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**TRURO
SCHOOL
SIXTH**



Truro School Sixth Form

TO BE, RATHER THAN TO SEEM TO BE

TRURO SCHOOL SIXTH

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“
I chose Truro School for Sixth Form because of the teachers and my decision always felt like the right choice. I wouldn't have got the results I did without the teachers.
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THEO, STUDENT

COURSES

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- | BIOLOGY
- | BUSINESS STUDIES
- | CHEMISTRY
- | COMPUTER SCIENCE
- | COOKERY
- | DESIGN TECHNOLOGY
- | DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES
- | ECONOMICS
- | ENGLISH LITERATURE
- | THE EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION
- | FOOTBALL PROGRAMME
- | GEOGRAPHY
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- | MATHEMATICAL STUDIES (CORE MATHS)
- | MODERN LANGUAGES
- | MUSIC
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- | PHYSICS
- | PSYCHOLOGY
- | RELIGIOUS STUDIES
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YOUR FUTURE BEGINS HERE.

Entering Truro School Sixth Form is an exciting time; you want to achieve the best grades with a CV that impresses Admissions Officers and employers, but you also want to have a fun two years that will be full of life experiences.

Here at Truro School we believe that, whilst our excellent examination results and university outcomes speak for themselves, they should only be the culmination of a memorable two years that help you to develop as a well-rounded individual.

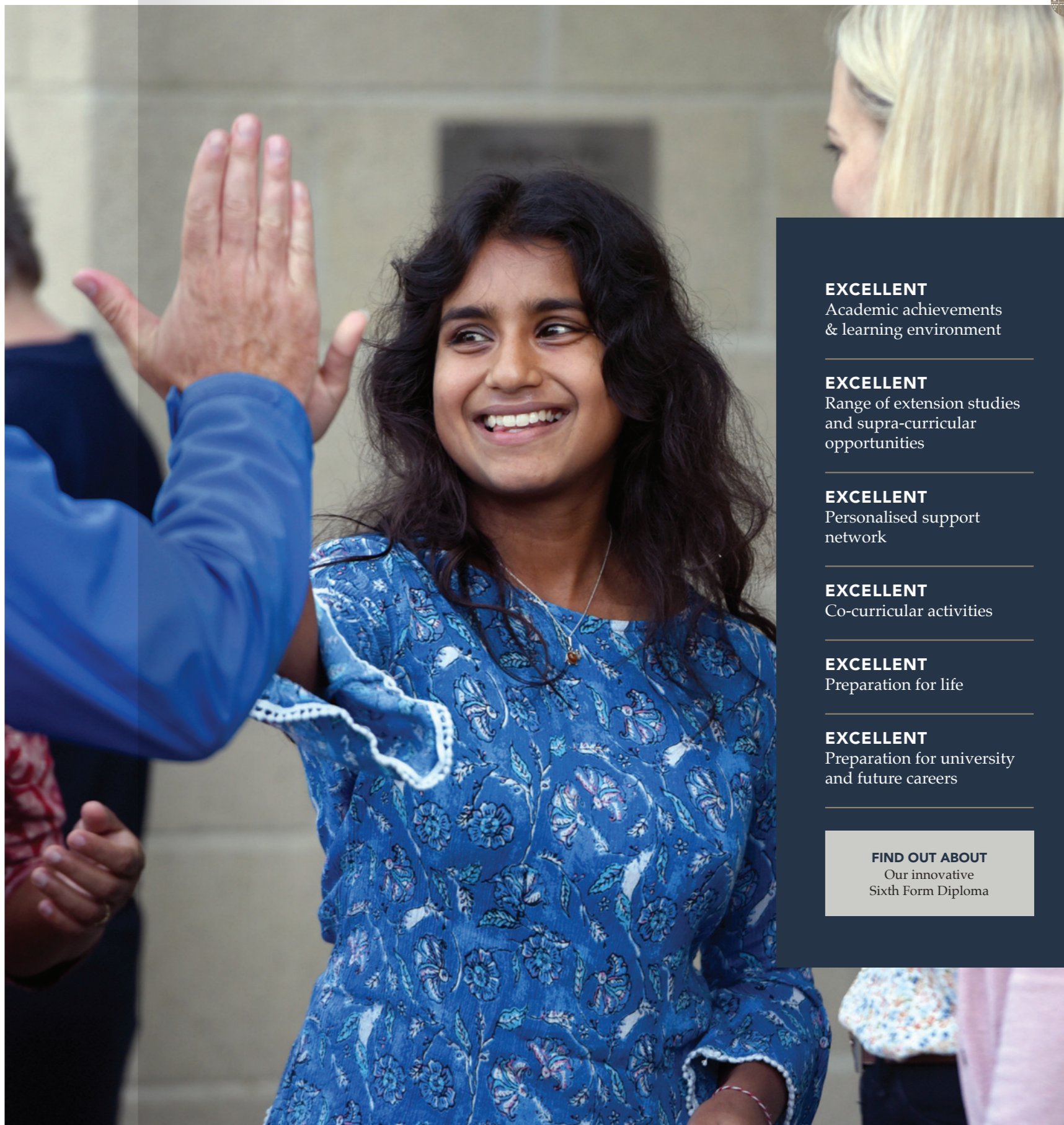
That is why our Sixth Form delivers excellent academic standards alongside a personalised support network and innovative Sixth Form Diploma programme with a strong focus on leadership and employability skills to provide students with a truly 'balanced' education.

We also believe that studying A-Levels shouldn't mean you have to give up your other interests; co-curricular activities, including sport, drama, arts, music and outdoor pursuits to name but a few, play a vital role in preparing students for the pressures of the exam room, as well as providing improved wellbeing and mental toughness.

By joining Truro School's Sixth Form you will be part of a strong community of students who are ready to learn, grow, develop and flourish together.

As we look ahead to the next academic year, we look forward to welcoming you on the first step of your Sixth Form journey. Like those before you, you will be given the individual guidance and support to thrive, providing the springboard to your future.

HEAD OF SIXTH FORM
ROSS WILLIAMSON



EXCELLENT
Academic achievements & learning environment

EXCELLENT
Range of extension studies and supra-curricular opportunities

EXCELLENT
Personalised support network

EXCELLENT
Co-curricular activities

EXCELLENT
Preparation for life

EXCELLENT
Preparation for university and future careers

FIND OUT ABOUT
Our innovative Sixth Form Diploma



EXCELLENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

OVER **90%**

secured or reached destinations of choice within less than a day of results.



45%
A*/A
at A-Level

73%
A*-B
at A-Level

20%
A*
at A-Level

EXCELLENT VALUE-ADDED

ALPS grade 2 scores in the top 10% nationally

EXCELLENT TEACHING

Awarded 'Double Excellent' status by the Independent Schools Inspectorate

Excellent academic and other achievements

Excellent personal development



At Truro School Sixth Form you can rest assured that we have excellent teaching staff. Inspectors recognised our talented and dedicated teachers by awarding us 'Double Excellent' status, the top grades possible.



SMALL CLASS SIZES

With class sizes never exceeding 16, and even smaller tutor groups, our teachers have the time to fully understand how you learn best, providing outstanding progression and support.

WEEKLY CLINICS

Clinics offer small group assistance, providing you with individualised academic support when you need it most.

EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

From leading guest speakers in the Burrell Theatre to opportunities to represent the school through national competitions and contests, there are a huge range of extended learning opportunities available.

SUPRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Each department will point students toward areas of supra-curricular activities, both within and outside the School environment, to support your A-Level learning and evidence, for universities, your depth of knowledge.

ACADEMIC EXTENSIONS

Our academic extensions make for impressive elements on CVs and Personal Statements, giving you the ability to stand head and shoulders above competing candidates when it comes to university or job interviews.

PERSONAL TUTOR

Regular meetings with your personal tutor to discuss progress in subjects and involvement in co-curricular, ensuring the balance is right.



Pupils are encouraged and celebrated for working hard and engaging in lessons, and they really do. The level of enthusiasm and eloquence from pupils throughout the lessons we sat in was striking, made easier by inspirational and upbeat teachers.

GOOD SCHOOL GUIDE



PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY AND CAREERS

At Truro School, we take pride in the academic record of our students.



Not only are their examination results consistently high, but the overwhelming majority move on to succeed in Higher Education, including at the most selective universities. While these achievements are in no small part down to our Sixth Form students' positive attitude to their work, we have also earned a reputation for the outstanding quality of our advice and encouragement.

SUPERB SUPPORT

Truro School Sixth Form offers superb levels of support, both in and out of the classroom. Small class sizes, clinics and excellent teaching maintain an environment where each student is able to be the best that they can be academically, whilst a proactive approach to tracking, monitoring and communications provides a safety-net for all our students.

PERSONALISED CAREERS AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

One of the biggest advantages of being part of Truro School's Sixth Form is the outstanding careers guidance on offer from our in-house Careers Team. Throughout each school year there are a number of careers events, including psychometric testing, one-to-one interviews, timetabled career sessions and a dedicated resource centre, as well as business lunches, allowing students to get a taste of various professions during their time in the Sixth Form.

Once you've set your sights on a career, you'll then need to figure out how to get there. At this point you will be rigorously supported in securing places at leading universities or on top apprenticeship schemes, both in the UK and overseas.

Throughout the Upper Sixth, extensive and highly personalised support is provided with every aspect of your application, from writing a personal statement to preparing for interviews and deciding which offers to accept. Our Sixth Form team are there to advise on UCAS Extra, and, after results day, to help those who need it to successfully navigate Adjustment and Clearing.

OVERSEAS UNIVERSITIES

An increasing number of our students look to expand their horizons by undertaking undergraduate study overseas. In recent years we have helped students to get places across Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA.

There is specialist support available to help students who aspire to undertake the student-athlete route with several getting generous sports scholarships or full rides, and we have been delighted to see our students attend US colleges both mid ranked and Ivy League.

OXBRIDGE APPLICATIONS

For those applying to Oxford or Cambridge we have a designated member of staff who supports you through this particular application system. With individualised preparation for tests and interviews, we ensure that you are completely ready to grasp the process and increase your chances of success. Oxbridge Admissions Tutors are invited to Truro School to meet students, giving them the opportunity to explain just exactly what they are looking for in a successful application.



“*Truro School has been amazing for me. I definitely wouldn't have got into Medicine without the school's support, or the help from the Medical Pathway Programme here led by Mrs Havis. The teachers put in so much time to help us when we're confused or struggling emotionally or academically. They make such an effort to go the extra mile*”

REUBEN, STUDENT

THE MEDICAL PATHWAYS PROGRAMME

Medical Pathways is Truro School's personalised programme that prepares students for success at securing an interview and a place at medical, dental or veterinary school.

You will gain insight into your prospective career and be thoroughly supported in developing the skills you need to evidence on your personal statement, in application tests and at interview.

GREATER INDEPENDENCE

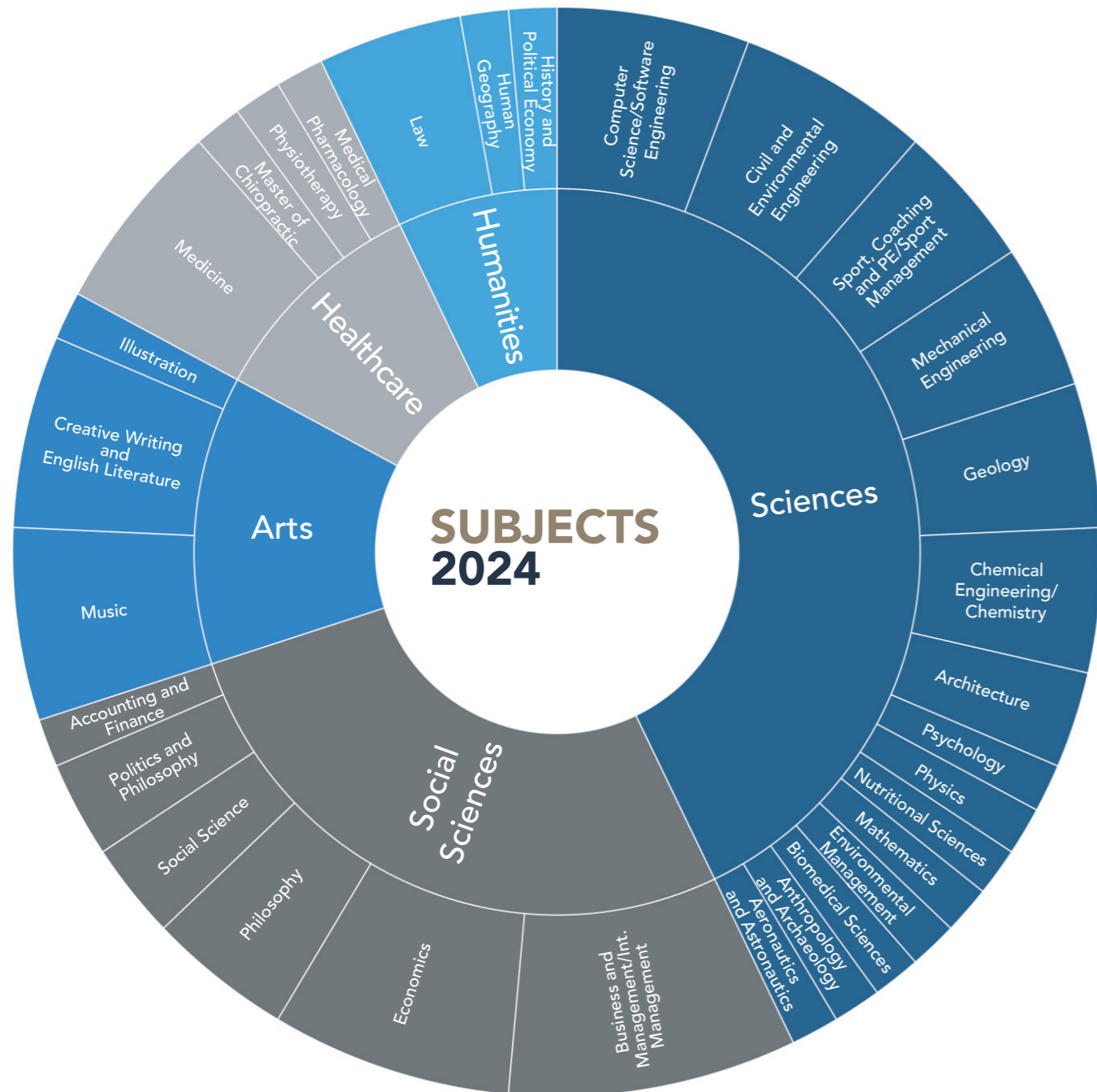
Developing a healthy work-life balance is an essential ingredient to success at A-Level and beyond.

In the Lower Sixth, students are able to utilise their greater independence and make the most of private study periods with spaces on campus specifically for the Sixth Form: Sixth Form Café, Sixth Form Common Room, ICT suite and Sixth Form Study Area. Students may also make use of the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre's gym.

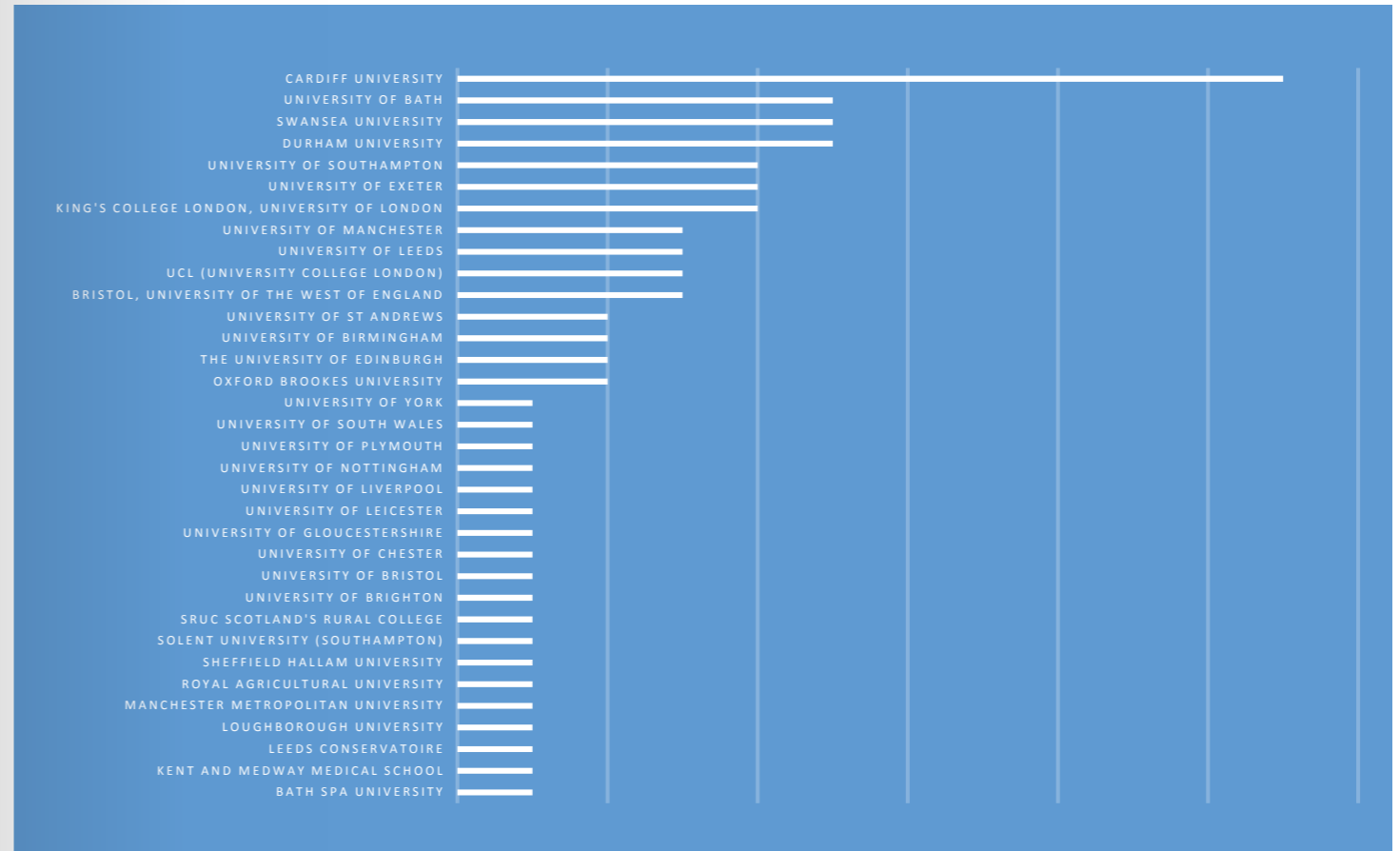
Throughout the Upper Sixth, if on track, students can gain additional independence. You can leave campus or sign out in the afternoon if you have no further commitments that day. There is also a designated Sixth Form parking area.



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS



DESTINATIONS 2024



Truro School has a strong track record in supporting students to find a pathway that fits their ambitions and aspirations.

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As part of the Post 18 Options days for Lower Sixth students in June each year, Mrs Kenward and Mr Williamson provide various

sessions looking at pathways outside of UK universities such as apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships, gap years and much more. This aspect of our provision will continue to grow as the Post 18 landscape changes in future years.

In 2024, over 90% of the cohort secured or reached destinations of their choice within less than a day of their results. Popular destinations for our leavers include Cardiff and Durham. Other favoured university choices included Exeter, Southampton, Manchester, Bath and Bristol UWE.



One of the main roles of Truro School Sixth Form is to set students up for the rest of their lives; working with our thriving and supportive community through the Truro School Connected community.

COMMUNITY ETHOS

The Truro School Community is a thriving and supportive network of past and present students, parents, staff and governors working together to offer students life-changing opportunities.

Established and organised by the Development and Alumni Relations office, this professional and social network encourages every member of the Sixth Form to enjoy and benefit from their association with the Truro School Community through diverse events, invaluable careers support, guidance and mentoring opportunities.

STUDENTS MAY BENEFIT FROM:

CAREERS ADVICE AND LINKS – gain insight into your preferred employment sector and develop personal networks

MOCK INTERVIEWS – gain more experience ready for university and/or employment interviews

WORK SHADOWING – spend time with a professional gaining a brilliant insight into that particular job role or sector of employment

LECTURE SERIES – hear from those at different points of the career ladder, just setting out and those who have years of experience

CV TECHNIQUES – have your CV checked by those recruiting into your chosen career path

Many Old Truronians return to visit the Sixth Form, ready to inspire our current students through talks and workshops, often offering personalised advice whilst here. Our Old Truronians also play an essential role in delivering our Medical Pathways Programme.

Truro School Connected is as important in shaping the achievements of our younger alumni as it is in helping them towards their next steps at 18.

Recent Old Truronians are encouraged to make use of Truro School Connected through the Development Office and are invited to networking events in London and Bristol. These play an essential role in bringing members of our community together and provide a platform for professional and social networking long after a student has left the Sixth Form.

“
The culture here is that everyone wants and tries to do well.
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BENJI, STUDENT



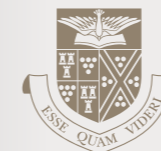
“
Truro School is creating valuable members of society. Companies are looking for more than just qualifications in their interviews. They want drive and ambition and a well-rounded team player. That is what this school gives to pupils here.
”

PARENT

TRURO SCHOOL
CONNECTED



DIPLOMA **ASPIRE**



We are pleased to introduce our innovative Sixth Form Diploma, a guided framework of exciting opportunities within supra-curricular, personal growth and leadership and service, built around our core A-Level offering.

As a school, we are very excited by this initiative. The Diploma is designed to be a choice-driven, well supported and bespoke framework that empowers students to develop skills of value beyond schooling or qualifications, and to be able to evidence their achievements and development better.

A-Level success remains at the core of the Sixth Form journey but it has never been more important to ensure that young adults develop values and skills via experiences and opportunities that go far beyond their academic qualifications, and in a way that supports ambition, success and wellbeing for the students' futures beyond school.

WE'VE GOT YOU

BE SUPPORTED ON YOUR BESPOKE JOURNEY

Supported by subject teachers, tutors and the Sixth Form team, the Diploma builds on the excellent academic, pastoral and co-curricular offering to create a guided framework from which you can develop your individual pathway.





DIPLOMA FRAMEWORK

DIPLOMA ASPIRE

The Diploma runs across the Autumn, Spring and Summer Term in the Lower Sixth and the Autumn and Spring Term in the Upper Sixth with one contact lesson and one timetabled lesson a fortnight during the Lower Sixth.

Within the Diploma framework, you are required to complete the core component section alongside your chosen electives. All students need to complete 150 credits and we recommend that electives are split evenly across supra-curricular, personal growth and leadership and service. Support is given when choosing your electives in order to maximise your success through a cohesive approach.

Electives will be logged and tracked through Unifrog, with credits assigned towards the gold, silver or bronze certificate.

150 CREDITS

split across the three electives

LOWER SIXTH
AUTUMN / SPRING / SUMMER

UPPER SIXTH
AUTUMN / SPRING

CERTIFICATES
GOLD / SILVER / BRONZE

CORE COMPONENT

Core Component

Delivered in timetabled lesson

Lower Sixth:

Autumn

Components focus on an introduction to sixth form life and developing soft skills to thrive during A-levels and beyond.

Spring and Summer

Components focus on using research tools on Unifrog to support post 18 applications and dedicated times to undertake a MOOC.

Upper Sixth:

Autumn

Components focus on the completion of MOOC and supra-curricular work and dedicated post 18 application support.

Spring and Summer

Components focus on looking to the future, including student finance, car maintenance and surviving university.

ELECTIVES

Leadership and Service Electives (50 credits)

ACHE Peer Mentoring Course (20 credits)

ACHE Mentors (10 credits)

Internal Leadership Role (10 credits)

Volunteering (5-10 credits)

Running alongside timetabled lessons

Leadership day (5 credits)

Prefecture (department) (30 credits)

Prefecture (Senior) (20 credits)

Youth Mental Health First Aid Aware course (10 credits)

Committees (10 credits)

Volunteering (10 credits)

Internal leadership role (eg sports captain, assistant coach, referee, head chorister, ensemble lead, team leader, lead part) (5 credits)

Charity Concert organiser (10 credits)

ELECTIVES

Personal Growth Electives (50 credits)

Leiths (30 credits) *Running alongside timetabled lessons*

Seasonaires certificate in ski chalet/yacht cookery course (30 credits) Additional cost Thursday 4 – 6pm

Beach lifesaving qualification (30 credits) £30 Monday after school

Free diving (10 credits)

Self defence - eight sessions (15 credits)

Discovery scuba diving (10 credits)

Music Department:

National level (30 credits)

Regional/County level (20 credits)

School level (5-10 credits)

Various solo/ensemble on a case-by-case basis (5-20 credits)

Drama/Tech Team Department:

Whole School Production (5-20 credits)

Senior School play main role (5-20 credits)

Drama Ensemble (10 credits)

Tech Team (5-10 credits)

Sports Department:

International/National level (50 credits)

Regional/County level (20 credits)

School Team Sport (10 credits)

School Club (5 credits)

Saints South West (5-20 credits)

Outdoor Pursuits:

DofE, Ten Tors, Slovenia, Navigational skills (20 credits)

Art Department:

Life drawing (10 credits)

Open studio (5 credits)

City of Lights (5 credits)

Other:

Yoga (5 credits)

Spin class/fitness/gym (10 credits)

Beginners fencing (5 credits)

Swimming (10 credits)

ELECTIVES

Supra-Curricular Electives (50 credits)

EPQ (30 credits)

Additional A-level (50 credits)

Core Maths (25 credits)

Work Experience (2-20 credits)

Running alongside timetabled lessons

MOOCs, additional to the MOOC in the core units (30 credits)

Burrell Society Lectures (2 credits each)

Pathways, Careers and subject based talks (2 credits each)

Public Speaking opportunity (5 credits)

Academic competitions (10 credits)

Post 18 webinars (5 credits)

The Sixth Form Diploma has introduced me to so many new activities that I would never have dreamed of attempting before, for example scuba diving and mandarin courses, as well as volunteering at local charity shops and applying for prefect roles within school. The supra/extra-curricular activities have given me a well-needed break from my studies, allowing me to think past studies for a bit!

OLIVER



YOUR FUTURE YOUR CHOICE YOUR DIPLOMA

Support will be given when choosing your electives.



DIPLOMA ASPIRE

To truly help you be the best that you can be, and to fully prepare you for life after A-Levels, our Sixth Form Diploma focuses on character development outside of the classroom.

Every student who passes through our Sixth Form leaves a mark on our community and it is through these additional programmes and constant buzz of events and activities that our students really develop an identity and skillset to prepare them for the challenges of adult life.

CO-CURRICULAR

We believe that studying A-Levels shouldn't mean you have to give up your other interests; balance is important and co-curricular activities play a vital role in preparing students for the pressures of the exam room, as well as providing improved wellbeing and mental toughness.

SPORTS AND FITNESS

Truro School has a fine reputation for its sporting achievements at county, regional and national level. The school takes great pride in offering a broad range of sporting opportunities for all pupils, irrespective of their abilities. Blessed with outstanding sporting facilities, as well as knowledgeable and enthusiastic coaches, we can provide support and mentoring programmes to help with your lifestyle choices, nutrition, training and balancing your exercise and studies.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Develop your culinary skills and prepare for independent living with cookery lessons in our new state-of-the-art kitchen. You can study the Leiths Introductory Certificate as part of your timetable or during evening classes.

CREATIVE ARTS

The Heseltine Gallery is our on-site working gallery with an annual programme of exhibitions from external artists designed to inspire and fuel creativity.

DRAMA

Take your performance skills to the next level in our professional theatre or seize an opportunity to learn with a working technical team and professional theatre company.

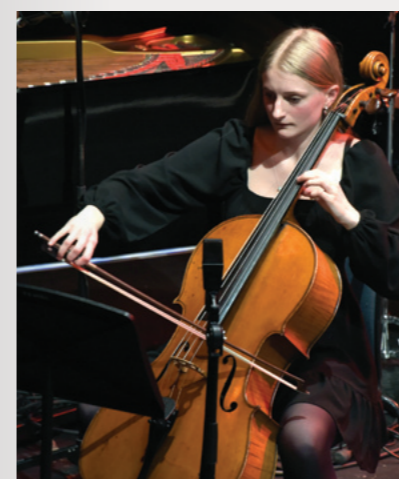
MUSIC

Improve your skills with international musicians and a programme of masterclasses. With over 60 concerts and ensembles throughout the year, there are plenty of opportunities for you to showcase your talents.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Our leading centre is the biggest in the south west and provides opportunities to join the Duke of Edinburgh's award, participate in the Ten Tors challenge on Dartmoor or undertake an overseas adventure.

These activities, whilst fun to take part in, will allow your referee for university and/or employment to evidence valuable skills such as leadership, teamwork, communication, sociability, honesty, integrity, determination, resilience and self-confidence.



“ While Truro School helped Alicia to bridge a gap in her academic studies, the school has developed her potential more fully and helped her to flourish as an individual. Truro School isn't singularly focused on the academic but looks at the development of each individual as a whole person. The School Diploma is brilliant. That it can sit alongside other interests like the Duke of Edinburgh Award is fantastic ”

PARENT



LIFE AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

Our Life Skills programme runs throughout the Lower and Upper Sixth. It helps students make well-educated and informed choices, whilst respecting the independence of each individual.

The programme is designed to prepare you for the journey ahead and gives you a firm understanding of the common threats and challenges that you may face.

Students also get to take part in our Post 18 Options Days where you will get the opportunity to meet a range of entrepreneurs and high-profile visitors from leading businesses and universities. With a multitude of talks and seminars going on at the same time, you can dip into the sessions that interest you specifically, gaining first-hand insight from those at the top.



LEADERSHIP

“*Truro School provides a family, strong values, friendship and support. The teachers have gone above and beyond to help these students achieve, but it’s about ethos too and the values and life-long friends they develop here. Truro School changes young people into adults.*”

PARENT

Truro School has a strong tradition of leadership and responsibility and all students are given the opportunity to nurture and develop active leadership skills during the Sixth Form.

PREFECT SYSTEM

Whether serving as school prefects, head of houses, team captains or representing their peers through the democratically elected Sixth Form Association, we expect students to become positive leaders to their peers and make an important contribution to the life of the school.

COMMITTEES AND EVENTS

Many students take part in events that nurture and develop leadership skills such as the Mock Council of Europe, Model United Nations, Debating Competitions, World Challenge and

Ten Tors. In addition, students are encouraged to join the Charity and Sustainability Committees who help organise events, initiate change and exercise their student voice.

ACHE

ACHE stands for Advice, Care, Help and Empathy. It’s a programme that sees Sixth Form students develop the skills and experience needed to listen to others and to offer compassion in times of need. A key feature of the ACHE training programme is putting what you learn into practice. As you move into the Upper Sixth, you will take on the responsibility of running the peer-mentoring drop-in sessions, working with the younger members of our school community.



We know each and every one of you is unique, and the bespoke framework offers both breadth and flexibility to support and develop each personalised pathway. Within the framework there are opportunities to...

EXPLORE
dynamic & inspiring opportunities

BE SUPPORTED
on your bespoke journey

BUILD & DEVELOP
a bank of evidenced activities

BE CURIOUS

Enjoy discovering and developing your knowledge and understanding through dynamic and inspiring opportunities

BE COMPASSIONATE

Through our Diploma, you will be given opportunities to understand and to champion the needs of others, to lead and to serve, with compassion

BE COURAGEOUS

With electives in personal growth, the Sixth Form Diploma will guide you to become the very best of who you are, examining and discovering your own beliefs to bravely guide you into your future

BE CREATIVE

Search for new ideas and shape your future in a sustainable manner

BE CONFIDENT

Explore intellectual and wider challenges and build resilience by learning from both success and failure alike

“
The support from the teachers has been amazing. Truro School is so good at preparing you for everything.
”

MAYA, STUDENT

NEXT STEPS

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“
Truro School has been amazing.
All of the support from the
teachers has been incredible
”

AIMEE, STUDENT





NEXT STEPS...

If you would like to find out more about Truro School Sixth Form, whether you are a first-time visitor or currently studying your GCSEs at Truro School, there are plenty more open events to help you make a decision.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

An opportunity to find out more about the Sixth Form at Truro School, including speaking to staff and students about your possible subject choices, looking at the co-curricular opportunities and finding out what life in the Sixth Form is like.

SIXTH FORM TASTER DAYS

There's no better way to get a feel for Sixth Form life than to enjoy a taster day. Take part in lessons, explore the Sixth Form facilities and see how Truro School Sixth Form can help you succeed.

A-LEVEL OPTIONS EVENING

Talk to senior academic and pastoral staff about how to choose your A-Level subjects in light of your future degree and career aspirations.

SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING

Prior to the deadline for A-Level subject choices, you and your parents have the opportunity to meet with subject staff to finalise A-Level subjects.

OXBRIDGE EVENING

Like to plan ahead? You and your parents can talk to our staff who are specialists in Oxbridge applications and entries as well as to current students and staff from Oxford and Cambridge.

The Sixth Form is a unique and crucial time in your life. Becoming who you want to be and establishing the platform you wish to launch from into your life beyond school, is an exciting and daunting opportunity. Your own choices about how you learn, pursue wider interests, and socialise, will shape your future. Truro School Sixth Form offers you the right balance of high expectations, active challenge and support, and enhanced independence. We give you access to expert teachers who already know you

well (or get to know you quickly) without treating you like GCSE pupils. We increase your freedom, giving you leadership skills and opportunities, without lowering our expectation of you to be ambitious and engaged. Within our flexible and choice driven Diploma we offer you a vast range of accessible co-curricular opportunities, advice, and challenges, without pre-determining your career or higher education pathway for you.

**ANDY JOHNSON
HEAD**

Please take note that the information presented in this Guide is accurate as of the time of printing, but some aspects, including Trips, may be subject to change.



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