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High ambitions supported in STEM Enrichment

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# YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE





# TRURO COLLEGE STUDENT SPEAKS UP ON NATIONAL TV



Personal and Professional Development student Ethan made his national TV debut in an interview with Simon Reeve.

During the hour-long special “Simon Reeve’s Return to Cornwall” on BBC Two, Ethan was featured in a segment discussing disabilities in the workplace. While working in the Headland Hotel in his hometown of Newquay, he was awarded employee of the month.

Ethan discussed how the hotel’s support of his OCD, cerebral palsy and autism has helped him achieve and that there should be more acceptance of disabilities in the workplace: “Something snapped in me one day, and I said ‘I can do this. There’s nothing stopping me.’”

“The hotel has been so accepting of me as a disabled person. They’ve been helpful and my accessibility needs have been met. And in return they get myself at my full potential; they’re getting an Ethan who got employee of the month and who tries every day.”

Personal and Professional Development students like Ethan are prepared for employment, apprenticeships and traineeships by looking at the skills and qualities of each individual student and



Ethan talks to Simon Reeve.

matching them to an ideal career, with equal emphasis on qualifications, personal development and workplace learning, allowing students to reach their full potential.

## DREAM CAREERS BROUGHT TO LIFE DURING WORK EXPERIENCE

Level 3 Business Diploma students all got a taste for the working world when they took part in work experience.

Mimi, from Crantock, discovered her dream career is within the police force after spending her work experience week with Devon and Cornwall Police. While she investigated crimes, identified criminal behaviour, and visited the cells, she learned all about the different departments in the police force and the qualifications needed to be a police officer.

Mimi hadn’t decided on a career to pursue before joining the College and decided on the Level 3 Business Diploma because the qualification would lead to multiple career pathways.

“All of the people I’ve worked with have been so helpful and given the best advice,” Mimi explained, now having her mind set on the police force. She now must decide on the best route to her new-found dream career; whether to go to university or apply for a degree directly with Devon and Cornwall police.



Mimi spent a week with Devon and Cornwall Police.

# SCIENCE STUDENTS ARE WINNERS

Science first years have had some fantastic achievements in the recent Chemistry Olympiad, Intermediate Biology Olympiad and Cambridge Chemistry Challenge.

The Chemistry Olympiad, which is aimed primarily at second year students, pushed the first years to challenge themselves and they came away with 9 Bronze awards and 3 Silver awards, with one student being only one mark away from Gold.

The Cambridge Chemistry Challenge took the participants far beyond the syllabus to encourage them to think about Chemistry

in a similar way to a university student. The students took home 4 Silver awards and 4 Copper awards.

Meanwhile, in Biology, the Intermediate Biology Olympiad tested students' problem-solving skills and understanding of Biology topics they have learned at GCSE and in the first year of their A Levels. With a huge 21 total prizes won, including 2 Gold awards, the students did exceptionally well.

Science Lecturer Rosie Maguire talked about the students' achievements in the recent challenges: "The number of awards they achieved is amazing and will look great on their UCAS applications going forward; It will definitely help towards securing them a place on the competitive university courses they want to go onto. It's opportunities like these in science where the students can really showcase their talents and they have done just that!"



The Biology Olympiad group.



The Cambridge Chemistry Challenge group.



The Chemistry Olympiad group.

## PENWITH COLLEGE STUDENTS DISSECT MYSTERIES

The Post-Mortem Live is a simulated human body dissection experience using VIVIT, the world's only semi-synthetic human cadaver. Students and members of the public put their pathologist thinking caps on and immersed themselves into the mysterious case of Anton Orlov.

The students participated in a full head, brain and spine dissection, dissection of the airway and pulmonary system, a cardiac dissection, dissection of the GI tract as well as observing the effects of biological, chemical and radioactive weaponry to the body.

This was an eye-opening experience that involved students from a wide array of subject areas, including Health and Social

Care, Health Science, Biology, Nutrition, Sports Science and Psychology. Students really enjoyed getting their hands dirty in the interactive sessions.

Health and Social Care student Ellie felt that she benefitted from the experience: "I really liked listening to the investigation as well as watching the dissection, and learning about the process that bodies go through when they undergo post-mortem examinations."

Students who took part received a CPD certificate to keep afterwards that will be a great addition to their CVs. A huge thank you to all staff involved with running this event and to Post-Mortem Live for this remarkable experience.



Students gained an eye-opening experience.





# LAUNCH OF THE ACCELERATE PROGRAMME

Truro and Penwith College has launched the innovative 'Accelerate Programme', aimed at 16-18-year-old students who would like to apply for competitive university courses in STEM subjects.

The new Accelerate Programme enhances the College's nationally leading levels of student success even further, bringing the most academically minded students together for a wealth of experiences, enrichment and support alongside their A Level programmes. Students who are accepted onto the programme will be supported to study up to four A Level qualifications, at least two of which will be in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects.

The bespoke programme of study will be complemented by at least one STEM-based Academy from the College's Enrichment offer to boost student success further in areas such as Medical, STEM Research, Computing, Maths and more.

Students who are a part of the programme will be able to attend talks from leading professionals, have outreach opportunities, attend student research conferences, Olympiads and competitions alongside opportunities for work experience, dedicated support for Oxbridge applications and an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) worth 28-UCAS points to boost university applications.

A range of dedicated and specialist tutorials rounds-off the Accelerate Programme, focussing on study skills, academic progress reviews, development of meta-cognition, one-to-one university application support, personal development, wellbeing, leadership and social skills.



Maria Lee, Accelerate Programme Coordinator at Truro and Penwith College, commented: "At Truro and Penwith College, we recognise that success at university-level education is not only about academic excellence, but also about fostering wellbeing while developing leadership and social skills alongside a range of well-rounded opportunities, enabling our students to confidently step into the world and manifest positive change in society and on the world stage."

"We are committed to widening participation in highly academic university courses. It's incredibly pleasing to bring this level of academic opportunities to aspirational students across Cornwall."

Maria Lee, Accelerate Programme Coordinator







# BREAKING THE ICE

A Level Geography students from across Truro and Penwith campuses brought their studies to life on a trip to Iceland to study the topic of “living with plate tectonics”.



The group broke the ice with each other while exploring natural beauty such as the world-renowned Blue Lagoon geothermal spa and the recent lava flow on the Reykjanes Peninsula, using crampons and ice axes to ice hike to the top of the Solheimajökull glacier, visiting the Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls, the famous Geysir site and the Thingvellir tectonic rift valley. As well as this, students also visited the LAVA Centre exhibition.

Towards the end of the trip everyone had the chance to explore the historic centre of Reykjavik. It was an unforgettable trip for everyone who attended.





The student group gathers in the Thingvellir tectonic rift valley.



The group 'ice hiked' to the beautiful Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls.



# PENWITH IS A TOP FILM STUDIES PROVIDER

Eduqas has judged Penwith College to be a Commended Centre for Film Studies, displaying excellence in Film Production work. Many of the students obtained full marks for their short films and screenplays.



The Penwith Film Studies group.

Film Studies lecturer Kerri D'Arcy said: "I am thrilled that Penwith College has been recognised as a Commended Centre for Film Production. A Level Film Studies is a fantastic subject that has the power to connect us to a world outside of our own. Studying film alters our perspective and expands our reality by highlighting the significance of cultural context, narrative, genre, representation and ideology.

"An A Level in Film Studies is highly valued by many universities and employers, and many of our students go on to work in the industry. Take this course, and you will never watch a film the same way again!"





# AWARD-WINNING FILM MADE AT TRURO COLLEGE

The Learning on Screen awards 2023 saw two Truro College alumni from the UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology nominated for the Student College film award, and one of them took home the winning trophy.

Arianne's documentary film "A Drag Queen Story", which covered the career of Jack, a drag queen who was born in Cornwall but now lives and works in Liverpool, won the Student College Award.

Arianne's film was made during her time at Truro College and the inspiration came from somewhere close to home: "My inspiration behind my film was my mum. She was his dance teacher and watched him grow up into the person he is now. She suggested the idea to me, [and] I knew it would be fantastic. The world is growing, and people need to be educated on different lines of work and ways of life with no judgement.

"When they called me as the winner, I was completely giddy. I was so shocked but so over the moon! Knowing that I have the capability to create something so good [that] it wins awards is the biggest boost."

Learning on Screen commented on the film: "The judges praised [Arianne's] film and described it as an astonishingly assured piece of film making with every element well executed. They marked it particularly highly for its sound recording and editing."

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Arianne with the Student College Film award.

Arianne's lecturer Cleo congratulated her on the award: "Arianne worked hard on an ambitious project which became feasible because of her dedicated attitude. I'm really proud of Arianne and what she achieved, and this award is very well deserved. I look forward to hearing from Arianne about her career updates as I'm confident she will do well in an industry role."

Truro College student Cristo's film "The Hornet" was also nominated for the College award. The film told the story of the rejuvenation of a race car named The Hornet. The judges praised the film's "vibrance, exuberance and depiction of friendship", and said that the film was "engaging and told the story with elements of comedy, drama and emotion".



# CAPTURING CORNWALL'S NATURAL BEAUTY

Our second-year photographers have had their final showcase. Titled "Lux", students on the UAL Extended Diploma in Photography had their stunning work displayed in Greys Wharf in Penryn for 5 days. Their works explored identity and personal themes, as well as community and the local landscape.



Aimee's work "Reflections" was displayed in the window of the exhibition, enticing guests to come and see the work inside. Talking about her photos, she said: "A reflection bounces light from a surface, redirecting the energy to create a pathway. My work uses mirrors amongst nature to represent the beauty of the natural world and to show our own thoughts and feelings about the environment. Most people take the nature for granted and don't notice the true beauty of the world, so my aim is to emphasise the shapes and colours that we see to make people stop and appreciate the views."

"My aim as an artist is to capture the beauty of the world in my photographs and make it more accessible to others."



Work on display at Greys Wharf in Penryn.





# STRUTTING THEIR STUFF



**‘Planet Earth’ was this year’s theme for the annual Cornish Skills competition, a Hair and Beauty showcase that allows students to exhibit the skills they have learned while on their courses.**

Models had a complete makeover with incredible hair styles and makeup before they strutted down the catwalk for the showcase.

Level 3 Apprenticeship Editorial Award winner Elouise explained her look as she was cheered on by the salon that she completed her Level 2 Apprenticeship with: “My look has

annotations of tree stumps, and the love heart represents how it should be.”

Elouise’s stunning deforestation inspired look was not the only one to scoop up an award. Hairdressing award Runner up Annie is passionate about pursuing hairdressing as a career: “There are many routes a qualification

in hairdressing can take you; I could do hair for films and musicals!”

The catwalk was the perfect opportunity to show off the wide range of skills that the students have learned on their course to industry professionals, friends and family.



# OSCAR MAKES HIS INTERNATIONAL RUGBY DEBUT

**Wearing the red rose of England with pride, Oscar tackled the opportunity to face the best players in the world.**

The Truro College and Exeter Chiefs Official Academy second row excelled on his international debut for England Rugby U18 at the Six Nations Festival in Dublin.

Despite the rugby going up to another level and his teammates being new, Oscar proved himself on the pitch. "I enjoyed playing at a different level with a new set of players against other nations," he said.

Selected off the bench against France, his performance proved he was good enough to start against Italy and in the convincing win against hosts Ireland, the talented academy player showed he's one to watch for the future.

"It was a good experience," He recounted enthusiastically.



## MAKING A SPLASH

**Penwith College's Marine Enrichment group released 7-week-old baby lobsters into the sea alongside the National Lobster Hatchery, a marine conservation, research and education charity based in Padstow and Newlyn.**

During the fascinating activity, the students learned about the declining lobster population and the safest conditions to release lobsters into the sea to ensure they have the best chance at life in the big ocean.

Marine Enrichment Lead Katie Maggs spoke about the experience: "These lobsters are hatched at the National Lobster Hatchery as they are in their most vulnerable state until they get to about 6 to 7 weeks old. Releasing them now ensures that these lobsters have the best chance of survival and that we're helping the population of lobsters going forward as the numbers are significantly low."

The Marine Enrichment group allows students to find out all about our local oceans and what can be done to protect them.



## EQUESTRIAN GROUP WIN FINAL COMPETITION

**The Equestrian Group is passing on the reins to the next cohort in the best way possible after winning their final competition.**

The second year A-Level students Ellen, Grace and Ruby competed together, with fellow team member Molly in a support role due to an injured horse, in the Cornish School Teams Showjumping Competition at Pendarves Equestrian Centre.

After an exciting competition, they came out in first place overall against teams from schools and colleges across Cornwall. Team Manager and Truro College Chemistry tutor Sarah Baldwin said: "I am so proud of them all and how far they have come over the years. The support they gave each other in their final competition was amazing and they thoroughly deserved their first place."

The Equestrian Group is just one of the many Enrichment options available to students at Truro and Penwith College when starting as a student. The group, aimed at anyone with their own horse, allows students to compete in competitions across Cornwall within a supportive and friendly atmosphere.



Students with tutor Sarah Baldwin.

# ELITE ACADEMY STUDENT CAITLIN HITS THE BULLSEYE



After taking home a gold medal for Team GB in the U21 Target Sprint ISSF in Cairo, Egypt, Caitlin has struck gold two more times in Italy.

The second year Sports Science student beat the world's best sharpshooters for Target Sprint GB at the Italian Grand Prix, as well as achieving two personal best times. Caitlin attributes her success to her hard work with the College's Elite Academy, which produces training programmes with relevant coaches for county or higher standard athletes.

Caitlin thoroughly enjoyed her time in Italy, recalling: "The hosts were amazing, and Italy is a beautiful place to visit. It's been an honour and privilege to represent my country."

Caitlin is now moving on to compete in the Hungarian Grand Prix.



# CHELSEA REACHES HER GOAL

Chelsea's dream job in football coaching was realised during her time in college. She is currently coaching at a top Premier League football club and gave a talk at Truro College to inspire the next generation to pursue a career they love.

After finishing college, Chelsea was awarded the 'She Can Coach' scholarship, which granted her the opportunity of a lifetime to study Football Coaching and Management at the University Campus of Football Business, located at Wembley Stadium. This scholarship is only awarded to one outstanding individual yearly and contributed financially to her studies at university as well as trips abroad to New York, Toronto, and Miami, which are also homes to UCFB campuses.

Showing the first year Sports Science students a picture of herself studying inside Wembley, with an amazing view of the pitch, she informed them the scholarship is awarded through an

online application process and inspired them to dream big, explaining: "Meeting new people at College and having the support and belief from my tutors gave me the confidence to step outside my comfort zone, apply and go off to university and achieve what I have."

When asked why she thought she was awarded the scholarship given to 'one outstanding individual', Chelsea replied: "I've always worked hard; I achieved a triple distinction star for my course and have a passion for coaching."

"I grew up playing and loving football and now I'm earning a living doing what I love helping to



develop new players for Chelsea Football Club in London.

"I chose the College because of the professional sports facilities and knew there was potential to develop as an athlete and coach. The course allows you to coach in schools which helped me to prepare for what I'm doing now as a job and at uni."





In View, Truro Piazza

# ART AND DESIGN SHOWCASES

**Art and Design students from across Truro and Penwith campuses have wowed the local community with their stunning artwork in their end of year showcases.**

'In View' was the 16th end of year showcase to be held by Truro College, with students from across the Art and Design department showing off their best work in Truro city centre.

The 5-day exhibition was free for the public to explore and included a glitzy award ceremony for invited guests, parents, and dignitaries.



The award-winning students assemble.



Foundation Art & Design student Katy.



Guest Speaker Sam Bassett, an artist living and working in Cornwall.

"This confirms we are wise to invest in the colossal creativity and vision of young people."  
Mark Dunford

The Programme Team Leader for Art and Design at Truro College, Mark Dunford, spoke at the awards ceremony:

"This is a show of strength, ingenuity, and diversity. All the exhibitors here have amazing futures ahead of them and I'm extremely optimistic art and design is in incredibly good hands."





Area of Fragmenting Natural Beauty, Penzance School of Art

# ARE A TRIUMPH

Meanwhile at Penwith, 'Area of Fragmenting Natural Beauty' was hosted at Penzance School of Art, showcasing the hard work of Penwith's Art and Design students. UAL Extended Diploma in Art, Design and Communication student Amlyn received an award from West Cornwall Art Society and prize money of £100.

Art and Design Lecturer at Penwith College Rebecca Turk-Richards praised the community feel of the exhibition: "It's everyone all coming together to make this exhibition happen and I think that's fantastic. I hope when the students look

at their work, they have a great sense of achievement. I really like being there on the opening night, when all of the students' parents come and the awards are announced, it's all quite emotional."



Penzance School of Art provided the perfect venue for the event.



Award winners were congratulated by Lucy Maggs of the Senior Management team.





# A GREENER CAMPUS AT PENWITH COLLEGE

The Eco Group at Penwith College installed the new educational signage to highlight the ecosystems in the Treneere Manor walled gardens, a green area that was once the kitchen garden for the manor house in the College grounds and accessible to all students.



Students have created an excellent space for both people and nature to enjoy and thrive.

Students Billy, Leo, Ziji and Gordon collaborated with Rich Stever, Founder of the Earth's Green Guardians charity, to bring the signs to life after many months of creative research and designing.

Joining the Eco Group has empowered the students to create a meaningful impact at Penwith College. A Level student Ziji, from Penzance, said of joining the enrichment group: "I decided to join the eco committee because I heard about it during tutorial, I thought it would be a nice opportunity to help make the college greener heading into the future."

Derek Thomas MP and Deputy Mayor of Penzance Will Elliott visited the walled gardens and formally congratulated the students on their tremendous effort and dedication towards this project.

Derek Thomas MP said: "It was a privilege to be able to visit Treneere Manor's walled garden. As I remember, it was a run-down affair when I was a local councillor and Penwith College first purchased the Manor. The effort that Rich, the College staff, and the students have put in is admirable, and what they have now is a really excellent space for both students and nature to enjoy and thrive."

Deputy Mayor Will Elliott added: "As a former student, I used to spend some of my lunchtimes in the walled garden when I was at Penwith College almost ten years ago, so it was amazing to see the impact that the Earth's Green Guardians group of volunteers and students have made. As we look to the future, we need to think more about how we can work together with nature to cultivate spaces such as this – and teach future generations to do so consciously."

## WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS!

This year's Fresher's Fair welcomed all of our new students to Truro and Penwith College with activities, freebies and advice for attendees. New students could meet the library and Career Zone teams, as well as speak to external support teams such as the Intercom Trust, First Light and the Police.

There was also fun and games to be had, with the eSports Academy showcasing games that new students can play competitively on one of the College eSports teams, a prize roulette, RC cars and more.

The University Centre Truro & Penwith were there to inform students about the wide range of university level courses available on their doorstep and how they can learn what they love, where they love.

We look forward to seeing our new students go further during their time with us.



New students explore the freshers fairs.



# COLLEGE CELEBRATES NATIONAL RE-ACCREDITATION



**The international Matrix Quality Standard accreditation, supported by the Department for Education (DfE), ensures organisations deliver genuinely independent and impartial information, advice, or guidance (IAG) to support an individual's career, learning, work, or life goals.**

Since the last Matrix Accreditation Review in 2020, the 2023 report stated: "The College is continuing to raise standards including that of support and accountability across the campuses."

The award follows a five-day assessment at the College. This covered all the student services and support available from both specialist and teaching staff. It assessed the quality of advice and guidance given at all stages of the learner journey, including at enrolment, during the course, and in relation to onward progress into employment or higher education.

Lisa Briscoe, Truro and Penwith College Director of Student Experience, expressed her joy of receiving re-accreditation: "We are absolutely delighted. Information, Advice and Guidance is at the heart of the work we do to support students and those transitioning into college. The inspector met over 50 staff and interviewed many students to demonstrate our commitment to Careers Advice and Guidance, Student Services, Safeguarding and Schools Liaison; all essential to our vision to Look Further, Reach Further and Go Further."

Commenting on the College's success to attract students from across the county, despite some learners living in isolated rural settings, the report stated: "Some students travel long distances to college, up to an hour and a half each way for example, drawn to the College by its excellent reputation."



**Members of the Senior Management team with Employability and Careers staff.**

"Substantial evidence was gathered around key aspects of support across T&P College's provision. The 'IAG service' to students is well delivered and provides comprehensive support arrangements enabling targeting and general support."

The report also commented on the College's status among the business community and key partners.

"The College is very highly regarded by the business community, local authority, and public bodies such as the NHS and Devon & Cornwall Police. The College is also well-embedded with the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly LEP and is a key partner around development plans and structures."

The report highlights how student surveys by the College show the information and advice received was helping learners with their decision making. An example of this was 75% agreeing the initial interview for the college was extremely useful from the 2500 completed forms in the 2022 survey.

Finally, the report concluded by saying: "The wealth of evidence encountered in interviews, and the quality of documentary evidence provided to the Matrix Assessor demonstrates that the College is operating at a high level of competence and effectiveness."

Roger Chapman, Head of the Matrix Service, said: "This is a fantastic achievement for Truro and Penwith College and I would like to congratulate the team on their success. We believe that at the heart of high-quality advice and support services is strong leadership, excellent service, and a focus on continuous improvement, all underpinned by effective use of the resources available."



**The official opening of the Careers Zone in 2023.**



# PROGRESSION PATHWAYS NEWS

## Progression Pathways students at Truro College have raised a huge £380 for Marie Curie!

The group took on the fundraising challenge as part of their tutorial programme. This included a game of guess the number of sweets in the jar, a giant raffle, cake and drinks sale stall, but the main event was lecturer Paul having his legs waxed!

The team would like to thank all the students, parents and carers, and staff involved in raising an amazing amount for UK's leading end of life charity while teaching the students essential skills for life after College.



Progression Pathways students gather for the fundraising challenge.



## Truro and Penwith's Progression Pathways students were hugely successful at Ten Tors this year, completing the Jubilee challenge with an amazing finish.

The 7.8 mile expedition across rough terrain has been specially organised for young people with SEND since 1997 and sees up to 400 participants travelling across 4 different routes. Starting their trek at 7:30am, our students braved the rain and the fog to complete the challenge before the finish time of 5:00pm. They were also lucky enough to appear on ITV West Country News who were covering the event.

"It was such an experience to be able to come and do this," Progression Pathways student Brad told ITV West Country. "We get a lot of motivation from everyone around us."

Everyone at the College was very proud of the students for getting their shiny Jubilee Challenge medals.

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Brad



Students braved the rain and the fog to complete the challenge.

# SWIMMING 1250M FOR CHARITY

## One of Truro College's Progression Pathways students hit the pool during the summer term to raise money for an amazing cause.

Ned, who is from Truro, committed to swimming 500 lengths of the Leisure Centre pool during his swimming sessions at college to raise money for the Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent Hospice, after his "awesome Grampi" John received exceptional care from them during his final weeks in August 2022.

Nothing has stood in Ned's way, and despite being born with a congenital heart condition, fitted with a cardiac loop recorder in March and is currently awaiting further open-heart surgery, he completed the whopping 500 lengths on June 26 and raised over £3000.

Ned talked about the challenge to In Your Area Community News: "Gramps was the best, we miss him every day. He was so kind to me and everyone, he always encouraged me. I need to do this for him and help more people who are ill too."

Jennie Taylor-Clague, Ned's mother, said: "Ned used to love spending time with his grandpa. Children with Downs Syndrome often have delayed speech due to low muscle tone and when Ned was young his grandpa went on a Makaton signing course to help him communicate before he was able to talk.



"Ned misses him hugely. He wanted to do something for his Grampi, who helped so many and had the kindest heart, as well as help other families facing really difficult situations too."

"We're so impressed with Ned's determination and commitment in taking on this swimming challenge to support our hospice in memory of his grandpa," Community Fundraising Manager at Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent Hospice, Hannah Richards, said. "The money raised will help us to provide more care for more people; we're so grateful for his support."



Ned with his grandpa John at Spires.

Progression Pathways students at Penwith have been making the campus a greener place to be by planting fruit trees and bushes as part of their 'Your Shore' award with Cornwall Wildlife Trust.



The award is open to people of all ages and allows participants to explore the world of wildlife conservation, as well as teaching new skills by learning about nature, science and allowing them to volunteer with charities and organise events.

The students chose to plant trees and bushes around the Penwith campus as they help to sustain wildlife, they purify the air and so that the green space can improve the mental health of all students and staff on site. Everyone can't wait to see them grow.



Students at work on the Penwith Campus.





The Operations team, the winning group.

# CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SUCCESS

The College celebrated its 30th anniversary this year, with Truro College opening in 1993.

To celebrate 30 years of success, staff at Truro and Penwith College got a blast from the past with 90s fancy dress and the opening of a time capsule, buried at Truro College in the 1990s.



The Reprographics Team 'rave on'.



Principal Martin Tucker presents the time capsule contents to staff.



Mark and Chris from the Estates team remove the time capsule from its storage.

After being cracked open by Premises Duty Manager Mark, who was present for the capsule's burial in 1995, Principal Martin Tucker took the staff back in time with a 1990s Truro College course brochure, a list of trending music, films and cars of the time, newspapers, a floppy disk and much more.

The time capsule will be buried again with contents from the present day, with staff giving suggestions as to what to bury.



The Truro and Penwith College Senior Management Team go retro.



The Spice Girls make a special appearance for the big day.



# TPC ON THE ROAD

We have been busy over the summer visiting events all over Cornwall and informing the community of what Truro and Penwith College has to offer.

In the west of Cornwall, Penwith College was present at Mazey Day as well as sponsoring the St Ives Biathlon, letting the locals know about the courses, apprenticeships and life at Penwith College. The Penwith College flag waved in the sunshine during the Mazey Day parade, and it was great to see so many young people taking part in the St Ives Biathlon challenge.

Stithians show saw attendees taking photos in the 30th anniversary photo booth and writing in the memory book, and Boardmasters was a chance for us to meet many students who were starting their college journey with us in the coming September.



Penzance Mazey Day



Stithians Show



Boardmasters Festival

Truro and Penwith College was also present at the Royal Cornwall Show in Wadebridge, allowing guests to have a go at VR, take part in science activities and have a chat with staff about full-time and part-time courses, careers and life at the College.



Cornwall Pride - PZ.

As always, we supported Cornwall Pride events in Penzance and Truro, handing out goodies and chatting to attendees about the support that our Student Services team provides for LGBTQ+ students during their time at college.



Royal Cornwall Show



Cornwall Pride - TR.

It's been great to meet prospective students, alumni, parents and families at events all over Cornwall this year. See you next summer!



# BOOM SHEWULA WULA!

Students from the IB and Geography courses visited the community of Shewula, where for over 20 years the College charity has aided economic development and sponsored hundreds of children to complete their schooling through the College's charity Boom Shewula Wula.

The annual college trip was greeted with huge warmth by the community, who expressed their deep gratitude for the continued support of the students and their families. Shewula remains in a fragile stage of development, not least due to the continued impact of the HIV epidemic which has left a 20% infection rate in the area as well as hundreds of orphaned children.

During the trips, our students complete valuable work with the young people of Shewula and make connections with the community that strengthen the ongoing bonds of friendship. They also have the opportunity to spend a few days at the end of the trip exploring and experiencing the diverse and beautiful culture, landscape and wildlife of Eswatini.

Everyone has reflected thoughtfully on their first-hand experience of the challenges of development in sub-Saharan Africa and the impacts of globalisation, and, as ever, students have returned with a sense of renewed dedication to supporting the community of Shewula to thrive.



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**After a four year break due to Covid, the Truro and Penwith annual trip to the kingdom of Eswatini in southern Africa resumed this year.**



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Students spend a few days at the end of the trip exploring the beautiful landscape.



"I learned so much from the community in Shewula, it has changed my perspective on life definitely for the better," said A Level Geography student Hannah. "Meeting the local people and being immersed in the community was such an incredible experience and gave us such a valuable insight into their lives."

"Spending time with the local schools and at the HIV clinic taught me so much and has really inspired me to think about my future career. We were taken such great care of, and it was such a lovely group of people; I've definitely made friends for life. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to go on this trip, it was truly the best experience of my life."





# LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT STEP

First Year Dance students had the opportunity to attend a workshop with CBBC star Ella Gilling, who has starred on the show 'The Next Step' since 2013.

Ella Gilling at work with the students



The show, which follows a teen dance troupe at the Next Step dance studio, inspired many of the dancers at college to take up dance themselves.

Originally from Penzance, Ella runs dance classes at the iconic Pineapple Dance Studios in London, has choreographed for TV on shows aired on Comedy Central, and set up the Believe Academy dance school with her sister Charlotte; which has teachers who started their dance journey at Truro College.



The dance students were inspired by the workshop, after getting an opportunity to see where dance can take them in the future.

# ENDING THE YEAR WITH A BANG

The First and Second Year Performing Arts students showed off their skills in their end of year shows.



The First Year Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts students took the audience to Rydell High School in their performance of Grease. The cast made the stage come to life with their props, outfits, acting, and singing, showcasing all the skills they have learned throughout the first year of their course. They even visited the car mechanics lab to make sure 'Greased Lightning' was performed to the highest quality.



The Second Year Performing Arts students put on a production of famous satirical World War One based play 'Oh! What A Lovely War'. For inspiration and research, they went to Bodmin Keep to use their historically accurate Mock trench and museum's entire collection, including weaponry, uniform, and general belongings.

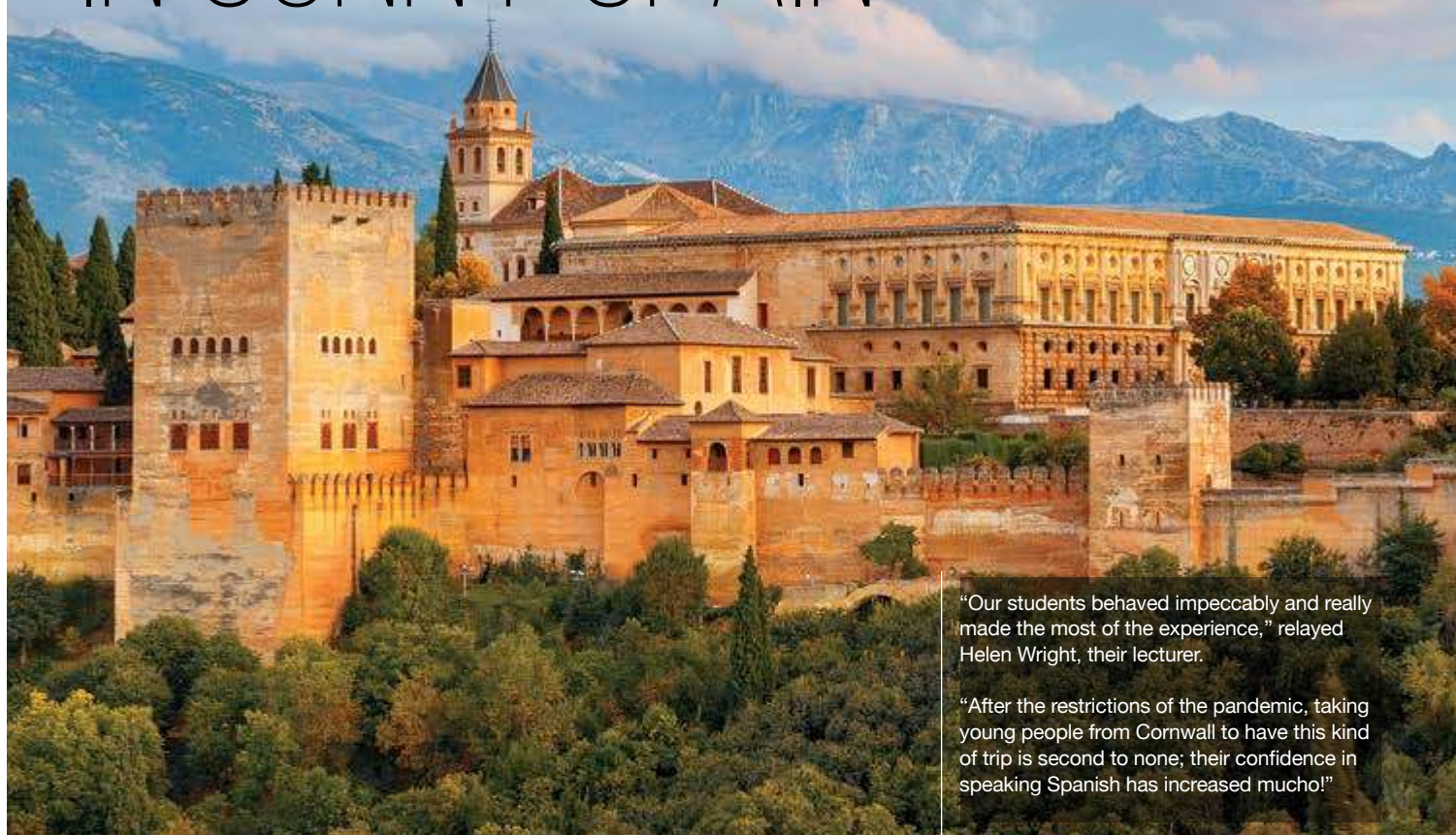


Second Year Performing Arts students perform 'Oh! What A Lovely War'.





# STUNNING VIEWS IN SUNNY SPAIN



"Our students behaved impeccably and really made the most of the experience," relayed Helen Wright, their lecturer.

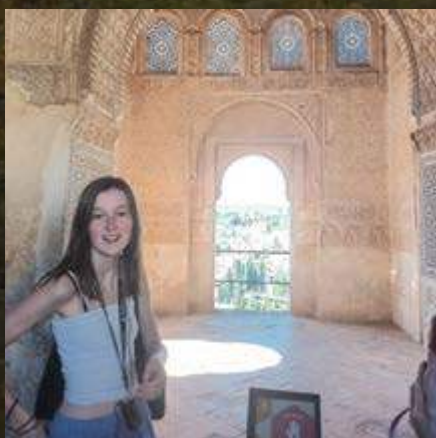
"After the restrictions of the pandemic, taking young people from Cornwall to have this kind of trip is second to none; their confidence in speaking Spanish has increased mucho!"

Over 20 Modern Foreign Languages students from across Truro and Penwith campuses joined up and spent a fantastic week in Granada in Southern Spain.

The study trip included daily language lessons, trips to historical sites, cultural experiences and accommodation in host families, where everyone needed to use their Spanish in real-life situations. The guided tours around the UNESCO World Heritage site, The Alhambra, and the ancient Arabic district of the Albaicín were thoroughly enjoyed by the group in the shining sun. Lunch al fresco in a picturesque Alpujarra village, aromatic tea in a Moorish tearoom and churros con chocolate were just some of the culinary treats enjoyed



Sampling a Moorish tearoom.



The famous Alhambra Palace, in Granada.



Lunch al fresco in the picturesque Alpujarra.



Churros and chocolate were popular.



# CREATIVE WRITERS TAKE HOME PRIZES



The Creative Writing group enjoyed huge success at the Rotary Club's Young Writer's competition this year. The yearly competition celebrates local creativity, with this year's theme being 'Peace'.



Despite a record number of entries, Truro College's Creative Writing group students did superbly well in the senior category. Alisha scooped up first place in the Cornwall region and second place for the whole southwest for her poignant prose, 'Silence'. Matilda came second in the Cornwall region for her powerful poem, 'Peace', and 'Highly Commended' awards also went to Mia for her passionate call for action in 'Let Us Find Peace' and Aimee for her enigmatic 'Reflection'.

Other students awarded certificates for their entries included Lowenna, Alissia, Isla, Mya, Em, Saba, Malak and Maisy.

Representatives from the Boscawen Rotary Club came to college to present the awards, which included book vouchers for the prize winners to keep them inspired to keep writing.

Boscawen Rotary Club Representative Peter Bayly presented awards.



Truro College's Creative Writing group.





A-Level students in particular have trumped national averages, with a 99% overall pass rate and 78% success in achieving the top grades A\* – C this year. With over 2,500 individual A-Level entries, Truro and Penwith College is one of the largest providers of the qualification nationally. This year's results will see it confirmed as one of the best once again with a total of 144 A\* grades awarded.

41 A-Level subjects achieved a 100% pass rate, including Further Maths, Computer Science and English Literature. The College's leading local and national role in STEM (Science, Technology, Maths and Engineering) was evidenced once more, both in the high quality of student outcomes, and in the large and growing volumes of entries. Science students studying A Level Geology and Physics had a 100% pass rate, and over 75% of the cohorts achieved the top grades of A\*-C. There was also a 100% pass rate in creative A-levels such as Photography, Music, Drama, Product Design, Media, Textiles and Graphic Design.

**A-Level and Vocational students at Truro and Penwith College have been awarded a record number of successful grades in this year's set of results, with pass rates above national averages.**

Here are some student success stories from across Truro and Penwith College:



**MILLIE**

Perranwell local Millie declined an offer from her first-choice university as she was certain that personal circumstances would leave her unable to make the grades. However, her hard work and determination, along with the support from her lecturers, gave her a clean sweep of A grades across A Level Biology, Economics and Geography.

"Don't give up", is Millie's advice to future students, commenting: "I can go anywhere now, I can do anything".

As a result of her fantastic grades, Millie is now re-applying for her first-choice university, Loughborough, to study Geography with Economics.

Milarna, from St Austell, received a fantastic triple D\* in her BTEC Applied Science Diploma, leading to her becoming the first BTEC student from the College to get into a highly competitive Dentistry course.

"The College was the best fit for me," Milarna said. "I liked that on the BTEC you learn through assignments, and I do better with assignment work. It made me feel like I had more control over my grades."



**ROSIE**

Rosie, from Newlyn, received grades of Distinction-Star, Distinction, Distinction for her Level 3 Health & Social Care course. With this, she has secured her next adventure studying Children's Nursing at Plymouth University this September.

Rosie said: "I really liked that my course had lots of practical aspects and we did a lot of coursework, so it wasn't just exams."

Throughout her time at college, Rosie felt supported and encouraged by the lecturers to take her career to the next level.



# STUDENTS OUTPERFORM NATIONAL AVERAGES



ISAAC & NOAH

Isaac and Noah studied the same subjects of Maths, Physics and Geography A Levels and also went to Hayle Academy before starting college.

Isaac's grades of A\* A\* A and Noah's grades of A\*, A and A prove that they are a force to be reckoned with.

Noah, who attended the Rugby Academy in his first year, said: "I really enjoyed the choice of Academies. I made a lot of new friends through the Rugby Academy."

Isaac added: "The lecturers were all friendly and really helpful, and there were some really nice people on my course."

Both Isaac and Noah are now going on to study Mechanical Engineering at Imperial College London and Bath University respectively.

## GABE IS ON TOP OF THE WORLD

Gabe was attending an Open Event at the University of Cambridge when he received his results and later discovered that he is one of the most successful students on the planet.

Gabe achieved his full-marks-feat during the toughest IB year in recent history with only 25 students in the UK and fewer than 180 students world-wide achieving the top score of 45.

He is now set to study a Foundation Diploma in Art & Design at the University Centre Truro and Penwith and will be applying to study Architecture at the University of Cambridge from September 2024. He will be guided through his application with help from the College, including taking part in its Oxbridge Support Programme.

"When I got the news, I couldn't quite believe it", said Gabe. "I really didn't think that I'd get the top score; it's all been a surprise, but I am very happy that lots of hard work over the last two years has paid off.

"All the lecturers at Truro College were really good at teaching the IB. The College has great facilities and teaching for everything, it's a great environment to be taught in."

Angie Liversedge, the IB Coordinator and Oxbridge Lead at Truro and Penwith College, said:

"Our students have exemplified the very best qualities of the International Baccalaureate, not only with their academic excellence but also by being compassionate, open-minded and principled learners. I am proud of every one of them."



GABE

A student from Falmouth is one of the top achievers in the world after receiving an incredible full-marks score of 45-points on the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB), a result that is equivalent to five A-stars at A Level.





# STUDENTS TAKE THEIR TALENT FURTHER

Performing Arts alumni returned to College to showcase their journeys at 'Take my Talent Further'.

The event, which was arranged by the College and Next Steps Southwest to raise students' awareness and aspirations for career opportunities in the music industry, saw musicians, producers, sound artists and many more gave inspirational talks to the students about the wide range of career pathways in music.

Despite being in a rock band at the time, freelance musician and composer Martin chose A Level Music as he wanted to broaden his horizons. This gave him an opportunity to go to the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, opening many career doors. He said: "Don't worry if you don't know what you want to do at 17. Throw yourself in the deep end and try something new as this will help you develop and improve your career opportunities. I came to Truro College clueless as to what I was and what I wanted to be.

"I remember day one being terrified, but a brilliant tutor supported me and arranged 1:1 lessons. It made me believe I could accomplish what I wanted to do."

Sound artist and live sound engineer Jess also found her career path during her time in college, saying: "I never considered music technology until I went to college."



Lizzie Hill.



Bailey Tomkinson.

Jess studied Music Performance in her first year, but after discussions with her tutor, discovered music technology in her second year. She said the mixture of her live performance and production took her work to a whole new level. She decided to continue her studies at Falmouth University before finally taking the big step to London where she now works as a sound artist. "There are loads of different pathways for live music and production and I've done them all!"

Musician and music producer Mavi also mixed a Music Diploma with A Level Music Technology at College. "The production techniques I learnt at college really fed the fire for my future. It is 90% of what I do now," said Mavi. He also discussed how his time at college taught him to collaborate with fellow musicians. He proceeded to audition for Lipa, the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts, which has patrons including Paul McCartney, Joan Armatrading and Mark Knopfler. Now looking to release his own original sound, Mavi has recently played a gig in Liverpool for thousands at the Eurovision Song Contest.



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Mavi

Students also learned that you don't have to move far away to work in the arts as Helen, Deputy Creative Director Hall for Cornwall, explains: "We are working hard to keep creatives in Cornwall. There are plenty of opportunities for performers, stage techs and even marketing jobs in the Performing Arts here in the Duchy."

With the day also featuring live music performances from current students and a dance workshop held by Bath Spa University, the Performing Arts students from Truro and Penwith College thought the day was eye-opening.

# ALUMNI JOURNEYS

Truro and Penwith College alumni continue to shake things up and make a difference in Cornwall and beyond after finishing their courses. Find out more about what TPC alumni get up to here.

## FROM CORNWALL TO BRITISH VOGUE

**Truro and Penwith College Art and Design students enjoyed some informative talks from college alumni.**

One of these talks was held by Tilda Fuller, a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art & Design alumnus from Truro College. After completing her diploma, she proceeded to study BA Print at Central Saint Martins in London, and have her work featured in British Vogue as one of the top looks of the end of year fashion show.

Talking about her feature, Tilda said: "It was amazing! [But] It was quite overwhelming; it was a really big achievement. I'm still really proud of myself, it was a great thing."

When giving her advice for future students, Tilda encouraged listeners to make good friends: "Make sure you have a good awareness and get good people around you. Focus on meeting good people and centring that around you first. Think about your cohort as people you will work with [in the future]."

Everyone also heard from freelance artist Kate Aimers, who talked about her journey from college to her current career, and Tom Kaniok, who has organised the Take Me Inland project with four other artists who have been invited to devise a workshop for the local community to experiment with different methods of artmaking.



Tilda with Alumni Kate and Tom.

## SUSTAINABLE JEWELLERY MADE IN CORNWALL

**Our alumni have been making big waves in creating a sustainable future.**

Sam and Melissa, who met during their time at Truro College, now own the business Behaviour Change Cornwall, which recycles ocean plastic and disused fishing nets from the coasts of Cornwall and recycles it to ensure it never enters the ocean again. One of the ways the plastic is repurposed is through creating jewellery which was sold at this year's Royal Cornwall Show.

"I wouldn't be doing this if it wasn't for Truro College," Sam said. "When I was in school, they told me I'm not gonna get to university, but when I went to Truro College, they told me I was capable and gave me the support to do it. It really gave me the kickstart to what I'm doing now."

"All of the lecturers are really knowledgeable and taught us all really well," Melissa added.

Sam and Melissa continue to spread the message of sustainability across the county and beyond through their work.



Melissa and Sam.



# THE WORLD AWAITS



Guest speaker Prof. Dafydd Moore, Senior Vice Chancellor, University of Plymouth.



Guest speaker Dr Beverly Joshua, Head of School of Health Sciences, University of Greenwich.



Adele Bull, Director of Curriculum Development at Truro and Penwith College presenting award.

Truro Cathedral was filled with excitement as hundreds of students and staff celebrated the 25th Graduation ceremony of the University Centre Truro and Penwith, recognising the achievements of the students' hard work to obtain Higher Education qualifications.

Supportive friends, family, fellow classmates, and staff watched on as the Graduation ceremony took place under Luke Jerram's spectacular floating globe 'Gaia', suspended above the cathedral as part of the artwork's grand tour.

After a warm welcome from the Dean of the Cathedral, Simon Robinson, Graduates and guests heard from Martin Tucker, Principal at Truro and Penwith College, who was thrilled to speak to Graduates about their success. He said: "Congratulations to all our students on their well-deserved successes. We are delighted to be celebrating with you all today.

"This is now the 25th year that we have celebrated the success of Higher Education students who have completed their studies with us. With a large number of University courses including; Foundation Degrees, Top-Up Degrees, HNDs, HNCs and other

professional qualifications, we constantly see our students achieve excellent outcomes. The University Centre is always updating and introducing new courses to meet the emerging skills needs identified in Cornwall, both full-time and part-time to help fit family life around study."

Roland Bray, Student Orator and PGCE graduate gave a touching speech to celebrate the momentous occasion with stories of his journey with the University Centre Truro & Penwith. Admitting studying at higher-level is not always easy, Roland said: "The support of our lecturers has played a pivotal role.

They have been more than educators, they've been mentors. They've ignited our curiosity, challenged our thinking and inspired us to reach new heights. Most importantly, their commitment to our growth and success has been nothing short of remarkable.

"My fellow graduates, you are the embodiment of hard work, dedication, and the pursuit of knowledge. The world awaits your talents and contributions, and I have no doubt that you will shine brightly wherever you go."



Roland Bray, Student Orator and PGCE Graduate.



Scrolls were presented by Emily Myatt, Head of the University Centre.



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Scrolls were presented by Emily Myatt, Head of the University Centre Truro & Penwith. There were also several awards and honourable mentions including the Student Ambassador Award, Bianca Trew Award, Education Award, Principal's Commendations and Academic Partnership Prizes from Pearson, University of Plymouth and University of Greenwich.

Charlotte Summers, LLB Law Graduate, won the University of Plymouth Academic Partnership Prize for being an 'inspiration to her peers and lecturers alike'. Charlotte commented: "I had to deal with tough times over the last couple of years and received lots of support from my lecturers.

"I'm really glad they offered the Law course at the University Centre Truro and Penwith. It was important for me with a young family to be able to study locally so I could still do the nursery and school drop offs."

After the final award was given and the event drew to a close, Graduates departed Truro Cathedral, safe in the knowledge that their future careers are now closer than ever before.



# OTTERY

Situated in Bodmin, the STEM & Health Skills Centre is accessible to students in North and East Cornwall



The new learning centre.



Student nurses explore the new health skills simulation suites and operating facilities.



# INVESTMENT IN STEM AND HEALTH SKILLS CAREERS

**The STEM and Health Skills Centre welcomed its first cohort of students in September, providing students with the facilities and expert lecturers to help them go further during their time at college.**

Based in Bodmin, the Centre works with local businesses and employers to fill vital skills gaps in the county and caters to the needs of north Cornwall. The facility is filled with ultra-modern facilities; providing all students with realistic working environments to prepare them for future careers.

Facilities include realistic nursing simulation suites and operating facilities, factory standard engineering equipment, modern digital technology and much more. Students are not only working towards careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM), but also Nursing, Caring, Marketing and Management through the range of courses available to school leavers aged 16-18 as well as University and CPD students aged 19+.



Nick Tillyer, Institute of Technology Development Manager for Truro and Penwith College.



Nick Tillyer, the Institute of Technology Development Manager for Truro and Penwith College, spoke about the importance of the STEM and Health Skills Centre for local learners: "The opening of this facility shows a huge shift in the availability of courses that are relevant to the growing industries in Cornwall. We've worked really hard with local industries to really understand what development needs are, what the growth potential is, where the gaps are in education and also employment where people find it hard to get certain job roles and fill vacancies.

"I think that what we've done is create something that is not only future proof but also a great opportunity for people locally and it will help industries thrive locally as well. We're confident that what we have here is a great offer."

## COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF

Be one of the first to tour our new multi-million-pound STEM and Health Skills Centre, Bodmin, meet the staff and find out about life as a student.

### Open Days

Sat 18 Nov, 10am - 3pm  
Sat 27 Jan, 10am - 1pm

Health skills simulation suites and operating facilities.



**Applications for courses starting in 2024 at the STEM and Health Skills Centre are now open. Find out more on our website: [truro-penwith.ac.uk/stemcentre](http://truro-penwith.ac.uk/stemcentre)**



# CHOOSING YOUR PERFECT COURSE

When applying for college, it can be daunting to choose the right course. You can feel like there's a lot of pressure on you to make the right choice. How do you choose the right course and the right level for you? Here are some top tips and info for choosing a course you'll be happy with.

College is the time where you start considering your career options. What did you enjoy studying at school? Are you more of an academics or practical person? College is the perfect time to start specialising in a subject, and to get a broader knowledge of the topics you enjoy. Don't just choose a course because your friends are doing it! You can always hang out with your friends during free periods.

If your parents are pushing you towards certain subjects, make time to sit down with them and talk through the course you want to study, and answer any questions or concerns they have; you can also bring them along to an Open Event to talk to lecturers and student ambassadors. Your parents only want the best for you!

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Employability and Careers lead Tim Moody recommends you ask yourself certain questions when looking at a course. "When you consider choosing a course, make sure you factor in some key points. Firstly, does it capture your imagination and inspire you? Does the course content reach out and grab your attention? Do you have the necessary skills that are at the core of the course, if not do you think you can pick these skills up? Do the course and subjects align to your future ambitions? What will your destination be when you leave college?"



Make sure the course is the right level for you and contains subject material that interests you. Talk to your teachers at school and find out your predicted GCSE grades. Your grades, particularly in Maths and English, can determine what level course would be best for you.

If you're predicted Grade 5 in your Maths and English and Grade 4 and above in your other GCSEs, you could consider studying A Levels, T Levels or Extended Diplomas. T Levels are a unique qualification that combine classroom academics with real world experience in a placement. Extended Diplomas allow you to specialise in a subject that you particularly enjoy, giving you the equivalent of 3 A Levels in one topic. A Levels are a good choice for those who perform well in the exam environment and want to keep their options open, as you can study an array of topics.

Employability and Careers lead Tim Moody.



"Ultimately, be true to yourself and ensure that you have careers conversations with your teachers, your parents, your friends and also book a careers guidance appointment if you can, to discuss future pathways."



The Career Zone in Mylor building at Truro College.

**CAREER  
ZONE**



Remember: You can always fine-tune your choices at your college interview, where a lecturer will be able to go through options with you to help you make a choice you will be happy with.



Ask yourself if you excel more in exams or in coursework. A Levels will focus more on exams, whereas the Extended Diploma is more coursework heavy. T Levels combine exams with an employer project to assess you.

If you excel in your GCSEs but are unsure what to specialise in, or you enjoyed the selection of subjects you studied in your GCSEs, think about studying the

IB Diploma. You can study six subject areas including Language and Literature, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, Experimental Sciences, Mathematics and the Arts. You'll also be able to undertake Creativity, Action and Service based projects. There is no 'typical' IB student, and many of those who have studied the IB Diploma have gone on to study at Russell Group universities.

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If you feel that your grades are going to be under this threshold, don't fret! There's still plenty of courses you can study at College, including Level 1 and 2 Courses to get you into A Levels, Technical Courses and Apprenticeships, which give you a real working environment to progress towards your chosen career. You can take on Apprenticeships and Technical courses in Automotive and Engineering, Business, Care, Community and Education, Construction, Hair and Beauty, Hospitality and more.



Although choosing a course can seem scary, it's a lot nicer than you think. Think of it as taking your first steps towards your dream career, or furthering your knowledge in your favourite subjects, as well as a time where you'll be granted more independence.



# WHERE WILL TRURO AND PENWITH COLLEGE TAKE YOU?



**DEREK**

"I mainly came to Truro College because I knew I wanted to study A Levels, and other places didn't offer Law which was the one I wanted to study most."

Derek is from Redruth and studied Chemistry, Law and Psychology A Levels alongside attending the Law Academy and being a member of the Student Council.

Thanks to his tutor, he secured a place on the University of Exeter's 'Pathways to Law' programme.

"Thanks to doing my T Level at the College, I've been able to become what I wanted to be, which is an architectural technician."

Kynan is from Newquay and studied a T Level in Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning. He now works with CAD Technicians and hopes to study HNC Level 4 in Construction and the Built Environment at the University Centre Truro & Penwith.



**KYNAN**

"The local sixth form did not offer graphics and I wanted to progress my digital art. I needed to choose somewhere which offered me the chance to go further."

Anucha is from Camborne and studied Fine Art, Illustration & Graphics and Maths A Levels. She loved the people at college and is now chasing her passion by moving on to Falmouth University to study Graphics.



**TOM**

"I will be forever grateful to all the tutors, lecturers and training advisors at the College, as they have made me into the person I am today."

Tom is from Camelford and studied the Level 3 Business Administrator Apprenticeship. After completing his Apprenticeship with the Eden Project, he was offered full-time employment with the Eden Project team.



**ANUCHA**

After studying at Truro and Penwith College, students will look further, reach further and go further. Take a look at what TPC students have gone on to study and achieve here!



KONDWANI

“The lecturers teach to your needs and bring the best out of you. There are a lot of people who go to the College which means you get to meet lots of new people.”

Kondwani is from Helston and studied the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Protective Services. He enjoyed learning about the different services within the Protective Services and now wants to progress to university to be a child protection officer within the police force.



AMY

“I’ve had a rewarding time at Penwith College. My lecturers entered me in Maths and Physics competitions which explore areas outside of the curriculum.”

Amy is from Penzance and studied Illustration and Graphics, Physics, Mathematics and Further Maths A Levels. After receiving support from the College, Amy has received an offer to study Engineering at the prestigious University of Cambridge.



ABI

“The lecturers are absolutely amazing, if you need extra help there will be a lecturer that helps you so much.”

Abi is from St Austell and studied Biology, Chemistry and Psychology A Levels alongside attending the Medics’ Academy. Thanks to the support of her Medics’ Academy tutor, Abi has now received multiple offers to study Medicine at university, including an offer from the Russell Group’s University of Exeter.

“Penwith offered the course I wanted to do, and it meant I didn’t have to make any long bus journeys because it was right on my doorstep.”

Sadie is from Penzance and studied a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Lens Based Media. She enjoyed her course so much that she is progressing on to Cardiff University to study Media, Journalism and Culture.



SADIE





# LOOK FURTHER



Don't be afraid to ask questions.



Check out the new EV labs in Seaton Building.



Student Ambassadors are on hand to help.

Open event season is in full swing, and you may be wondering what questions to ask at open day or school events, and how to prepare. Check out our handy guide here, to help you feel prepared when you come to an open event!

If you don't know what you want to do as a career, that is okay. When you speak to us at your school events or at open days, tell us about your hobbies and favourite subjects you're studying at school. Chances are, you will be able to study them further at college and figure out what careers are available to you during your time with us. There are also subjects available at college which you may not have been able to study at school that could interest you and get you thinking about future career prospects.

There are many facilities at college for you to try, and they'll all be open to you when you attend open events. These include professional level film cameras and studios, hair and nail salons, electric vehicle labs, construction facilities and much more! There's plenty for you to try your hand at during open days.

Don't be afraid to ask questions. We are here to help you and guide you as much as possible towards the course you want to do. At open events, you can ask lecturers what professions their courses lead to, what the course entails and the assessment methods used on their course so you can see if the course is right for you.

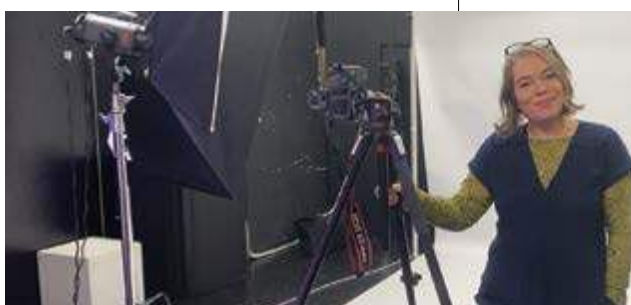
You can also ask about Enrichment activities you can do alongside your studies, such as sports or extra-curricular clubs. Be sure to take notes so you remember it all for your application later!

Our career advisors and admin team are available to speak to at open events if you have solid ideas for your future career that you want to set into motion. They can give you advice for your college interview and what courses would be best for you based on your interests and what career you want to go into. Be sure to look out for them at an open event.

Open events are taking place across all Truro and Penwith College campuses throughout the year.

Find out when the next open event is on [truro-penwith.ac.uk/event](https://truro-penwith.ac.uk/event).

Be sure to take notes so you remember it all for your application later!



Professional level film cameras and studios will be open for you to try.

# YOUR GUIDE TO MAKING AN APPLICATION

Going further with Truro and Penwith College is simple.  
Find out how you can apply for your perfect course here.



## HAVE A THINK AND DO YOUR RESEARCH

What subjects are your favourites, which do you enjoy the most? What is your dream career and what subjects or courses will help you get there?



## ATTEND AN OPEN EVENT

Our Open Events, whether online or in person, are a great way to hear from teaching staff, see our fantastic facilities, find out about the subjects you are interested in and discover new options.



## ATTEND A SHORT INTERVIEW

After completing your application, you will be invited to attend a short interview. This is a chance for you to discuss your options and narrow down your course choices. At the interview you will receive useful information and contacts.



## COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE

Please use the online application system, available through our website [truro-penwith.ac.uk](http://truro-penwith.ac.uk) to apply for your place. You can also complete a 16+ option form through your school.



## ACCEPT YOUR COURSE OFFER

You will be offered a conditional place at the College. You can accept this at your interview or let us know your decision by returning your offer email.



## WE'LL BE KEEPING IN TOUCH

An email in May is filled with information including bus pass details. You can also sign up for activities such as academies and Enrichment options. An email in July contains the information for your induction before the start of term.



## ATTEND YOUR INDUCTION AND START COLLEGE

You will have been given a date and time to attend an induction event, which is normally a few days before the official start of term. We look forward to welcoming you.



## LET US KNOW YOUR GCSE RESULTS

Contact the College to let us know your results and confirm your course choices. Don't worry if you haven't got the grades you were expecting - talk to our friendly advisors who are here to help.

Remember: You can always review your course choices at your college interview, to make sure your happy with them.

Your college interview is also the ideal time for further discussions on your chosen enrichment activity.



# FOUR CAMPUSES...

From the Truro campus in the bustling city, to the calm, tranquil atmosphere at Tregye and Penwith, to the high-tech hub of the new STEM and Health Skills Centre in Bodmin, there will be a campus that suits your needs right on your doorstep.

In this guide, you can find out more about the state-of-the-art facilities and courses provided at each campus, to help you decide which location is right for you.

## TRURO COLLEGE



Truro College, on the outskirts of Truro, is a lively and large campus which hosts a wide range of courses and advanced facilities.

13 buildings across the campus are home to many courses and industry-standard learning environments, from occupational courses such as Automotive, Construction, Hair & Beauty and Hospitality, to A Level and Diploma subjects such as Science, Performing Arts, Media Studies, Art & Design and many more!

If you want to study outside of A Levels and Diplomas, Truro College also offers Apprenticeships and the internationally recognised International Baccalaureate as alternatives. Truro and Penwith College is also Cornwall's only provider of the new T Level qualification. The Fal building is home to the University Centre Truro & Penwith offering over 40 Higher Education subjects in more than 10 subject areas including Nursing, Computing, Media and Photography, Humanities and much more.

Truro College is home to a plethora of bespoke, state-of-the-art facilities, including the £7.3 million Institute of Technology Valency building, which houses a huge workshop full of industry-standard equipment for future Engineers along with high-tech Digital suites. Hi-tech Electric Vehicle Labs prepare Automotive students for future

employment while Inspiration Salon allows Hair & Beauty students to hone their skills offering their services to paying customers.

Creative juices flow in a huge range of photography studios, 3D printing facilities, music production technology and performing arts theatres, while new Science labs help students explore the world around us and beyond, and that's just the start! No matter which course you choose at Truro College, you will be working with expert lecturers and the latest high-tech facilities.

You can grab a bite to eat on the Truro campus in the Kenwyn, Helford, Mylor and Seaton buildings, some of which offer Starbucks cafes. You can also check out the Allen building's Spires training restaurant and coffee shop to sample the work of your peers. You can find out more about food options at Truro and Penwith College on our website.

## PENWITH COLLEGE



Penwith College in Penzance has a close-knit, energetic student atmosphere and incorporates historic buildings with innovative facilities for all learners. With stunning views over Mounts Bay, students at Penwith benefit from a unique and personal experience.

Facilities at Penwith College include cutting-edge video games labs, the Inspiration Salon where Hair & Beauty students deliver services to paying clients, sports halls, the latest artificial sports pitches, Senara, the UK's Best College restaurant at the 2022 AA Hospitality Awards, and much more.

Penwith College is ideal for those who want to experience a nationally leading college in West Cornwall with access to state-of-the-art facilities and industry-expert lecturers. There are courses exclusive to Penwith that you won't find at Truro College such as Painting and Decorating Diplomas, Information Technology Level 3 Diploma, Music Performance & Production Level 3 Diploma and Philosophy of Religion & Ethics to name a few.

The University Centre Truro & Penwith also delivers Higher Education courses in the Penberth building. HNC/HND Fine Art is exclusive to the Penwith campus with the location perfect to get inspired, along with the brand-new FdSc Health & Wellbeing that is also only found at Penwith.

# ONE QUALITY EXPERIENCE



Truro Campus.

Truro and Penwith College has campuses across the county, allowing students from all over Cornwall and beyond to look, reach and go further.



Penwith Campus.

## TREGYE CAMPUS

## STEM & HEALTH SKILLS CENTRE



With a huge choice of A Levels, T Levels, full-time Vocational qualifications and Apprenticeships with local employers, Penwith is the perfect place to study and grow in West Cornwall.

You can enjoy food with friends in the Zennor and Porthcurno buildings, which offer reasonably priced meals and snacks. You can also visit the nationally leading training restaurant Senara to try the culinary delights created by fellow students. Senara has not only won the AA College Restaurant of the Year award but also the Traveler's Choice award from TripAdvisor, offering locals and visitors fine dining at a fraction of the cost.

**Every campus has great transport links, with bus routes that drop students straight to the campus or within a close vicinity.**

**Find out more about transport to Truro and Penwith College on our website.**



The Tregye campus in Carnon Downs consists of a Grade 2 listed manor house surrounded by purpose-built facilities in the Cornish countryside. The campus is a calm learning environment that encourages reflective and creative practice. Tregye is home to the intensive one-year Foundation Diploma in Art and Design from the University Centre Truro & Penwith, which allows learners to try their hand at a wide range of Art & Design techniques and disciplines in order to unlock their creative potential.

The College's range of seminars for adult Career and Professional Development also take place at Tregye, along with a full suite of Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) qualifications from Level 2 – 7, coaching Cornwall's budding supervisors and senior leaders through their management journey.

The campus is recognised as a Centre of Excellence by City and Guilds thanks to levels of learner success on Institute of Leadership and Management qualifications.

**No matter where you are in Cornwall, there will be advanced facilities and a friendly atmosphere waiting for you at all of the Truro and Penwith College campuses across the county.**



The newest addition to Truro and Penwith College's campuses is the multi-million-pound STEM and Health Skills Centre in Bodmin, serving North and East Cornwall. The campus is purpose-built for a wide range of STEM and Health subjects and has facilities such as Nursing Simulation suites that train the future of Cornwall's NHS, Care environments, state-of-the-art Engineering workshops, IT suites and the latest technology incorporated in its teaching rooms. With courses for school leavers as well

as University-level students and Career & Professional Development for adults, there is something to suit a wide-range of students interested in STEM and Health skills.

The STEM and Health Skills Centre has strong connections with local employers such as Wildanet, Imerys and Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to name a few, helping students get into STEM and Healthcare careers straight after college.

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