

20 MAY 2022: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

I hope you are all well. I write at the end of a Charity Week in which awareness and funds have been raised for Young Minds, one of the leading national charities supporting mental health amongst children and young adults. I am especially grateful to the senior pupils who have wanted to lead our assemblies to introduce this across the week, and have done so with such care.



Building on the successes celebrated at last week's Sports Dinner, I am delighted to share that five of our pupils competed for Cornish Clubs last weekend in the National Nipper Stillwater's Championship in Cardiff. Eva won a gold medal in the U13 Manikin Carry Individual event, and Poppy and Tansy won silver medals in the U13 Board Relay. The team, which also included Annabel and Barnaby finished in the top 20 in their events, a very impressive result in fields of between 60 and 80 teams.



On Monday I very much enjoyed being a judge for our annual 2nd Year Science Fair. The presentations were superb and demonstrated everything good about academic and scientific curiosity. 1st place was awarded to Ella for her investigation into how music affects memory. 2nd place was jointly awarded to Sam and Alex for their investigation into how the size of submarine ballast tanks affects their speed through water. 3rd place was awarded to Henry and Asher for their work on how musical genres affect the ability to recall sequences of Uno cards, and highly commended was Tenny for his fascinating and terrifying investigation showing just how dirty mobile phone screens are compared to all sorts of other items and places in your homes. The confidence of the pupils in sharing their ideas and research was inspiring for all.

As I write, our Upper Sixth enjoy their last formal lessons before study leave, joining the 5th Year in public examinations. We know how hard they have all worked, and our support and best wishes do not diminish in any way as they now study more from home. Next week will also see school assessments for our other year groups. The chance to learn, via assessment and feedback, where areas of stronger and weaker understanding are, and to experience formal assessment before it is a public exam, are essential. Assessment results are never a judgement on anybody's worth or value, but they can help pupils and staff to see how to work even more closely together to continue to improve. My best wishes to you all.

I wish those taking LAMDA exams, or on the Silver D of E practice expedition, well for the weekend, and I hope they, you, and our boarders on site, are able to enjoy some improving weather.

Mr A Johnson
Truro School Head

Saturday, 21 May 2022

- 18:00 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition 2, Bodmin Moor

08:00 - 17:00 LAMDA Exams
Location: Burrell, Lily Room, Room 50 & Room 51

Sunday, 22 May 2022

08:00 - 17:00 LAMDA Exams
Location: Burrell, Lily Room, Room 50 & Room 51

Monday, 23 May 2022

Reporting & Assessment: 1st Year, 2nd Year, 3rd Year, 4th Year and Lower Sixth Internal Exams

Sixth Form: Upper Sixth Study Leave Begins

Week B

16:00 Rounders Fixtures
Girls-U15A vs Pool Academy
Girls-U14A vs Pool Academy
Girls-U13A vs Pool Academy
Girls-U12A vs Pool Academy

Tuesday, 24 May 2022

Reporting & Assessment: 1st Year, 2nd Year, 3rd Year, 4th Year and Lower Sixth Internal Exams

08:50 - 12:50 Sixth Form: A-Level German Speaking Exam

Wednesday, 25 May 2022

Reporting & Assessment: 1st Year, 2nd Year, 3rd Year, 4th Year and Lower Sixth Internal

Exams

14:00 Cricket Fixtures
Boys-U15A vs Truro School Boys U14
Boys-U14A vs Truro School Boys U15
Boys-U13A vs Truro School Boys U12
Boys-U12A vs Truro School Boys U13

Thursday, 26 May 2022

Reporting & Assessment: 1st Year, 2nd Year, 3rd Year, 4th Year and Lower Sixth Internal Exams

16:00 Rounders Fixtures
Girls-U15A vs Penair School
Girls-U14A vs Penair School
Girls-U13A vs Penair School
Girls-U12A vs Penair School

tbc Tennis Fixtures
Mixed-U15A vs Jones Shield Mixed Doubles
Mixed-U13A vs Webster Shield Mixed Doubles

Friday, 27 May 2022

Reporting & Assessment: 1st Year, 2nd Year, 3rd Year, 4th Year and Lower Sixth Internal Exams

14:00 Music: Girl and Boy Choristers: BBC National Orchestra of Wales Recording Session
Location: Truro Cathedral

Saturday, 28 May 2022

Music: Girl and Boy Choristers: BBC National Orchestra of Wales Recording Session
Location: Truro Cathedral

1st Year Gala Concerts

We are very happy to report that all of our talented 1st Years will be performing at this year's Gala Concerts. They will take place in the School's Chapel at:

7.00pm Thursday 16 June for 1K, 1L & 1M 7.00pm Friday 17 June for 1G, 1H, & 1J

Each programme will feature a variety of groups of violinists, cellists, trumpeters and trombonists, as well as a medley of soloist performances. In addition, the boys and girls will raise the roof with their singing and send everyone home with toes tapping. It should be quite an occasion and all parents, grandparents, families and friends are very welcome.

Tickets are not required. However, please would you complete the form below to **express your interest by the end of today.**

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage)

1st Year Charity Bake Sale

1st Years from 1H hosted a charity bake and sweet sale in aid of Penhaligon's Friends. As part of their charity week, the group managed to raise £138.51 from selling their cakes.



Sports Dinner

It was a pleasure to welcome over 160 members of our community to celebrate the outstanding sporting achievements of our students at this year's Sports Dinner.

Director of Sport, Dan Sanderson, said: "One of the most pleasing observations of the evening was the number of pupils who were not members of a team, joining the dinner to support the achievements of their peers. This is proof of the welcoming and inclusive nature of our Sixth Form and I was thrilled by the turnout. It had been two years since the last dinner and to see our school community back together was truly marvellous. Sixth Formers, parents and staff were able to share the evening and celebrate the outstanding sporting achievements of our students.

"I must give thanks to our incredible guest speaker Fran Houghton. Fran competed at five Olympic Games, winning three silver medals; she was also a four-time World Champion. Fran spoke with humour and passion, making a lasting impression on the guests. It's not every day that you can meet a five times Olympian, and Fran made it an evening to remember. I would also like to thank the Alverton Hotel for hosting the evening, with the room and food being impeccable. Mrs Lowe also deserves a huge thank you, as she pulled the strings behind the scenes and made sure everything ran smoothly.

"If you can't tell from the above, I absolutely loved hosting the sports dinner. It was a timely reminder of how important sport is to our community and why events like this have been greatly missed. I am already looking forward to next year."

Individual awards were given to the following students:

Golf – Joe T
Football – Ben E
Rugby – Ollie N
Squash – Ben T
Hockey girls – Katie F
Hockey boys – Jason A
Athletics – Jacob L
Netball – Maya B
Swimming- Izzie L
Tennis – Nico S
Badminton – Austeja S
Fencing – Lexi C
UK Champions – Squash

Sports Personality – Louis Murray

Louis has had a stellar year. Not only did he lead Truro School to a national championship, Louis also became the No.1 ranked player in his sport of squash. Louis has travelled far and wide to play in tournaments, training and working incredibly hard to achieve these accolades. He has also been able to balance his academics alongside his sporting achievements, and we could not be more proud of him.

Sports Ambassador – Katie Fear

The Truro School Sports Ambassador trophy was awarded to a pupil who has contributed immensely to sport over their seven years at Truro School. Katie has played hockey and netball (amongst others!) throughout her time here and has been a strong team player. More importantly, Katie is a fantastic role model. Polite, helpful and hard-working. Katie has coached, umpired and supervised various pupils at Truro School and we are always impressed by her. Katie will be a wonderful ambassador for Truro School for years to come.

View the full gallery [here](#).



Geology Practical Rocks in the Rain

On Tuesday the Lower Sixth Geologists visited Rinsey Cove, near Porthleven. The students were tasked to complete a geological map of the cove which involved investigating the contact between the Tregonning Granite and Mylor Slates.

They completed several specified practicals which are part of the A Level Geology Practical Endorsement. The fieldwork tested their competency in identifying and interpreting geological features and plotting them accurately on a map.

The heavy downpours cut short the investigation however this gave us the opportunity to visit Kennack Sands to investigate the lower section of the world-famous Lizard Ophiolite.

Despite the rain, the students' interest and enthusiasm did not falter and they were great company throughout the day. With thanks to Miss Hope and the Geology staff and students who made this trip such a success.



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More Fantastic Achievements from Ten Tors

While the blisters may have healed, the success of completing this year's Ten Tors Challenge is still very fresh and we remain extremely proud of all of our phenomenal teams who completed the challenge.

We missed this brilliant photo of these fantastic finishers and wanted to share it with you now. Apologies to those involved and a huge well done to you as well!



Giant Goby Going-ons

Well done to the Truro School Sea Angling Club who battled against low water levels, wind, rain and a messy sea to find some truly amazing fish at "The Stack" in Swanpool this Wednesday.

Ava and Alice both found a specimen which is both unusual and quite rare, the Giant Goby. This fish is only found in the South West of England and Cornwall is where it seems to be at home.

Giant Goby are protected under Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1998, meaning they must be returned to the sea if they have been caught. To have found two in the same area is very unusual although they could be a breeding pair.

We look forward to hearing about more successes soon. With thanks to Mr Chambers and the TSSAC for this fantastic find.



Follow us

Did you know that, in addition to our fabulous Truro School Website and our Friday Bulletin, Truro School has a community page on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#)? These pages are updated with all of our latest news stories throughout the week.

There are also dedicated Year Group pages on Facebook, run by Friends of Truro School (FTS) and specialist pages for Truro School Sports and Truro School Alumni too.

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Sports Roundup

It's been yet another fantastic week of sport this week, with athletics and triathlons competitions underway, as well as end of season celebrations in rugby.

Our athletes had a brilliant day out at the Super 8's athletics this week. The Truro school team were on top form, winning lots of medals throughout the day, especially in the relay events, which included our 2nd and 3rd year boys and girls qualifying for the finals later this year! Also, a special mention to Poppy, who won all three of her events in her first competition back after injury!

Naomi H competed in the European Triathlon qualifier yesterday at Leweston. Naomi finished in 5th place, which means she's qualified for the European Laser-Run Championships and the European Triathlon Championships in Greece.

Barnaby O took on his first triathlon last weekend. There was lots of strong competition, but Barnaby held his own and finished in 6th place!

Congratulations to Zach, who won the 'coach's player of the season' award at Truro Rugby Club U14's end of season celebration!

Well done to all our athletes on their sporting achievements. We look forward to seeing how you continue to progress throughout your sporting seasons.



Sport Fixture Results

Rounders

Girls-U15A	2.5-5.5	Truro High School
Girls-U15A	8-3.5	Falmouth School
Girls-U14A	9-2	Truro High School
Girls-U14A	6-7	Falmouth School
Girls-U13A	5.5-4.5	Truro High School
Girls-U13A	6.5-4	Falmouth School
Girls-U12A	14-3.5	Truro High School
Girls-U12A	9-6	Falmouth School

Golf

Mixed U18A	Lost	Millfield Preparatory School
Mixed-U13A		

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Jacob breaks record at Cornwall Track & Field Championships



Photo credit: Plymouth Sports Gazette

A huge congratulations to Jacob L who broke the Under 20 men's 400m record at the Cornwall County Track and Field Championships.

Jacob claimed the championship best performance with a stunning PB run of 48.7 seconds. This incredible performance ranks him in the UK's top 10. Jacob narrowly missed out on the 200m record with a sprint of 21.9 seconds. Well done, Jacob.

Furthermore, Jacob was selected @TruroSchoolSport 'Athlete of the Week' after qualifying for the English Schools Athletics Championships and also received the Athletics Sportsman of the Year award at this year's Sports Dinner (equally distinguished accolades, we're sure you'll agree).

Jacob has made an incredible comeback this season after injury and we wish him the very best of luck!

Here are Jacob's answers to his Athlete of the Week questions:

Favourite Athlete - Wayne van Niekerk

Memorable sporting moment - Breaking 50 seconds in the 400m for the first time because it's a big ambition for any 400m runner.

Favourite sport - Athletics, specifically sprinting, because it's challenging, competitive and rewarding when you win.

Ultimate sporting goal - To get an international vest

Most like to have dinner with - If he was still alive I'd say Louis Zamperini as he probably has some pretty amazing stories.

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Medal Successes in the National Nipper Stillwater Championship

The National Nipper Stillwater's Championship, 2022, was contested in Cardiff International Pool over the weekend, 14 and 15 May 2022. Truro School had a number of competitors taking part, competing for various Cornish Clubs.

Eva [Polzeath], Poppy [Gyllyngvase] and Annabelle [St Ives] competed against 87 U13-year-old girls, whilst Tansy [Gyllyngvase] and Barnaby (not pictured) [Portreath] competed in fields of 80 and 61 competitors respectively!

The atmosphere was brilliant with the event having been unable to run since 2019 due to covid.

Medal success included:

Eva: 1st place (National Gold Medal) – U13 Manikin Carry Individual

Poppy and Tansy: 2nd place (National Silver Medals) – U13 Board Relay

Our pupils also placed in the top twenty in several other events:

Eva: 15th place (U13 Flipper Race)

Poppy: 7th place (U13 Board Race) and 16th place (U13 Manikin Carry)

Tansy: 15th place (U12 Flipper Race), 18th place (U12 Board Race) and 20th (U12) Manikin Carry

Barnaby: 15th place (U12 Flipper Race) and 15th (U12 Board Race)

Overall, Gyllyngvase Surf Lifesaving Club finished in 2nd place, Polzeath were 5th and Portreath was 11th out of a total of 23 teams. We are extremely proud of all of our pupils and look forward to seeing them compete in more events in the future.





Leiths Filming

Lights, camera, action! Our Cookery School was transformed into a film set this week after Leiths School of Food and Wine selected us for an exciting, high-profile project.

Pupils and students have been up in front of the film crew on the two-day shoot, showcasing their cooking skills and talking about how the Leiths Academy courses have developed them, both in the kitchen and in a wider context.

We look forward to seeing the final project.



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We're really looking forward to this year's Prep School Summer Fete on Saturday 25 June.

For anyone who has missed it in the past few years, we are delighted to invite you to attend this event.



Cornwall Childrens Clothes Bank

FTS are collecting for the CCCB (Cornwall Childrens Clothes Bank) next week, all donations needed by Wednesday for sorting on Thursday. Please email fts@truroschoo.com with the subject: CCCB

They are specifically looking for Boys clothing age 10+

Also if anyone has an hour or two to spare on Thursday any volunteers are welcome at Highertown Methodist Church between 9.30 and 1pm.

Thank you :)



Our summer events schedule from Truro School Cookery has been extremely well received and we can't wait to welcome you back into our kitchen.

Our much-loved 'Friday Night Is...' cookery classes are mostly sold out, but we do still have limited availability and some great family chef and skill courses available to book.

Our classes promise to sharpen your culinary skills and provide a fun, social environment here at Truro School.

To find out more and to book, please visit the link below:

[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE](#)

