TRURO SCHOOL

Friday Bulletin

25 NOVEMBER 2022: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

As we approach the end of another busy week we wanted to share some of the wonderful opportunities that pupils have been experiencing this term.

Many of you will have watched, or will be watching, the amazing production of Les Misérables this week. So much time, energy and enthusiasm go in to such a production, not least because we have 'built' a theatre in the Assembly Hall. We are grateful to all the pupils (and parents) who are generous with their time as well as all the staff involved. In total, all the performers, musicians and technical support account for 12% of the school. Read more about Les Mis on Page 4.

In sport, we have played a total of 189 fixtures so far this term, with 48% of pupils representing the school across 14 different sports. All pupils who attend training will be given the option of playing in fixtures, if they wish.

Across the week, we have over 100 clubs running, so there is a vast choice for all pupils to get involved. Our expectation is that all pupils will get involved in the co-curriculum programme in some way, and we set the following expectations for pupils: 1st – 3rd Years three clubs a week; 4th – 5th Years two clubs a week; and Sixth Form one club a week.

Our current breakdown of attendance at clubs by pupils in each year group is: 1st Year 96%; 2nd Year 95%; 3rd Year 90%; 4th Year 75%; 5th Year 70%; Lower Sixth 75%; Upper Sixth 57%. Please do chat to your child to discuss their involvement in the co-curriculum programme and how they are involved. If pupils have ideas for new clubs then they communicate these through their form tutors or via the school council.

Yesterday the Lower Sixth ACHE (Advice, Care, Help and Empathy) students braved the elements and participated in a number of challenging team building exercises, run by The Rev, Mr Aston, Mr Whatley, and with Mel our school counsellor cheering them on. This group is embarking on a sixteen week programme of training which covers peer listening, mental health awareness and builds skills to support the rest of the school community.

Speaking to Upper Sixth ACHE Prefects about their reflections a year on they said:

"The ACHE course helped me to realise not everyone is the same and somethings that most people find easy, others find challenging." Thomas

"The course provided me with awareness of wellbeing and mental health issues, I now feel confident to offer to speak to someone who has an issue and signpost them to help." Izzy

Once students have completed the training they provide support to the lower years and run drop-in sessions for pupils in the medical centre over lunchtimes. All pupils can identify the ACHE prefects by their unique footsteps lapel badge, who they can speak to directly or attend one of the drop-in sessions.

We are so proud that our young people make the most of all the opportunities open to them and engage with such positive energy.

Mrs Ellison and Mrs Jobling

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Calendar

Saturday, 26 November

09:00 - 17:00 Outdoor Education: Ten Tors Practice Walk, Senior School

11:00 Hockey Fixtures
Girls-U13A vs West Buckland
Girls-U12A vs West Buckland

11:00 Rugby Union Fixtures
1st XV vs Mount Kelly
Boys-U15A vs Mount Kelly
Boys-U14A vs Mount Kelly

11:00 Sport: 1st - 4th Year and Sixth Form Rugby Fixture

12:00 Hockey Fixtures
Girls-U14A vs West Buckland

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

13:30 Les Misérables Performance, The Assembly Hall

19:00 Les Misérables Performance, The Assembly Hall

Sunday, 27 November

10:00 - 16:00 Heseltine Gallery: RePurpose Exhibition Collection of Works.

Monday, 28 November

4K - Charity Week

Week A

14:30 Football: Boys-U16A vs Callington Community

16:30 - 17:30 Music: 3rd Year Christmas Song Concert, M1

Tuesday, 29 November

09:15 - 15:00 Careers: 3rd Year Inspiring Futures Day

15:50 - 17:15 Student Meeting: Borneo Trip Participants Rm 82/83

16:00 Sport: U18 Girls Hockey v Truro High School (h)

18:30 - 19:30 Parents' Event: 3rd Year Parents GCSE Options Information Evening, Chapel

Wednesday, 30 November

08:50 Main School Council Meeting (3rd Year - Upper Sixth)

12:30 Sport: 4th Year and 5th Year Rugby Fixture, Ivybridge

13:00 - 14:30 FTS: AGM, Heseltine Gallery

14:00 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U18A vs Tretherras School

14:00 Squash Fixtures
Boys-U18A vs Taunton School

14:45 Rugby Union Fixtures
Boys-U16A vs Ivybridge

15:00 Rugby Union Fixtures
Boys-U15A vs Ivybridge College

15:30 Hockey Fixtures
Girls-U14A vs Truro High School

15:30 Rugby Union Fixtures
Boys-U14A vs Camborne Science and Interntional Academy
Boys-U13A vs Camborne Science and Interntional Academy
Boys-U12A vs Camborne Science and Interntional Academy
Boys-U12B vs Camborne Science and Interntional Academy

16:00 Hockey Indoor Fixtures
Boys' 1st Team vs Indoor Hockey County Tournament

Thursday, 1 December

All Day GCSE Mock Exams

13:00 - 14:00 Sixth Form: Winter Warmer, Sixth Form Centre

13:00 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U14A vs The Gryphon School

13:00 - 13:45 Sport: "Human Factors in Performance" by Fran Houghton. Rm 82/83

16:00 Sixth Form: ACHE Meeting
Location: Sixth Form Centre

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Girls-U15A vs Truro High School
Girls-U13A vs Truro High School
Girls-U12A vs Truro High School

Friday, 2 December

All Day GCSE Mock Exams

12:00 Hockey Fixtures
Mixed-U15A vs County Tournament

13:15 Sixth Form: Burrell Society Lecture, Sixth Form Centre

Saturday, 3 December

14:00 Rugby Union Fixtures
1st XV vs Exeter School
Boys-U15A vs Exeter School
Boys-U15B vs Exeter School
Boys-U14A vs Exeter School
Boys-U13A vs Exeter School
Boys-U12A vs Exeter School
Boys-U12B vs Exeter School

Monday, 5 December

4L - Charity Week

Week B

GCSE Mock Exams
Location: The Assembly Hall

14:00 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U15A vs Millfield School

Tuesday, 6 December

All Day GCSE Mock Exams
Location: The Assembly Hall

Please keep an eye on the Online Calendar for any updates.

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08:30 - 11:30 Music: Concert of Carols and Readings Rehearsal
Location: Truro Cathedral

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

16:00 - 17:30 Drama: Senior Drama Scholars\/PIPPs Rm 51

19:00 Music: Concert of Carols and Readings, Truro Cathedral

Wednesday, 7 December

All Day GCSE Mock Exams
Location: The Assembly Hall

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

12:30 Rugby Union Fixtures
Boys-U13A vs Mount Kelly

14:05 - 15:50 Final Wednesday Afternoon Activity of the Term

15:30 Hockey Fixtures
Girls-U13A vs Truro High School
Girls-U12A vs Truro High School

15:30 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U15B vs Penrice Academy
Girls-U14A vs Penrice Academy

18:00 - 19:30 1st Year: Poetry in Performance

Thursday, 8 December

All Day GCSE Mock Exams
Location: The Assembly Hall

12:30 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U13A vs Talbot Heath

15:00 - 16:30 Sixth Form: Upper Sixth Leiths Christmas Canape, Cookery School/Sixth Form Cafe

16:00 Sixth Form: ACHE Meeting
Location: Sixth Form Centre

16:00 - 17:30 Drama: Junior Drama Scholars\/PIPPs

19:00 - 22:30 Sixth Form: Christmas Party

Friday, 9 December

All Day GCSE Mock Exams
Location: The Assembly Hall

16:00 Hockey Fixtures
Boys-U15A vs Truro hockey Club

16:00 - 17:30 Drama: Senior Drama Scholars\/PIPPs

Saturday, 10 December

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

14:00 Rugby Union Fixtures
1st XV vs Woodhouse Grove

Netball Fixtures
Girls-U18A vs Woodhouse Grove
Girls-U18A vs Woodhouse Grove

Sunday, 11 December

17:30 Boarding: Chapel Service

Notices

The Wednesday Afternoon Activities Spring Term booklet will be circulated to parents via email today. Please do chat through the booklet with your child before submitting your form.

The deadline for completing the online form is **Monday 5 December** and the form should be completed by parents. All pupils must select four different options and understand that they could be allocated any of the four.

Pupils will be notified of their allocated WAA activity via form tutors on Monday 12 December. If forms are not returned, we will allocate pupils to an in-school activity with space. Swaps will not be permitted once these allocations have been made.

Thank you.

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Standing Ovations for Les Misérables

Nearly a year in the making, the opening nights of this year's stunning Truro School Performance of Les Misérables (School Edition) have wowed packed-out audiences from start to finish. It has been four years since the School's ground-breaking performance of West Side Story, and it is a delight to see musical theatre being performed on such a grand scale once again.

Les Mis, often dubbed the grandfather of musicals, is a legendary musical set in 19th-century France. It tells the tale of ex-convict Jean Valjean whose life is haunted by his crime and by his former guard Javert. Given a chance for redemption, Jean Valjean takes on the care of Cosette, the daughter of the doomed factory worker, Fantine.

The backdrop to Jean Valjean's story is the French revolution; with social struggles and politics straining at the bit as tensions rise, it is a gritty setting, rich with poverty and corruption. But, woven amongst the tragedy is a story of love, hope and redemption. Having debuted in Paris in 1980 and London in 1985, it is one of the world's longest-running and most popular musicals of all time.

Truro School's version opened on Wednesday night and left the audience stunned. Sung entirely through, Les Mis is a challenging musical to deliver, both in terms of the score and the setting, but the cast and crew rose to the occasion to create a phenomenal piece of theatre.

There were pitch-perfect solos and tear-jerking scenes. One could almost forget that the score was being played live; the symphony orchestra was so incredible. It was clear that everyone involved in the performance, from the talented tech and behind-the-scenes teams to the outstanding cast and musical teams had worked tirelessly to bring Les Mis to life.

Truro School's version is both true to the original and unique in its telling. It was an utter delight to behold. We look forward to the rest of the performances on Thursday and Friday and Saturday's matinee and evening shows.

Very limited tickets are still available for this unmissable event at https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/

More pictures coming soon...

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From Skip to Stage; the Les Mis Muskets

From skip to the stage, the fantastic muskets being used in our School Performance of Les Mis have been lovingly handmade from re-purposed wood.

The twenty muskets used by the Army and Revolutionaries on stage this week were made by Andrew Gill, father of two cast members and Vice-Chair of the Friends of Truro School (FTS).

Mr Gill spotted the opportunity to salvage some roof trusses, which had been stripped from the roof during the restoration of the Graham Smith Building at Truro School. With permission, Mr Gill saved the wood and re-purposed it into twenty, authentic-looking muskets.

These fantastic muskets, seen here in rehearsals, are a key prop in the stunning stage show and we would like to thank Mr Gill for his entrepreneurialism, care and outstanding craftsmanship.

A Day of Witchcraft and Wizardry for Year 6

Thank you to all the Sixth Formers and staff who helped to make our Year 6 Activity Day so special, and to the Year 6 children who joined us during the day. We had over 100 children join us for a magical day filled with witchcraft and wizardry as part of this year's themed day.

We hope you all had an enjoyable day and look forward to seeing you all soon.

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Boarders Take on Paintballing

The boarding houses joined forces this weekend for a paintballing extravaganza. They split into teams and showed great teamwork along the way. It was a great day for all involved, with lots of fun, although ending with a few bruises and lots of exhausted pupils!

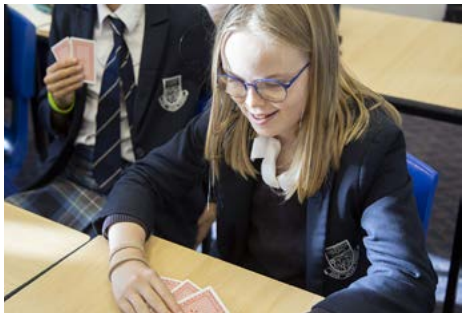
Photo credit: ontargetgames

Ace Fun on Friday Lunchtimes

The new Card Games Club is proving popular with players of all ages across the school. So far this term, pupils have been learning to play traditional card games such as Rumi, Whist, Cribbage and the appropriately re-named family favourite 'Poo Head'. Mr Butterworth has also taught the group Big Two, a game he learned to play in Hong Kong, which is a big hit with the group.

The Head of Maths says cards are so accessible; you could be sitting waiting for a plane, stuck in a queue or simply wanting to break the ice with a new group of people, a pack of playing cards provides endless opportunities for learning and entertainment.

The games help the children practise their mental maths skills, and there are often solid tactics and strategies involved, but Mr Butterworth insists it is mostly about having fun.



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Lower School Council

This week our lower school council met with the Deputy Head Boy and Girl to discuss a range of topics that matter to them and their peers. The group were elected within their form groups and have become part of the long history of pupil councillors, which maintains an integral part of Truro School.

Discussions up for debate today included: the use of sports equipment at lunchtime, which pupils will now be able to borrow from the SBA and return at the end of lunch, improving wait times for lunch after clubs and activities, and adding lights to the pupil walkway out of school.

They also discussed previous points that have now been implemented, including the updated uniform policy allowing all pupils the choice of trousers or skirts, and better access to fruit after school, now available outside the cookery school.

Sedimentary, my dear...

On Friday morning, Lower Sixth geology students visited Pendower Beach on the Roseland to examine rock formations and structures as part of their A-level Geology studies.

Pendower Beach provides good opportunities for students to recognise and examine examples of Devonian and Quaternary sedimentary rocks. Their aim was to understand how sedimentary rocks were formed and to observe how they might link to the broader tectonic environments they are studying in class.

The students completed detailed rock descriptions from their observations, located and plotted geological features on a base map and practised drawing annotated field sketches.

Field trips are an essential part of the geology course, allowing pupils to practise critical fieldwork skills required for their practical endorsement.

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Sports Round-Up

Congratulations to Sam, who, having qualified to sail at the Youth Sailing World Championships at The Hague over the summer in the Nacra 15 and the Nacra 15 Worlds, has moved onto the helm in his own Nacra 15 with Sophie Raven from Exe Sailing Club as crew.

Sam and Sophie have quickly formed a successful partnership, winning the Nacra 15 UK Nationals in October and becoming the UK GP series champs with a win in every event they entered. Earlier this month they travelled to Barcelona to take part in the last event of the 2022 Nacra 15 European Super Series. This was their first international event and after 3 days of close racing they finished in 2nd place. They are now putting in some hard training over the winter and preparing for the UK Youth Nationals next spring.

In Rugby, the Boys U16A Team won their game against Camborne Science and International Academy in the County Cup Quarter Final, as did the Boys U15A team vs Penryn College.

1st and 2nd Year pupils welcomed visiting teams to the Swimming Pool this week for a friendly inter-school swimming gala organised by Miss Bickley and Mrs Raines. Teams travelled from Hayle Academy and Redruth School to participate in the competition on Tuesday lunchtime. Pupils from the 1st and 2nd Years competed in the mixed 25m front crawl relay, individual 25m front crawl, breaststroke, butterfly and paddleboard. Points were awarded for each heat with relays attracting double points.

Congratulations to all the competitors; they swam beautifully, cheered loudly and demonstrated great sportsmanship. Third place was awarded to Hayle Academy with 64 points, second place to Redruth School with 111 points and the winners were Truro School with a score of 124.

The PE dept are enjoying the world cup in Qatar, but they realise that not everyone will feel as included and involved as they should be in one of the world's most significant sporting events. To show their support for the LGBTQ+ family, the PE team will wear rainbow laces next week, starting on Monday 28 November.

Following the One Love campaign that the English FA and others are promoting, we hope this will show that all are welcome in the world of sport and that at Truro School, we support all of our pupils to be themselves and to enjoy all that is available to them.

If any pupils would also like to show their support for the LGBTQ+ family next week they can purchase their own set of laces to wear for next week.

Army Fitness WAA

Army Fitness WAA took place this week with an 8km fell run from the School, down to Malpas and over to St Clements. As you can see from the photo, the adverse weather only added to the enjoyment for these pupils!

With thanks to Mr Whatley for this great photo.

Charity Day

Our Charity Day got underway today in support of two local charities, Shelter Box and Cornwall Christmas Box.

Each form will be collecting items for Christmas boxes, which will be given out to families in need this Christmas. Forms will be told which items are needed and pupils will be able to bring in donations over the coming weeks.

Today, all staff and pupils were able to wear their own clothes in return for a donation to the charities.

In addition, assemblies this week have been focussed on the importance of compassion, particularly at this difficult time for many. Macarena, Tara, Kate, Reuben, Imogen and Millie have led the assemblies, with help and input from the wider Community Action Group.

We were also pleased to welcome Alex and Alice from Shelterbox, who joined our Friday assembly to talk about the importance of giving and to share updates on their latest project.

Thank you to all of the staff and pupils who work so hard to bring these important topics to light and who make our charity days possible.

FTS Christmas Collection for CCCB

FTS volunteers across the Senior and Prep sites are supporting the Cornwall Childrens' Clothes Bank by collecting care packages to give to families in need this Christmas. We are asking for donations of the following items:

- jars of instant hot chocolate (made with hot water)
- packets of mini marshmallows
- small packets of biscuits (jammie dodgers, party rings, chocolate fingers...)
- packs of chocolate coins
- shower gel
- soap/handwash

Donations can be dropped off at the Truro School Cafe at the Truro School site on Trennick Lane. We will also be arranging collection points for children's clothing and will update you shortly with news of drop-off points. Many thanks in advance for your kind donations.

FTS AGM

The next FTS AGM is scheduled for 30 November, 2022 at 1.30pm at the Heseltine Gallery, Senior School. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please email fts@truroschool.com

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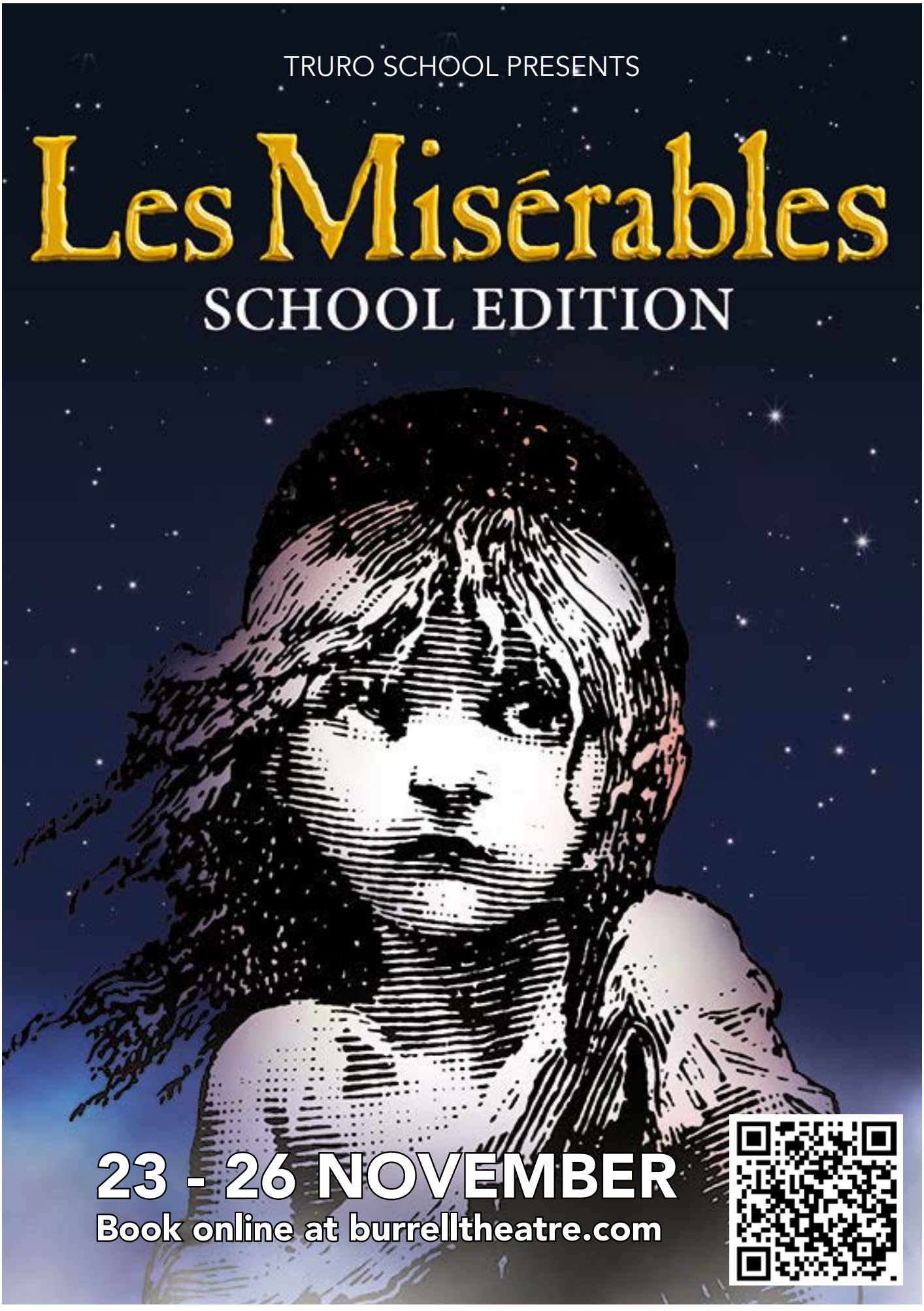
Make sure your gift is:

- **BRAND NEW**
  (we do not want second hand items please)
- **CE safety marked**
- **For a child aged 0-16 years**
- **Within the price range £5-20**
- **Preferably unwrapped**

All gifts to be deposited at Truro School reception before the end of term.

The gifts are distributed between homeless shelters in Truro and Falmouth, to children who would really appreciate them.



TICKETS ON SALE HTTPS://WWW.BURRELLTHEATRE.COM/WHATS-ON/

TRURO SCHOOL MUSIC

3rd Year Christmas Song Concert

Come and listen to the wonderful Christmas Songs some of the 3rd years have composed.

Merry Christmas!

Monday 28 November

M1 from

16:30 - 17:30

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Music events coming soon...

Save the date!

TICKETS ON SALE

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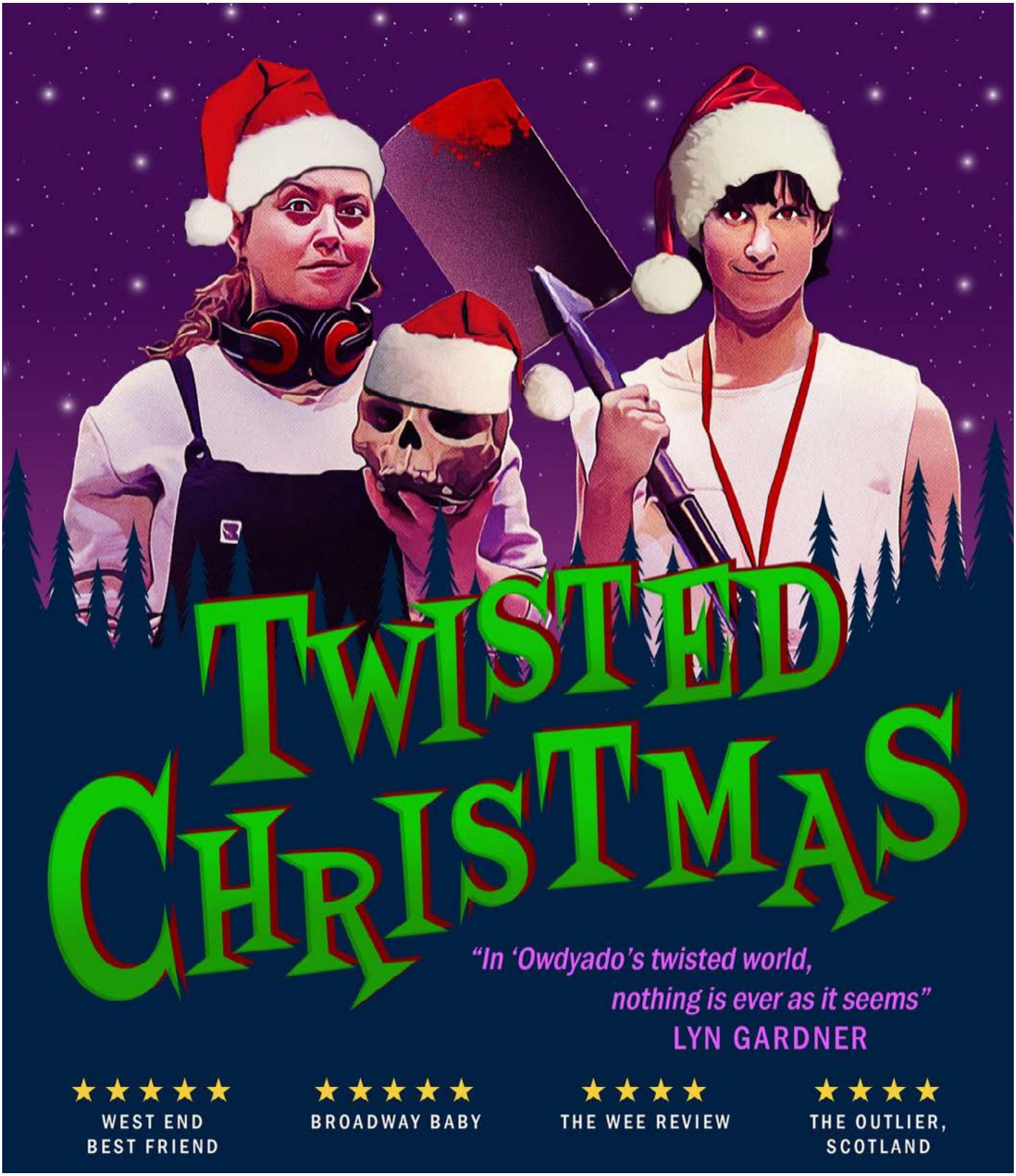
TWISTED CHRISTMAS: 22 DECEMBER 2022 (12+)

Twisted Christmas by 'Owdyado Theatre: Twisted Christmas returns to the south-west this year with its deliciously depraved take on the holiday season. This selection of original dramas includes tales of how to buy the perfect gift for your unloved ones, the dark side of Christmas cracker jokes, and one woman's maniacal plot to murder Santa Claus.



DRAMA WORKSHOP

SIR BEN AINSLIE
SPORTS
CENTRE

DRAMA WORKSHOP

Pantomime special @ The Burrell Theatre Truro School

Date: 19th & 20th December

Time: 0830 – 1700

Age: 7 – 13 Years

Cost: £60 for 2 days

A theatre workshop based on the famous fairy tale 'Snow White' - using dialogue, dance and physical theatre which will create a pantomime style performance of the story.

This workshop will give your child the opportunity to make friends, have fun playing drama games and theatrical exercises and also develop some great drama skills led by our experienced team within the Burrell Theatre at Truro School. They will also have the opportunity to make some props and we hope to use stage make-up and costume to enhance their characterisation.

Your child does not need any previous acting or dancing experience, just a willingness to be part of an ensemble and have fun!

Their work will be showcased as a pantomime performance at the end of the second day enhanced by the use of sound and lighting for parents and carers.

For more information please visit our website: www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com

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XMAS HOCKEY

21TH DEC 2022 10AM- 4PM

PREMIUM HOCKEY COACHING FOR ALL ABILITIES

SWIPE FOR MORE INFO

-Ages 6-16 years

-Top TK prizes to be won

-Challenged at own ability level

-Learn from current & ex-internationals

-Specialist GK coaching

-Skills masterclasses

Sign up:

Or visit: forms.gle/3GXLayTGrn1ZSzF19

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XMAS HOCKEY

WED 21ST DECEMBER

SIR BEN AINSLIE SPORTS CENTRE

We are excited to announce our Xmas camp at
Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre (TR1 1TH)

The camp will run from **10am - 4pm** on **Wednesday 21st**. Open to players of all abilities, outfield players & goalkeepers, aged 6-16 years.

Our camps consist of innovative warm-ups, skill development activities, daily masterclasses, and both small & large context games.

We can't wait to welcome you along to our **action packed** and **fun-filled** sessions designed to help you **#elev8yourgame**.

Visit **elev8hockey.co.uk** for more info!

£30* 1 DAY CAMP

*EARLY BIRD RATE - ENDS 7TH DEC (Standard rate £35 - 1 day)

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NEW YEAR MULTI SPORT ACTIVITY CAMP

SIR BEN AINSLIE SPORTS CENTRE

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Tuesday 3rd January
0830-1730
Fun activities for kids aged 6–13 years!