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We are pleased to introduce our new Sixth Form Diploma, a guided framework of exciting opportunities within supra-curricular, personal growth and leadership and service, built around our core A-Level offering.

As a school, we are very excited by this initiative. The Diploma builds on our current offering, and will evolve to add more. It is designed to be a choice-driven, well supported and bespoke framework that empowers students to develop skills of value beyond schooling or qualifications, and to be able to evidence their achievements and development

better. A-Level success remains at the core of the Sixth Form journey but it has never been more important to ensure that young adults develop values and skills via experiences and opportunities that go far beyond their academic qualifications, and in a way that supports ambition, success and wellbeing for the students' futures beyond school.

WE'VE GOT YOU

BE SUPPORTED ON YOUR BESPOKE JOURNEY

Supported by subject teachers, tutors and the Sixth Form team, the Diploma builds on the excellent academic, pastoral and co-curricular offering to create a guided framework from which you can develop your individual pathway.





DIPLOMA FRAMEWORK

The Diploma will run across the Autumn, Spring and Summer Term in the Lower Sixth and the Autumn and Spring Term in the Upper Sixth with one contact lesson and one timetabled lesson a fortnight during the Lower Sixth.

Within the Diploma framework, you will be required to complete the core component section alongside your chosen electives. All students need to complete 150 credits and we recommend that electives are split evenly across supra-curricular, personal growth and leadership and service. Support will be given when choosing your electives in order to maximise your success through a cohesive approach.

Electives will be logged and tracked through Unifrog, with credits assigned towards the gold, silver or bronze certificate.

150

CREDITS

split across the three electives

LOWER SIXTH
AUTUMN / SPRING / SUMMER
UPPER SIXTH
AUTUMN / SPRING
CERTIFICATES
GOLD / SILVER / BRONZE

CORE COMPONENT

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Delivered in timetabled lesson

Lower Sixth:

Lesson 1: Intro to Sixth Form Diploma, credits, logging/tracking, choosing electives

Lesson 2: Study habits and mindsets

Lesson 3: Touch typing course + test

Lesson 4: Driving Theory + hand out copies of highway code

Lesson 5: Halfords and car maintenance

Lesson 6: Halfords and car maintenance

Lesson 7: Review and logging session, tracking of credits

Upper Sixth:

Upper Sixth components focus on looking to the future, including post-18 applications and surviving university.

The Sixth Form Diploma has introduced me to so many new activities that I would never have dreamed of attempting before, for example scuba diving and mandarin courses, as well as volunteering at local charity shops and applying for prefect roles within school. The supra/extra-curricular activities have given me a well-needed break from my studies, allowing me to think past studies for a bit!

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ELECTIVES

Leadership and Service Electives (50 credits)

Running alongside timetabled lessons

Leadership day (5 credits)

Prefecture (department) (30 credits)

Prefecture (Senior) (20 credits)

Prefecture (ACHE) (20 credits)

Youth Mental Health First Aid Aware course (10 credits)

Committees (10 credits)

School Council (10 credits)

House Captains (10 credits)

Volunteering (5 credits)

International Schools Partnership (5 credits)

Sustainability initiative (10 credits)

Internal leadership role (eg sports captain, assistant coach, referee, head chorister, ensemble lead, team leader, lead part) (5 credits)

Charity Concert organiser (10 credits)

ELECTIVES

Personal Growth Electives (50 credits)

Running alongside timetabled lessons

Seasonaires certificate in ski chalet/yacht cookery course (30 credits) Additional cost Wednesday 4.30 – 6.30pm

HSK level 2 certificate in Mandarin (20 credits)

Beach lifesaving qualification (30 credits) £30 Monday after school

Free diving (5 credits)

Self defence - eight sessions (10 credits)

Discovery scuba diving (5 credits)

Music Department:

National level (20 credits)

Regional/County level (10 credits)

School level (5 credits)

Various solo/ensemble on a case-by-case basis (5-20 credits)

Drama/Tech Team Department:

Senior School play main role (10 credits)

Drama Ensemble (5 credits)

Tech Team (5-10 credits)

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ELECTIVES

Supra-Curricular Electives (50 credits)

Running alongside timetabled lessons

MOOCs, additional to the MOOC in the core units (20 credits)

Burrell Society Lectures (5 credits)

Pathways, Careers and Industry Talks (5 credits)

Public Speaking opportunity (5 credits)

Academic competitions (10 credits)

UCAS conference

Post 18 webinars (5 credits)

Subject-based talks (5 credits)



**YOUR FUTURE
YOUR CHOICE
YOUR DIPLOMA**



SAMPLE REFERENCE

Emilia is a simply exceptional student, described by each of her subject teachers as the kind of scholar one only comes across once in a decade; she is also a true polymath, with talents as incomparable across the arts and humanities. Despite her tremendous achievements in all fields, Emilia's true passion is for science. Emilia was awarded the Lower Sixth Physics Prize from a competitive field, alongside the Ogden Physics essay prize, and a Geology poster competition prize; she has taken part in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls, the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, and the Chemistry Olympiad and has performed consistently well in the UKMT Maths Challenges. In the 5th Year she achieved the highest GCSE Geology mark in the country.

All of Emilia's teachers note her genuine intellectual curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. Her Geology teacher comments on the searching questions that she routinely asks to facilitate the development of her deeper understanding of more complex issues. She is able to use her knowledge and apply demanding concepts to a variety of unfamiliar situations, making interesting synoptic links. Emilia is methodical, logical and precise when dealing with numerical and mathematical problems. Her Mathematics teacher notes her clear, concise solutions and her Physics and Chemistry teachers comment on her ability to work with units and significant figures without error, while in her essays she successfully balances depth and breadth, integrating interesting, illustrative examples into her writing. Emilia also possesses the wider skill set required of a scientist: her practical laboratory work is consistently of a high standard, being methodical and precise. On all matters, Emilia speaks with a confidence, clarity and understanding beyond her years.

Emilia is proactive in her approach to furthering her own knowledge. To this end she organised a successful week's work experience at CERN and a visit to Cambridge University to attend a Physics masterclass, and she was selected to attend a week's residential course covering aspects of quantum mechanics as part of the Cambridge Senior Physics Challenge.

Alongside her A levels Emilia is also working towards an EPQ, which has involved writing, casting, directing and producing a musical. This is above and beyond the scope of the course and demanded much of Emilia: she managed individuals and teams, took on marketing roles, ran rehearsals, and oversaw costume and set design. Emilia will underestimate her achievement, but it was, however, truly awe inspiring.

Emilia is the Head Girl of Truro School and a Physics Prefect. She is well respected and liked by her peers and has a caring and diplomatic nature. She is always prepared to help others, both academically and personally, giving sound advice to younger students in particular. She is a keen musician and actress, involved in many of the school's musical ensembles and theatrical productions.

Emilia has been a cheerful and enthusiastic part of the wider life of the school, frequently appearing in Drama productions as well as in debating competitions; her team reached the national finals of the Schools' Mock Trial competition in the spring. Alongside her academic work she is enrolled in the **Sixth Form Diploma Seasonaires Culinary** qualification at Truro School, which has enhanced Emilia's planning skills and afforded progression in her self-reliance. She is a kind and compassionate friend, completing the ACHE counselling course and volunteering in Oxfam in her spare time. Added to this, she was also appointed without hesitation as a Senior Prefect, a role in which she gives up her time freely to represent the school at public functions, speaking publicly both within and outside of school and representing the voice of the student body.

Emilia has the all-round character to thrive on an intellectually demanding undergraduate course, and will embrace the academic challenge alongside the new opportunities that university life will present. We therefore unreservedly recommend her to you.

Supra-curricular electives completed alongside A level subjects showing passion for subject area and drive to go beyond the taught syllabus.

As part of the advice and encouragement strand Emilia has used the links within the TS Connected to gain some extremely useful and rewarding work experience.

Further evidence of additional supra-curricular activities.

Emilia has taken on the EPQ alongside her A levels. Her topic choice is not related to her undergraduate area of study but was chosen to add breadth to her application and maintain an area of interest outside of her A levels. This could equally be achieved through completion of a MDDC in a field of study that either supports area of undergraduate study or is outside of it to add breadth.

Part of the leadership and service strand. This gives students the chance to take on leadership roles within the school demonstrating responsibility and desire to help shape the school and act as the voice of the student body.

Further evidence of personal growth

Personal growth electives - the Seasonaires Culinary qualification which will enhance student self-reliance and develop a skill set for future employment, during a gap year and whilst at university.

Within the personal growth elective Emilia has completed the peer counseling Advice Care Help and Empathy course. The course demonstrates a student's desire to help others and develop a life-long skill set of promoting mental health and supporting others.

As a Senior Prefect, students represent the school at various events and are given a high degree of responsibility. Senior Prefects also have the opportunity to truly give back to the school and look at ways to shape and improve the Sixth Form for all.

Within the leadership and service strand Emilia has also completed some voluntary work in her spare time, which again highlights her compassion and consideration of those that are less fortunate.

We know each and every one of you is unique, and the bespoke framework offers both breadth and flexibility to support and develop each personalised pathway. Within the framework there are opportunities to...

BE CURIOUS

Enjoy discovering and developing your knowledge and understanding through dynamic and inspiring opportunities

BE COMPASSIONATE

Through our Diploma, you will be given opportunities to understand and to champion the needs of others, to lead and to serve, with compassion

BE CONFIDENT

Explore intellectual and wider challenges and build resilience by learning from both success and failure alike

DIPLOMA ASPIRE

BE CREATIVE

Search for new ideas and shape your future in a sustainable manner

BE COURAGEOUS

With electives in personal growth, the Sixth Form Diploma will guide you to become the very best of who you are, examining and discovering your own beliefs to bravely guide you into your future

Explore dynamic and inspiring opportunities

Be supported on your bespoke journey

Build and develop a bank of evidenced activities

NEXT STEPS

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Next Steps...

If you would like to find out more about Truro School Sixth Form, whether you are a first-time visitor or currently studying your GCSEs at Truro School, there are plenty more open events to help you make a decision.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

An opportunity to find out more about the Sixth Form at Truro School, including speaking to staff and students about your possible subject choices, looking at the co-curricular opportunities and finding out what life in the Sixth Form is like.

SIXTH FORM TASTER DAYS

There's no better way to get a feel for Sixth Form life than to enjoy a taster day. Take part in lessons, explore the Sixth Form facilities and see how Truro School Sixth Form can help you succeed.

A-LEVEL OPTIONS EVENING

Talk to senior academic and pastoral staff about how to choose your A-Level subjects in light of your future degree and career aspirations.

SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING

Prior to the deadline for A-Level subject choices, you and your parents have the opportunity to meet with subject staff to finalise A-Level subjects.

OXBIDGE EVENING

Like to plan ahead? You and your parents can talk to our staff who are specialists in Oxbridge applications and entries as well as to current students and staff from Oxford and Cambridge.

The Sixth Form is a unique and crucial time in your life. Becoming who you want to be and establishing the platform you wish to launch from into your life beyond school, is an exciting and daunting opportunity. Your own choices about how you learn, pursue wider interests, and socialise, will shape your future. Truro School Sixth Form offers you the right balance of high expectations, active challenge and support, and enhanced independence. We give you access to expert teachers who already know you well (or

get to know you quickly) without treating you like GCSE pupils. We increase your freedom, giving you leadership skills and opportunities, without lowering our expectation of you to be ambitious and engaged. Within our flexible and choice driven Diploma we offer you a vast range of accessible co-curricular opportunities, advice, and challenges, without pre-determining your career or higher education pathway for you.

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HEAD**

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