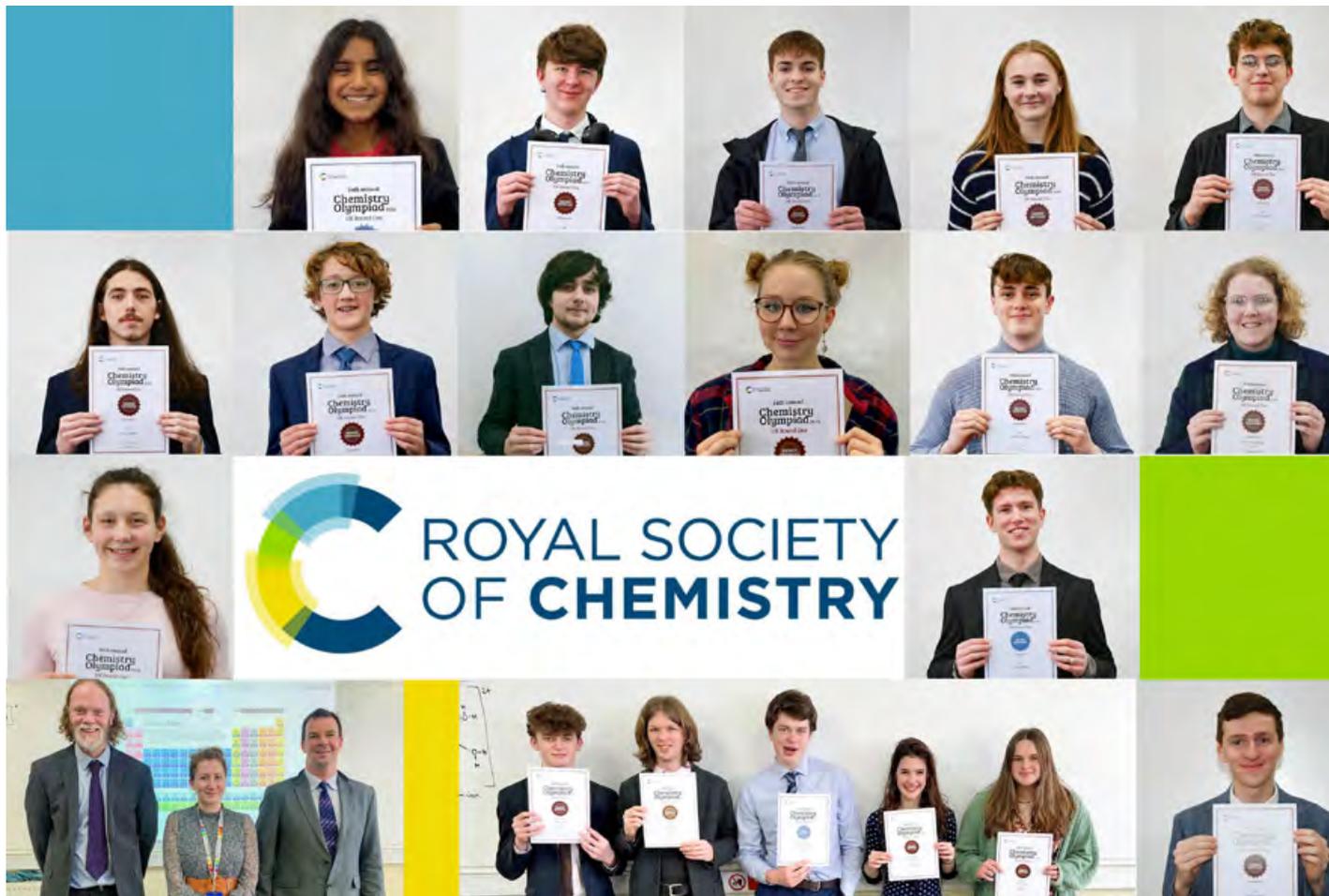
Students were also tasked with making model brains out of playdough, and researching facts about the brain. Form groups have hosted quizzes and entered a poster competition. Watch this space for the winners!

The week finishes with a documentary entitled "Who's in Control", which discusses whether we have free will, or if it is our brain that determines all of our behaviour.

A huge thanks to Mrs Stone and the Psychology Department; what an inspiring week to pique our curiosity and get us all



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Record Results for Chemistry Olympiad

The Sixth Form Chemists recently took on the challenge of the annual Chemistry Olympiad, arranged by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Our Chemists were tasked with working on a number of fascinating problems ranging from investigating the new changes to the composition of petrol, to the use of nanoparticles in medical testing.

The paper is designed for Upper Sixth students, but a large number of Lower Sixth also completed the test.

We are delighted to announce that an incredible twenty-three certificates were awarded, which is a record for the School.

Congratulations to all participants for their amazing effort this year both in the lessons and in the competition. Special mentions go to Ed (Gold Award) as well as Chris, Soumya, Ethan and Kya (Silver Awards).

Find more photos [here](#).

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Inspiring Work at the EPQ Presentation Evening

Students from Truro School's Sixth Form showed an incredible breadth of talent and knowledge at the annual EPQ Showcase on the 17th March 2022.

The EPQ, or Extended Project Qualification, is an established A-Level programme that equips students with a range of professional, academic and personal skills.

Each student takes on a unique venture into a personalised area of interest and learns valuable skills in researching and referencing, discussion and creativity.

Students are required to present their work to a non-specialised audience, giving them further, valuable experience in public speaking.

This year's projects showed an incredible range of knowledge and hard work. It is a huge undertaking for the Students. Well done to Daniel, Cam, James, Sara, Christopher, Scarlett, George, Ben, Jack, Sam and Seb. Your dedication, confidence and knowledge were extremely impressive.

Thanks to the staff, audience and peers who have supported these students in their EPQ projects, with a special mention to Mrs Stone.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a full synopsis of these projects.





Easter Concerts

Small Easter Concert
Tuesday 29 March 2022

Chapel 7.00 - 8.30pm
featuring Brass Groups, Flute Choir, Recorder Group,
Early Music Group, Junior Strings, Rock Bands.

Large Easter Concert
Thursday March 31 2022

Assembly Hall 7.00 - 9.00pm
Featuring Symphony Orchestra, Wind Band, Junior Band, Jazz
Orchestra, Chamber Choir, B Natural, Boys' Barbershop, Chamber
Orchestra and U6th Music Soloists alongside Truro School Prep

Both Concerts free to attend,
Refreshments available at the Large Easter Concert



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Singers Concerts

Concert 1

Monday 21

March



Concert 2

Tuesday 22

March

Both in the
chapel
starting at
4.30pm

All welcome



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SENIOR SCHOOL

Coffee Morning

We would like to use this opportunity to extend a warm welcome and invite ALL Senior School parents to a relaxed coffee morning at Loading Bay 7 in Truro. Everyone's welcome.

Friday 1st April

at Loading Bay 7 in Truro

(after drop-off)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please email fts@truroschoo.com if you have any questions.

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.