

# PREP SCHOOL AT TRURO HIGH

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TRURO HIGH SCHOOL  
Where Girls Thrive



“The school is highly successful in fulfilling its aim to provide an inspirational learning environment where all pupils are nurtured to thrive.”

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# A WARM WELCOME TO YOUR JOURNEY

**Truro High is a school where girls thrive. It is our privilege and duty to nurture every child through their one chance at education and childhood, ensuring they flourish as confident, kind, and engaging individuals.**

With kindness at the core of everything we do, we cultivate a vibrant, joyful environment filled with curiosity, excitement, and a love of learning.

Our broad and forward-thinking curriculum sparks awe and wonder daily, encouraging inquiry, resilience, and a sense of social responsibility. We empower every girl to break free from stereotypes, pursue her ambitions, and lead with courage and compassion - prepared to make a meaningful impact in the world.

We warmly invite you to visit our unique and special school, where girls thrive in an environment brimming with warmth, joy, and a passion for learning that has to be seen and felt to be believed. Come and experience for yourself the vibrancy, kindness, and unwavering support that define our community. We look forward to welcoming you!



# OUR VALUES

## Curiosity

Through dynamic teaching and positive mentoring girls develop a life-long love of learning, fuelled by intellectual curiosity and driven by academic determination.

## Creativity

Where creativity in all forms is celebrated and girls learn to cherish originality and innovation. Imaginations are nurtured and a sense of awe and wonder is never far away.

## Courage

Where a can-do attitude is fostered and girls embrace challenges in and outside of the classroom with determination. Where mistakes are nothing more than learning experiences on the journey to success and resilience is grown with every step along the way.



## Compassion

Where girls are interested and empathetic, showing genuine respect and care for others and the environment. They are keen to do all they can to make this a better world, both locally and globally. Girls are encouraged to be open-minded and develop integrity; having the strength of character to do what is right, rather than just what is easy.

## Community

Where the tremendous power of teamwork and collaboration are valued, with girls encouraged to be outward-facing and recognise the positive benefits of local, national and global interconnection. The quality of relationships in our warm community is second to none and the encouragement and celebration of success is enjoyed by all.

## Ambition

Where young people know that their teachers are their champions and they are empowered to become the best possible versions of themselves.



# WHO WE ARE - AN INSPIRING LEARNING COMMUNITY

At our Prep School, we believe that the early years of education are foundational, shaping not just what children learn but how they learn. We welcome girls from ages 3 to 11 and provide a nurturing environment where each girl is encouraged to think big, be bold, and discover the joy of learning. Small classes ensure every child is known, valued, and able to form strong, meaningful bonds with peers and teachers alike.

Guided by kindness, we strive to build a strong community where every member feels supported and respected. Our ethos centres on developing a growth mindset, through the High Performance Learning philosophy, instilling resilience, confidence, and a willingness to embrace challenges and learn from setbacks. Happy girls achieve, and this philosophy infuses our classrooms with a palpable sense of joy and excitement each day.

Learning at our Prep School goes beyond traditional boundaries, embracing hands-on, meaningful experiences. With access to specialist facilities like our theatre, science labs, swimming pool, and more, girls explore everything from robotics to dance. Our Outdoor Learning sessions and creative curriculum ignite their curiosity and confidence.











# LEARNING WITHOUT LIMITS

Our curriculum is designed to inspire, challenge, and nurture a lifelong love of learning, laying a solid foundation in daily Mathematics and English while offering a wide range of subjects, including Science, The Arts, Sports, Humanities, and Personal and Social Development. Each subject fuels curiosity, creativity, and practical engagement with knowledge.

English and Mathematics form the cornerstone of our daily learning. Through English, students cultivate effective communication, explore the richness of literature, and develop strong reading and writing skills that open doors to a vast world of knowledge and self-expression. Mathematics lessons promote a deep understanding of concepts, enabling flexible thinking, problem-solving, and fluency in applying logic to real-world situations.

Weekly Science lessons spark inquiry and experimentation, encouraging students to explore the world around them. The Arts foster creativity, self-expression, and cultural appreciation through music, dance, drama, and visual arts. Sports emphasise physical well-being, teamwork, and resilience, while Humanities nurture a deeper understanding of the world through History, Geography, Religious Philosophy and diverse cultures. Personal and Social Development lessons focus on building emotional intelligence, empathy, and social skills, reinforcing the threads that run throughout the curriculum.











In a world of rapid change, our curriculum challenges students to explore what makes us uniquely human. We prioritise critical thinking, problem-solving, and adaptability through dedicated STEM, Current Affairs, and Big Thinking lessons, and nurture resilience and empathy. Our enquiry-based approach, inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy in the Early Years and the Learn Challenge Curriculum in Pre-Prep, encourages children to follow their interests, sparking meaningful exploration.

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but the lighting of a fire.”***

Key priorities include Oracy, empowering children to articulate their thoughts, and confidence-building through performances, presentations, and shared learning. We light a spark in every child, helping them thrive as joyful, skilled, and thoughtful learners, ready for the future.

William Butler Yeats said it best: "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." Our curriculum embodies this belief by developing scholastic, societal, and innovation skills, rooted in creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking. We foster strong character traits like resilience, emphasising reflection and growth. Specialist subjects, from computing to modern languages and PE, enrich our curriculum, weaving spiritual, moral, social, and cultural growth throughout each learning journey.

# UNLOCKING POTENTIAL, CREATING LEADERS

HPL, or High Performance Learning, is a framework and philosophy for teaching and learning. It reflects what we now know about the advanced thinking skills and learning behaviours which can help us to actually build better brains!

Excellent schools are effective in securing exceptional academic standards, but should also aim to empower students to think for themselves and become even more socially confident, able to deal with any unknown or unfamiliar situation using a range of embedded skills.

At Truro High School, we believe that offering opportunities to excel academically is only part of the journey. We also encourage our students to become flexible and fluent thinkers, open to every new opportunity and willing to take risks. This HPL pedagogy underpins our teaching and learning from the very start of student's education in the early years, right through to our teachers who are the oldest learners within our school!

We never tell our students that they cannot achieve; we reassure them that although they may not be there yet, with practice and perseverance of these thinking skills and behaviours, success will be possible.







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- it’s about building character.”*



# PASTORAL SUPPORT: CARING FOR EVERY GIRL

Pastoral care is at the heart of our school, rooted in a strong tradition of excellence. We pride ourselves on fostering a small, family-like environment where every girl is truly known and valued as an individual.

Through forms, Houses, buddies, and cross-phase activities, we cultivate a close-knit community where every child feels safe, supported, and a strong sense of belonging - an environment where the best learning can happen, and where confidence and resilience flourish.

Our multi-layered approach to pastoral support includes form tutors, a school nurse, a well-being dog, a school counsellor, peer mentors, and mental health first aid champions. Each layer is designed to offer a web of care, helping each girl feel seen and supported throughout her journey with us.

Pastoral care is about more than just support - it's about building character. We encourage a 'can-do' attitude and provide strategies for tackling challenges, building confidence, and cultivating resilience. From form periods and PSHE lessons to leadership opportunities and our House System, every girl has the space and encouragement to develop personally, socially, and academically.

All our staff - from teachers to our chef - know and care for our girls, ensuring a supportive, nurturing atmosphere where happy, inspired, and confident children can thrive.





# EXTRA-CURRICULAR: DISCOVERING PASSIONS, BUILDING SKILLS

At Truro High Prep School, we believe that education extends far beyond the classroom, fostering curiosity, creativity, ambition, and courage in our pupils. Our Extra-Curricular program is designed to cultivate diverse hobbies and interests, encouraging students to explore various activities that enrich their lives and make them well-rounded individuals.

We take full advantage of our picturesque location in Truro, organising numerous educational trips throughout the year. These outings are thoughtfully designed to complement classroom learning, whether it's a visit to the National Maritime Museum to enhance a Tudor project



or a nature investigation through rock-pooling at the beach. Recent excursions have included visits to art galleries, local businesses, theatres, and places of worship, ensuring a broad and enriching curriculum.

Starting from Prep 3, students embark on annual residential trips, aimed at promoting independence and self-reliance. These experiences, filled with exciting activities like kayaking and climbing, help develop essential life skills while fostering confidence.

In addition to outdoor learning sessions conducted by qualified specialists, Truro High Prep offers a plethora of clubs ranging from sailing and dance to chess and gardening. With up to 50 different clubs available, students are encouraged to 'give it a go' and discover hidden talents. Our extended lunch periods allow for ample time to engage in these enriching activities, ensuring a well-rounded educational experience.

At Truro High Prep, we strive to create a vibrant environment where every student can thrive and find joy in learning.



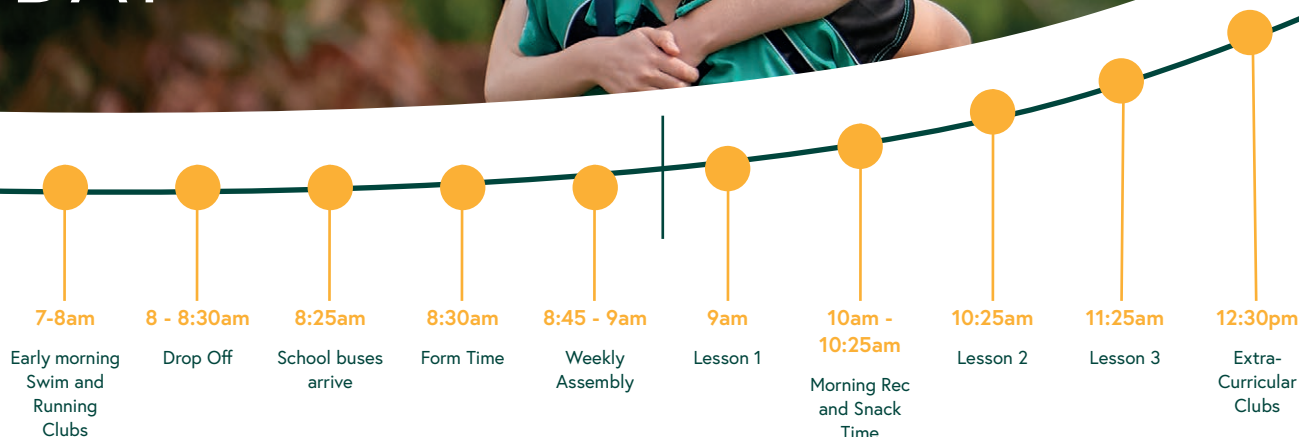






Prep Choir  
Hockey  
Ballet  
Fencing  
Football  
Gardening  
Lego League  
Cross Country  
Running  
Book Club  
Yoga  
Swimming  
Chess  
Tap Dancing  
Tennis  
Netball

# THE SCHOOL DAY



## WRAP AROUND CARE

**We know that parents are busy people and our wrap around care is there to plug the gaps between the school day and your working life.**

The girls are welcome in school from 8am each morning where they will be supervised and given fun activities to keep them happy and engaged until school begins.

Our Early Morning Clubs, such as swimming and running, are also very popular and ensure girls are wide awake and raring to go for the day ahead.



1:30pm

Lesson 4

2:30pm

Afternoon  
Rec

2:45pm

Lesson 5

3:30pm

EYFS and  
Pre-Prep  
After School  
Club begins

3:45pm

Prep 3-6  
After School  
Club begins

4:pm

Snack Time

4-5pm

Extra-  
Curricular  
Clubs

5pm

School buses  
depart

5.30pm

EYFS and Pre-Prep  
After School Club  
ends (remaining  
girls can transfer  
to Prep Club)

6pm

Prep  
After School  
Club ends

In the evenings, our Prep After School Clubs take over the reins providing full care until 6pm.

EYFS and Pre-Prep girls have their own tailored Club with activities until 5.30pm at which point they can cross into Prep After-School Club where Mrs Hunter will look after them until you arrive at school.

Our After-School Clubs are a great place to relax at the end of a busy day. Girls enjoy a tasty snack, fresh from our kitchens, as they have fun with their friends until you arrive. If you're running late, don't panic! After 6pm your daughter will be taken over to the Dining Hall for boarders' supper and will be looked after in the boarding house until you get to school.



# THE NEXT STEP – SEAMLESS TRANSITIONS

Prep School staffing is organised in such a way as to ensure that the teachers have plenty of interactions with all classes both in the classroom and beyond. This means that when children change year group, they already know their new teacher and their new teacher knows them.

As children progress through our Prep School, they increasingly benefit from lessons taught by senior and specialist teachers. By Year 6, depending on the year and timetabling, they may experience up to 60-70% of their lessons with senior school staff, often within senior school facilities. This structured integration ensures a smooth, seamless transition when moving into the senior school.

Familiarity with teachers, spaces, and routines means that each student steps into this next stage of their educational journey with confidence, a sense of belonging, and strong relationships. Our goal is to ensure that every transition feels natural, supportive, and filled with opportunities for continued growth and success.



To book your personal tour, please call Mrs Jo Norriss on 01872 242902 or email [registrar@trurohigh.co.uk](mailto:registrar@trurohigh.co.uk).

'We hope to welcome you soon – we have so much to show you!'



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THE GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE



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