



Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Starting with a colourful Odd Socks Day on Monday to gain the attention of the whole community, we have been marking Anti-Bullying Week with a range of sessions and reflections across the week. Anti-Bullying Week is a nationwide event that aims to raise awareness of bullying of young people, with an emphasis on prevention and effective responses to bullying.

We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all of our pupils so they can learn and grow up feeling welcomed, included and valued. We want to create a school where every pupil has a genuine sense of belonging. This is the case for the vast majority of pupils here, but that doesn't stop us striving for it to be true for all. Clearly, bullying of any kind is unacceptable at Truro School and is not compatible with our School values. It remains the case, as always, that if bullying does occur, we hope that pupils feel able to tell someone in the knowledge that support and appropriate follow up action will be genuine.

In whole school assembly, I spoke this week about the key elements of enhancing our inclusive community to ensure there is an ever-greater sense of belonging, respect and togetherness. Pupils were encouraged to think about the positive chain reaction between "comfort, connection and contribution". Looking out for one another and helping each other to feel comfortable. Seeking out connections with others and working together. Both of these foster a community where each pupil's contributions are unleashed.

Each year group focused on different aspects of anti-bullying this week in pastoral tutorials. Sixth formers focused on the importance they have as role models to younger pupils and our Lower Sixth ACHE counsellors have begun their training ready to be able to mentor and be a point of contact for supporting younger pupils. In the Middle School, year groups focused on understanding when "banter" tips into unkindness as opposed to humour, which is mutually and equitably exchanged. In the Lower School, we saw the most enthusiastic odd sock wearing and pupils discussed how bullying can be defined and explored some fictional scenarios of pupil interactions.

We have also this week launched an online reporting form for pupils concerned about themselves or another pupil. Of course, pupils are still encouraged to talk to members of staff if they have any worries, but schools nationally are increasingly providing an online means for pupils to raise concerns with staff. Posters with a QR code are going up around the school site and will be sent to pupils as well, allowing them to report anything from a mental health concern or a worry about inappropriate behaviours between pupils, so that staff can follow up with them. Of course, anything reported by pupils via this route, as in person, will be followed up sensitively and supportively in line with our usual safeguarding and behaviour policies.

Your children are part of an overwhelmingly happy, ambitious and supportive School community, but as ever, if you have any concerns that you would like to share with us, please contact the relevant Head of Year or tutor in the first instance.

Wishing you a happy and restful weekend.

Rob Murphy
Deputy Head (Pastoral)

Saturday 18 November

09:00 - 15:30 Year 6 Activity Day
Senior School

09:00 - 17:00 Senior Play Technical
Rehearsal Burrell Theatre

09:30 Netball Fixtures
1st VII vs tbc

10:00 - 15:00 Pete Ward - EARTH
Heseltine Gallery

11:00 Rugby Union Fixtures
Boys-U17A vs Plymouth College
Boys-U15A vs Plymouth College

Sunday 19 November

08:45 - 15:45 Duke of Edinburgh
Silver & Gold Training Day
The Assembly Hall

09:00 - 17:00 Drama: Senior Play
Technical Rehearsal
Burrell Theatre

10:00 - 15:00 Pete Ward - EARTH
Heseltine Gallery

Monday 20 November

WEEK B

CHARITY WEEK 4H

09:15 - 10:50 Dragons Den
Sixth Form Design & Technology A-Level

13:00 Cricket Fixtures
Girls-U15A vs Truro and Penwith College
Girls-U15A vs Truro and Penwith College

16:00 Hockey Fixtures
Girls-U13A vs Plymouth College
Girls-U13B vs Plymouth College

18:30 - 19:30 Junior Music Concert
Chapel

Tuesday 21 November

11:00 Golf Fixtures
Mixed-U18A vs Wellington School

16:00 - 17:00 Outdoor Education:
Emergency Procedures Rm 82/83

16:00 Hockey Fixtures
Girls 1st XI vs Truro High School for Girls

16:00 - 17:00 Sixth Form: Business
Talk Tom Kay (Finisterre) Rm 82/8

16:00 - 17:00 Outdoor Education:
Emergency Procedures Rm 82/83

16:30 - 20:00 Sixth Form: Debating
First Round of ESU Competition

Wednesday 22 November

13:00 Basketball Fixtures
Mixed-U15A vs Cornwall School Games
Mixed-U13A vs Cornwall School Games

14:00 Rugby Fixtures
Boys-U13A vs Millfield Prep Boys-U13B

14:30 Netball Fixtures
1st VII vs Truro and Penwith College

14:30 Rugby Union Fixtures
Boys-U13A vs Torquay Boys' Grammar

15:45 Rugby Union Fixtures
Boys-U15A vs Helston College
Boys-U14A vs Helston College
Boys-U13A vs Helston College
Boys-U12A vs Helston College

15:45 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U16A vs Penryn College
Girls-U15A vs Penryn College
Girls-U14A vs Penryn College
Girls-U13A vs Penryn College
Girls-U12A vs Penryn College

19:00 A Christmas Carol - Senior Play
<https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/>

Thursday 23 November

13:00 - 13:30 House Maths
Competition (3rd Year)

14:30 Squash Fixtures
Boys-U16A vs Exeter School

16:00 - 17:00 Sixth Form: ACHE
Sessions Sixth Form Centre

16:15 Football Fixtures
Girls-U16A vs Penryn College

**17:00 - 20:00 2nd Year Subject
Parents' Evening**
Online

19:00 A Christmas Carol - Senior Play
<https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/>

Friday 24 November

Charity Day
Community Action Team

11:00 Hockey Fixtures
Mixed-U16A vs U16 County Tournament

19:00 A Christmas Carol - Senior Play
<https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/>

Saturday 25 November

Outdoor Education: Ten Tors 2
Day Walk

10:00 - 15:00 Pete Ward - EARTH
Heseltine Gallery

11:00 Hockey Fixtures
Girls-U13A vs West Buckland School
Girls-U12A vs West Buckland School

11:00 Rugby Union Fixtures
Boys-U18A vs Mount Kelly
Boys-U18B vs Mount Kelly
Boys-U15A vs Mount Kelly
Boys-U14A vs Mount Kelly

12:00 Hockey Fixtures
Girls-U14A vs West Buckland School

14:00 A Christmas Carol - Senior Play
<https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/>

19:00 A Christmas Carol - Senior Play
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Monday 27 November

WEEK A

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CHARITY WEEK 4J

16:30 - 17:30 Music: 3rd Year Christmas Song Concert

Location: M1

Tuesday 28 November

16:30 - 17:30 Music Concert 4

Location: Chapel

18:00 - 19:00 3rd Year Options Evening - Parents' Event

Location: Burrell Theatre

Wednesday 29 November

GCSE Mock Exams

Location: The Assembly Hall

13:00 Hockey Fixtures

Boys 1st XI vs U18 County Tournament

15:00 Netball Fixtures

1st VII vs Callywith College

15:15 Rugby Union Fixtures

Boys-U15A vs Penrice Academy

Boys-U14A vs Penrice Academy

Boys-U12A vs Penrice Academy

Boys-U12B vs Penrice Academy

16:00 Hockey Fixtures

Girls-U13A vs Truro High School

Girls-U12A vs Truro High School

Thursday 30 November

GCSE Mock Exams

Location: The Assembly Hall

14:00 Netball Fixtures

1st VII vs Wellington School

16:00 Netball Fixtures

Girls-U16A vs Truro High School

Girls-U15A vs Truro High School

Girls-U14A vs Truro High School

Girls-U13A vs Truro High School

Girls-U12A vs Truro High School

16:00 - 17:00 ACHE Sessions

Sixth Form Centre

Friday 1 December

GCSE Mock Exams

Location: The Assembly Hall

09:30 Netball Fixtures

Girls-U13A vs County Netball Tournament

13:00 - 14:00 Sixth Form: Winter

Warmer Sixth Form Centre

Saturday 2 December

09:30 - 17:15 Music: Cornwall Youth

Orchestra Rehearsal

Location: Truro High School

14:00 Rugby Union Fixtures

Boys-U18A vs Exeter School

Boys-U16A vs Exeter School

Boys-U15A vs Exeter School

Boys-U14A vs Exeter School

Boys-U13A vs Exeter School

Boys-U13B vs Exeter School

Boys-U12A vs Exeter School

Boys-U12B vs Exeter School

Click here to view this term's Clubs and Activities on the website.

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Charity Day - Friday 24 November

On Friday 24 November we will be holding our next Charity Day and pupils will be able to wear home clothes into school by donating £2. This time we will be supporting the Women's Refuge Trust and St Petrocs. The 'Community Action Team' (CAT) is a student-led committee which researches different charities and votes on which ones the School will support each term. All our pupils will learn about the organisations we have chosen to support during a presentation in Chapel. The donations will be added to school bills. We hope that you will be happy to support the charities the CAT have chosen, but please feel free to opt out by contacting the Finance Office. Any pupils or students who would like to get involved in our team are warmly welcome at our meetings in Room 36 on Thursday breaktimes.

3rd Year Careers Day - Tuesday 5 December

3rd Year pupils will be off timetable all day as they explore their options for the future. They will attend a range of workshops run by staff and our partner, FutureSmart, to assist pupils with making decisions about GCSE options and beyond.

Whole School Photograph

Tempest Photography has completed the processing of our whole school photograph which was taken on the 14 September 2023. All orders are made directly with Tempest via their website and delivery will be to your home address.

The group photograph is now available to view and order online via the Tempest Ordering website. To order please see the direct gallery link below:

<https://htmp.st/180368-0146>

A Christmas Carol - Tickets on Sale

Charles Dickens' festive classic, 'A Christmas Carol' is brought to life in this new adaptation by Ben Oldfield, featuring original music by Ollie Jones. This famous wintry ghost story features a host of extravagant characters from upper class twits to salt-of-the earth working folk. Expect boisterous dancing, heart-tugging emotion, and some spectral chills as this cast of senior students takes us on a tour of Scrooge's mind and opens windows into the echoing chambers of his soul.

Showing 22 - 25 November > <https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/>

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Creating Connections

This week, our youngest members of our community ventured over to the Senior School to meet our Upper Sixth prefects, the oldest school members.

The event began with great anticipation as the Reception class arrived, filled with excitement and curiosity. The Upper Sixth prefects, who serve as role models and leaders, warmly greeted the young children, creating a relaxing atmosphere. The theme for the morning was a delightful Gruffalo tea, which added an element of fun and imagination to the session.

A huge thank you to our prefects for making the morning so special for the children, it was clear they had a fantastic time.

Remembrance Day Parade

Mr. Johnson and 4th Year pupils, Alex and Sam, had the privilege of taking part in the Remembrance Sunday parade last weekend.

It was a poignant moment as they laid a wreath at the war memorial in Truro. We were honoured to join local organisations, staff, parents and pupils in silence to commemorate the fallen and remember individuals from the Truro School Community who have served this country.



Yule Log Cook and Chat

Aprons were donned and festive songs were played as members from our Truro School community came together for some festive cheer at this year's FTS Yule Log Cook and Chat.

The event was the perfect way to start the Christmas season with festive canapes and drinks on arrival. There were some wonderful creations made, perfect for a Christmas treat.

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ACHE Counsellors

Being an ACHE Counsellor is a goal many of our students in Sixth Form strive for. It requires courage, empathy, and a significant investment of time. This comprehensive 16-week training program prepares students to become peer mentors to offer guidance and support within our school community.

It was truly exciting to see over 40 pupils participate in the initial ACHE mentoring session, where Reverend Helen, Mrs. Jupp, and our School Counsellor Mel discussed the essential qualities of being a leader. The students had the opportunity to watch a TED talk about the concept of quiet leadership and engaged in a lively and enjoyable group activity to explore the characteristics of effective leadership.

Good luck to everyone taking part, we look forward to following their journeys. [Click here to read more.](#)



Art Students' Inspired by London

The annual London art trip is always an inspiring experience that serves as a source of inspiration for our 5th Year and A-Level students' individual projects. During this trip, students visited renowned art institutions such as the National Portrait Gallery, National Gallery, Tate Modern, and The Courtauld.

Each student maintains a reflective journal where they delve into the elements that inspire them the most. This exercise allows them to further develop their creative process and enhance their artistic vision. In addition to the gallery visits, the students also participated in a drawing workshop on the Thames, enabling them to sketch some of London's most iconic landmarks, using their own artistic interpretation.

Overall, the annual London art trip serves as a catalyst for artistic growth, both within the walls of prestigious art institutions and through the vibrant streets of London, but most importantly we want to create great memories that leave a lasting mark on their creative journeys.

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IET STEM Day

Confronting a real-world design challenge, two groups of 2nd Years embraced creativity, problem-solving, and collaboration at this year's Institution of Engineering and Technology STEM activity day.

Pupils were presented with a mystery engineering brief and then navigated the process of designing solutions, buying materials with their Faraday currency, and constructing working prototypes.

A huge well done to both teams for their excellent contribution, showcasing creative problem-solving and a special congratulations to the girls' team who came away as winners of this round. Their prototype stood out for its meticulous attention to detail and the judge commented on their effective teamwork - well done girls!



News from the Boarding Houses

Since returning to school after half term, our boarders have settled back beautifully into boarding life. This weekend they grabbed riding hats and headed out on a hack with the local riding school.

They have also made the most of the school's swimming pool, enjoying a dedicated swimming session exclusively for the boarders, providing an excellent opportunity for them to socialize and spend quality time with their friends. Some of the boarders also opted for the 8pm gym session.

There were also celebrations in Pentreve this week for Helly's birthday, including a delicious double cake breakfast. Communal pizza making and pink fluffy slippers also added to the highlights from last week.



Cultural Exchanges

After spending their summer holiday on a cultural exchange in South Africa, Thea, Hebe and Quinn, and their families, are now hosting their return exchange.

Whilst here, the SA students are participating in our A-Level programme and Sixth Form Diploma activities, making use of our school campus, with our sports facilities being a particular favourite. The UK host families are also introducing their guests to local and national landmarks, showcasing the broad cultural exposure these exchange programs provide.

Fostering an excellent opportunity for learning and appreciation of other cultures, our students all agreed that the South African programme has been an unforgettable experience and were unanimous in saying they would encourage others to apply for future exchanges.

Read more > <https://www.truroschool.com/latest-news/a-cultural-exchange-with-south-africa/>

Fantastic Fieldwork Skills

Our Lower Sixth Geography students completed a three-day residential to Nettlecombe Court, gaining a range of valuable fieldwork experience including GIS flood risk mapping in Minehead, coastal processes in Porlock, urban regeneration in Watchet, and carbon capture in a local woodland.

The students also enjoyed evening tuition on GIS and the use of statistics which will prove very useful for their future studies in the classroom.

Mrs Wormald would like to share how proud she was of the students for their hard work throughout the trip. The students gained great confidence throughout, and it was fantastic to see the groups working together so brilliantly.



Carn Brea Fieldtrip

Last week our 4th Year geologists were out on Carn Brea for their first field trip of the GCSE course. They have spent the first half term looking at how to identify different rock types and the processes that form them. This was a great opportunity for them to put that knowledge into practice as they examined the granite outcrops. They were also introduced to a number of field techniques, including rock descriptions and recording their observations on field sketches, both of which are assessed in the GCSE C2 practical exam.

Finally, the group used the vantage point to discuss the formation of the valuable mineral deposits by hydrothermal processes which have been extracted for centuries in the towns and villages surrounding Carn Brea.

TALKING IS BRILLIANT

WANT TO TALK?

If you are worried about yourself or another pupil, you can speak to us:



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Need
someone
to talk to?

Also.... **SIXTH FORM
ACHE
COUNSELLORS**

Don't forget our Sixth Form ACHE Counsellors are also here to help
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**TRURO
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Second
Hand
Uniform
Bring & Buy

Parent Coffee Morning

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Please join us in the Truro School
Cafe (by the SBA) after drop-off
for an informal catch-up with
parents from across the Senior
School.

There will also be a Bring & Buy
Uniform Sale.

Old and new faces welcome.



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Truro School



WETSUITS NEEDED



IN AID OF
**THE WAVE
PROJECT**

The FTS are looking for donations of any outgrown wetsuits for **The Wave Project.**

20th - 24th November 2023

Providing mental health support and surf therapy to young people, these wetsuits will be donated to youngsters on the programme, or sold to raise funds for the Wave Project charity.

Wetsuits can be donated to the Truro Prep Office or Truro School Cafe (near the SBA) 20th - 24th November

Truro School Drama
presents

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

by Charles Dickens

22nd – 25th November 2023 - 19:00

Book now at burrelltheatre.com



*"Oh, but he was a tight-fisted
hand at the grindstone,
Scrooge! A squeezing,
wrenching, grasping, scraping,
clutching, covetous old
sinner!"*

SARAH McQUAID

Lifetime Achievement Award Winner,
Ards International Guitar Festival

'One of the most instantly
recognisable voices in
current music ...

Shades of Joni Mitchell in a
jam with Karen Carpenter
and Lana Del Rey.'

Trust The Doc

'Her subtle mastery
onstage launches
her straight into my
fave shows ever.'

Huffington Post



2nd December 2023 - 19.30

Burrell Theatre, Truro

Tickets £15.00

burrelltheatre.com

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www.heseltinegallery.com

Heseltine Gallery



**PETE
WARD**
EXHIBITION

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Private View Event Thursday 19 October 5-8pm
Pete Ward Pigments Workshop Saturday 21 October
Saturday and Sunday 21/22 October 10am - 3pm
Saturday and Sunday 28/29 October 10am - 3pm
Saturday and Sunday 4/5 November 10am - 3pm
Saturday and Sunday 11/12 November 10am - 3pm
Saturday and Sunday 18/19 November 10am - 3pm
Saturday 25 November 10am - 3pm