



# TRURO SCHOOL

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## Information for Candidates Head of Science Truro School Prep

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Full Time / Permanent

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Established in 1880, Truro School is Cornwall's leading independent schools for girls and boys aged 3 to 18

## From Rob Morse, Head of Prep



Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the role of Head of Science here at Truro School Prep.

Our School is steeped in 140 years of history, and is Cornwall's leading coeducational independent school for children aged 3-18. We are situated over two campuses. The Senior School educates around 840 pupils and is set within 40 acres of sports fields and open spaces overlooking Truro and its iconic Cathedral. The Prep School educates around 300 pupils and is located next to the Royal Cornwall Hospital and Truro Golf Club. We have superb facilities and resources at both sites that support our forward-looking educational ambitions.

Our Cornish setting allows us the privilege of working in a thriving city surrounded by beautiful rural and coastal opportunities. Our educational philosophy is to promote inclusive excellence, academically, pastorally and via a vibrant co-curriculum, for all who join our school.

Underpinned by a welcoming and liberal Methodist ethos, we champion the values of curiosity, courage, creativity, compassion and confidence in all we do. We want all our pupils to be and to become the very best of themselves, embracing the richness of a broad and forward-thinking education. We want our staff to be excited by what we are able to provide for the children under our care.

We are an excellent co-educational school that is large enough to offer many diverse and exciting opportunities, but small enough to know our children and families well. We champion an ambitious, broad and balanced education, and we hope that everybody who joins us will feel an important part of this flourishing community.

For a flavour of life here at Truro School please look at our website [www.truroschool.com](http://www.truroschool.com) and view our virtual tour, where you will see and hear from staff and pupils, and find a glimpse of who we are and where we work.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Morse".

Rob Morse

Head of Prep

# The Role- Head of Science at Truro School Prep

**Responsible to:** Assistant Head (Academic)

**Grade:** ML1

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## ROLE OVERVIEW:

We are seeking an energetic, experienced and successful teacher to lead Science at Truro School Prep. The successful candidate will bring energy, expertise and a passion for engaging children in Science, with a particular focus on the upper end of Key Stage 2. Working closely with the Head of KS1 and EYFS, the Head of Science will oversee the teaching and progression of Science across the whole school. This is a full-time, permanent position.

The Head of Science is responsible for leading, managing and developing Science teaching throughout Truro School prep. The ability to offer a second subject is desirable, though not essential.

## KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

### **Leadership and management:**

- Provide strategic leadership and day-to-day management of the Science department.
- Monitor and maintain high academic, behavioural and Health & Safety standards within the department.
- Promote Science across the school and in the wider community.

### **Teaching & Curriculum**

- Deliver high-quality, well-planned and engaging lessons to inspire all pupils, regardless of ability.
- Lead the development and ongoing review of the Science curriculum in collaboration with the Assistant Head (Academic).
- Monitor pupil progress through effective assessment and data analysis.
- Work closely with the SENDCo to ensure all pupils receive appropriate support.
- Ensure smooth transition in learning from Pre-Prep to Prep, and from Prep to Senior School, maintaining strong links with Heads of Physics, Chemistry and Biology at Truro School.

### **Staff Development & Departmental Operations**

- Lead regular departmental meetings and maintain accurate records.
- Support and develop staff across Prep and Pre-Prep, sharing current educational practice and facilitating professional development opportunities.
- Monitor the quality of Science teaching and learning, providing feedback and support as part of the school appraisal programme.
- Manage the departmental budget and lead on departmental development planning.
- Ensure all necessary departmental policies and documents are up to date and compliant.

## **Pastoral & Whole-School Responsibilities (all staff)**

- Serve as a Form Tutor.
- Attend parent consultations, school events and wider community activities as required.
- Contribute to the co-curricular life of the school.
- Support the school's charitable work by leading Science-based outreach activities.
- Uphold and actively promote the aims and ethos of Truro School.

## **PERSON SPECIFICATION:**

### **Essential Criteria**

- Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and relevant teaching experience.
- A dynamic leader with the ability to motivate colleagues and move the department forward.
- Commitment to offering extra-curricular Science activities.
- Strong ability to build positive, supportive relationships with pupils.
- A sense of humour, optimism and resilience under pressure.
- Ability to work effectively with all members of the school community.
- Strong communication skills, both written and oral.
- Ability to contribute to whole-school initiatives.
- High standards of personal presentation.
- A commitment to the ethos and values of Truro School.

### **Desirable Criteria**

- Experience using a range of effective teaching and learning strategies.
- Ability to contribute to the wider co-curricular programme.
- Ability to drive a minibus.
- Familiarity with metacognitive principles and practice.
- The ability to offer a second subject, ideally mathematics.

### **ADDITIONAL**

- Truro School and Truro School Prep are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment and behave accordingly. This role will involve daily contact with children.
- This job description sets out the current duties of the post that may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the post or the level of responsibility entailed.
- This role is expected to also participate fully in the life of the School

*Truro School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening including checks with past employers and a Disclosure and Barring Service check. We embrace diversity and promote equality of opportunity. We welcome applications from all sections of the community.*



## Our Motto

Esse Quam Videri, meaning 'to be, rather than to seem to be.'

Founded by Methodists in Cornwall in 1880 our School is a welcoming community in which children and staff can flourish, thrive and be happy. They enjoy being and becoming the very best of themselves.

## Our Values

From nursery through to Sixth Form, the values our community nurtures are:

- Curiosity to always want to discover and learn more, academically and more widely too.
- Confidence to build resilience by learning from both successes and failures alike.
- Compassion to understand and champion the needs of others, in our community and beyond.
- Creativity to be imaginative in how we express ourselves and approach new challenges.
- Courage to enjoy becoming the very best of who we are, with integrity and ambition.

## Our Ambition

To be a community of inclusion and excellence delivering the best educational journey in the South-West.

Our community and its culture reflect our Methodist foundation and our ongoing evolution in an inspiring Cornish setting. In an ever-changing world, we support and challenge young people to thrive – personally, spiritually, academically, socially, and physically. We value our pupils in the diversity of their identities, beliefs, abilities, talents, interests, backgrounds, and needs. The happiness, energy and wellbeing of our community shapes and inspires who we are and who we can become.



# Truro School Prep

Truro School is the only HMC School in the beautiful duchy of Cornwall and a member of MIST (The Methodist Independent Schools' Trust). It was originally a Direct Grant Boys' Grammar School but became independent in 1976 and fully co-educational in 1990. Truro School Prep (Treliske School until September 2005) was opened in 1936 as the Junior Department to Truro School. It is a member of the IAPS (Independent Association of Prep Schools). Though, like the Senior School, Treliske was originally a boys' school, it became co-educational in 1989. A Pre-Prep Department was opened in 1991. Truro School Prep is beautifully situated on its own separate campus, between the Royal Cornwall Hospital and Truro Golf Club.

Truro School Prep will end this academic year with 285 pupils between the ages of 3 and 11. Children in Year 6 work towards the Prep School Diploma and the school prides itself on having a broad and balanced curriculum. Each year at least 95% of Year 6 (c50 pupils) proceed into Year 7 at the Senior School. Parents like to commit to the through-school 'family' and a large proportion of parents have more than one child across the School. The social life of the School is therefore an important feature of its ethos. At our Senior School there are currently c800 pupils, including a Sixth Form of around 150. In the Senior School there are also 40-50 boarders, national and international. There is no boarding at Truro School Prep. Day pupils travel from throughout the county to our School, including some on the school buses.

Ongoing investment in our site is important to us. At Truro Prep in 2018 we opened a new suite of six additional purpose-built classrooms; a music room and the Lovett Assembly Hall. Even more recent developments include a refurbished and refitted computer suite, a tree house, and a remodelling of the annexe that houses the educational support rooms and a research room that supports the work of the library.

## Cornwall

Truro School is located in the county of Cornwall, in south-west England. It is surrounded almost exclusively by water which makes it ideal for those who love to spend their downtime at the beach, surfing, sailing, windsurfing or just enjoying a coastal walk. With the nearest beach only a 15-20 minute drive either north or south from Truro School, it is most certainly a life style choice of many. Take a look at [www.visitcornwall.com](http://www.visitcornwall.com) for more information about how to get here, where to stay and what's on.



# TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

If you are appointed to the role, a formal offer will first be made verbally and then followed up with an offer letter and contract of employment. The following are for guidance and may or may not be available at the time of offer. Benefits are subject to change from time to time.

- Competitive salary based on the Truro School Salary Scales
- Generous Defined Contribution Pension scheme with L&G
- Well supported Continued Professional Development and training opportunities
- Lunch and refreshments, including tea, coffee and fruit
- Free membership of the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre and pool facilities, and access to staff only fitness sessions
- Free onsite parking
- Discounted school fees
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Electric Car and Cycle to Work salary sacrifice schemes
- Employee benefits platform and discounted shopping voucher platform

## Salary and Pension Scheme

The appointment will be full-time and permanent. The starting salary is dependent on skills and experience. Truro School has its own pay scales.

All teaching members of staff are enrolled in the L&G defined contribution pension scheme, with an employer contribution of 16.5%, and a minimum employee contribution of 5%.

## Employee Assistance Program/Employee Benefits Platform

Truro School utilises Help@Hand as our EAP provider so all employees have access to a 24/7 helpline and GP and website support. In addition, this platform gives access to hundreds of discounts, offers and savings from high street retailers to holidays, Marks & Spencer to Bloom & Wild.

## Other Employment Checks

The offer of employment will be conditional upon satisfactory receipt of the following:

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| 1. Proof of right to work in the UK                             | 5. Overseas criminal record check (if you have resided or worked out of the UK in the past 3 years) |
| 2. Enhanced criminal background check (DBS) & Barred List check | 6. TRA and section 128 check (if applicable)  |
| 3. Two satisfactory references                                  | 7. Fit to Work Questionnaire  |
| 4. Evidence of qualifications held                              | 8. Acceptable self-disclosure form  |





## APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for this position, you will need to complete and submit a formal application using our Truro School application form. We are unable to accept any CVs. This should be emailed to [recruitment@truroschool.com](mailto:recruitment@truroschool.com) or mailed to the School address.

Through the submission of your application form you should demonstrate your qualifications, skill, and experience in relation to the role you are applying for. This information will be assessed against the requirements detailed in the job description.

Once the closing date for applications has been reached we will shortlist applicants and you will be contacted in order to either be invited to interview or to be notified that you have not been successful this time. Our shortlisting process utilises anonymised application form in order to avoid any bias. If you are called for interview you will be asked to provide your right to work in the UK evidence, complete a self-disclosure form and provide a copy of your qualifications. Additional selection methods such as a presentation or activities/tasks may be used and you will be notified in advance if that is the case.

References may be taken up prior to interview.

All applicants must be prepared to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and undergo any other appropriate child protection screening including checks with past employers.

The post for which you have applied is exempt from Section 4 (2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975, amended 2013. If you are shortlisted and invited to interview, you must declare any relevant warnings, reprimands, cautions and/or convictions by completing a self- disclosure form prior to interview. Any positive disclosure will be discussed at interview.

Any information given will be treated in strict confidence and will be considered only in relation to your application for this post. Truro School does not discriminate against candidates with irrelevant criminal convictions. For further information on which offences should be disclosed please visit:

<http://hub.unlock.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/What-will-be-filtered-by-the-DBS.pdf>

and/or view the flowchart on our employment webpage.

Candidates who have a disability or any other special requirement should let the school know so that reasonable adjustments can be made during the recruitment process.

You should be aware that provision of false information is an offence and could result in the application being rejected or summary dismissal if the applicant has been selected and possible referral to the police and/or Department for Education.

**We look forward to receiving your application.**