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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our end of half-term parent/carer update. There has been plenty going on in the past three weeks since our last newsletter that we wish to share!

Ten Tors Challenge

I'd like to start by recognising our impressive students who recently took on their final Ten Tors expedition across the rugged terrain of Dartmoor on 10th and 11th May. This gruelling challenge demands not only physical stamina but also unwavering teamwork and mental strength; our students showed exactly that, showcasing the spirit of Penrice with every step! It is also important that I say a massive thank you to the staff who, after teaching for a full week, volunteer their time over numerous weekends throughout the year to make these opportunities possible. Your unwavering commitment to our young people is truly outstanding.

Year 11 GCSEs Update

As the weather has warmed up, our Year 11s have been commendable in remaining cool, calm and collected under pressure. Their attitude and commitment to their GCSE exams so far has been admirable. The early signs are very positive and we are so proud of the way they are rising to the challenge with such confidence and determination.

Next Community Event

Looking ahead, we are very much looking forward to our next community gathering - the Penrice Joins Parkrun event at the Eden Project on Saturday 7th June. This promises to be another wonderful opportunity for our families to come together in the spirit of wellbeing, support and togetherness. Whether you're walking, jogging, volunteering or cheering from the sidelines, we hope to see as many of you there as possible, the last two events have proved very popular!

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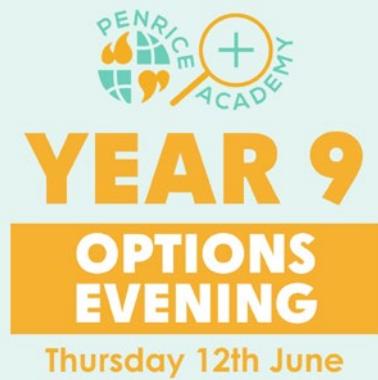
COMMUNITY EVENT

PARKRUN AT EDEN

Saturday 7th June

More Future Events

Our return after the half-term break is crammed full of events, gatherings and celebrations that will cap off what has been a truly Outstanding year for everyone in the Penrice community. We hope to see you at some of the upcoming events detailed on our website's [What's On page](#) – please get them scheduled in your calendars!



CALLING ALL YEAR 9 FAMILIES!

Our Year 9 Options Evening is happening on Thursday 12th June, and it's packed with everything you need to make informed GCSE choices!

You will be able to:

- Understand the options process, step by step
- Collect your options form ready for completion
- Hear from Mr Johnson, Head of Year
- Get the scoop on Year 10 work experience
- Discover amazing scholarship opportunities

A letter home will follow in the near future which will include information on session times.

Year 7 Mentors



A group of our Year 7 students recently took part in a brilliant workshop led by the Cornwall Mental Health Support Team.

These inspiring young people have trained to become mentors for our incoming Year 6 students, helping them to feel welcomed and supported.

A huge thank you to the Cornwall Mental Health Support Team for visiting last week — we're so proud of our students for stepping up and showing such care for others.



Year 7 Mentor Training





PARENT FORUM

Tuesday 10th June
at 5:00pm.

*Registration Required

ONLINE SAFETY PARENT FORUM



In a world where our children are growing up online, it's more important than ever that we, as parents and carers, stay informed and empowered.

Join us for an Online/Web Safety Parent Forum at Penrice Academy to:

- Explore the latest online trends and apps popular with teens.
- Share your concerns and questions in an open Q&A.
- Get practical tips to support your child's online safety.
- Access tools and resources to help guide their digital journey.

Let's work together to create a safer online space for our children.

Advanced registration is required via our online form below.

[Register Here](#) 

Mrs Abby MacDonald
Safeguarding Lead at
Penrice Academy



EDUCATION ABOUT KNIVES IN THE COMMUNITY

Thank you to St Austell Police and Safer Cornwall for visiting Penrice at lunchtime on Wednesday to educate our students about the risks and consequences of carrying or being involved with knives, empowering them to make safe and informed choices.

Students were also invited to try the Knife Arch metal detector, an increasingly common security measure to keep everyone safe in public places and large public gatherings.





EDIE CELEBRATES NATIONAL WRITING COMPETITION TRIUMPH

Huge congratulations to Edie in Year 10 for winning a national Young Writers' competition!

Competing against over 16,000 entries, Edie was selected as one of five winners in the National Young Writers' Fight or Flight competition and her work has been published.

Recognition in this competition is Edie's second national writing award in the last two years - what an inspiration!

[Full Story](#)





YEAR 11 UPDATE



WORDS FROM MR WRIGHT

Well done on a great start to your exams, Year 11!

The key now is to keep up this incredible effort and ambition throughout the rest of the exam series. Thinking back to our PPE Preparation Evening, one of the resources we talked about a lot were our revision planners. It is really important that our students map out when their exams

are, when they will be revising (little and often works best) and when they will be relaxing. Please take some time to make sure this is filled in, stuck up somewhere obvious at home and – most importantly – being used and followed!

Please also check in with their Personalised Exam Checklists, ensuring that they are being used to plan what topics to revise but also as a way to praise and reward all the fantastic revision they have completed.



WORDS FROM MRS RAZZELL

Wow – What an incredible start to our Summer Term!

The Class of 2025 returned after Easter in great spirits, focused and ready to embrace the final leg of their Penrice Journey. Friday 2 May really showcased what an incredible year group they are. The day included our Grand Finale Celebration Assembly (*we need to finish this off on Tuesday 3 June due to the sheer volume of amazing achievements), A Silent Disco, BBQ, and a special visit from the legendary Mr. Tee ice-cream (check him out on TikTok).

It concluded with an amazing Guard of Honour by the Class of 2026. Thank you 'Families' for all

for your support with the photos and videos and I hope that they have forgiven you!



As for exams, the feedback from the invigilators has been phenomenal and both students and families should be very proud of how our young people have once again stepped up to their final challenge.

We wish them all the luck in the world for the upcoming weeks and please let us know if any support is required. If we do not see you beforehand, we look forward to seeing you all at The Atlantic Hotel on Thursday 19 June for their Ball. Please order sunshine for us all!

Pride

Respect

Success



Sports Minister



Congratulations to George (9CA) who has been appointed as Sports Minister in the Student Parliament. In his new student leadership role, George will play an important part in promoting sports and healthy lifestyles at Penrice. He will also be a key figure at upcoming events like Sports Day and the Sports Personality of the Year awards evening.



Ukraine Art and Relaxation Workshop with Victoria Gardner, Ukrainian Mentor





PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS ENJOY KEAY THEATRE TRIP

A huge thank you to Cornwall College for hosting our Performing Arts students last week at The Keay Theatre.

Below is a write up by our fabulous Arts Minister, Maitilda, who writes about... Matilda!

Last week our Year 9 and 10 music and drama students had the pleasure of attending Cornwall College's open dress rehearsal of the upcoming production of "Matilda", and what a treat it was!

From the moment the music began we were transported into Roald Dahl's wonderfully quirky world, brought to life with vibrant sets and costumes. The young cast shone, delivering energetic performances that had us laughing and cheering.

The musical numbers were infectious, and the choreography was tight and engaging keeping us entertained thought. Overall, Cornwall College's production of "Matilda" was a resounding success.

It was evident that a great deal of hard work and dedication was put into bringing this beloved story to the stage.

Our students left feeling inspired and uplifted, buzzing with excitement about the magic of theatre. This production is a must see for anyone who loves a good story, catchy tunes, and outstanding performances!



MAITILDA (10SA)

Senior MP,
Arts Minister



Primary Visits



Our fabulous Transition Lead (Mrs Jess Hole) and her team have started their tour of local primaries. They will be meeting future students currently in Year 6 to settle nerves, answer questions and build excitement for Welcome Day.

Today's stop on the tour was Tywardreath School. Thank you to former Tywardreath students Lucy, Esme and Isaac who visited their old primary school this morning alongside Mrs Hole.

CEW2025 FOR YEARS 8 & 9

A final reminder that payments for CEW activities were due in full on Tuesday 6th May.

If you have not yet cleared the balance for your child's allocated activity, please do so as soon as possible to ensure they are able to participate.



GOLFING SUCCESS

County Champions

Congratulations to Erin and Eliza in Year 9 who will be heading to the England Schools' Golf Championships at Woodhall Spa after claiming the county title for Penrice Academy!



Mrs April Stevenson
Careers Curriculum Lead

CAREERS UPDATES

SEND Post-16 Careers Event

We are delighted to be hosting a careers event for our SEND students to explore their post-16 options. The event will take place on Wednesday 4th June and is open to students in Years 9, 10, and 11, along with their parents or carers.

We will be welcoming a number of external post-16 providers who specialise in supporting young people with SEND. This is a great opportunity for families to learn more about the range of support and pathways available beyond the traditional college route. If you are interested then please let us know. This will be at 11am in the Art Block.

Career Appointments for Year 10 Students

Career appointments have now begun for our Year 10 students. Each student will receive a scheduled appointment with a Careers4U advisor to discuss their post-16 options and future career paths. This is a great opportunity for students to explore their interests, ask questions, and plan for the next steps in their educational journey.

Work Experience Update

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their Work Experience Approval and Consent Forms. We're now asking for a final push to ensure any outstanding forms are returned to tutors as soon as possible. Your prompt response will help us secure all placements and ensure everything is in place for the upcoming work experience.





The brightest fun run for everyone!

Saturday 21 June 2025 at RAF St Mawgan, Newquay

Sign up today www.chsw.org.uk/rainbow

rainbow RUN

Registered Charity No. 1003314



CAN YOU HELP?



Wellies and Boots Needed

The students on the Penrice Academy Farm need these as part of their essential protective equipment for the Animal Care qualification. The boots are really expensive to buy new, so we would really appreciate any preloved. A lot of ours are getting tatty now and have seen better days! Please email Mrs Harding via charding@penrice.org.uk if you can help.

Term Dates 2025-26

#WeAreCELT

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School day - schools are open to pupils



Staff INSET training - closed to pupils



School holiday - closed to pupils