

5 JULY 2024: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Dear Parents and Carers,

As I sit at my desk on Thursday morning to write these words, I am somewhat baffled as to where to begin as there are so many events and messages worthy of inclusion. At the very top of the list, however, is a message of thanks to you as parents, carers and families for your support over the past term and academic year.

Of equal importance, however, is the General Election which is taking place as I write. The outcome of this will have an impact upon us all, and particularly so for families with children at independent schools. I take this opportunity to emphasise the fact that, here at Truro School, the implications of VAT on school fees have been a topic of conversation and focus at Governor and Leadership level for well over 18 months. Furthermore, the School has been involved in much scenario planning, both individually and as part of the MIST group. The School's Chief Operating Officer, Kieran Topping, will provide an update which I will include in my end-of-term letter.

Next on the list of topics bidding for the headline act in this message is the raft of events that have taken place over the past four days. The Nursery 'Film Premiere', the Reception Woodland Tea Party, the magnificent Summer Concert (with every member of the Prep School taking to the stage) and, of course, today's Speech Day (featuring our guest speaker, Helen Lederer) top the list but I could also include the Pre-Prep and Prep School Elections and the Year 6 team at Truro Cricket Club for the Kwik cricket finals. We have certainly kept ourselves busy and have evaded any 'gentle run-in' to the end of term.

As outlined earlier, I will be sending an 'end of term' letter in the days ahead so I will keep this message brief and, if I may, finish by reiterating my opening lines – namely to thank you all for your support and for lending us your children throughout the term. They are an amazing and impressive group of children and they are a credit to you all.

With every good wish,

Rob



Monday 2 September - Friday 6 September 2024

Details may change; please check the online calendar for updates.

Thursday 5 September

Autumn Term begins

FURTHER AUTUMN TERM DATES TO
FOLLOW

For a full list of this term's clubs and activities, please click [here](#).

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Walking in a Woodland Wonderland

Our beautiful outdoor area at Truro School Prep, the Enchanted Garden, was busier than normal yesterday as our Reception pupils invited their families in to share a fabulous woodland afternoon tea.

Outdoor learning is an essential and integral part of the curriculum at Prep, particularly in the Pre-Prep where it is used daily. The extensive gardens have been lovingly developed by Mrs Stableforth who has worked tirelessly to turn them into a haven for our children and our wildlife.

The gardens use recycled and re-purposed materials wherever possible (including the beautiful bunting) and our children are encouraged to make things, like Log Dog (who can be seen being 'walked' in our photos below) and the stunning willow crowns they wore for the afternoon, from natural materials.

The woodland afternoon tea was a chance to celebrate the joys of being outdoors with our families; our Reception children were certainly delighted to show off their favourite areas including the mud kitchen, ball slide and willow maze.

It was a truly magical afternoon and was the perfect end to a fantastic year. We want to thank all of the staff, pupils and families who made the afternoon possible, with special thanks to Mrs Stableforth for creating such a unique and special outdoor learning area for us to enjoy.

View more images here > <https://www.truroschool.com/latest-news/walking-in-a-woodland-wonderland/>



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626 Transition Day

Senior Prefect Elwyn has been very busy organising a transition day for the Year 6 pupils at Truro School Prep to help ease their transition to the Senior School in September. Entirely student-led, the aptly named '626 Day' provides our Year 6s with a dynamic carousel of activities including a Maths scavenger hunt, Physics and Biology practical sessions and creating fossil casts for Geology.

Held at Truro School Prep, each exciting session was run by a group of newly appointed Sixth Form Prefects. It was a fantastic opportunity for the younger pupils to get acquainted with new subjects while forming all-important bonds with their new prefect team.

There was also time for the Year 6 pupils to quiz the Prefects about life at the Senior School, with questions ranging from whether there would be salt on the chips (there will) and what kind of activities the boarders got up to at weekends.

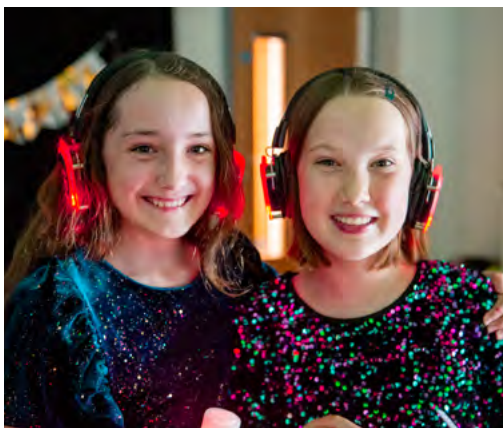
Thanks to all of the staff and Prefects who made the afternoon so enjoyable, with special thanks to Elwyn for creating such a purposeful and meaningful afternoon for our soon-to-be 1st Years.

Year 6 Silent Disco

Silence was golden at the Year 6 Silent Disco on Friday at Truro School Prep. With headphones tuned to their favourite channels, our pupils sang and danced to their hearts' content. Meanwhile, parents and staff gathered in the Dining Room for a more sedate gathering; marking one of the final occasions this cohort of pupils and their families will gather at Prep before term ends this week.

We would like to thank the staff and helpers who made the evening possible and so much fun for all.

You can view more lovely photos online here > <https://www.truroschoo.com/latest-news/year-6-silent-disco/>



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Maths Team's Stunning Performance

Congratulations to our amazing Year 6 Maths Team who have placed a magnificent 2nd in the Quiz Club National Mathematics Final in Oxford.

Our team, consisting of George, Oliver, Ayden and Jensen were selected after qualifying with the four highest scores in the Area Heat Champions earlier this year. We were so proud of all of our Year 6 mathematicians, with the top ten girls and boys from the year group all achieving fantastic and extremely close scores in this heat.

With a long journey and some traffic nightmares thrown in, our fabulous four arrived in Oxford ready to take on the toughest of maths challenges, the Quiz Club National Mathematics Final. The event consists of three rounds of ten questions, with each round getting progressively more difficult.

We were extremely proud of our maths team; not only for their mathematical ability, but also for their ability to work collaboratively under pressure, their confidence and their strategic thinking.

You can read the story in full here > <https://www.truroschool.com/latest-news/maths-teams-stunning-performance/>

Shortlisted for Prestigious ISOTY Awards

We are thrilled to announce Truro School has been shortlisted in two of the most highly coveted categories at the Independent Schools of the Year (ISOTY) 2024 Awards: 'Co-educational Independent School of the Year' and 'Independent Prep School of the Year.'

Recognised as the leading awards in the UK independent education sector, the ISOTY Awards celebrate excellence in education. Dr. Helen Wright, Chair of ISOTY, remarked, "It has been truly wonderful to receive so many nominations which clearly celebrate 'excellence in education' and showcase the myriad of activities in which our students have the opportunity to excel."

Being shortlisted for these awards is a huge honour, reflecting the dedication and hard work of our teachers, staff, pupils and students. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the ISOTY judges for recognising our commitment to providing outstanding co-educational opportunities and for considering Truro School Senior and Prep to be 'best in class'.



Guinea Pigs Rule

To coincide with the General Election, Pre-Prep have completed their own election. Year 2 were split into different parties, with party deciding on a name, colour, logo and manifesto. Each party then had a meeting with Mr Morse to share their manifestos before presenting these to the rest of Pre-Prep. After a very tight vote, The Guinea Pig Party were elected. Their manifesto included Fruit Kebab Fridays, less homework and school discos; they will now look at these ideas for next term.



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An Absolutely Fabulous Prep Speech Day

It was with great pleasure that Truro School Prep welcomed British comedian, writer and actress, Helen Lederer to our annual Speech Day and Prize Giving.

The afternoon was opened by Joint Vice Chair of Governors, Mrs Liz Garner, who welcomed parents, staff and pupils before she reflected on Truro School's Values; Curiosity, Confidence, Compassion, Curiosity and Courage, this year's value.

She remarked, "Courage comes in many forms... it can be very small but our actions do need a little challenge, perhaps a little fear. This takes bravery; having courage is hard." She urged our pupils to take courage because, through courageous steps, we can head forward into new adventures, new challenges and new ways of thinking.

Head of Truro School, Mr Andy Johnson led an opening prayer before our Boy Choristers took to the stage for two beautiful songs, the gentle 'View Me Lord' and a bouncy rendition of Psalm 150, written by a former chorister in 1967.

Head of Prep, Mr Rob Morse then gathered his reflections on the past year, noting the impressive raft of daily and weekly extracurricular activities and achievements our Prep Pupils have experienced, alongside their hard work in the classroom.

Mr Morse also spoke of the importance of our values and the need for kindness, honesty, work and friendship. In all of these areas, we get what we give. He reminded pupils, that, as they step into their new year groups and new schools, "It is kindness and service to others that makes our school what it is."

It was then time for a cornucopia of awards, cups and prizes to be handed out to our phenomenal Prep pupil body before Helen Lederer gave an entertaining and insightful speech to close the afternoon.

Well done to all of our prize winners and thanks to the guests and families who attended the event. It was a fitting and moving end to another fantastic year at Truro School Prep.



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A Joyful Prep Concert

This year's Prep Concert was a wonderful collective cacophony of music, talent and laughter.

The afternoon began with the Sambal, directed by Mr Weeks and led by Edie. The on-point rhythm provided an upbeat start to the concert and led beautifully to our Year 3 children. Their rendition of 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight' had everyone swaying and singing along to the chorus, while their percussion instruments, fondly named 'Harry and the Boomwhackers' provided a well-kept beat.

The interlude followed with a selection of jokes from Mr Morse, before the Orchestra, directed by Mr MacQuarrie played songs including 'Noble Maiden Fair' and 'Blue Sky'.

It was then the turn of our Year 4 pupils, who combined the violin, ukulele and guitar, showcasing talents from beginner to more experienced players. It was a fantastic opportunity for the year to come together and enjoy the thrill of creating music as a large group.

Mr Morse then made a special guest appearance with the talented Brass Group, whose rendition of 'Money, Money, Money', directed by Mr Pope was a toe-tapping affair.

After more jokes from our Truro School Prep Head, the Year 5's transported us on a musical journey to Japan, with music played on the ukulele, percussion, xylophones, flutes and violin. It was a magical and delightful moment.

With a beautiful rendition of 'Kusimama' completed, our Year 6 Beauty and the Beast crew gave the audience a thrilling recap of this term's outstanding performance.

The audience, pupils and staff body brought the afternoon to a close with 'Cornwall My Home' and some rousing 'Oggy Oggy Oggy' chants. It was an emotional, moving and exceptional display of musical talent, courage and collectiveness. Well done to all of our pupils.

Thank you to our Truro School Prep parents for their ongoing support and encouragement, both at the concert and throughout the academic year. Special thanks to our Peripatic Music Teachers, Mr MacQuarrie and Angela Renshaw, who provided the energy and the heart of the concert from start to finish.

You can read the story in full here > <https://www.truroschoo.com/latest-news/a-joyful-prep-concert/>

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Updates from the FTS

A big thank you from FTS to everyone who attended the summer fair. We raised just over £2,000 which will all be spent on projects for the children. A very special mention to Mr Morse, Mr Frewer, Mr Dove and Mr Keveren for their bravery in Soak the Teacher, which was undoubtedly the star event!

For those of you who will be moving up to the Senior School from September, please look out for information (to follow shortly) regarding 1st Year Senior Coffee Mornings, that will be held in September for all new parents.

The next Prep Welcome Coffee Morning will be on Friday 6th September 2024.

On behalf of the FTS Team, we wish everyone a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you at the next FTS event when we return in September.



FTS | Friends of
Truro School



UNIFORM
Sale

Coffee Morning

*Please join us for an informal meet-up on
the last Friday of every month; old and
new faces are always welcome.*

Friday 6th September
Prep Dining Hall
from 8.45 am



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NOTICES

Family Focus



Summer holidays are approaching. Are you wondering how to keep your children busy? Here are some ideas that might help...

Nature Scavenger Hunt

- Create a list of natural items (leaves, rocks, flowers, insects) for children to find in the yard or a local park.

Gardening

- Start a small garden or plant flowers together. Children can learn about plant growth and enjoy watching their efforts bloom.

Garden Camping

- Set up a tent in the backyard for a camping experience. Include activities like stargazing, storytelling, and roasting marshmallows.

Obstacle Course

- Create an obstacle course using household items like ropes, cones, and hula hoops. Time each other to see who can complete it the fastest.

Outdoor Art Projects

- Use chunky chalk to create murals on the drive or paint rocks to decorate the garden.

Bird Watching

- Set up a bird feeder and use a guidebook or app to identify different bird species that visit.

Sports and Games

- Play classic outdoor games like tag, hide and seek, frisbee, or football. Set up a mini sports day with different activities.

Treasure Hunt

- Bury small treasures or toys in the yard and create a map or clues for your children to find them.

Science Experiments

- Conduct fun and simple outdoor science experiments, such as making a baking soda and vinegar volcano or creating a rainbow with a garden hose.

NOTICES

Family Focus continued

Bug Hunt and Identification

- Go on a bug hunt in the garden, collecting and identifying insects using a guidebook or app. Discuss the roles different insects play in the ecosystem.

Photosynthesis Experiment

- Cover a leaf of a plant with aluminium foil for a few days, then remove the foil and observe the differences between the covered and uncovered parts of the leaf.

Water Cycle in a Bag

- Create a mini water cycle by placing a small amount of water in a clear plastic bag, sealing it, and taping it to a sunny window. Observe how water evaporates, condenses, and precipitates inside the bag.

Sunflower Growth Tracking

- Plant sunflower seeds and measure their growth regularly. Keep a growth chart and discuss the factors affecting their growth.

Junk Modelling

- Give your child items from your recycling, boxes, kitchen roll tubes, plastic bottles, etc. Using tape see what they can make or set them a challenge. (Can you make a bird feeder?)

DIY Worm Farm

- Create a small worm farm using a container filled with soil, organic waste, and worms. Observe how worms break down organic matter and enrich the soil.

You might find this website useful:

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2022/07/outdoor-summer-activities-for-kids/

Pre-Prep

Achievements



Our Learning This Week:

It has been such a wonderful final week of this academic year. As a member of staff, it is always sad to say goodbye to your class but, every year, it is a privilege and a pleasure to be part of the children's educational journey. Thank you to all our families for the support you have given us, as a team, to make this year such a success.

We wish you all a wonderful break and look forward to the next chapter in September.

Louis Keveren and Kate Williams



Head's Commendations

Christopher 3SM for Maths:

For outstanding achievement in the weekly times table challenges.

Bo 5CD for English:

A beautifully made pressed flower, illuminated bowl coupled with a highly technical Power Point with photos and fascinating information galore.

Cora 5CD for English:

A beautifully presented book all about her determined and personal experience of the Race for Life.

Charlie 5CD for English:

A fascinating insight into the history of Cornwall's Carclew House! Your boundless knowledge and enthusiasm held a captive audience.

Fitzwilliam 5CD for English:

An incredibly crafted poem about the life of John Muir in three verses, which was both informative and thought-provoking.

Isaac 5LJ for English:

A very well presented PowerPoint all about his involvement in the Race for Life and a heart felt message about why supporting such charities is so very important.

Prep

Achievements



House Point Form Champions

3ME: Teddy & Kaleem
3SM: Elodie
4LL: Sofia & Edward
4SC: Fjola
5CD: Will S
5LJ: Isaac
5SL: Roen
6AG: Rowan
6DG: Charlie C
6JL: Lowenna

Music

William 5LJ has passed
Grade 1 singing with merit.

Gold Commendations

Rupert 5LJ for English: John Muir

Title of work: My Treehouse

Comment: a really informative and confidently presented talk about your design and build with dad.

Jenson 5SL for English: John Muir

Title of work: Bug Hotel

Comment: an intricate and perfectly made bug house for all creatures- great and small.

Merit Awards

Bronze Merit Awards

3ME: Ella C, Ella D, Ollie, Boe, Teddy, Jack, Bobby, Poppy, Erin, Arthur, Malhar, Albie, Greta, Kaleem, Freddy

3SM: Ramona

4LL: Endelyn, Sofia, Oliver B, Saffron, Arlo

4SC: Connie, Arthur H

5SL: Emmeline, Eleanor, Ellie, Matilda, Penny

Silver Merit Awards

3SM: Henry CT, Zander

4LL: Maya, Ashleigh

4SC: Audrey, Ethan

5LJ: Amaya

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Football

Lissie (5LJ) was selected as a defender for the Plymouth Argyle Academy team at the Somerset Cup held in Brean Sands this May. Her team faced tough competition, battling hard against both boys and girls teams.

Their perseverance paid off as they secured several victories and draws, ultimately winning the Girls' U10 Trophy.

Times Tables Challenge

3ME: Poppy

3SM: Niah

5LJ: Digby

Times Tables Rockstars

Times Table Rock Star of the Week

Rupert Year 5

Top Rock Performers

Year 3: Zander

Year 4: Audrey

Year 5: Rosie

Touch Typing

Fitzwilliam 5CD has completed regular touch-typing practice. Moving through the BBC Dance Mat programme and on to "Touch-type read and spell".

Art: Gold Frame

Isaac H 6JL for your confident and creative portrait painting.

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Reading Awards



Morpurgo Club (50 Books)	3ME: Jack, Arthur
Dahl Club (60 Books)	3ME: Arthur, Freddy
Walliams Club (70 Books)	3ME: Freddy
Gamble Club (110 Books)	3ME: Malhar
Wilson Club (120 Books)	3ME: Malhar

Prep

Achievements



House 2024 cricket results

1. Smith
2. School
3. Wickett
4. Vinter

House 2024 rounders results

1. Wickett
2. Vinter
3. School
4. Smith

Colours

Cricket

6AG: George M, Jacob

6JL: Casper, Raif, Rex

Tennis

6DG: Sophie, Sylvie

6JL: Lowenna, Isabella, Lexi, Maya, Amelia, Gracie, Rose, Charlotte, George B, Raif, George M, Isaac H, Ben M

Athletics

6AG: Rowan, Jacob, Luca, Archie, George M, Hetty

6JL: Raif, George B, Isaac H, Isabella, Amelia, Maya, Lahni, Rosie

Music

6AG: Thomas, Delilah, Edie, Jensen, Otilie, Jakob

6DG: Mia, Ethan, Atti, Sophie, Mairi, Jennifer

6JL: Isabella, Lexi, Rex, Gracie, Maya, Isaac M, Niamh, Rosie

Prep

Achievements



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House captains for next year

Smith captain

Fitzwilliam

Smith vice

Lissie

Wickett captain

Ellie

Wickett vice

Florence

School captain

Penny

School vice

Miles

Vinter captain

Tilda

Vinter vice

William Sc

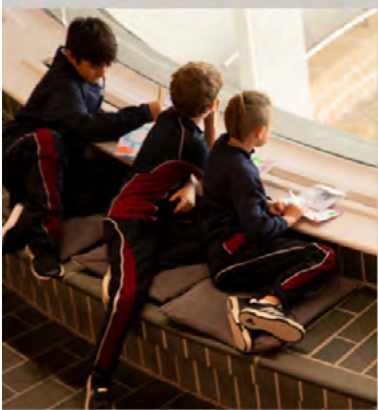
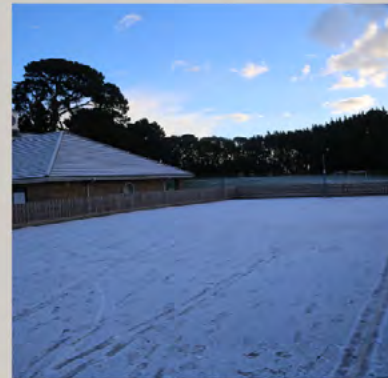


Goodbye and Good Luck



Year 6
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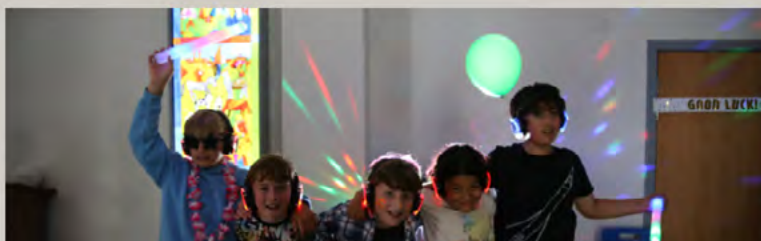
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ACTIVITY CAMPS

SUMMER SCHEDULE 2024

JULY

Wednesday 24th - Multi Sport Activity Camp
Thursday 25th - Multi Sport Activity Camp
Friday 26th - Multi Sport Activity Camp
Monday 29th - Multi Sport Activity Camp, Bushcraft
Tuesday 30th - Multi Sport Activity Camp, Bushcraft
Wed 31st - Multi Sport Activity Camp, Art workshop

AUGUST

Thursday 1st - Multi Sport Activity Camp, Bushcraft
Friday 2nd - Multi Sport Activity Camp
Monday 5th - Multi Sport Activity Camp, Bushcraft
Tuesday 6th - Drama Workshop, Bushcraft
Wednesday 7th - Drama Workshop, Art workshop
Thursday 8th - Multi Sport Activity Camp
Friday 9th - Multi Sport Activity Camp
Monday 12th - Multi Sport Activity Camp
Tuesday 13th - Multi Sport Activity Camp, Bushcraft, Elevate Hockey
Wednesday 14th - Multi Sport Activity Camp
Thursday 15th - Multi Sport Activity Camp
Friday 16th - Multi Sport Activity Camp
Monday 19th - Multi Sport Activity Camp
Tuesday 20th - Multi Sport Activity Camp, Bushcraft
Wednesday 21st - Netball Camp 7-11yrs, Multi Sport Activity Camp
Thursday 22nd - Netball Camp 11-14yrs, Multi Sport Activity Camp
Friday 23rd - Multi Sport Activity Camp
Tuesday 27th - Multi Sport Activity Camp
Wednesday 28th - Multi Sport Activity Camp
Thursday 29th - Multi Sport Activity Camp
Friday 30th - Multi Sport Activity Camp

SEPTEMBER

Monday 2nd - Multi Sport Activity Camp
Tuesday 3rd - Multi Sport Activity Camp

BOOKINGS GO LIVE MONDAY 1ST JULY!

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HERON TENNIS HOLIDAY CAMPS 2024

FOR AGES 5-9 YRS | 9.00AM-12.00PM

AVAILABLE DATES

- WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY
- WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST
- WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST
- WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST
- FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST
- FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST
- FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST
- FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST

£21 MEMBERS/ £24 NON-MEMBERS PER SESSION

FOR AGES 10YRS + | 1.00PM-4.00PM

AVAILABLE DATES

- WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY
- WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST
- WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST
- WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST

£21 MEMBERS/ £24 NON-MEMBERS PER SESSION

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Inspiring holiday creative writing workshops

Did you know that children can forget up to 40% of what they've learnt over the summer holidays?

Orion Education are excited to announce their Summer Special creative writing workshops in Truro and Falmouth.

The 90 minute creative writing sessions will be run by Oxford graduates and qualified primary teacher Katharine.

They are designed to:

- Boost imagination and foster creativity
- Enhance vocabulary and descriptive writing
- Develop confidence and overall writing skills

Truro dates: 31st July and 1st August at Truro Library at 10:30am

For more details or to book a place please get in touch!

<https://www.orioneducation.co.uk/creative-writing-workshops>



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SOCIETY OF ARTS IN CORNWALL
GALLERY

Heseltine at THE HEPWORTH

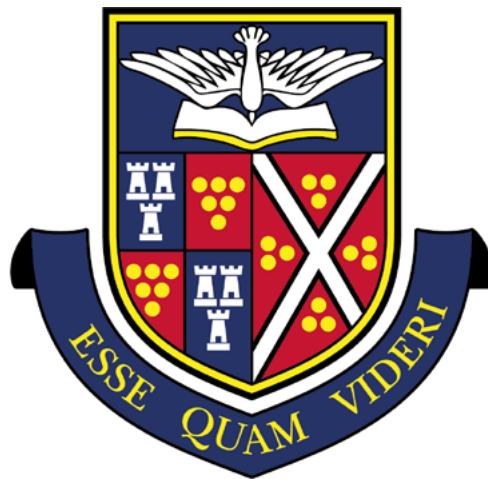
The Truro School Art Collection

Penwith Gallery, St. Ives
May 2024 - July 2024
Private View: Friday 21st June 5.30pm

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Happy Holidays!

From Truro School Prep



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