

Friday Bulletin

20 OCTOBER: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

At Truro School we firmly believe that fostering a culture of inclusion and diversity is not just an aspiration but a fundamental commitment. Our school thrives on the uniqueness of each

pupil, staff member, and family, and we continuously strive to create a safe, respectful, and equitable environment for all.

As Black History Month draws to a close for us this half term, we were reminded in the whole school assembly this week, of the importance of showing kindness to others, irrespective of skin colour, background, and cultures. We spoke too of the importance of raising awareness of the different challenges people might face and the need to have empathy for those who feel alone and separated from our or any community. We were encouraged to be inclusive and welcoming to everyone around us. This challenge wasn't from the Head, but from Jaden, an incredibly courageous pupil in our 3rd Year who spoke about his overwhelmingly positive experience of being a black person in our School. He courageously addressed the whole school and created a really powerful moment for us all.

The Head went on to draw from Jaden's words and encouraged us all to reflect on whether we sometimes take the easy route and focus on the histories and challenges of racism and injustice abroad or the wrongs committed elsewhere, rather than being a courageous advocate in our own communities.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

We are proud of our ongoing efforts to ensure that every member of our school community feels valued, respected and empowered to succeed. Last academic year, our Heads of School, Soumya and Oliver led a group of sixth form students to create a draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Statement for Truro School. This draft statement went to the School Council, the EDI Committee (which is represented by members of staff from both the Prep and the Senior School), the Employee Forum, the wider staff body and the Governing Body, at each stage being refined and developed as we discussed values, language and intent. The final statement we all agreed is below and while we know each one of us sometimes gets it wrong, and a statement is the start of a journey rather than its end, I am proud to share it with you as the wider Truro School Community and ask you to consider what you might be able to do to help support us on this journey.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Statement

Truro School is committed to creating a welcoming and safe school environment. We strive to foster an inclusive community where everyone's uniqueness is celebrated and where we respect and value both our differences and the similarities that we share. We want to encourage each other to be curious and creative in our learning, have confidence to be who we are, and be compassionate in our language towards others. We will continue to remove barriers to learning and nurture a culture where we have the courage to stand up for those whose voice might otherwise be unheard or ignored.

If you or your child has a perspective or has had an experience that can help this agenda, please do make contact with their Head of Year, or me.

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School Life

Alongside the importance of the work outlined above, I want to celebrate the ongoing dynamism of School life more generally. As well as the final week of learning and fun in the classroom this half term, this week has had the usual wide-ranging flurry of activities beyond the timetable – an exciting language trip to Nice & Monaco, adventurous Gold Duke of Edinburgh training, the amazing Senior House Music competition, a superb Art exhibition in the Heseltine Gallery, a tightly contended Top House quiz, multiple successes in the Senior Maths Olympiad, and a myriad of brilliant sporting achievements in hockey, netball, swimming, surfing, rugby, football, fencing and cross-country. Well done to everyone – so many achievements, we are proud of you all.



As we go into the half term break, as the HR Director of course I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and gratitude to the whole staff team for their work and dedication this half term – some of which will be very visible, and much of it less so but nonetheless important to the smooth running of our school. I see the energy, creativity, time and care that goes into the planning and delivery of our school day (and beyond) and want to recognise your achievements this half term too. Thank you.

Wishing you and your families a restful and enjoyable break from the busy routine,

Rachel Henderson

HR Director













Calendar

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Saturday 21 October

Off Site: 4th Year & 5th Year German Location: Munich, Germany

Off-Site: Manchester City FC 2nd and 3rd Year pupils

Music: Chorister Tour

Windsor, Cambridge, Oxford, Salisbury

10:00 - 15:00 Pete Ward - EARTH Workshop

Heseltine Gallery

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

Sunday 22 October

Off Site: 4th Year & 5th Year German Location: Munich, Germany

Music: Chorister Tour

Windsor, Cambridge, Oxford, Salisbury

10:00 - 15:00 Pete Ward - EARTH Heseltine Gallery

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Monday 23 October

Half Term

Music: Chorister Tour

Windsor, Cambridge, Oxford, Salisbury

Saturday 28 October

10:00 - 15:00 Pete Ward - EARTH Heseltine Gallery

19:00 - 23:00 Alumni: Reunion Dinner

Location: Dining Hall

Sunday 29 October

10:00 - 15:00 Pete Ward - EARTH Heseltine Gallery

Off-Site Visit: Geology

Saturday 4 November

09:30 - 17:15 Cornwall Youth Orchestra Rehearsal

Location: Truro High School

10:00 - 15:00 Pete Ward - EARTH Heseltine Gallery

Sunday 5 November

10:00 Boarders' Transport Departs Heathrow

10:00 - 15:00 Pete Ward - EARTH Heseltine Gallery

14:00 Boarders Return

Monday 6 November

WEEK B CHARITY WEEK 5N

13:45 Football Fixtures

Mixed-U15A vs Bristol Grammar

17:30 - 18:15 Parent Event Ten Tors Information Evening

Location: TBC

Tuesday 7 November

All Day Judo Fixtures

Peninsula Independent Schools League

08:50 - 13:00 4th Year Geology

Location: Carn Brea

10:00 Rugby Union Fixtures

Cancelled Boys-U12B vs West Cornwall

16:00 - 17:00 Outdoor Education: New to Ten Tors - Navigation Session

Location: Rm 82/83

18:00 - 19:00 Parent Event: GCSE Information Evening

Location: Burrell Theatre

Wednesday 8 November

08:50 - 13:00 4th Year Geology

Location: Carn Brea

13:00 Basketball Fixtures

Mixed-U15A vs Cornwall School Games Mixed-U13A vs Cornwall School Games

13:00 Netball Fixtures

Girls-U15B vs Cornwall School Games Girls-U13B vs Cornwall School Games

14:05 Hockey Fixtures

Mixed 1st XI vs Truro/Penwith College

15:00 Rugby Union Fixtures

Boys-U14A vs Mounts Bay Academy Boys-U13A vs Mounts Bay Academy Boys-U12A vs Mounts Bay Academy

16:00 Netball Fixtures

Girls-U16A vs Richard Lander School Girls-U15A vs Richard Lander School Girls-U14A vs Richard Lander School Girls-U13A vs Richard Lander School Girls-U12A vs Richard Lander School

Thursday 9 November

Be A Girl Chorister For A Day

Truro School and Cathedral

09:30 Hockey Fixtures

Girls-U16A vs Regional Finals

09:00 - 11:00 Friends of Truro School: FTS Annual General Meeting

Location: Heseltine Gallery

10:25 Golf Fixtures

Mixed-U18A vs King's College, Taunton

13:00 Cricket Fixtures

Boys-U15A vs Truro and Penwith College

15:00 Hockey Fixtures

Girls-U14A vs Penryn College

16:00 - 17:00 Sixth Form: Introduction to ACHE

Location: Sixth Form Centre



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Thursday 9 November Cont...

18:00 - 19:30 Ros Atkins - The Art of Explanation at Burrell Theatre

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

tbc Tennis Fixtures

Girls-U15A vs South West Regional Finals Girls-U14A vs South West Regional Finals

Friday 10 November

08:00 5th Year and Upper Sixth Art Location: London

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

13:15 - 14:00 Sixth Form: Burrell Society Lecture: Ros Atkins Location: Burrell Theatre

Saturday 11 November

23:00 5th Year and Upper Sixth Art Location: London

All Day: Ten Tors Day Walk 1

09:30 Netball Fixtures Girls-U14A vs tbc

10:00 - 15:00 Pete Ward - EARTH Heseltine Gallery

13:00 Hockey Fixtures

Girls-U13A vs Millfield Prep Tournament Girls-U12A vs Millfield Prep Tournament

Sunday 12 November

10:00 - 15:00 Pete Ward - EARTH Heseltine Gallery

Monday 13 November

WEEK A

CHARITY WEEK 4G

Religious Studies Trip (2nd Year) Location: Newquay Zoo

16:30 - 17:30 Music: Music Concert 3 Location: Chapel

Tuesday 14 November

Religious Studies Trip (2nd Year) Location: Newquay Zoo

Immunisations: Kernow Health

10:00 Rugby Union Fixtures
Boys-U12A vs West Cornwall Festival

16:00 Hockey Fixtures

Girls 1st XI vs Truro High School for Girls

16:00 - 17:00 Outdoor Education: New to Ten Tors - Navigation Session Location: Rm 82/83

16:30 - 18:30 Music: ABRSM Online Theory Exam Grades 6-8 only

16:30 - 19:30: 3rd Year Subject Parents' Evening

Location: Online

Wednesday 15 November

09:00 - 10:00 Maths: British Maths Olympiad Round 1

09:00 - 10:00 Maths: Senior Kangaroo

14:15 Hockey Fixtures

Girls-U13A vs Mount Kelly Girls-U13B vs Mount Kelly Girls-U12A vs Mount Kelly

14:30 Netball Fixtures

1st VII vs Penwith College 1st VII vs Penwith College 14:30 Rugby Union Fixtures
Boys-U18A vs Callywith College

15:15 Hockey Fixtures

Girls-U15A vs Shebbear College

15:00 Rugby Union Fixtures

Boys-U18A vs Callywith College Boys-U16A vs Penryn College Boys-U15A vs Penryn College Boys-U14A vs Penryn College Boys-U13A vs Penryn College Boys-U12A vs Penryn College Boys-U12B vs Penryn College

16:00 Netball Fixtures

Girls-U16A vs Helston CC Girls-U15A vs Helston CC Girls-U14A vs Helston CC Girls-U13A vs Helston CC Girls-U12A vs Helston CC

Thursday 16 November

12:00 Hockey Fixtures

Boys-U16A vs U16 County Tournament

13:00 Golf Fixtures

Mixed-U18A vs Sherborne International Mixed-U16A

16:00 - 17:00 Sixth Form: ACHE Sessions Sixth Form Centre

19:15 Friends of Truro School:

Yule Log Xmas Cook & Chat Location: Cookery School https://www.truroschoolcookery.com/ cookery-courses-cornwall/

Friday 17 November

09:30 Hockey Fixtures

Girls-U14A vs U14 Regional Finals

17:30 - 20:00 Sixth Form: Pizza & Film Night Sixth Form Centre



Notices

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MESSAGE FROM MR JOHNSON

My thanks to you all for your support across such a purposeful start to the year, and to your children for their positive engagement with School and their support for all their peers. I do hope you have a good half term.

Strategic Planning and Action Plan 2023-4

With thanks to all who attended last Thursday and who have requested access to view the presentation. A recording of the presentation is available in the year group folders on the Everest Parent Portal (please visit the last page of the bulletin if you need a reminder about how to access this folder).

The full presentation is about an hour long, so we have identified the timings of particular themes to help navigation.

- 1. Introduction and summary of Truro School's Strategic Planning process.
- 2. 6 mins: Summary of key School Developments since 2021.
- 3. 7 mins 30: Commitments in the current wider climate.
- 4. 12 mins 40: Action Plan 2023-4 Objectives.
- 5. 17 mins 30: Prep School Progress and Plans.
- 6. 29 mins: Resources and Site Developments.
- 7. 34 mins 30: Academic Life and Culture.
- 8. 39 mins 30: SEND Update.
- 9. 45 mins: Co-Curriculum and Partnerships.
- 10. 48 mins 30: Pastoral Life and Culture.
- 11. 55 mins: Conclusions.

SUBJECT: MUSIC DEPARTMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you in advance for your help with the music questionnaire. A polite reminder that the **survey closes Saturday 21st October 2023.**

Please complete the short questionnaire here > https://forms.office.com/e/fDsf9QZ1ss



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House Music Competition Finals

In an uplifting showcase, the house music competition finals, featuring pupils and students from School, Smith, Vinter, and Wickett houses, brought an exhilarating wave of energy at the end of this half term.

Under the discerning eye of adjudicator Timothy Noon, Director of Music at Exeter Cathedral, these talented contenders displayed their musical prowess.

Congratulations are in order for all the finalists, with a special mention for the Cornish Brassties (Matthew, Kai, Finlay L, Martha and Jonathan) and The Trytones (Finlay M-M, Bryher and Oriana) who took 1st and 2nd place in the ensembles and Noah and Natalie who took 1st and 2nd place in the solo category.

1st Years Visit Gaia

Our 1st Year pupils had the exciting opportunity to visit Gaia, an extraordinary artwork that offers a unique perspective of our planet as seen through the eyes of an astronaut. Created using imagery from NASA, Gaia showcases the intricate details of Earth from space.

The experience sparked curiosity among the pupils, with many fascinated by the makings of the artwork writing their own ideas in their workbooks, as well as sharing how the artwork made them feel and their first impressions.





Splendid Productions

Our GCSE drama pupils welcomed Splendid Productions, a London-based Theatre Company specialising in creative adaptations. They conducted workshops with our 5th Year students, focusing on 'devising from a stimulus'.

Each group was tasked with selecting a well-known fairytale and devising their own episodic scenes, which involved analysing the characters, locations, events and sounds as part of their creative storytelling.

To read the full story click here



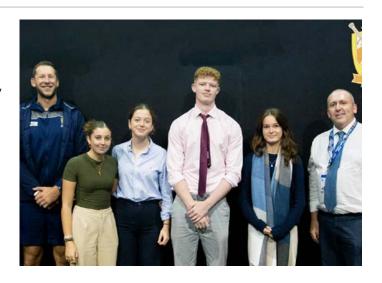
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Buzzing with Excitement

It was Sixth Form fingers on buzzers for the Top House Quiz this week as our Truro School houses, School, Smith, Wickett and Vinter, battled it out to see who who would win the much-coveted award.

General knowledge, acute observational skills, and a few sneaky 1% club questions tested our Sixth Form. In the end, Vinter were delighted to steal the win in a toughly fought 'battle of the buzzers', with Wickett coming a close second.

Thank you to our quizmaster, Dr Spring and guest hosts Mr Sanderson and Mr Skinner.



Geologists Visit Somerset & Bude

The South West offers many fine places we can explore as part of the A-Level Geology syllabus. Our Upper Sixth Geologists have been in Somerset for a field trip and on their journey northward, they stopped at the world-famous Millook Haven, to examine the stunning chevron folds, and on to Bude where they mapped geological structures on Crooklets beach.

On the second day, the group visited Blue Anchor where they looked at evidence of environmental change recorded by the rock and the stress regimes they have experienced since their deposition. They also went to Kilve to view evidence for the opening of the Bristol Channel. To read the full story click here

A Creative Journey with Pete Ward

The design process extends far beyond creating a piece of art. This was the message to our Sixth Form students from our Exhibiting artist, Pete Ward, who invited the students to help with the finishing touches to the gallery exhibition 'Pete Ward 2023 Expressions of an Intimate Ecology', which opened in the Heseltine Gallery on Thursday 19th October.

Students had a real insight into how an exhibition comes together, and they helped curate the pieces also on display from the Truro School Art Collection.

To read the full story click here





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Inspired 1st Year Art Lessons

Our 1st Years have been looking at the work of Turner Prize winner Chris Ofili and have imitated his style to create close-ups of local Cornish hedgerows.

The work of Chris Ofili has often been classified as "punk art" and uses mixed materials (including elephant dung) to create collages and pictures. Chris Ofili was the first Black artist to win the prestigious Turner Prize and his work has been studied in Art this term alongside that of Frank Bowling, Jean-Michel Basquiat and Sonia Boyce as a part of Black History Month.

To read the full story click here



Foodbank Collections

Sixth Formers from Truro School's Community Action Team helped to collect and load the generous harvest donations made to the Truro Foodbank as a part of our Community Action Day.

Congratulations to Class 2J who brought in an amazing 74 items for Truro Foodbank, followed closely by Class 3J with 62 items collected.

The Truro Foodbank team would like to pass their thanks to everyone who contributed, with a special thanks to the Community Action Team, Mrs Kenward and Mrs Alford for their support.

House Rugby and Netball Matches

Despite breezy conditions our rugby players went shoulder to shoulder to compete in the house rugby games this week. The house matches take place at the end of every half term, with all pupils getting the choice of contact, non-contact and explorer rugby groups to build skills and confidence during their games lessons.

Meanwhile, our girls honed their marking and shooting skills in the house netball competition. All players are competing to win points for their houses with the ambition of winning the Opie Shield at the end of the academic year.





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Design and Build Planters

This term provides a creative opportunity for our 3rd Year pupils to design and build their own wooden planters suitable for a small plant.

By 3rd Year, our pupils have learned plenty of skills and are familiar with many of the tools in the DT Department. This is an opportunity to use their knowledge of joints and construction to develop their own container design, which can be tested, refined and redesigned if necessary.





Senior Maths Olympiad Success

We are always thrilled to see so much enthusiasm for our pupils entering the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge.

This year, our pupils secured 11x Bronze and 6x Silver certificates with over 80% of students taking part in achieving certification. Congratulations to everyone who entered.

We also look forward to hearing the results of the Maths Olympiad for Girls over the coming weeks.

Pressed Flower Cards

Our WAA card makers today lifted their presses on the flowers they have collected from our school gardens. Their pressed flowers then formed the basis for some creative card-making and thoughtful messages.









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Congratulations to this week's Values Awards winners!

1st Year Brody W

For showing great courage during WAA surfing and trying a new pop-up skill successfully.

2nd Year Chloe B

Who has brought her Air Hockey to use during the mornings before form time providing much hilarity and healthy competition.

3rd Year Sheba G

Sheba showed compassion in supporting a friend who was having a tough day. Sheba stayed with her whilst staff supported her friend.

4th Year Imogen S

For making birthday cookies with Jia's name on them and sharing them with the entire form group.

5th Year Miles T

For his sensible, mature and happy approach to all parts of school life including his academic studies and his voluntary help and support as a Chapel steward.

Lower Sixth Susannah M

Was an absolute star in WAA. She led the entire cast of A Christmas Carol, teaching them the choreography for a whole company dance.

Upper Sixth Jack W

He was absolutely superb at the Senior School Open morning. Particularly speaking with a new student who was very nervous about coming to Truro School. Jack made them feel completely at ease and their parents were so touched by the way that he spoke to their child. He was an absolute credit to the school and demonstrated great compassion and emotional intelligence.

French Trip to Nice and Monaco

Our 5th Years and Sixth Formers had an incredible time on a jam-packed French trip to Nice and Monaco.

You can read about it in full here.

With so many varied activities, the experience gave our pupils and students valuable opportunities to immerse themselves in the French language and culture.

We would like to thank all of the staff and pupils who made the trip possible and so enjoyable.









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Dedication, Courage, and U16 Netball County Champions

Passion, dedication, and courage have all been on the agenda for our sporting athletes.

Congratulations to our U16 netball team, who secured a county championship win at their county tournament this week.

Our U16 rugby team played some fantastic rugby against the touring team Wharfedale RFC, with both sides showing great skill throughout the match.

Last week, nine of our surfers took to Godrevvy Beach to take part in the Peninsular Schools surf competition. They all did exceptionally well despite the challenging conditions. Congratulations to Kayo who finished 2nd in both the stand-up surfing and bodyboarding competition. Well done to Fred, who finished 3rd in the body boarding, Ayesha, who finished 5th place in the girls' surfing competition and to Jack who finished 3rd in the boys' surfing category.

Over the weekend, a group of our swimmers competed in the first round of the National Arena Swimming League. Well done to Josh, Daisy L, Lilly, Annie, Daisy H and Dan who represented Truro City Swim Club and came 2nd place overall

Well done to Judoka Ben, who competed in the Kazoku Trophy Cup. Ben fought hard with five hard fights to finish with silver on the podium.

Finally, we're pleased to share a photo of our 2nd and 3rd Year footballers, who are enjoying their tour at Manchester City Football Club.





Be a Girl Chorister for a Day

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2023



"An unforgettable and very special journey."

CHORISTER PARENT

The chorister programme, run jointly by Truro Cathedral and Truro School, provides a pathway for musically gifted girls and boys to achieve world-class excellence, whilst being personally and pastorally supported to develop friendships within a close-knit team.

- The choristers are all educated at Truro School where they receive scholarships, with additional meanstested assistance as necessary.

For information about the Chorister Programme, including scholarships and means-tested bursaries, registration and chorister application forms, please contact Truro School Admissions on 01872 246062 or email admissions@truroschool.com





TRURO SCHOOL















All Truro School parents are welcome, but spaces are limited, so early booking is advised. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with both new and familiar faces. Don't miss out on this fun and festive gathering!

Upon arrival, enjoy a class of fizz with a canapé before going on to cook and decorate your Yule log in a cook-along format. Cost £50.

BOOK NOW: www.truroschoolcookery.com









Ros Atkins

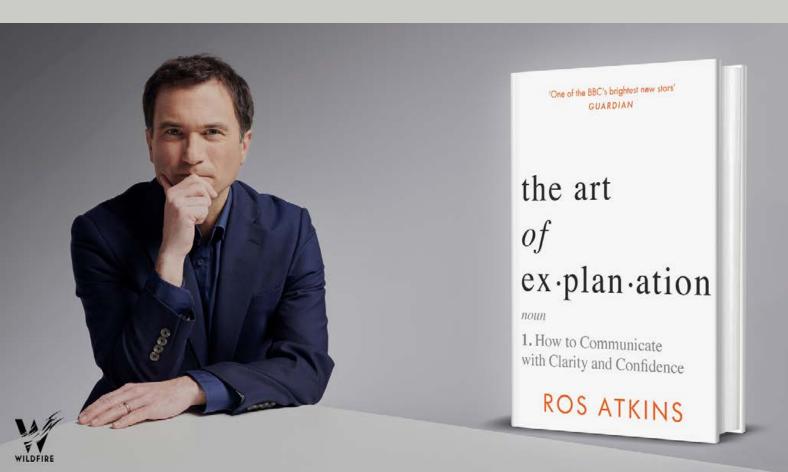
the art of explanation at The Burrell Theatre

THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

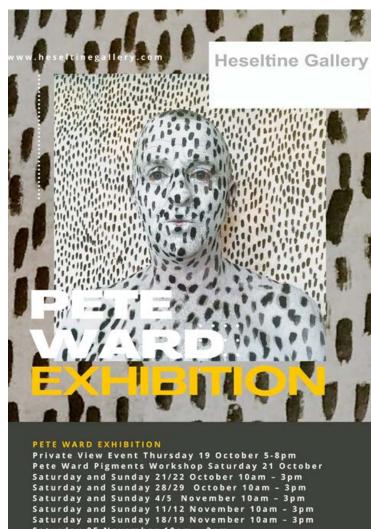
BBC presenter, journalist and Truro School Alumni, Ros Atkins (CO93) joins us at the Burrell Theatre on Thursday 9 November. <u>Buy tickets here.</u>

'To watch an Atkins report is akin to observing a watchmaker assemble the inner workings of a timepiece -there's precision, deftness and a calming expertise'

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Kids & Teens half-term fun

Saturday 25 November 10am – 3pm

Thursday 26th October, 10am - 12pm Gather materials outside to create a collaborative art piece. Cost £18

will sketch outside to paint in bright colours our masterpieces in the studio. Cost £22

Tuesday 24th October, 10.30am - 2.30pm Create a sculpture outside. Situated in a woodland site with a studio to meet, greet and have lunch. Cost £28

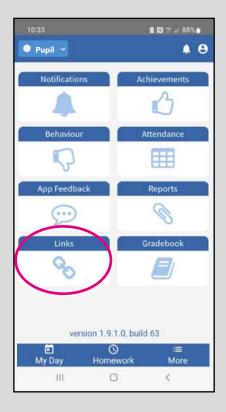
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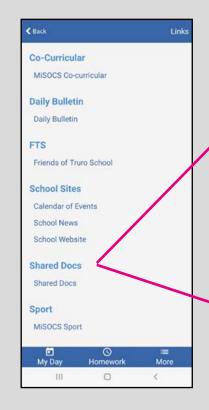
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How to access Shared Docs on Everest







Password

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