

01 DECEMBER : TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As we move into December, there is a real feeling of hope and anticipation in the school. Building on the Christmas theme from last week, with the amazing performances in A Christmas Carol, further excitement grew with the arrival of the large Christmas tree in the quad, followed by the arrival of snow yesterday!

We still have a Christmas jumper day, music concerts, Nine Lessons and Carols, our end-of-term service and Christmas lunch over the next two weeks to keep the excitement building. Along with all our festivities, we have also been asked to think of others and I hope everyone will contribute to the Christmas Box Appeal run by St Petros.

Many of the 3rd Year pupils are thinking about their futures as they focus on GCSE option choices. Next week, they will have their Careers Day, where they will look at possible career opportunities and have the chance to experience lessons in subjects which could be new to them as part of their GCSE profile. To support families with GCSE option choices, we held a parents' option information evening on Tuesday. During the event, Mr Picton shared details about the exciting new Middle School Portfolio, which all pupils will participate in and use to showcase their skills as they move through the Middle School.

The snow was not as welcome for the 5th Year pupils, who were sitting their mock exams. So far, we have seen them approach their exams with maturity and focus. I know they will benefit from the opportunity to practice their exam techniques and will use the feedback to help plan for the summer exams. I wish them well for the rest of their exams.

As teachers, we are always looking to the future to ensure we continue to expand our knowledge of the latest developments. This week, many staff attended an AI forum to share experiences of this new technology and begin to think how schools should use this tool effectively for education. As we often say, no matter how old you are, when you work in education, "every day is a school day", and we all love the fact that we keep learning.

Wishing you all a good weekend,
Emma Ellison
Assistant Head (Director of Studies)



Saturday 2 December

09:30 - 17:15 Music: Cornwall Youth Orchestra Rehearsal
Location: Truro High School

14:00 Rugby Union Fixtures
Canx 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

Monday 4 December

WEEK B

CHARITY WEEK 4K

GCSE Mock Exams
Location: The Assembly Hall

13:30 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U15A vs Bournemouth Collegiate

Tuesday 5 December

GCSE Mock Exams
Location: The Assembly Hall

3rd Year Careers Day

13:15 Squash Fixtures
1st vs Taunton School

16:00 Hockey Fixtures
Girls 1st XI vs Mount Kelly

16:00 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U16A vs Redruth School
Girls-U15A vs Redruth School
Girls-U14A vs Redruth School
Girls-U13A vs Redruth School
Girls-U12A vs Redruth School

Wednesday 6 December

GCSE Mock Exams
Location: The Assembly Hall

10:00 Rugby Union Fixtures
Boys-U13A vs Mount Kelly festival

13:00 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U13A vs Talbot Heath School

14:00 - 16:00 Off-Site Visit: 1st & 2nd Year Book Club
Waterstones, Truro

15:30 Netball Fixtures
Canx 1st VII vs Newquay Tretherras
Canx Girls-U16A vs Newquay Tretherras
Canx Girls-U14A vs Newquay Tretherras

Thursday 7 December

Christmas Jumper Day
See notices

GCSE Mock Exams
Location: The Assembly Hall

08:50 - 09:10 House Assembly

12:05 Golf Fixtures
Mixed-U18A vs King's College, Taunton

13:00 Cricket Fixtures
Boys-U13A vs Truro and Penwith College

14:00 Leiths Charity Tea
Location: Cookery School

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

18:00 - 21:30 Sixth Form Christmas Party
Location: The Alverton

Friday 8 December

GCSE Mock Exams
Location: The Assembly Hall

09:30 Netball Fixtures
Girls-U13A vs County Netball Tournament

Saturday 9 December

Outdoor Education: Ten Tors 3 Day Walk

14:00 Rugby Union Fixtures
Boys-U18A vs Woodhouse Grove School

Sunday 10 December

Boarding: Christmas Service & Christmas Supper Chapel

Monday 11 December

WEEK A

13:30 Chapel: "Blue Christmas" Reflection Service
Location: Chapel

Tuesday 12 December

18:30 - 20:30 Christmas Concert
Location: The Assembly Hall
<https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/>

Wednesday 13 December

13:00 Cricket Fixtures
Girls-U13A vs Truro and Penwith College

14:05 Final WAA of the Term

14:30 Rugby Union Fixtures
Boys-U18A vs Callywith College

Thursday 14 December

14:00 - 15:30 Advent Carol Service
Location: Truro Methodist Church

15:50 Autumn Term Ends

19:00 Truro School Community: Nine Lessons and Carols
Location: Truro Cathedral

Friday 15 December

09:00 - 18:00 ABRSM Examinations
Location: Music School

10:00 Boarding Houses Close

15:00 Boarders' Transport Arrives

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

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Road Safety

To assist with protecting all those in school and to keep traffic moving, can we please remind you to refrain from 'stopping and dropping' on Trennick Lane and in the central lane of the SBA car park where the yellow zig zags are. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 7 December

A reminder that on Thursday 7 December, pupils should come into school in their normal School uniform, but they are allowed to wear an additional 'Christmassy' item. This could be a Christmas jumper to replace their school jumper, or something else, eg a Santa hat, tinsel, reindeer ears etc. The day is dedicated to supporting Save the Children. Please note, this charity event will not be added to the School bill. Instead, you can contribute by making a donation using the link >

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD230028762>

Ski Trip

A reminder that a letter has been sent out to all parents to launch the ski trip for February 2025. Please check you inboxes for more information.

3rd Year Inspiring Futures

On Tuesday 5 December, all 3rd Years will attend registration as usual and then come off timetable for the remainder of the day, in order for them to attend their Inspiring Futures Day. They will attend a series of workshops to help them make decisions about their GCSE Options, as well as taster lessons in academic subjects which they have not yet experienced: Geology, Computer Science and PE. We hope that this will help pupils as they make decisions about their options next year.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me on: nk@truroschoo.com

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A Christmas Carol Delights

The Christmas Season was launched with a resounding "Bah Humbug" as Truro School Drama presented a stunning rendition of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' from the 22 to 25 of November.

Directed by Ben Oldfield and with original music by Musical Director Ollie Jones, the production told the much-loved tale of Ebenezer Scrooge; a tormented soul who, driven by his endless pursuit of wealth, had become hardened and embittered against all of the love and joy that the Christmas period represents.

For the full photograph gallery click here > <https://www.truroschoo.com/latest-news/a-christmas-carol-delights-audiences/>



Creative Cell Models in Biology

1st Year pupils have been showcasing their impressive biology models in class, demonstrating their knowledge of the structure and functions of a cell. As part of their biology module on cell structures, pupils were tasked with creating their own plant and animal cell models.

Head of Biology, Ms. Havis, expressed her delight, stating that this year's display of creativity was the best she had ever seen. She commended all pupils for their remarkable achievements and mentioned that even the Sixth Formers and other biology teachers couldn't resist visiting the lab to admire the incredible selection of models on display.

Christmas Carol Compositions

In a festive gathering, our talented 3rd Year musicians performed their Christmas carol compositions to friends and families.

The pupils have been working on their festive masterpieces over the last few weeks and with everything from catchy melodies to heart-warming lyrics, it became evident that they have cracked the code to capturing the spirit of the season. Well done everyone!



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Medical Pathways Programme

The Medical Pathways Programme received a visit from Dr. Callum Waldie MBBS (CO13) Old Truronian currently working at RCH Treliske. Dr. Waldie generously offered his time to meet our Sixth Formers hoping to pursue a career in medicine. This initiative aims to support students in their university applications by providing guidance and insights into the medical field.

The Medical Pathways Programme at Truro School continues to equip aspiring medical students with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in their future endeavours. Dr. Waldie's involvement serves as a testament to the dedication and commitment of the school and the Old Truronian network in nurturing the next generation of medical professionals.

Dr Frost Visits our Students

A-Level maths students had the privilege of attending an Inspiring Futures Event hosted by Jamie Frost, creator and CEO of Dr Frost Maths. In an engaging 50-minute session, Jamie shared captivating personal anecdotes from his career and how mathematics has profoundly shaped his life.

These A-Level maths students have been utilising the invaluable resources of Dr Frost throughout their secondary school journey, crediting it for enhancing their learning experience. Afterwards, he was pleased to meet students and respond to autograph requests.

Dr Frost Maths is a charitable organisation that provides free maths resources and videos for students and teachers. Afterwards, Jamie ran a very well-attended CPL event for all schools across Cornwall.



Sixth Form Winter Warmer

The Sixth Form Common Room was transformed into a winter wonderland as the Winter Warmer event got underway.

Students decorated their common spaces, draped themselves in Santa hats and tinsel and munched on mince pies while dancing to Christmas tunes.

It was the perfect warm-up to the Sixth Form Christmas Party, which takes place in a week's time at the Alverton Hotel in Truro.

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Library Reading Tree Takes Root

The finishing touches were added to the new-look library this week with a beautiful reading tree. The tree is constructed from birch ply using the DT department's specialised large CNC router. It also includes wipeable acrylic leaves for pupils to post their favourite reading quotes and book recommendations.

Mrs Yigit, Senior Librarian, said she is thrilled with the result and explained this is an excellent opportunity for pupils to share their book recommendations with other members of the school. Thank you to Mr Baker and the DT department for their help with this project.



2nd Years Charity Proposals

In a bid to make a positive impact, the 2nd Years took centre stage in the Burrell Theatre to present their proposals to the Community Action Team (CAT). The primary objective of their presentations was to determine which charity will receive support for the remainder of the academic year.

The Community Action Team, comprising dedicated pupils, students and staff, will carefully evaluate each presentation before making a collective decision on the chosen charity.

The first fundraising event for the chosen charity will be the Mince Pie Mile Run at the end of term.



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News From The Boarders

Every weekend, our boarding community takes part in co-curricular activities organised by our boarding staff, ensuring that no two weekends are the same.

Recently, paintballing at On-Target Games and golfing at Holywell Bay have been two fan favourites. Boarders also enjoyed a festive evening decorating the houses while enjoying festive treats, a mindfulness advent calendar gift from Rev Helen, and birthday celebrations to name but a few.

Our boarders have also been well and truly embracing school life with many of them taking part in the recent Senior Play, A Christmas Carol.



Sports Update

It's been another fantastic week for sport as our pupils continue to immerse themselves in all the opportunities at Truro School.

Congratulations to the U14 girls who made it through to the last 32 in the country yesterday from 415 schools, beating Richard Lander 5-4 after extra time to setup a last 32 tie against Torquay Academy. Good luck!

A huge well done to Naomi who recently represented GB in Bali and the world Triathlon and Biathlon Championships placing 11th and 12th.

Our golfers continued this term's success with a 2-1 win against Wellington in the first round of the area cup. Well done to Leon, Alex, and Harry.

The U13 rugby team has played some outstanding rugby this season and continued this at Millfield's Rugby Festival where the boys remained undefeated all day, scoring some fantastic tries throughout.

Well done also to our KS4 Squash team who competed in the first round of the National Schools competition this week. The team showed great skill throughout finishing 3rd overall. Meanwhile, our youngest squash players also took part in their first-round fixture. They all played superbly helping the teams advance to the plate for the next round.

Christmas Concert

Tuesday 12
December 2023

Featuring Bands,
Orchestras and
Junior Choirs

The Assembly Hall
from 6.30pm

Refreshments on
arrival



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FREE but book through Burrell
Theatre online ticket office



Nine Lessons and Carols



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Thursday 14 December 2023

Truro Cathedral

7.00pm - 9.00pm

Featuring Truro School
and Truro School Prep
Choirs and Vocal Groups

All welcome



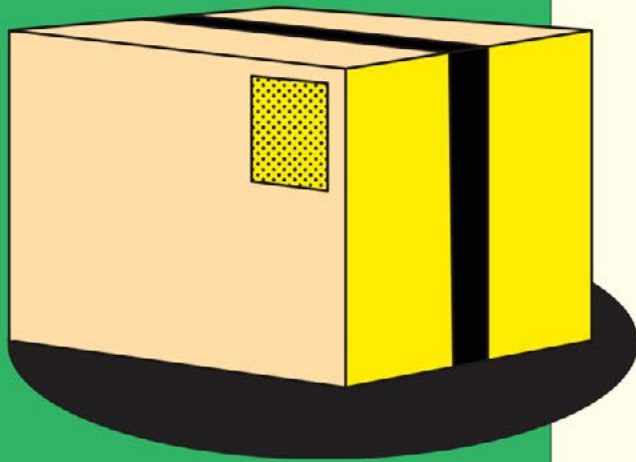


St Petrocs



WINTER APPEAL

Donation Boxes



This Christmas, the Truro School Community Action Team is supporting St Petrocs and we need your help!

Individuals and form groups can work together to create gift boxes to give to a homeless person across Cornwall this Christmas.

Boxes should include:

- Food Items
- Christmas treats
- Hygiene Products
- Warm Clothing
- Basic Essentials
- Gift Cards for local food outlets /shops and public transport
- Entertainment
- Personal Care Items
- Note of Encouragement

Boxes Need to be completed by Wednesday 6th December and delivered to the Chapel.



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TWISTED CHRISTMAS

"In 'Owdyado's twisted world, nothing is ever as it seems"
LYN GARDNER

★★★★★ WEST END BEST FRIEND
★★★★★ BROADWAY BABY
★★★★★ THE WEE REVIEW
★★★★★ THE OUTLIER, SCOTLAND

DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY 20 AT 7:30 PM
2023
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TRENICK LANE, TRURO,
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Christmas Gift Vouchers Now Available!

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CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE IN AID OF SHELTERBOX

Tuesday 19th December 2023
6.30pm - 9pm, doors open from 6.15pm, Truro Cathedral

Join us for an evening of festivities. You'll hear music from sea shanty group, The Clams. Enjoy carols from The Suitcase Singers and Ingleheart Singers, led by Claire Ingleheart. Readings from special guests, with refreshments to follow. All proceeds support ShelterBox.

Special Guest: Fern Britton - renowned presenter, writer and journalist.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS AT EVENTBRITE
or call us on 0300 0300 500

Charity no: 1096479

Boys' Chorister Experience Day and Cushion Concert

SATURDAY 13 JANUARY 2024

Come and experience what it's like to be a chorister in Truro Cathedral Choir!

Get to know the choristers and what they do; stand in the beautiful choir stalls where they sing in the amazing space of the cathedral; explore the crypt where they rehearse; try on a chorister's cassock and surplice and see and hear the mighty cathedral organ being played close up! And, of course, learn music and sing along with the choristers, culminating in performing a concert along with them.

All boys currently in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 are welcome.

For more information and to book a place, please email jab@trurocathedral.org.uk