

2 DECEMBER 2022: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Since my colleagues, Mrs Ellison and Mrs Jobling, wrote to you last Friday, there have been many opportunities to reflect upon diversity, in all its forms, both within and beyond our School community.

The humming of the scores of 'On My Own' and 'At the End of the Day' were still echoing down our corridors this week after the last performances of Les Misérables. Anyone who witnessed that amazing performance could not have failed to notice the diverse range of contributors and their strengths.

As I looked along the chorus of the first chain gang scene, I reflected upon the pupils and staff involved and what they have achieved as a cohesive community. The cast, orchestra and crew represented all year groups, varied interests, all abilities, neurodiversity, it goes on. It was, quite simply, a triumph of inclusivity, manifesting itself in the most spectacular way.

Before the Saturday matinee, I was fortunate enough to watch the home games versus Mount Kelly of the 1st IV, U15A and U14A rugby teams. They all demonstrated extreme resilience in very tough weather conditions, as did the girls' U14, U13 and U12 hockey teams, who were away at West Buckland School.

Again, what struck me (apart from the fact that I noticed some of the players were due to be in the Les Misérables performance in just a few hours!) was the diverse array of pupils and students working together as teams. Each of their strengths, whether in their morphological diversity or neurodiversity, leading to a cohesive team effort.

Continuing with the diversity theme, Rachel Henderson (HR Director and the Chair of our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee) led a group of Sixth Formers to begin work on our Equality Diversity and Inclusion statement. This generated some good debate in a really constructive and pro-active environment. A big thank you to those involved. This draft statement will go to the School Council, the Staff Forums and the Governing Body. It will become a statement of intent, which all members of our community will have the opportunity to discuss and contribute to, and will become a vision we all share.

This week also saw the launch of the Rainbow Laces campaign by the PE Department, which follows on from the premier league Rainbow Laces and the #OneLove campaigns. It has been lovely to see the staff and pupils wear the laces around school this week, adding some welcome colour. The goal has been to promote inclusion and awareness in all areas of life and to reinforce that all are welcome in the world of sport. To highlight the diversity across a range of athletes, Truro School Sport's social media pages have been sharing the stories and reflections from prominent athletes, around their own stories and experiences. Please do visit their pages to find out more.

As a school, we are here to educate and provide a safe and nurturing environment to all of our pupils and the Rainbow Laces week has provided another string to our bow in ensuring that inclusion is at the heart of what we do. My thanks go to Dan Sanderson, Director of Sport, and the PE team and staff that have supported the Rainbow Laces week.

May I take this opportunity to flag two more upcoming opportunities to witness and join in with our community. Firstly, it is our traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at Truro Cathedral next Tuesday, 6 December at 7pm. It is always a heart-warming and reflective service and you would be welcome to join with your families. We also have our Music Christmas Concert on Wednesday, 14 December at 7pm in our Assembly Hall. Both promise to be wonderful events and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Dr Pope
Deputy Head (Academic)



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

Sunday, 4 December

Monday, 5 December

4L - Charity Week Week B

GCSE Mock Exams
The Assembly Hall

13:45 Football Fixtures
1st XI vs Millfield School Boys-U18B

14:00 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U15A vs Millfield School

16:00 Hockey Fixtures
Boys-U14A vs Penryn College

Tuesday, 6 December

GCSE Mock Exams
Location: The Assembly Hall

08:30 - 11:30 Festival of Nine
Lessons and Carols Rehearsal
Truro Cathedral

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

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

 19:00 Festival of Nine Lessons and
Carols, Truro Cathedral. Everyone's welcome

Wednesday, 7 December

GCSE Mock Exams
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 WAA 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

GCSE Mock Exams
The Assembly Hall

12:30 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U13A vs Talbot Heath
Girls-U14A vs Talbot Heath

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

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

16:00 - 17:30 Junior Drama Scholars
& PIPPs

19:00 - 22:30 Sixth Form Christmas
Party, The Alverton Hotel

Friday, 9 December

GCSE Mock Exams
Location: The Assembly Hall

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

16:00 - 17:30 Senior Drama Scholars
& PIPPs

Saturday, 10 December

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

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

CANCELLED Netball Fixtures
Girls-U18A vs Woodhouse Grove

Sunday, 11 December

17:30 Boarding Chapel Service

Monday, 12 December

4M - Charity Week Week A

GCSE Mock Exams
Location: The Assembly Hall

Tuesday, 13 December

13:00 2nd Year: Little Harbour Mince
Pie Mile Run

14:00 Football Fixtures
Boys-U16A vs Penair

15:50 - 17:15 Outdoor Education
STC Borneo Meeting, Rm 82/83

Wednesday, 14 December

08:30 - 12:50 Christmas Concert
Rehearsals, The Assembly Hall

19:00 - 21:00 Christmas Concert
The Assembly Hall. Everyone's welcome
Sign up here > <https://forms.office.com/e/B1e8wwqEB8>



Thursday, 15 December

15:50 Autumn Term Ends

Friday, 16 December

09:00 Boarders' Transport to
Heathrow

09:00 - 18:00 ABRSM Examinations

10:00 Boarding Houses Close

Saturday, 17 December

09:00 - 18:00 ABRSM Examinations

Tuesday, 3 January

10:00 Boarding: Boarders' Transport

14:00 Boarding Houses Reopen

Wednesday, 4 January

**Spring Term Begins
Week B**

Notices

Nine Lessons & Carols and Christmas Concert

Truro School Music Department are pleased to invite you to this year's Christmas events, where everyone is welcome.

- Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols: Tuesday, 6 December at 7pm

This beautiful, festive service takes place in Truro Cathedral. There is no need to book.

- Christmas Concert: Wednesday, 14 December at 7pm

We look forward to welcoming you to our glitzy, jazzy Christmas Concert! This is a free event in the Assembly Hall, however, we do need to know who is attending, so please book your seats through <https://forms.office.com/e/B1e8wwqEB8> Mince pies and mulled wine will be served immediately before the concert.

Wednesday Afternoon Activities

The WAA booklet and online form has been emailed to all parents. The deadline for submitting WAA choices is **Monday 5 December, 9am.**

Pupils will be informed of their allocated WAA for the spring term, w/b 12 December, via their form tutor. The first WAA session will be Wednesday 11 January 2023.

Swimming Clubs/Lessons

When attending swim clubs or during swimming lessons as part of PE, please can we ask students do the following:

- Wear swim hats (Truro School or other)
- Shower before entering the pool
- Take shoes off before entering the changing rooms

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Bickley in the PE Department.

Driving Safety

As the nights start to draw in, we would like to draw your attention to keeping safe on the roads around the School, in particular in the SBA car park. Please can you ask your child/ren to take extra care when crossing the car parks and walking up/down Trennick Lane. As drivers, please can you also keep your speed as low as possible and be extra vigilant of pupils and the zebra crossings.

We are aware that the road markings in the car park have faded; repairs were postponed due to poor weather over half term and will go ahead over the Christmas holidays. We will also be introducing a no dropping-off zone on the main thoroughfare through the car park after Christmas to help reduce congestion.

Old Judo Suits

Mr Piper at Truro School Prep is requesting support in sourcing Judo suits, following a manufacturing disruption that is making them hard to source at present. If any former Judo students have a Judo suit that is no longer needed and that would be suitable for pupils at Prep, Mr Piper will gratefully collect donations, which can be left for him either at Prep or the Senior School reception desk. With thanks.

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Les Misérables

Nearly a year in the making, Truro School's ground-breaking performance of Les Misérables (School Edition) wowed packed-out audiences from start to finish.

Truro School's version opened last 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 that was enjoyed by 1,323 audience members over five performances.

We are pleased to share more information about and photos from the performances [here](#) and more information on the orchestra [here](#).



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3rd Year Inspiring Futures Day

Thinking about the future was on the agenda for our 3rd Year pupils who took part in our Aspiring Futures Day this week.

Their day was split between six lessons, including taster sessions in three subjects on offer at GCSE, Computing, Geology and P.E., a FutureSmart workshop, Looking Ahead session and a talk about options and Unifrog.

The pupils also had a great time exploring Geology, P.E., and Computing lessons, where they were given a range of activities based on the courses they would study at GCSE. This was an excellent way for the pupils to get an insight into the subjects and see if this would be something they would be interested in studying at GCSE. Find out more [here](#).



Creativity at Christmas with 3rd Year Concert

The Christmas spirit was in full flow this week as 3rd Year shared their creativity with a Christmas concert for their friends and families.

In groups, they made up their own Christmas songs and music for the accompanying instruments, ranging from drums, piano, violin and xylophone.

Watching all the pupils perform their pieces with such confidence and compassion was wonderful, and it was clear to see that everyone who came to watch enjoyed the performances as well.

Spread a Little Happiness ...

Upper Sixth student Emily has sent out a gift request for her Christmas appeal. She is asking for any brand new CE safety-marked gifts suitable for a child up to 16 years old, which she can distribute to families in need this Christmas. See page 8.

Gift donations can be dropped off at the Senior School reception any time between now and the end of term; the final collection is on Friday, 15 December at 5pm.

Sadly, this is Emily's last year at Truro School. If you are interested in continuing Emily's great work in supporting Truro's homeless shelter, please contact Emily directly or via Mrs Duke.



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The John Harris Society Award

Creative writing pupils from 1st and 2nd Years attended The John Harris Society Awards ceremony held at Kresen Kernow last Thursday. The students collectively won the John Harris Society senior school creative writing competition for responding creatively in prose, poetry and illustration to the Cornish poet's work.

John Harris (1820-1884) was born in the Hamlet of Bolenowe near Troon; he was a Cornishman, poet, miner and Methodist preacher. His poetry and hymns focused on his life as a miner, and he wrote extensively about the countryside that inspired him, particularly Carne Brea where he lived for 35 years.

His grandsons and great-grandsons launched the John Harris Society Award to mark the 200th anniversary of the poet's birth and foster interest and inspiration from his work. The prize ceremony was attended by Flo M, George L and Bea H, who picked up the £1,000 prize to be used by the school to support further creative work inspired by the Cornish Community. The award was presented by Dr Tamsin Spargo and festival organiser and broadcaster Tony Jasper.

You can learn more about John Harris's work via the [John Harris Society website](#).



Updates from Gardening Club

The Gardening Club have been making some fantastic progress this term, prepping their beds ready for planting next year. We are looking forward to sharing more updates with you soon as they get growing!



Four-time world champion and holder of three Olympic silver medals, Frances Houghton, dropped into School today to talk to some pupils about the 'Power of Performance' and how her relationship with herself and her teammates was the key to unlocking medal success.

She talked about how the change in mindset from 'I have to win' to 'Let's see what we can do together' was the difference between the team securing silver and bronze in Rio, her fifth Olympic Games.

You could hear a pin drop in the classroom as the longest member of the GB Rowing Team talked to pupils about how she channelled twenty-one years of training into a six-minute medal-winning race.

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Sports Round-Up

It has been another busy week for our sports department this week. As part of their rainbow laces campaign, they have been sharing the stories of different athletes each day. Please follow their Instagram page for more information.



Furthermore, our U12, U13 and U14A hockey teams travelled to West Buckland where they played some excellent hockey, resulting in scores of 7-6, 2-2 and 2-1, respectively, and our U18 netball team scored 47-6 against Newquay Tretherras.



Our rugby teams have also played some incredible matches this week, with both the U15 and 1st XV winning their matches against Mount Kelly last weekend.

In football, the 1st X1 won 1-0 against Ivybridge College and following on from their success last week, the U18 squash team won against Taunton School.

Well done to all of the athletes.



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 FTS AGM took place on 30 November, many thanks to everyone. For anyone who was unable to attend, you can email fts@truroschoo.com for updates or with questions.



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.

PressReader

The Library Team have set up a subscription with PressReader that gives pupils access to more 7,000 of the world's top newspapers and magazines as soon as they are available. Instructions for signing in with a school account are below:

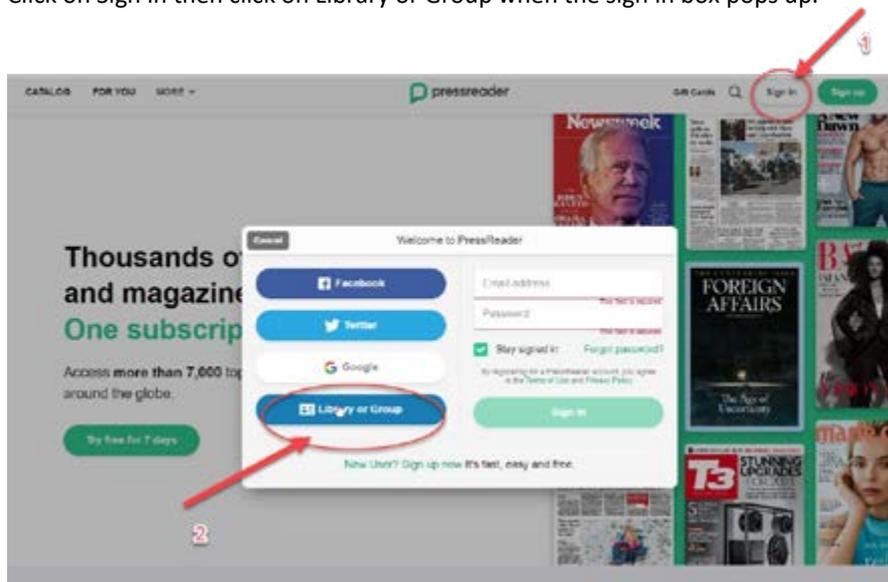
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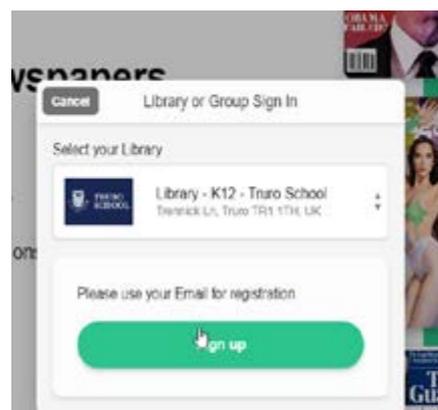
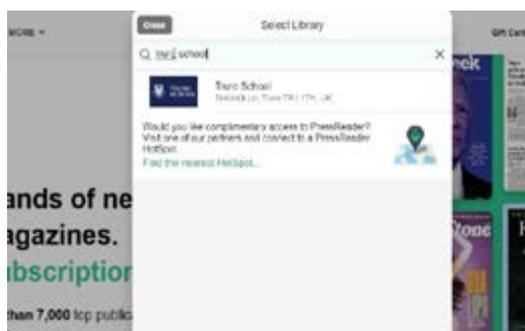
 (or download the PressReader App onto your device)

Click on Sign in then click on Library or Group when the sign in box pops up.



Type Truro School into the search box, click on the school to select it then click sign up and follow the on-screen instructions.

To have access to the Library's subscription you will need to sign in with your Truro School email address.





YOU ARE INVITED TO

Nine Lessons and Carols

TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER AT 7PM

AT TRURO CATHEDRAL

Featuring Truro School Senior and Prep
Choirs and Vocal Groups.



**TRURO
SCHOOL**

All Welcome

Christmas Concert

Wednesday 14
December 2022

Featuring Bands,
Orchestras and
Choirs

The Assembly Hall
from 7.00pm

Refreshments
available



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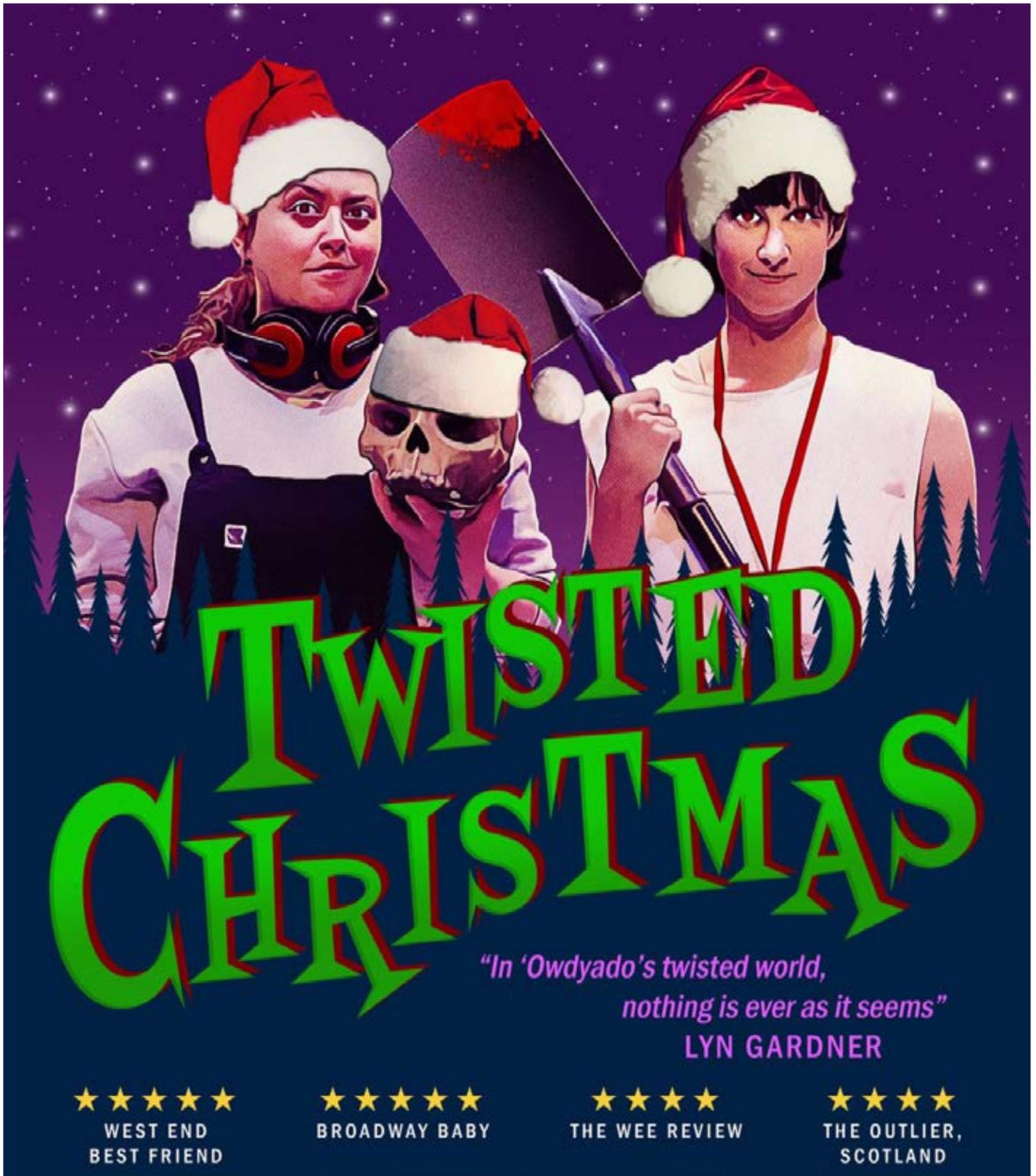
TICKETS ON SALE

<https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/>



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.





TRURO
XMAS HOCKEY
 21TH DEC 2022 10AM-4PM
 PREMIUM HOCKEY COACHING FOR ALL ABILITIES



SWIPE FOR
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-Ages 6-16 years

-Top TK prizes to be won

-Challenged at own ability level

-Learn from current & ex-internationals

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-Specialist GK coaching

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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 21ST DEC (Standard rate £35 - 1 day)



NEW YEAR MULTI SPORT ACTIVITY CAMP



Tuesday 3rd January
0830-1730

Fun activities for kids aged
6-13 years!



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



TRURO CHORAL SOCIETY *and* ST MARY'S SINGERS

Conductors *Martin Palmer & Andrew Wyatt* Leader *Philip Montgomery-Smith*

Bach

CHRISTMAS ORATORIO: PART I

Becky McGlade

RING OUT, WILD BELLS *(first performance)*

Vaughan Williams

FANTASIA ON CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Russell Pascoe MUSIC!

*A selection of orchestral arrangements of Bach,
and a selection of Christmas Carols*

Paul Ethan-Bright alto ♦ *Will Charnley* tenor
Jacob Dennison baritone

TRURO CATHEDRAL

Saturday 3 December 2022 7.30 pm



Tickets £20, under 19 free (but please book a free ticket)
from HfC Ticket Office: 01872 262466

www.trurochoral.org
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