

TRURO SCHOOL

CAREERS CONVENTION PROGRAMME

2025



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BREAKOUT TALKS

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Employability	Mrs Kenward	4.30 pm	Room 82/83
Apprenticeships	Stephen Roberts	5.15 pm	Room 82/83

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CAREER STANDS

Health and Veterinary		
University of Exeter Medical School	Dr Oliver Prescott, Dr Sham Agashi and Hannah Partington	Medical students will be representing Exeter Medical School, promoting medicine as a career path and providing information on the university application process, course and their experiences.
NHS	Nick Carne and Victoria Ling	Nick will be representing the Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust organisation. Victoria is a Pharmacist and able to provide valuable information on many of the roles available, from store assistants, technicians to becoming a degree-level qualified Pharmacist.
Physiotherapy	Linda Norfolk	Talk to Linda on the NHS stand about a career as a Chartered Physiotherapist.
Veterinary / Global Regulatory Pharmaceuticals	Joanna Cain	Joanna graduated in 2002 as a Veterinary Surgeon from the Royal Veterinary School at Edinburgh University. She has worked in practice rurally before moving into industry where she has spent 15 years working in pharmaceutical research and development. She is head the global regulatory affairs department for a large multi-national pharmaceutical organisation. <i>Available until 4.45 pm.</i>
Specsavers	Leighton Simmons	Specsavers has been a family-run business for 40 years, working together with store partners to provide the best value optometry, audiology and other healthcare service to customers. Leighton is the Director of its Truro branch. Speak to him about a career as an optometrist whose role is to detect defects in vision, signs of injury, ocular diseases or abnormality, and problems with general health.

Accounting, Finance, Wealth, Management and Insurance

Cornish Mutual	Verity Langley and Gill Underwood	Cornish Mutual are the only insurance company this side of Bristol and will be showcasing the different roles that are available in their organisation – such as graphic design, marketing, accounts, IT, facilities, receptionist and people who work in the field.
Francis Clark	Harry Callaghan	Founded in 1919, PKF Francis Clark are the largest firm of chartered accountants, financial planners and business advisers in the region with 57 partners and a team of more than 700 employees in eight offices across Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Wiltshire and most recently Bristol.
Handelsbanken	Elizabeth Stansfield	Talk to Handelsbanken about paid internships as they have a really detailed, structured programme over a six-week period, which gives an insight into life in the organisation.
Raymond James	Simon Burnett and Alan Duff	Wealth and investment management for private clients, their families, business owners, trusts and charities.
Azets	Rachel Elliott, Rosie Boulton and Rebecca Jeynes	Career options within an accountancy practice covering the various services we provide including Tax, Business Advisory and Accounts, and Audit Services. Azets work with a wide range of businesses from sole traders and partnerships to larger corporate entities. They will also be able to highlight the different training / study routes available.

Business Services

Paddle & Cocks	Verona Cocks	Paddle & Cocks Solicitors is a full-service commercial law firm, with one focus: business. With over 44 years of experience acting for businesses between them, in the city of London, nationally and internationally, the founding joint-managing partners wanted to create a practice with business in mind.
White Willow	Carrie White	White Willow is a human resources consultancy based in Cornwall.
Stephens Scown	Tegan Forwood and Farida Rashwan	Stephens Scown is a law firm with a regional focus, but all the benefits of a big city rival. Passionate about the South West, they specialise in industries common throughout the region – green energy, food and drink, tourism, mining and more. They are described as a 'dominant force' in the marketplace, and feature in The Lawyer magazine's prestigious Top 200 rankings.
Kernow Property Services	Megan Jackson	KPS will be representing property letting, this entails doing viewings, finding the correct tenants, contracts, reaching out to landlords to find new business, property inspections and much more!
Savills	Olivia Brown	The Savills team consists of three delegates from the Estate Management department. They manage a diverse range of agricultural, residential, and commercial properties for clients across Cornwall and Devon. Each of them is at a different stage in their careers, having taken various educational routes into the industry. Additionally, a representative from their Residential Sales team will be joining the stand. Specialising in selling properties across the county, he chose to enter the profession without pursuing further education and can offer valuable insights into alternative qualification pathways.

Technology

Engineered Arts	Jenn Roe, Jonathan Henwood and Natalia Waniczek	At Engineered Arts, they make the most memorable robotic experiences in the world. The unique combination of cutting-edge technology and focus on public experiences means nothing in the world comes close to seeing one of their robots. Based in the UK, they have an extremely talented team of designers, engineers, artists and developers. All working together to produce hardware and software, that creates joy and entertainment in the most novel way. Talk to them about careers within the robotics industry including manufacture, machining, software development and creative design.
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Engineering, Geology and Construction

Cormac	Lynne Dunn	Cormac is a leading UK civil engineering contractor, trusted by public bodies and private clients both in Cornwall and, increasingly, beyond our home turf. They can offer information about apprenticeships in: Civil Engineering Level 3, Civil Engineering Level 6, Arborist Level 2, Horticulture Level 2.
Kemp Engineering	Caitlin Wadland and Mark Hockaday	Kemp can discuss careers in land surveying, utility surveying, and setting out engineering. These roles combine cutting-edge technology, such as drones and 3D mapping, with hands-on fieldwork to deliver surveys for infrastructure, construction, and community projects.
Nijhuis Saur Industries	John Williams	Demand for qualified profession engineers is increasing worldwide across the range of engineering disciplines and industry sectors. Engineers use creativity, design and problem solving to produce almost everything you come across in your daily life. From the mobile phones you use and TVs you watch, to the food you eat and the jeans you wear. Engineering is behind everything. If you are interested in science and maths as well as design and technology, then Engineering could be for you.

Engineering, Geology and Construction

Classic Builders	Lewis Tolputt and James Thomas	Classic Builders can discuss careers in construction, ranging from basic entry level roles and paths – to senior roles and how every role interconnects with projects and duties.
Cornish Lithium	Hugo Heard	Cornish Lithium is a highly innovative mineral exploration and development company focused on the environmentally sustainable extraction of lithium. Cornish Lithium has various careers across the mining, geothermal and minerals industry including; geologists, hydrogeologists, chemists, lab technicians, mineral processing, chemical processing, environmental and ESG.
Cornish Metals	Ben Clitherow and Jody Woolcock	Cornish Metals is a dual-listed mineral exploration and development company and working towards re-opening its 100% owned, fully permitted South Crofty underground tin mine located in Cornwall. There are an array of job roles that go into running a modern mine: geologists, engineers, fabricators, environmental officers, welders, electricians, surveyors, accountants, to name just a few.
Grinding Solutions	Andrew Green and Karen Hart	Extractive metallurgists are mineral experts who specialise in the extraction of metals from their ores and oversee, develop, and test processes used in metal extraction. The goal is to be able to extract metals as efficiently as possible. At GSL, the metallurgists and technicians work with clients around the world to identify how they can process their ore deposit, what equipment is required and how the plant is designed.
Imerys	Richard Townsend and George Willment	Imerys is a mine and mineral processing company that specialises in mineral-based solutions for industry. They can discuss a broad range of career opportunities in the region.
Ward Williams	Ralph Gifford and Lewis Griffin	Ward Williams Property & Construction Consultancy offers a variety of career opportunities in the construction industry. They will be representing project managers, quantity surveyors, and building surveyors, giving advice and information on the different career paths into the construction industry.

Engineering, Geology and Construction

Geothermal Engineering Ltd (GEL)	Claudia Malam and Jane Charman	GEL promote geology, engineering, digital media and marketing/PR. They can discuss creativity in science and science communication.
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Land Management and Surveying

Carter Jonas	Chris Anderson	Playing a key part in rural property and agricultural matters, rural chartered surveyors value and manage the use of land in the rural environment. They help landowners, tenants, farmers and other clients manage their businesses by giving wide-ranging professional and technical advice.
RTP Surveyors	Amy Brown, Hannah Sieniewicz and Rob Portman	RTP Surveyors are Chartered Building Surveyors who offer several services including, surveys, valuations, planning, development and architectural services. CAD drawings, conservation of historic buildings, health & safety matters.
RICS Matrics Cornwall	Jonny Bright, Luke Osborne, Hannah Sieniewicz	The RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) Matrics Cornwall aim to support and inspire the next generation of professionals in the property, construction, and surveying industries.

Marine

Pendennis Shipyard	Sam Poppy	Pendennis Shipyard builds and refits superyachts and is world renown within the Marine Sector. It has an award-winning apprenticeship programme.
Babcock International Group	Gareth Kenward	Babcock International Group is a British aerospace, defence and nuclear engineering services company. It specialises in managing complex assets and infrastructure.

Apprenticeships and Gap Year

Careers Hub - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	Stephen Roberts	The Careers Hub work with schools to help every young person to take their best next step into the world of work.
Cornwall College	Martin Tregenza	Cornwall College will be talking about apprenticeship courses at Duchy Rosewarne, Falmouth Marine School and Cornwall College itself.
Winter Sports Company	Rik Dyson	For over a decade The Winter Sports Company has been providing professional Ski and Snowboard Instructor Courses to clients around the globe. Established in Canada, they are now found in Switzerland, and New Zealand with a huge range of courses for all abilities. They can talk about first steps as a qualified instructor through one of their advanced programmes.
Eden Project	Greg Richards	Greg will be talking to students about the apprenticeship programme at the Eden Project, as well as the various seasonal roles on offer.

Agricultural, Rural and Sustainable

Kits Nursery	Stephen Ridout and Lucy Shazell	Kits Nursery are a Cornish-based garden design company. For career conversations on becoming a garden designer, hard and soft landscaping, and working with plants.
Riviera Produce	Amelia Grigg	Riviera Produce is one of the UK's leading growers of Brassica's such as cauliflower and other vegetables including courgettes. They supply the major supermarkets across the UK twelve months of the year from their family farm in Cornwall.
TDi Sustainability	Clara Segón	TDi Sustainability is a global consultancy that helps businesses the world over to be more sustainable. Along the length and breadth of the supply chain, from artisanal mine to multinational corporation, they use expertise to build responsible supply chains that work for people, for business and for the planet. Their in-depth understanding of sectors and corresponding regulation is recognised as industry leading.

Ministry of Defence

British Army	Jason Button and Alex Simpson	The Army has many different careers available for people wanting to join as a soldier or officer. The types of roles available are combat; engineering, HR, finance and support, intelligence, communications and IT, medical, logistics and support, and music.
Royal Navy	WO1 Dale Randle, CPO Steve Sansbury and CPL Will Kemp	There are 130 different jobs in the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Fleet Auxiliary. A job in the Royal Navy means adventure, camaraderie, and lifelong prospects. Every day is different, whether you're policing oceans, delivering aid during disasters, or engaged in combat.
Royal Air Force	Flt Lt Charles Paffett	In the RAF you'll be given opportunities you won't find in any other career. Talk to Charles about access to training and activities to reach potential and grow alongside the RAF in the UK and abroad.

Hospitality, Tourism and Charity

St Michael's Spa	Ciaran Ryder	St Michael's Spa can offer advice for roles in catering, front of house, health clubs, hotel maintenance & spas.
Headland Hotel	Veryan Palmer	The Headland luxury resort is a one-of-a-kind. It's more than a hotel in a wild, dramatic location. It has grand traditions and age old charm, but it also embraces the modern with a stunning Aqua Club and five-bubble-rated spa facilities.
Cornwall Hospitality Collective	James Cavanagh-Shaddock	Cornwall Hospitality Collective provide a platform for sharing best practice, accessible training, raising industry standards, resolving local hospitality issues, accessing funding, supporting careers initiatives in Cornish schools and uplifting Cornish community aspirations.
The Cornish Seal Sanctuary	Rebecca Langston	The Cornish Seal Sanctuary are represented by their Education and Guest Experience department – working to educate the public on current conservation concerns, running public events, and managing all educational visits, workshops and outreach. They are also able to discuss any other roles on-site, including retail, admissions, food & beverage, and animal care.
Isles of Scilly Steamship Group	TBC	Isles of Scilly Steamship Group provide lifeline air and sea services to the Isles of Scilly. The company operate a fleet of eight aircrafts flying to the isles of Scilly from Land's End, Newquay and Exeter Airport and operate the Scillonian III passenger ferry sailing up to seven days a week from Penzance Harbour.
Healey's Cyder Farm	Laura Clerehugh and Lucy Woodman	Healey's need a wide variety of skills to make what they do possible. From engineering, viticulture and estate management to cheffing, sales and marketing. Working within this diverse Cornish Family business could open many doors.
Newquay Foodbank	Zoe Nixon	The Newquay Foodbank was founded in 2011 by the Community, to support the Community, they have one aim, to help those who need us back to financial independence.

Creative

BBC Radio Cornwall	Victoria Gould	Victoria will be representing careers across the BBC in creative and support roles, with a particular focus on multi-platform journalism and production.
Bull & Wolf	Joe Turnbull and Chris Smith	Video is the most powerful medium on the web and the algorithm gods favour video content above all else. Bull & Wolf are a video production agency for creating social media videos for brands.
Falmouth University	Andy Wallace	Talk to Andy about all things creative, careers and pathways to get there.
Lilly Lewarne Architects	James Moran	Lilly Lewarne Architects are located within a converted warehouse, completed by the practice in 1995. With over 25 years of experience in the county, they pride themselves on a depth of local knowledge and strong reputation for excellent design. The Lilly Lewarne team are experienced in commercial, educational, healthcare, leisure, spa and hotel projects, as well as all aspects of residential architecture.
Number 8 Hairdressing	Claire Pascoe	There are many avenues to explore after a level 3 qualification in Hairdressing, as well as a working Salon Hairdresser, there is: fashion, television, theatre, travelling, training and teaching opportunities to explore. Working alongside Truro College, the apprenticeship training programmes cover everything from the fundamentals of hairstyling to advanced techniques in cutting, colouring, and styling. Hairdressing as an industry is growing on its professionalism and fast becoming a career with a longevity that many other careers will lose with more AI involvement.

Not sure who to talk to?

Come along to speak to Tim O'Brien. Tim has a hugely varied background in the Army, corporate finance, risk management, fraud management and FinTech. He has worked across the globe for start-ups, NGOs, private and public sector businesses.

He can reassure you that you don't need to make up your mind just yet - keep your options open for as long as possible, be open to new ideas and opportunities, and build your education and career choices around what you enjoy.

