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Head of School at  
Penrice Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

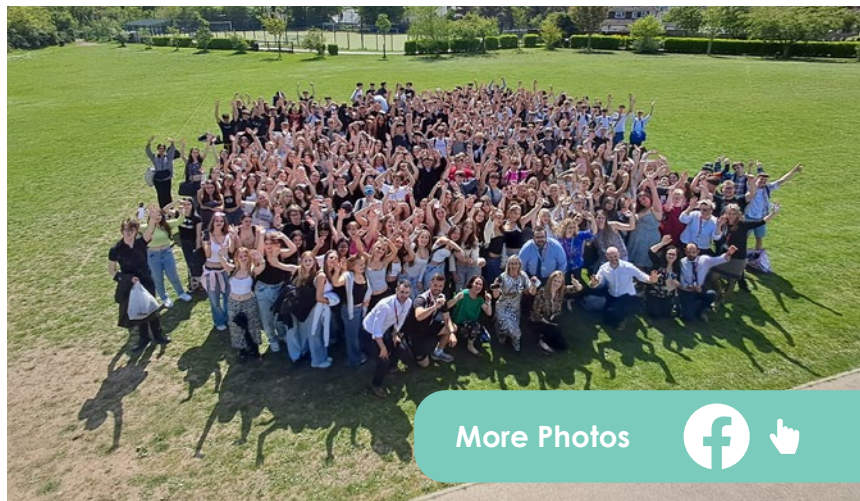
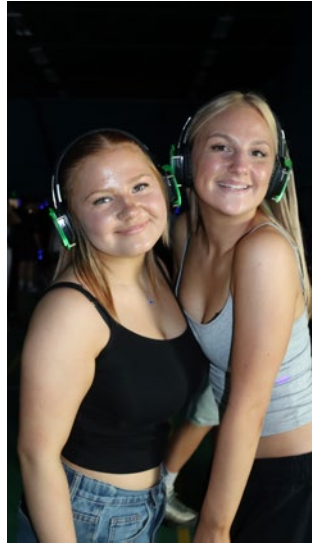
I wanted to begin this newsletter by sharing the highlights of what is always a truly special and emotional milestone for our school community - Year 11 Leavers' Day. Friday was our official Leavers Day, a rite of passage to reflect on the journey of our 2025 cohort, although they will still be present in school next week and beyond as they attend exam booster lessons and, of course, their final GCSE examinations.

We celebrated this occasion with a Grand Finale Celebration Assembly that was filled with pride, reflection, and no small amount of emotion. The morning was dedicated to looking back over their school journey with us as we shared memories, photos, and videos that captured some key moments in time during their five years. It was a morning full of joy and nostalgia, with plenty of laughter and a few heartfelt tears as staff and students alike took a moment to appreciate just how far this group has come.

The celebrations continued in the afternoon with a rocking Silent Disco in the Sports Hall, giving the students a chance to show their moves, laugh and unwind together one last time. The day concluded as is traditional at Penrice in a formal guard of honour led by our Year 10 students, who clapped out our cohort of 2025 in style.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to Mrs Razzell, Mrs Thomas and the wider Year 11 team for working closely with the Class of 2025 and shaping them into kind, caring and forward-thinking young adults who are going to excel in life beyond Penrice.

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[More Photos](#)





## Football County Champions

Also riding high on a wave of emotion last week were two of our Boys' Football teams who competed in their respective county finals.

The Year 10 Boys' Team were victorious against Truro School on Monday night, an emphatic 7-0 victory and retained their county title from last year. Back-to-back championships is a major feat – congratulations boys!

On Wednesday, our Year 7 Boys' Team took to the pitch against Falmouth School in a match full of drama! In a very close match, it was the Penrice boys who emerged victorious, with a narrow 3-2 scoreline. An incredible experience for all involved! Congratulations to Year 7 and the PE Team!

A huge thank you to all the families who came out to support from the sidelines at both matches. Your encouragement, energy and passion contributed to this success!



Year 10 County Champions



Year 7 County Champions



## VIEWS FROM THE HEAD OF PE



"This is a phenomenal achievement by our students and staff. Winning one County Cup is a huge honour, but winning two in the same week is truly exceptional. We are incredibly proud of the determination, sportsmanship and talent shown at both finals.

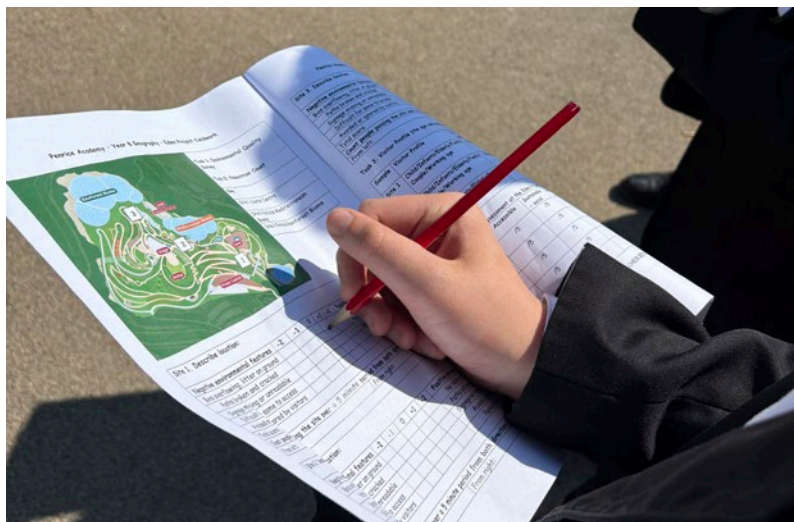
The teams were buoyed by tremendous support from the Penrice community, with staff, students, and families turning out in numbers to cheer on the teams."

**Mr Adam Jenkin**

Head of PE at Penrice Academy



Year 8 Eden Project Trip  
(Geography and Science Work)





## Year 10 and 11 MFL Update

A massive well done for all Year 11 students that sat their MFL speaking exams recently. The vast majority have put in huge amounts of work in preparation for these and we are so proud of their efforts. 25% of the GCSE is now in the bag!

Also, a big well done to Year 10 who have been sitting their first PPE speaking exams. Students have really risen to the challenge of these and have shown real resilience. Their written PPE will be in their final lesson before the half-term break. Revision Guides are available on the academy shop for any students that hasn't purchased one yet.



**Mrs Rebecca Yeo**  
Head of MFL at  
Penrice Academy

### MFL - Did you know?

Learning a language can improve your English grammar and vocabulary by highlighting how languages are structured.



### Notice of Major Roadworks in St Austell

We would like to make the Penrice community aware of major resurfacing work to improve road safety is taking place on the A391 in St Austell during May.

Diversions will be set up while the North East Distributor road is shut from May 6 to 30 for the essential works to be carried out.

We understand that some families may experience delays in getting to school on time. Penrice Academy will open from 7.50am each day (10 minutes earlier), from Tuesday 6 May until the half term break. We want to assure you that we will be closely monitoring the impact this may have on arrival times. We will continue to review the situation on a regular basis and will keep you updated with any relevant information or changes that may be required.

[Further Information](#) 

## Year 10 PPE Preparation Evening - Video Recap (YouTube)

Pride  
Respect  
Success



# Class of 2026

## PPE Preparation Evening





# YEAR 8

## PROGRESS EVENING

Thursday 8th May

Parents and students – don't miss this important opportunity to reflect on how far you've come and look ahead to what's next!

Now in the second year at Penrice, Year 8 students are building on strong foundations as they move closer to choosing their GCSE options in Year 9. This Progress Evening is a chance to meet with subject teachers to talk about achievements so far, areas for growth, and how to stay on track for future success.

In addition to talking to teachers, we will be displaying an exciting project that all of our students will have contributed towards during a tutor activity and there will be a range of

vouchers raffled for our attending students and families. We really hope to see you there to celebrate your child's learning!

Let's work together to support each student's learning journey. We look forward to seeing you there! Appointments can be booked via the online system (details have been emailed to parents/carers).



**Mrs Alexandra Yeo**  
Head of Year 8



Easter Snowboarding Trip - Austria







## SENSORY GARDEN APPEAL

We are creating a sensory garden and need your help!

With a special financial contribution from Rotary Club St Austell, we are able to begin our incredible sensory garden project.

This garden will create an additional space that will provide a calming and therapeutic environment for a range of different supportive purposes that our school community can access. We hope to include beautiful flowers, a water feature, a number of plants to smell and taste, as well as a peaceful seating area.

In order to make this project even more amazing and include a wider portion of our community in developing it, we would like to reach out and ask our students and families if there are any garden-related donations they may be able to provide. This could include: seeds, plants, plant pots, bird feeders, outdoor furniture etc.

We are also hoping there may be families with connections to garden centres or nurseries in the local area also willing to support this project. If you do have any donations or would like to connect with us on this project, please contact us via [enquiries@penrice.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@penrice.org.uk), starting your email with 'FAO - Mrs Alexandra Yeo'.



## Step Into Teaching



Curious about becoming a teacher?  
Here's your chance to explore and see if  
it's the right fit for you!

Cornwall Education Learning Trust are  
running primary and secondary events  
to share insight into the profession,  
taking you behind the scenes!

Whether you're considering a career  
change or are just starting to explore,  
this is the perfect opportunity to see  
teaching first-hand.

You can learn more and register via the  
links below.

### Step Into Primary Teaching Event

Thursday 19th June at  
Newquay Junior Academy.



### Step Into Secondary Teaching Event

Thursday 26th June at  
Penrice Academy.



**Mr Gerald Parry**  
CEW2025 Coordinator

## CEW2025 Update

### Year 7

A reminder of the payment dates for your child's CEW  
Experience

- Payment £25 - Monday 31 March 2025
- Payment £25 - Monday 30 April 2025
- Payment £25 - Fri day 30 May 2025
- Payment £24 - Monday 30 June 2025

### Years 8 & 9

Final payments are due on Tuesday 6 May (moved back  
by a day to allow for the Bank Holiday). Please log into  
ParentPay to clear the remaining balance for your child's  
activity.

We regret that students will only be able to attend their  
allocated CEW activities if payment is made in full. If you  
are experiencing any difficulties in meeting the above  
payment deadlines, please contact us at  
[CEWenquiries@penrice.org.uk](mailto:CEWenquiries@penrice.org.uk).



**Easter Chicks on the Penrice Farm**



## YEAR 11



## Attendance Reminder

Students are expected to attend school every day until their last  
exam. If a student is absent on an exam day due to a genuine  
medical reason, a parent or carer must inform the school and Exams  
Officer immediately as the Awarding Body will need to be contacted.

## CLASS OF 2025



## Final Chance to Order a Yearbook

Don't miss the chance to preserve the unforgettable memories of the  
Class of 2025! This is the final call for families who wish to purchase a  
yearbook. Deposits close at the end of this Wednesday on ParentPay.  
Please note that all deposits are non-refundable once paid.

# 'World-wide Author' Competition

## How do I enter?

The theme of this year's competition is: 'A difficult journey'

This competition challenges you to explore the difficult 'journey of a refugee searching for a safe home'. Use the images on the application form to create a short story (up to 1000 words) with an accompanying title.

A refugee is a person who is forced to flee their own country and seek safety in another country due to persecution or conflict. By the end of June 2024, there were 43.7 million refugees globally (UNHCR).

More information and a template can be found in the application form with your geography teacher.

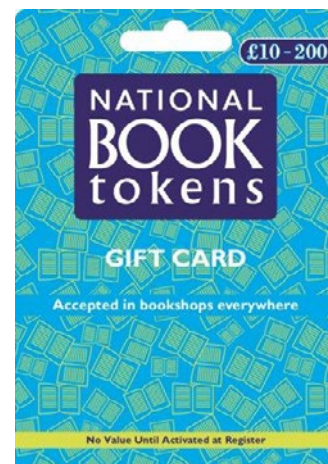
Two entry categories: KS3 and KS4/5

Submit to your geography teacher by Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> 4pm 2025

## What's the prize?

**1<sup>st</sup> place:** £15 Book voucher/Migration book

**2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Refugee Charity donation (Roots UK) and badge



# Clay Walk Festival

Discover walks around the Clay villages.  
Get out and about and connect with  
nature for better health and well-being.



## Nature Discovery Day

Tuesday 27 May, Drop-in 10am-3pm  
ClayTAWC, Fore Street, St Dennis.  
PL26 8AF

## Tregoss Moor

Wednesday 28 May, Drop-in 10am-3pm  
1.5 miles, self-guided and family-friendly.  
Tregoss Car Park, PL26 8NJ

## Two Treverbyn Trails

Thursday 29 May, 10am  
A mile-long family-friendly route which  
can be extended with an additional and  
more challenging 2-mile hike across  
Caerloggas Downs.  
Treverbyn Hall, PL26 8TL

## West Carclaze to Eden Project

Friday 30 May, 10am  
3.6 miles one-way. Booking essential via:  
natureconnections@edenproject.com

## Helman Tor to Eden Project

Saturday 31 May, 9.15am  
8.5 miles one-way. Booking essential via:  
helman-tor-to-eden-project-walk.eventbrite.co.uk

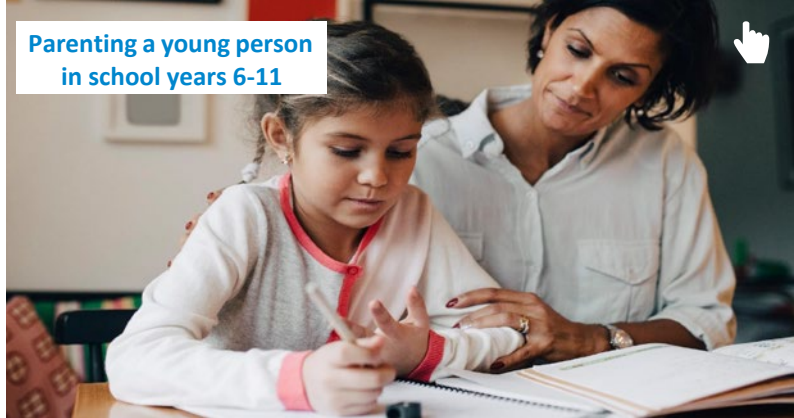
## St. Dennis to Goss Moor

Wednesday 4 June, 10am  
2 miles, there and back, with a  
steep climb to St Denys Church.  
ClayTAWC, Fore Street, St. Dennis. PL26 8AF

edenproject.com/clay-walk



## Parenting a young person in school years 6-11



## Parents Plus Adolescents Programme

Do you have a young person starting secondary school in  
September or currently attending? Join us for a 9-week  
programme for parents to support with this transition.

A 9-week workshop delivered weekly. Each session is 2-hours in length.

This programme is open to all parents of young people in school years 6-11. This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as understanding and getting to know teenagers, establishing and communicating rules, the power of encouragement and using consequences. We will also look at the importance of parent self-care.

When?	Where?
Thursdays 9.30-11.30 starting 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Pondhu Family Hub, St Austell
Tuesdays 9.30-11.30 starting 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Hayle Family Hub
Thursdays 9.30-11.30 starting 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Torpoint Family Hub



## To book visit

Parenting Young People aged 12 - 18

## Contact us

Website: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)

Email: [parenting@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@cornwall.gov.uk)



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## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Year 7 Parents and Carers Please join us for a 5 session online programme for Parent led cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT)

Various morning and afternoon sessions available starting week commencing 9 June 2025, please select when you sign up. Please note you will be signed up to the same day and time for the duration of the workshop.

This workshop provides parents and carers with cognitive behavioural therapy principles to apply to your child's day-to-day life.

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM HERE  
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/0QRNKMWCW1](https://forms.office.com/E/0QRNKMWCW1)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW

This workshop is open to parents/carers of children enrolled in Year 7 in any secondary school in Cornwall

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Year 7 Parents and Carers Please join us for a 5 session online workshop for Behaviour as Communication - Parent support

Various morning and afternoon sessions available starting week commencing 9 June 2025, please select when you sign up. Please note you will be signed up to the same day and time for the duration of the workshop.

This workshop provides parents with practical strategies to foster positive behaviour and communication at home.

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM HERE  
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/BVHDPYUCQA](https://forms.office.com/E/BVHDPYUCQA)

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KEY

\*Starts w/b 12th May.

+ Starts w/b 16th June.

**P = Performance Sports**  
Represent Penrice in Fixtures



ARTS



WELLBEING



ACADEMIC



SPORTS



## SUMMER TERM CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY (CONT.)	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAK 1	Music Expression Session MS1 (PB) <b>Y7-11</b>	Music Expression Session MS1 (PB) <b>Y7-11</b>	Music Expression Session MS1 (PB) <b>Y7-11</b>		Music Expression Session MS1 (PB) <b>Y7-11</b>	Music Expression Session MS1 (PB) <b>Y7-11</b>
	Young Authors Book Club E2 (AY) <b>Y9-10</b>	Speak Up Society M12 (JH) <b>Y7-10</b>				
BREAK 2	Darts Club S8 (JGP) <b>Y7-9</b>		Karaoke Club MS1 (PB) <b>Y7-11</b>	Step Up to Scholarship CS2 (KT) <b>Y8-10</b>		Fantasy Premier League S8 (JGP) <b>Y7-10</b>
			Crochet, Knit and Sew M6 (SM) <b>Y7-10</b>	Darts Club S8 (JGP) <b>Y10&amp;11</b>		LGBTQ+ Club CL1 (WW & KS) <b>Y7-10</b>
AFTER SCHOOL	Penrice Senior Choir MS1 (MJ) <b>INVITE ONLY</b>	Drama Club Drama Studio (AR) <b>Y7-9</b>	Penrice Singers MS1 (PB) <b>Y7-10</b>	Fiction Addiction Library (AH) <b>Y7-10</b>	Music Technology Club MS2 (PB) <b>Y7-10</b>	Penrice Rock Band MS1 (MJ) <b>INVITE ONLY</b>
	Table Tennis The Zone (External Provider) <b>Y7-10</b>	Farm Club Meet in AC1 (CH) <b>Y8-9</b>	Chess Club M7 (FS) <b>Y7-10</b>	Game Development* CS6 (OB) <b>Y9-10</b>	Penrice Orchestra & Beginners Brass MS1 (AM) <b>INVITE ONLY</b>	5-a-Side Football Astro (GP) <b>Y11</b>
		Duke of Edinburgh S12 & S13 (AP) <b>INVITE ONLY</b>	Couch to 5K Meet in E7 (JGP) <b>Y7-10</b>	History Mystery H8 (GW) <b>Y7-10</b>	Green Team S3 (AF) <b>Y7-10</b>	5-a-Side Football + Astro (GP) <b>Y9&amp;10</b>
		Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) CS2 (KT) <b>INVITE ONLY</b>	Crafty Conversations Student Family Centre (GB) <b>INVITE ONLY</b>	Archery Meet in E9 (ST) <b>Y7-9</b>	Design, Engineer & Construct T1 (AE) <b>Y9&amp;10</b>	Athletics <b>P</b> Sports Fields (AJ & CR) <b>INVITE ONLY</b>
		Athletics <b>P</b> Sports Fields (AJ & CR) <b>Y7-10</b>	Diamond Art / Mandala Mindfulness M9 & Art Block (JH) <b>Y7-10</b>		Marine Biology Club* L2 (JA) <b>Y7-10</b>	Cricket <b>P</b> Astro (MR & NM) <b>INVITE ONLY</b>
		Boys' Strength and Conditioning The Zone (DM) <b>Y7-10</b>	Harry Potter Fan Club E4 (MB) <b>Y7-10</b>		Boys' Gym The Zone (MS) <b>Y9-10</b>	Girls' Strength and Conditioning The Zone (WW) <b>Y7-10</b>
			Table Top Gaming RS3 (NF) <b>Y7-10</b>		Rounders Sports Fields (JC) <b>Y7-11</b>	
+ HOMEWORK CLUB			Zanzibar 2025* S13 (ZG) <b>INVITE ONLY</b>		Cricket <b>P</b> Astro (MR & NM) <b>Y7-10</b>	

Mondays - Thursdays  
3pm - 4pm.  
Available to all year groups, just turn up.  
Takes place in CS3.