

Friday Bulletin

14 JUNE 2024: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers,

It's been another busy but positive week here at School. I would like to start by congratulating Isso (1st Year) for winning our energy-saving

sticker competition - pictured right. Organised by the pupils in the eco-committee, creative initiatives like this help us move toward net zero and reduce our impact on the planet's resources.

I was also delighted to welcome the new 1st

Years ahead of September on Monday and Tuesday, and to meet with parents to discuss the Truro School journey and answer questions. Both days featured a great mix of existing Prep pupils, parents with older children already here, as well as new parents, making for truly positive events. The pupils had a chance to meet and interact with their form



groups and familiarise themselves with our campus, starting their preparations for September. Additionally, the current 1st Years enjoyed trips to Newquay for a visit to the Zoo and a town design review – both fascinating experiences and my thanks go to all the staff who make these trips happen.

If you have visited Truro School over the past few weeks, you may have noticed the old squash courts have been demolished. This critical first phase of our <u>Music Project</u> is nearly complete, and we are in the process of procuring a main contractor to help us deliver this exciting development.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of cyber security. On page 4 of this bulletin, you'll find some security tips and advice. The key message is that scammers and fraudsters are constantly seeking opportunities to access funds and accounts, so vigilance is essential. If you receive anything suspicious, please contact us to confirm its legitimacy. Additionally, please note that we do not offer any 'early bird' discounts on fees. Fees in advance can only be agreed upon if you have requested a quote from us in advance, and we have confirmed the amount and payment with you. We are not changing our bank account details.

Finally, I must mention the exciting sports events ahead, from the Euros starting today to our very own Sports Day on Tuesday. Sports Day is always a highly enjoyable event, offering pupils the chance to participate in a variety of activities positively. Please read more about this year's event on page 4 and we look forward to welcoming you.

Mr Kieran Topping Chief Operating Officer



Calendar

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Saturday 15 June

Outdoor Education: DofE Silver Award Qualifying Expedition

09:00 - 17:00 Drama: Crossroads Technical Rehearsal, Burrell Theatre

Sunday 16 June

Outdoor Education: DofE Silver Award Qualifying Expedition

World Faith Festival: Eid-ul-Adha (Islam)

09:00 - 17:00 Drama: Crossroads Technical Rehearsal, Burrell Theatre

Monday 17 June

CHARITY WEEK 1L & 1M

WEEK B

08:30 - 17:15 Off-Site Football Day at Marjon's University Plymouth

09:15 - 15:50 Sixth Form: Post 18 Options Day

16:00 Cricket Fixtures Girls-U13A vs Penair School

16:30 - 19:30 Lower Sixth Parents Evening: Online

19:30 Sixth Form: Post 18 Options Evening for Parents: via TEAMS

Tuesday 18 June

08:30 - 13:00 Sixth Form: Sports Day Morning Activity

09:15 - 15:50 Sports Day See Page 4

Wednesday 19 June

09:15 - 12:50 Sports Day Reserve Morning

11:00 Cricket Fixtures 1st XI vs Cornish Choughs/Over 50's

13:30 Cricket Fixtures Boys-U13A vs Mounts Bay Academy

14:15 Golf Fixtures Mixed-U18A vs Plymouth College

14:30 Rounders Fixtures Girls-U15A vs Penair School Girls-U14A vs Penair School Girls-U14A vs Penryn College Girls-U13A vs Penair School Girls-U13A vs Penryn College Girls-U12A vs Penair School Girls-U12A vs Penryn College

15:00 Cricket Fixtures canx Boys-U13A vs Mount Kelly Girls-U13A vs Mount Kelly

Thursday 20 June

Outdoor Education: DofE Gold Award Qualifying Expedition, Brecon Beacons

World Faith Festival: Summer Solstice (Pagan)

08:50 - 15:50 Off-Site: Cornwall Mining Games

09:15 - 15:50 Lower Sixth Enrichment Workshop: Sixth Form Centre

10:00 Cricket Fixtures Girls-U13A vs Cornwall Cricket Festival

18:00 Music: 1st Year Gala Concert Location: Roman Catholic Church

19:00 Drama: Crossroads Musical Location: Burrell Theatre https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/

Friday 21 June

Outdoor Education: DofE Gold Award Qualifying Expedition, Brecon Beacons

09:00 - 16:00 Off-Site Visit: 2nd Year Girls in Engineering

19:00 Drama: Crossroads Musical Location: Burrell Theatre https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/

Saturday 22 June

Outdoor Education: DofE Gold Award Qualifying Expedition, Brecon Beacons

11:00 Cricket Fixtures canx 1st XI vs Plymouth College Boys-U13A vs Plymouth Mixed-U13A canx Girls-U13A vs Plymouth College Boys-U12A vs Plymouth Mixed-U12A

15:00 Drama: Crossroads Musical Location: Burrell Theatre https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/

19:00 Drama: Crossroads Musical Location: Burrell Theatre https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/

Sunday 23 June

Outdoor Education: DofE Gold Award Qualifying Expedition, Brecon Beacons

13:00 - 16:00 Drama: Junior Play Rehearsal, Front Terrace

Monday 24 June

WEEK A

Outdoor Education: DofE Gold Award Qualifying Expedition, Brecon Beacons

Off-Site Visit: 1st Year Camp Location: Porthpean

Truro School's Festival of Courage



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16:00 Cricket Fixtures Girls-U13A vs Penair School

Tuesday 25 June

Outdoor Education: DofE Gold Award Qualifying Expedition, Brecon Beacons

Off-Site Visit: 1st Year Camp Location: Porthpean

Wednesday 26 June

Sixth Form: University of Oxford Open Day

09:30 Cricket Fixtures Boys-U13A vs Mount Kelly

18:00 - 22:30 5th Year Prom The Falmouth Hotel

Thursday 27 June

18:30 Festival: Rock Band Night https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/ Location: Outdoor Stage

Friday 28 June

09:00 2nd Year Residential PGL - Osmington Bay, Dorset

09:30 Upper Sixth Leavers' Day

18:30 Summer Ball Harbour Hotel, St Ives

Saturday 29 June

All Day: 2nd Year Residential PGL - Osmington Bay, Dorset

13:00 Jazz on the Terrace Location: Outdoor Stage https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/

19:00 Musicals Night Location: Outdoor Stage https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/

Sunday 30 June

All Day: 2nd Year Residential PGL - Osmington Bay, Dorset

10:00 - 16:00 Junior Play Rehearsal Front Terrace

Monday 1 July

WEEK B

- 18:00 2nd Year Residential PGL - Osmington Bay, Dorset

18:30 Drama and Music Colours Middle School & Senior Colours Awards and Drama Film Night: Burrell Theatre

Tuesday 2 July

All Day: World AIMS Day All pupils will participate in the World Action in Methodist Schools (AIMS) Day. Encouraging young people across the globe to think beyond themselves and to make a difference in today's society

Wednesday 3 July

13:30 Tennis Fixtures Boys-U15A vs Penair School Girls-U15A vs Penair and W'bridge

14:00 - 15:50 Wednesday Afternoon Activities - Final session of the term

18:30 Festival: Junior Play Location: Outdoor Stage https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/

Thursday 4 July

Sixth Form: University of Cambridge Open Day

18:30 Festival: Junior Play Location: Outdoor Stage https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/

Friday 5 July

11:00 - 12:45 Speech Day Location: Hall For Cornwall

12:45 End of Term

13:30 - 18:00 Music ABRSM Exams Location: M1

Saturday 6 July

10:00 Boarding Houses Close

15:00 Boarders' Transport Arrive Heathrow

> Clubs and Activities can be viewed at <u>https://www.</u> <u>truroschool.com/senior-</u> <u>school/co-curricular/this-</u> <u>terms-schedule/</u>



Notices



Sports Day is just around the corner, and after Vinter's thrilling victory last year, we are eagerly anticipating which House will emerge victorious!

This exciting day offers something for everyone, starting with a carousel of fun activities in the morning and culminating in the Track Finals in the afternoon. The Finals will include the 800m, 200m, 100m, and Relay Races. Time trials and field events have been taking place during Games and PE lessons this term and pupils will learn if they have made it to the Track Finals by Wednesday 12 June, with announcements posted on the TV screen in the SBA and their TEAMS page.

We are delighted to welcome all parents to join us from 1pm (races begin at 1.15pm) to cheer on the competitors. Feel free to wear your House Colours and bring seats or blankets for your comfort - refreshments will be available. Please remember to sign in at the SBA when you arrive; parking is available in the overflow car park. The spectator zone is located in front of the overflow car park on the banks.

We look forward to sharing this special day with you!

Reminder - Cyber Security

Cyber Crime and Fraud is a significant risk to us all in this modern era of digital payments and online banking. Below are a list of top tips and safety notices about how Truro School operates and things you should be wary of when making payments.

- Please check the email addresses that you receive from us are correct, our bills will come from **salesledger@ truroschool.com**

- We will not make offers for discounts for future year's payments from this email address

- We are not changing our bank details, if you are asked to change the bank details please contact us and we can verify whether this is correct

- If you wish to change your details we will always call you to confirm the changes, as well as requesting the details in writing

- We will not offer discounts for purchasing bulk fee

payments in advance, if you request a composition fee that will be confirmed by phone separately to email.

Things to look out for and actions you can take:

- Please check the email address that you receive very carefully, for example we have seen false email accounts such as salesledger@truroschools.com attempting to send bills to request payments. The addition of just the 's' in the email is not always easy to spot

- Please make sure you have strong passwords on your email accounts. You should always try to have:

o At least 8 or even 10 characters in a password

o Use a combination of numbers, symbols and letters o Avoid using common words or sequences, such as 123 or abc.

Prevention is always better than trying to recover information or payments, so please do remain cautious. If in doubt, contact us through an alternative route that you know is correct instead of replying to the immediate message or number.



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Crossroads on the BBC

Ahead of its premiere next week, the team behind Crossroads, the new musical written by 3rd Year pupil Scarlett, were at BBC Radio Cornwall to chat about the show.

All of our pupils handled the limelight brilliantly and confidently performed three songs from the show live.

You can listen to the interview here (1:39:25 to 2:15:15).

Limited tickets are still available for Crossroads, which is showing at the Burrell Theatre at 7pm from Thursday 18th to Saturday 22nd of June 2024, with an additional matinee performance on the 22nd. Please visit <u>www.</u> <u>burrelltheatre.com</u> for more information.





Minack Music and Drama Trip

Sixth Form Drama students had a great night at the Minack Theatre, watching Miracle Theatre in Love Riot, an eighteenth-century comedy of manners.

The weather was delightful, the play was preposterously comical, and seeing two Truro School Alumni, Millie Montgomery-Smith (CO23) and Sophia Thompson (CO17), strutting their stuff on the Minack stage was a real treat.

The Cornish Beach Challenge

This weekend, the Cornish Beach Challenge put our boarders' strength, stamina, and mettle to the test. Team Shrek and Team Skillage, comprising of mixed members from all boarding houses, took part in Californian-style beach games that challenged both physical and mental abilities. The competition included a paddle relay race, tug-of-war, surfboard tunnel challenge, lifeguard's flag sprint, beach volleyball, aqua targets, and the dizzy stick challenge. Team Shrek emerged victorious after a closely contested battle, demonstrating determination and excellent teamwork.

Congratulations to all participants for their fantastic efforts, what a fun afternoon at the beach!





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Investment Inspiration

Following an inspiring presentation to our pupils last year, Walker Crips Investment Management has just announced the winners of their Investment Selection Competition.

The victorious team, Wealth Wizards Rory S and Oscar A, achieved an impressive 9.43% increase in their portfolio over the two months leading up to February 2024, earning them a prize of £100. The runners-up were Ben D. and Oscar L. Mrs Kenward expressed appreciation for the informative nature of these career talks, highlighting the value of gaining insights into complex industries through presentations like the one delivered by Mr Kinneird.





AI Learning at Truro School

Our AI Forum met this week, to discuss advances in this arena and AI's impact on teaching and learning.

Set up over a year ago, our AI Forum is a half-termly meeting for staff to present on AI reading and research and share how they are navigating AI in the classroom.

Head of Truro School, Andy Johnson, recently wrote an article on this subject, which we share with you <u>here</u>.

We hope it provides valuable insight into Truro School's approach and ethos surrounding this fascinating and fast-paced topic.

4th Years Careers Considered

4th Year pupils explored pathways into higher education and future careers as they took part in our annual Careers Day in partnership with FutureSmart.

Pupils attended workshops to inspire and inform them about their post-GCSE options. Led by Mrs Kenward, the sessions included Morrisby Testing, a careers-matching service for schools that delivers psychometric results and career guidance to pupils. They also enjoyed workshops on Going to University with Head of Sixth Form, Mr Williamson, who helped to unpick everything from university choice to funding and UCAS, and a fantastic session with Mrs Kenward on Researching Careers.





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Royal Cornwall Show - Thanks!

A massive thank you to everyone who joined us at this year's Royal Cornwall Show! We had an incredible time welcoming families of all ages and it was wonderful to see both familiar and new faces.

A special thank you to everyone involved in making this event a success – we couldn't have done it without you!





DofE Bronze Qualifiers

Over 116 pupils completed this year's Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition (19 Teams), walking for two days and camping overnight near Porthcothan. The qualifying expedition is one of the few opportunities young people get to really separate and isolate themselves from their daily lives, modern mass media and communications. Teams have to carry all they need to camp, cook and truly rely on themselves.

Bronze DofE is often the first time pupils are given this level of independence and responsibility. We love seeing them develop and rise to the challenge every year.

We would like to thank the brilliant Outdoor Education team for all of their hard work and the support they give our pupils and students in this arena.

Theology Day at Exeter University

It was our great pleasure to accompany the Lower Sixth RS students to Exeter University for a Theology Outreach Day. During the event, they participated in engaging talks covering a diverse range of topics, including Groundhog Day and Samsara, feminist biblical interpretation in relation to the Barbie Movie, teleological environmental ethics, and the philosophy of offence.

Following the talks, they had the opportunity to explore the Exeter University Campus on a brief tour led by current students. We extend our gratitude to all involved for a truly inspiring and intellectually stimulating day.





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Finalist – Education Choices Awards

We are delighted to announce that we have been named a finalist in the Education Choices Awards 2024 for 'Supporting Sustainability' by Education Choices Magazine.

It is an honour to be recognised alongside so many other outstanding schools, and we eagerly await the announcement of the winners.

Truro School's environmental program stands out due to its holistic and multi-faceted approach to sustainability, structured across four key areas: Management and Policy, Campus, Curriculum and Community, and supported by the appointment of a Sustainability Coordinator in 2023 to enhance pupil engagement and management accountability.





Brilliant Brittany for our 2nd Years

Beautiful Brittany once again welcomed our 2nd Year pupils, who thoroughly enjoyed exploring the charming towns of Châteaulin, Locronan, and Concarneau. During their visit, pupils applied their classroom knowledge, took part in a treasure hunt in Locronan and visited a local spice market to interact with vendors and make purchases to take home.

Throughout the trip, pupils were assigned independent research tasks. They interacted with people to learn about the local history and customs of the region and enjoyed traditional crêpes at the renowned Les Remparts Crêperie.

The staff commended everyone for their exemplary behaviour and enthusiastic participation in their French studies. A special acknowledgement goes to Miss Magnin for orchestrating the trip and to all accompanying staff for their contributions in creating an unforgettable experience.

Welcoming Our New 1st Years

We have had the pleasure of welcoming our incoming 1st Years, who will join us at Truro School in September. Our 1st Years are a blend of those moving up from Truro School Prep and those coming from local, national and international schools.

These taster days are part of our structured induction programme, which helps to ease the transition for our newest recruits into our Senior School. Held across two mornings, they are designed to be lots of fun, with pupils enjoying a range of subjects including Chemistry, PE, Music and Drama.





We are delighted to announce the launch of our third annual Truro School Festival; the 2024 Festival of Courage (24 June - 5 July).

Designed to celebrate our school values, this annual event first began in 2022 with the Festival of Curiosity; a value that drives us to develop knowledge and understanding through inspirational opportunities. Last year, we celebrated Compassion by looking outwards to our wider communities; in School, in Truro, throughout Cornwall and globally.

For 2024, our value is Courage; a value that drives our School Community to enjoy becoming the very best of who we are, with integrity and ambition.

The 2024 festival lineup will bring together many of our Summer Term Fixtures such as World AIMS, Sports Day and our Year 6 Play as well as a raft of one-off concerts, performances and events that are underpinned by this most inspiring of values.

So, take heart, step forward bravely and without trepidation as we warmly welcome our School Community to join us for the 2024 Truro School Festival of Courage.

See what's on at https://calendar.truroschool.com/



Alumni Legends as part of the Festival of Courage

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Fundraiser for Children's Hospice South West

This weekend our boarders will be participating in the rainbow run; a 5km run where they will be showered with powder paint, all in the name of charity!



The event is designed to raise money for Children's Hospice South West, a local charity who provides care for children and young people with life-threatening and life-limiting conditions. They support both the individual and their families to make a positive impact in difficult, emotional circumstances.

We would love for you to support us in reaching our fundraising target. If you're able to donate anything please take a look at our <u>JustGiving page</u>





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Community Events





Tour de Kernow

19TH - 21ST SEPTEMBER 2024

Join the Pedal 4 Patients Tour de Kernow, a charity cycling challenge raising vital funds for



Pedal through Cornwall's stunning landscape over three days whilst making a difference to those who need it most at our hospitals in Cornwall



Contact us for your information pack CALL 01872 252 858

EMAIL rcht.charity@nhs.net

Registration Fee £95

Minimum Fundraising Target <u>£650</u>

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