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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am absolutely delighted to begin this newsletter by sharing some good news for St Austell. Penrice Academy and Poltair School have been nationally recognised by The Engagement Platform after featuring in the top 10% of secondary schools in England for student recommendation.

The national survey was completed by our entire Year 7 cohort and their responses show just how happy and welcome they feel on this new chapter in their educational journey. This achievement wouldn't be possible without strong parent/carer partnerships from home, so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our newest Year 7 parents and carers for helping our young people flourish in their new surroundings. A link to the full story is below.



[Full Story](#)

### A Year 10 Thank You

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all Year 10 families who joined us for our PPE Preparation Evening recently. Hopefully the revision techniques we shared are being utilised across St Austell! The spirit of partnership and collaboration lies at the heart of what we do. We wish Year 10 all the best with their upcoming PPEs. The next opportunity for parents and carers to visit school will be the Year 10 Progress Evening, taking place in May. Further details will be shared closer to the time. Please remember that you can always reach out and contact us in advance with any concerns before May if you feel the need to do so.

### A Successful Start to Period 5 Lessons

Similarly, I want to recognise our Year 11 students

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Year 7 Success Story for St Austell



Year 10 Trip to Poetry Live, Bristol



First Period 5 Lesson for Year 11



for an outstanding start to their Period 5 lessons this term, with attendance above 95% in every single session so far. This level of commitment shows their determination to do their very best, and it is only possible with the encouragement and support you provide from home. Thank you for helping us uphold these expectations and for being such a vital part of our Year 11 success.

### Penrice Joins Parkrun Event

Lastly, we are excited for the next 'Penrice Joins Parkrun' event on Saturday 7th February. A huge thank you to those who have already expressed their interest online. If you would also like to get involved, you can join the Facebook event page via the link below:

[Register Interest](#) 



 **November 2025 Parkrun**



## YEAR 7

# PROGRESS EVENING

Thursday 26th February

### SAVE THE DATE

A chance for Year 7 parents/carers to speak to tutors and teachers about their child's start to school life at Penrice. Further information will be shared in the near future.



 **Year 10 Business Studies**

## ENTREPRENEURIAL INSPIRATION FOR BUSINESS STUDIES STUDENTS

A massive thank you to The Longstore Restaurants, Dank Frank's Food, and Ost Eatery for visiting Penrice last week to be interviewed by our Year 10 Business, Enterprise and Marketing students.

As part of their course, students are required to carry out primary market research for part of their controlled assessment, contributing to their final GCSE marks. We've been really lucky to have these three local businesses join us for our students to interview as part of this research.

Mrs Cornish, Business Studies teacher at Penrice, said: "A huge thank you to our visitors for giving up their time to see us. They have really jumped to our help and inspired our students. These real-world experiences are really key for our students, showing them what is possible with entrepreneurial spirit and what they can aspire to become."



## NEW BREAKFAST CLUB AT PENRICE

We are delighted to be able to offer enhanced Breakfast Club provision for our students thanks to Caterlink. We know that starting the school day well-fuelled plays an important role in supporting concentration, energy levels and overall wellbeing. A positive morning routine can make a real difference to the school day.

We look forward to welcoming students into the canteen each morning as part of this exciting upgraded provision.

[See New Menu](#) 

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

We are pleased to celebrate the many students earning weekly merits for 100% attendance. These awards recognise commitment, resilience, and the positive habits that support success in school. Regular attendance makes a real difference - not just to academic progress, but to confidence, routines, and wellbeing. This has been especially important during the recent Year 7-9 assessment weeks.

Any time missed can result in lost learning opportunities that are difficult to fully replace, particularly when assessments are taking place. We appreciate the efforts families have made to prioritise attendance during this busy period.

Looking ahead, Year 10 students will soon begin their PPEs and next week we are starting the Walking Talking Mocks. Consistent attendance in the weeks leading up to these exams is vital, as lessons focus on revision, exam techniques, and targeted support.

## MARKING HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY AT PENRICE



On Tuesday 27th January at Penrice, students took part in an important and thoughtful tutor time session marking Holocaust Memorial Day, under the theme of 'Letting Go of Hate'.

Together, they explored key vocabulary linked to the Holocaust and watched a powerful survivor testimony, helping them understand the human stories at the heart of this history.

Crucially, students learnt that genocides do not begin with violence - they begin with words. They begin when communities are divided and when harmful language is normalised. This is when people are targeted simply because of who they are.

By learning about prejudice and discrimination, our young people gain the awareness to recognise injustice, challenge harmful narratives, and understand the real consequences of hatred. This is why we marked Holocaust Memorial Day.

Pride

Respect

Success



 Group photo at the Class of 2025 Prom

Class of 2026

## PROM UPDATE

We are delighted to announce key details for The Year 11 Ball.

 **The Atlantic Hotel in Newquay**

 **Thursday 18th June**

 **Arrivals from 5.30pm. Ends at 10.30pm.**

 **Menu is yet to be decided.**

### Prom Donations Welcome

To make sure every student can enjoy this special occasion without financial worries.

To help make The Ball accessible for all, we're reaching out to our amazing Penrice community for support. If you have any items or services that you'd be happy to donate - big or small - they would make a huge difference!

Here are some ideas:

- Dresses
- Shoes (for girls and boys)
- Suit jackets, trousers, shirts, or ties

- Jewellery or handbags
- Hair or beauty services for the day
- Transport

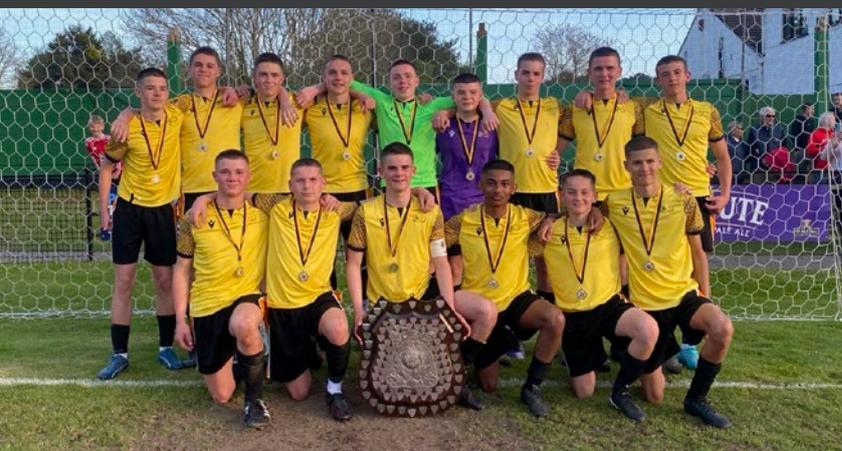
Donations can be dropped off at Penrice, and if that's tricky, we're happy to arrange collection. Once items are used at the Class of 2026 Ball, we kindly ask that dresses, suits and accessories are given back to Penrice unless stated otherwise, to ensure that future years have the same opportunities.

Please keep an eye on our social media and website as we hope to have an evening, soon, to allow students to come in and try on items given. Students and families may also attend to accompany friends.

Thank you so much for helping us create a memorable experience for every student. Your kindness means the world!

Warm regards,

*The Student Ball Committee and SFC Staff.*



## YEAR 11 BOYS' FOOTBALL COUNTY CUP FINAL

Support the boys for one final time as they aim to defend their county title won in 2025.

 Godolphin Way, Newquay

 Wednesday 4th February 2026

 3:30pm kick off



# HOMework CLUB REMINDER

Homework Club is available to all students. Students can access and use the school's computer suite whilst also being able to ask for support from a supervising teacher. A member of the SEND team is also available at every Homework Club to support students.

## BREAK 1

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Room CS3.

## AFTER-SCHOOL

Mondays - Thursdays, 3-4pm. Room CS3.

## Year 7 History

### HOMework SPOTLIGHT

Well done to Grace in Year 7 who submitted this outstanding piece of homework as part of her local history project!



## CEW2026 UPDATE

### YEARS 8 & 9

A reminder that Payment 3 for your child's CEW activity was due on Monday 2nd February. Please log in to ParentPay to ensure your payments are fully up to date. If you are yet to make payment, your child's place on their allocated activity is at risk and your child may be removed to offer the space to another child. If you are experiencing any difficulties in making payment, please contact [cwenquiries@penrice.celtrust.org](mailto:cwenquiries@penrice.celtrust.org) as soon as possible.

### LAST REMAINING SPACES

We are pleased to announce that some spaces have opened up on two of our UK residentials, Living London Life (£520) and Barton Hall (£400). These spaces will be made

available to any student in Year 8 or 9 who is not already attending a residential trip. If you would like your child to be considered for one of the available spaces, please contact [cwenquiries@penrice.celtrust.org](mailto:cwenquiries@penrice.celtrust.org) as soon as possible.

We have multiple spaces on each trip so it may be worth asking your child if they have a friend who would also like to swap. Please be aware that the Living London Life trip currently only has Year 9 students attending but we would be happy to bring some Year 8s along with us this year to ensure as many students are able to enjoy this opportunity as possible.

### YEAR 7 - CEW EXPERIENCE 2026

Coming soon!



[REGISTER HERE](#)

YEAR 11

# EXAM SUCCESS EVENING

*Ensuring your hard work turns into exam success.*

**Wednesday 25th February 2026**

**Session 1 4:15 - 5:15pm | Session 2 5:45 - 6:45pm**

## What to expect?



### A Look Ahead

How the summer exam season works (key dates, boosters etc.)



### Exam Timetables

Receive your schedule of exams as we enter the home straight of your journey.



### Study Planners

Receive your study planners for the build up to GCSE exams.



### Support Available

Details of what support is available for students and families during this process.



### Revision Materials

Receive subject-specific revision materials to support independent learning.



### Family Workshops

Revision workshops for Maths, English, Science and MFL, showing parents how to help.

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### Post-16 Options

Local colleges will be in attendance to discuss futures beyond Penrice.



### Key Figures

A chance to speak with the Head of Year, Leadership and the SEND team.

*Light refreshments will also be available at this event.*



PRESENTS

# INTO THE WOODS



3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026 | 6PM START

Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM  
Book by JAMES LAPINE

Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine  
Orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick

*This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International.  
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI: [www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk).*

**Tickets £7** | Online booking opens Friday 6th February 2026.

# SPRING TERM CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

|      |           |  |                     |
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| KEY  |           | P = Performance Sports<br><i>Represent Penrice in Fixtures</i> |                     |
| ARTS | WELLBEING | ACADEMIC   | SPORTS <sup>P</sup> |

|                        | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | FRIDAY (CONT.)   |
|------------------------|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| <b>BREAKTIME CLUBS</b> | <b>Music Expression Session</b> <sup>Y7-11</sup><br>MS1 (PB) / Break 1 | <b>Music Expression Session</b> <sup>Y7-11</sup><br>MS1 (PB) / Break 1  | <b>Music Expression Session</b> <sup>Y7-11</sup><br>MS1 (PB) / Break 1        | <b>Music Expression Session</b> <sup>Y7-11</sup><br>MS1 (PB) / Break 1                  | <b>Music Expression Session</b> <sup>Y7-11</sup><br>MS1 (PB) / Break 1 | <b>Karaoke Club</b> <sup>Y7-10</sup><br>MS1 (PB) / Break 2 |
|                        |  | <b>Student Parliament Drop-In</b> <sup>Y7-11</sup><br>E8 (SA) / Break 1 | <b>Homework Club</b> <sup>Y7-11</sup><br>CS3 / Break 1 (Various Staff)        | <b>Homework Club</b> <sup>Y7-11</sup><br>CS3 / Break 1 (Various Staff)                  | <b>Chess Club</b> <sup>Y7-10</sup><br>M6 (FS) / Break 1                | <b>LGBTQ+ Club</b> <sup>Y7-11</sup><br>CL1 (WW) / Break 2  |
|                        |  | <b>Homework Club</b> <sup>Y7-11</sup><br>CS3 / Break 1 (Various Staff)  | <b>Young Carers' Drop-In</b> <sup>Y7-11</sup><br>CL1 (HG & KS) / Breaks 1 & 2 | <b>Model United Nations</b> <sup>Y9&amp;10</sup><br>E7 (AR) / Break 2 *Runs Week B only |  |  |

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| <b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> | <b>Penrice Orchestra</b> <sup>INVITE ONLY</sup><br>MS1 (PB)                 | <b>Drama Club</b> <sup>Y7-9</sup><br>Drama Studio (CA)                          | <b>Mural Art Club</b> <sup>Y7-10</sup><br>Art Block (VT)  | <b>Music Technology Club</b> <sup>Y7-10</sup><br>MS2 (PB)                       | <b>Penrice Rock Band</b> <sup>INVITE ONLY</sup><br>MS1 (PB)                                | <b>Basketball</b> <sup>Y7-10</sup><br>Meet in Sports Hall (Team PE) |
|                     | <b>Penrice Senior Choir</b> <sup>INVITE ONLY</sup><br>Drama Studio (MJ)     | <b>GCSE &amp; BTEC Music</b> <sup>INVITE ONLY</sup><br>MS1 (PB)                 | <b>School Production* (Into the Woods)</b> <sup>Y7-10</sup><br>Returning Students Only (CA) *5pm finish | <b>Set &amp; Prop Design</b> <sup>Y7-10</sup><br>T1 (AE)                        | <b>School Production (Into the Woods)</b> <sup>Y7-10</sup><br>Returning Students Only (CA) | <b>Crossfit Club</b> <sup>Y7-10</sup><br>The Zone (Team PE)         |
|                     | <b>Homework Club</b> <sup>Y7-11</sup><br>CS3 (Various Staff + SEND Support) | <b>Duke of Edinburgh</b> <sup>INVITE ONLY</sup><br>Returning Students Only (AP) | <b>Diamond Art / Mandala Mindfulness</b> <sup>Y7-10</sup><br>Art Block (JH)                             | <b>Studio 4 Dance*</b> <sup>Y7-10</sup><br>Assembly Hall *£2 charge per session |  | <b>Hockey</b> <sup>P Y7-8</sup><br>Meet in Sports Hall (Team PE)    |
|                     | <b>Badminton</b> <sup>Y7-10</sup><br>Sports Hall (Team PE)                  | <b>Farm Club**</b> <sup>INVITE ONLY</sup><br>Meet in AC1 (CH)                   | <b>Homework Club</b> <sup>Y7-11</sup><br>CS3 (Various Staff + SEND Support)                             | <b>Green Team</b> <sup>Y7-10</sup><br>H5 (PR)                                   |  |   |

**Year 11 Information**

Period 5 lessons begin on Tuesday 20th January, happening every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3-4pm.

Students will be assigned Period 5 classes in subjects where they need the most support to reach their potential.

**+ Breaktime Sports Clubs**

Sports clubs also available in the Sports Hall every breaktime throughout the week. Just turn up. Max 30 students. First come, first served.

**+ The Penrice Library**

Open every breaktime Mondays - Fridays. Available to all year groups, just turn up.

**HOW TO SIGN UP?**

You will no longer need to sign up for clubs. All clubs (unless stated 'Invite Only') will be drop in. Due to health and safety, Badminton club is capped at 30 students. Please register your interest for this specific club through parents and carers.

\*\*Farm Club: 20 students who were on the waitlist for last term's Farm Club will be invited to apply first.