

21 OCTOBER 2022: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

In my assembly yesterday, I thanked the whole school – pupils and all staff (teaching and wider) for all the hard work that has contributed to such a dynamic start to the year. The term has felt a little bit like a renewed start, our first new academic year since pandemic restrictions were lifted. It has been a glorious whirlwind of activity and opportunity.

The children cannot do everything, of course (although some do admirably seek to try!) but it is great to see so many making choices that will benefit their futures. As I said to them, in this environment, surely only the boring can get bored!

Sport has been at full throttle, with local, national, and international success underpinned by dedicated training. Our dramatic life thrives. Devised pieces, a red-carpet film premiere, and we all wait with baited breath for *Les Misérables* in November. Our artists excel and we are proud to be hosting the Re-Purpose exhibition currently in the Heseltine. And music flourishes, with ensemble and solo concerts, and the Senior House Music Finale last night. Our choristers, who work astronomically hard and are supremely talented are, as I write, on their way to sing in Westminster, St Paul's, Cambridge and Windsor this coming weekend.

Very many pupils have benefitted from field trips and outward-bound activity too, including our Duke of Edinburgh Award provision. This, alongside charitable initiatives like the Harvest Festival, helps ensure the pupils maintain a perspective on and respect for the world amidst the busyness of their immediate lives. We are blessed also to be a global community, cherishing and benefitting from the diverse backgrounds and identities of our national and international boarders. To those on their way home this weekend, safe journeys, and a super half term with your families or guardians.

Amidst all the activity, there has also been a real and deliberate focus on culture this term, in this, our school year of compassion. Both our updated behaviour policy and the introduction of learning scores have been designed to strengthen the educational and social culture of our community, to raise expectations supportively, to the betterment and empowerment of all. I am delighted by the early signs. For every demerit issued this term, ten merits have been issued. The culture is positive and driven by recognition. Where individuals fall short or make errors, which some do, and will, we intervene to put them back on track. The discussion and debate between and across pupils, staff and parents over the learning score language has also been tremendously exciting. Educating children to be aware of and evolve the choices they make about how they learn is a life-skill, not just a school skill.

As I wish you all a restful and happy break, I thank all who give so much to keep strengthening and supporting our school family.

Mr Andy Johnson
Truro School Head

Pictured above: 'The Art of Words' - Truro School Art Department's display from World AIMS.



Saturday, 22 October

All Day Off Site Visit: Girl Choristers, London & Cambridge

10:00 - 16:00 Heseltine Gallery: RePurpose Exhibition, Heseltine

19:00 - 23:00 Alumni: Reunion Dinner, Dining Hall

Sunday, 23 October

All Day Off Site Visit: Girl Choristers, London & Cambridge

Monday, 24 October

HALF TERM BEGINS

All Day Off Site Visit: Girl Choristers, London & Cambridge

Monday, 31 October

10:00 - 16:00 Drama: Les Misérables Rehearsal

Tuesday, 1 November

10:00 - 16:00 Drama: Les Misérables Rehearsal

Wednesday, 2 November

All Day Sixth Form: University Admissions Examinations, Wilkes

Thursday, 3 November

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Friday, 4 November

HALF TERM ENDS

Sunday 6 November

10:00 Boarding: Boarders' Transport

14:00 Boarding: Boarding Houses Re-Open

Monday, 7 November

4G - Charity Week

Week B

14:30 Football Fixtures
Boys-U15A vs Bristol Grammar School

Tuesday, 8 November

08:50 - 09:10 Lower School Council Meeting (1st and 2nd Years), Library

10:00 Hockey Fixtures
Girls-U14A vs County Tournament

11:00 - 15:50 Off-Site Visit: 4th Year Geography, Truro

15:00 Football Fixtures
Mixed-U12A vs St Ives School

15:30 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U14A vs Ivybridge Community College

16:30 - 17:30 Music:
Percussionists' Concert , Drum Room

Wednesday, 9 November

All Day Sport: U15 Sisters n Sport Netball Cup v Ringwood (a)

08:50 - 09:10 Main School Council Meeting (3rd Year - Upper Sixth), Library

10:00 Hockey Indoor Boys-U16A vs Regional Hockey Finals

10:30 - 19:00 Sport: KS3 National Squash Competition v Millfield (a)

11:30 - 16:00 Off-Site Visit: RNAS Culdrose Engineering

14:00 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U15A vs Ringwood School

14:30 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U18A vs Truro College

Thursday, 10 November

11:00 - 15:50 Off-Site Visit: 4th Year Geography, Truro

16:00 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U16A vs Richard Lander
Girls-U15A vs Richard Lander
Girls-U14A vs Richard Lander
Girls-U13A vs Richard Lander
Girls-U12A vs Richard Lander School

16:30 - 17:30 Music:
Percussionists' Concert 2, Drum Room

tbc Football Fixtures
1st XI vs Marlborough College

Friday, 11 November

05:50 Off-Site Visit: 5th Year & Upper Sixth Art, London

10:30 - 11:15 Remembrance Service, The Assembly Hall

13:05 - 14:00 Careers: Law
Location: Rm 55

16:00 - 17:30 Drama/Music: Les Misérables Rehearsal

Saturday, 12 November

- 23:30 Off-Site Visit: 5th Year & Upper Sixth Art, London

09:00 Cross Country Fixtures
Mixed-U18A vs Downside

09:00 - 17:00 Outdoor Education:
Ten Tors Practice Walk

10:00 - 16:00 Heseltine Gallery:
RePurpose Exhibition

Sunday, 13 November

10:00 - 16:00 Heseltine Gallery:
RePurpose Exhibition

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Mary's Letters Premiere

It was a night to remember as the cast of Mary's Letters gathered with friends and family for the red-carpet premiere this weekend. They dressed to impress as they walked the carpet (complete with photographers and our Journalism Club pupils) before watching the film in the Burrell theatre.

Part rom-com, part Victorian gothic, part gritty drama, Mary's Letters is Truro School's first feature film, featuring a cast of students from all years, and made with huge support from the student tech team.

[Click here to read more](#)

Sixth Formers Take on Top House Quiz

The hottest quiz in town returned this week, as pupils gathered in The Burrell for the battle of the houses in the Sixth Form edition of Top House Quiz. After some fraught heats, it was all to play for, for Vinter and Smith.

The competition was close, with both teams neck and neck until near the end. Vinter eventually stepped up the game to win with a score of 10-8.

Well done to all the teams for participating; we look forward to seeing the other year groups rounds throughout the year.



1st and 2nd Year Disco

We were pleased to see the return of the 1st and 2nd Year 'Silent' Disco. Pupils were treated to an exciting night delivered by SSS Disco whilst Kate, Olivia, Lola, Reuben and George from our Community Action Team volunteered their time to supervise the sweet stall and glitter face painting, with funds raised going to charity.

Thank you to all our pupil volunteers and staff involved with the evening.

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FTS Quiz and Nibbles

The dining room was full of cerebral chat as the FTS Quiz and Nibbles event got underway last night at Truro School. The sold-out event saw teams battling to answer some fiendishly tricky quiz rounds.

Organised by the Friends of Truro School (FTS), these events are a fantastic way for new parents to be welcomed into the Truro School community and for others to catch up with friends old and new. With thanks to the FTS team for organising the night.



Senior House Music

Following the first round of heats, the finals of the coveted Senior House Music Competition took place in the Chapel this week.

Soloist performances included Imogen (Smith), Luke (Wickett), Isaac (Vinter), Louis (School), Lauren (Wickett) and Ben (Smith). Performances in the Ensemble Category included The String Triette and Fletchtet and the Wind Band performed The Great Escape and YMCA.

Thank you to our adjudicator on the night, Mr Jeffrey Williams and the Music Department.

Psychology Conference

Truro School's inaugural psychology conference, 'Research for the Stars' got underway today.

Designed to encourage students to look at research in a new light, the conference welcomed 150 students from Truro School, Saltash Community School, Launceston College, Torpoint Community College, Liskeard, Newquay Tretherras and Truro High School.

Alongside a series of challenging and exciting workshops, group work and experiments, students were treated to a lecture from guest speaker Dr Cathy Schofield.

The conference was organised by Mrs E Stone with help from Sixth Form Psychology students and proved to be a thought-provoking and engaging day for all of the attendees.



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Careers Talk

Thank you to Byran Wills-Heath from Bluefruit for joining us to talk about Careers in Computer Programming/ Software Development.

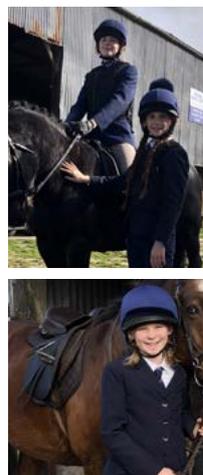
Next month we look forward to welcoming Ollie Carlyon to talk about careers in Law, followed by Wesley Coultas who will be talking about Finance. Both events are for 4th Years and above. Please email Mrs Kenward (nk@truroschoo.com) if you would like to know more.

Nutrition in Sport

The 'Nutrition in Sport' presentation on Wednesday evening was well attended by Sports PIPP pupils and their parents, high performance fencers and talented pupils from other sports.

Jeanette Crossland gave a clear presentation focusing on the fundamentals of good nutrition and hydration building strong foundations for a healthy life and sport performance. This was followed up with workshops yesterday loaded with practical tips for choosing the best options for fuelling and hydration.

Thank you to Mrs Norfolk for organising these interesting talks.



Gymkhana Games Success

Some of Truro School's riding team took part in the Cornwall Secondary Gymkhana competition last weekend. The girls took part in seven different races, where they managed to end the day on a team 2nd overall, as well as 1st in tack and turnout.

Well done to Erin, Nova, Lily and Sheba for some great riding!

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Truro School 45 - 17 Bryanston

Congratulations to our Under 15 netball team who defeated Bryanston 45-17 in the School Sport Magazine National Cup with a fantastic away game.

A winning start for girls football

It's lovely to see our footballers enjoying the legacy created by the Lionesses with winning performances on the football field this week.

Competing in good-spirited friendlies against Truro High School the U13s (TS 9 - 6 THS) and U15s (TS 0 - 1 THS) put on excellent performances. Well done to both teams.



Fencing Competitions

Congratulations to our fencers who have been competing in recent competitions including the Leon Paul Junior Series and the U15 and U13 competitions in Camden. Truro School had three fencers taking part in the event at Camden Fencing Club. Lauren A won gold in the U15 girls' sabre event, losing only one fight in the whole day. Chris L came 2nd in the U15 boys' sabre event, winning every fight except the final. Etienne S finished 6th place in the U13 boys' category.

At the Leon Paul Junior Series competition in Hatfield Lauren A came 3rd in the U15 girls' sabre event and Etienne S also took a bronze medal in the U13 boys' sabre competition.

1st Year Strive in Sports Lessons

1st Years are showing great confidence in games lessons as they get to grips with hockey and rugby.

The girls have been taking on the challenge of peer mentoring in hockey as they work on their teamwork and leadership skills. Meanwhile, the boys have been fine-tuning their skills on the rugby pitch in preparation for upcoming matches.

All groups will have the opportunity to try a range of sports throughout the year, from football and netball to squash and basketball, with both girls and boys participating in all activities.



Les Misérables

SCHOOL EDITION



Do you hear the people sing.... Les Miserables!!

Truro School invites you to immerse yourself in the grit and grotesque. Follow Jean Valjean's quest for redemption, his pursuer Javert's relentless search for justice, and a backdrop of political upheaval across revolutionary France.

Join us from the 23rd to the 26th of November to be swept away with this iconic tale of love, duty and revolution.

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