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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final stretch of the academic year, school life is in full swing with events, news and happenings in every single year group since we returned after half-term.

Year 7

The big Year 7 news happened on Tuesday this week when our Year 7 Girls' Athletics Team competed at the county Athletics tournament, performing brilliantly and winning the whole tournament! Outstanding effort girls, well done!



Year 8

Also occurring on Tuesday, Year 8 Student MPs Jabez and Nancy represented their year group at the CELT catering tender event at the Atlantic Centre. Following organised tutor group discussions on current catering provision and desired improvements, Jabez and Nancy represented the collective voice of their year group as they questioned potential suppliers and sampled their offerings. Their input will help shape to the final decision with their voices being heard by those at the very top of CELT - student voice in action!



Year 9

It was a big week for Year 9 families where last night we gathered at the Year 9 "Find your Future" Evening to touch base with families about the next steps in each student's Penrice journey, as well as looking ahead to Year 10 and what to expect. Thank you to all who attended and for your ongoing collaboration.

Year 10

Year 10s have been gearing up for their PPEs which begin next week. There have been plenty of Year 10 boosters put on by our incredibly dedicated teachers with a wealth of revision resources provided. We wish Year 10 the best of luck next week and thank parents/carers for their ongoing support ahead of students' final GCSE year.

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UNIFORM DONATIONS WELCOME

Washed and clean uniform donations can be dropped off to our reception at any point during the school day.

Any donations will go to families who may struggle in our current economic climate.

Year 11

And finally, our incredible Year 11s are within touching distance of the finish line! Their final exams take place next week before we all gather at the Atlantic Hotel on Thursday evening for what promises to be a magical spectacle at the Class of 2025 Penrice Ball! We look forward to celebrating the end of exams in style! With just a few more days of focus required for Year 11, a reminder about tomorrow's Super Saturday Booster Revision Session at Penrice. We ask that all Year 11s attend. This will be focussing on the Physics Paper 2 and takes place from 9am – midday. Good luck Year 11, just a few more days of hard work before the longest summer holiday of your lives! You've got this!



SUPER SATURDAY SCIENCE GCSE BOOSTER

Year 11 - Physics Paper 2

Saturday 14th June, 9am - Midday
at Penrice Academy



YEAR 11 UPDATE

WORDS BY MRS RAZZELL - HEAD OF YEAR 11

The time has arrived to say a few final words to 'Our outstanding students and their amazing families of The Class of 2025'. We are nearly there... #Team25 have truly been incredible, they continue to step up and buy in, and should be commended for their hard work, dedication and effort. Students have really excelled themselves and fingers crossed they all have exciting futures ahead of them... They deserve this.

When you read this newsletter, they will have ended their final full week with some of our legendary Ballroom Dancing. Our aim was to add the polishing touches in preparation for the Grand Ball at The Atlantic Hotel on Thursday 19 June, arrivals from 5:30pm. Hopefully, you will be 'wowed' when you see them on the front lawn in the sunshine (don't forget to bring your tissues, cameras and do your sun dance).

A final reminder, Mrs Stevens is working really hard behind the scenes to complete 'Our' Yearbook. We have opened up ParentPay for the final instalment of £10. Thank you for your

support with regards to settling this asap to enable us to finalise pages and take it to print. Our aim is for them to be ready to collect on their Results Day (Thursday 21 August).



To conclude, I would like to express my sincere heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your support over the years. It really has been the greatest of pleasures working alongside you all. Never underestimate the power of togetherness as this creates amazing teams, which leads to positive outcomes for our future generation. Thank you all and take care.

Please refer to the below letter which explains the end of year logistics. This has also been communicated via email.

Year 11 Arrangements



SAVE THE DATE



Class of 2025 Penrice Ball

Thursday 19th June

A magical night of reflection and celebration for the Class of 2025 as they complete their 5-year Penrice journey.

A photograph of three people standing in a library. On the left is a woman with white hair wearing a patterned top. In the center is a man with a beard and curly hair wearing a black shirt, holding a book titled 'HELLO DARKNESS'. On the right is a woman with blonde hair wearing a white sweatshirt, holding a book titled 'THE KNIFE THAT KILLED ME'. They are all wearing lanyards. The background is filled with bookshelves.

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR VISITS PENRICE

We were thrilled to welcome award-winning author Anthony McGowan to Penrice Academy this week!

From a powerful Year 8 assembly to inspiring writing workshops with Years 7–10, students were captivated by his storytelling, insights, and the journey behind his Carnegie Medal-winning book, *Lark* - a favourite in our Year 8 tutor time reading sessions.

Thank you to Anthony for sparking creativity and reminding us all of the magic in stories!

[Full Story](#)



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SEND CAREERS EVENT

Thank you to our guest careers advisors who visited on Wednesday this week to speak to a selection of our students and their parents/carers about post-16 options.



COMMUNITY EVENT

Volunteers Needed for Sensory Garden Build on Saturday 21st June

We need your help! We would like to invite you to join us and become a part of our latest project.

On Saturday 21st of June, we will be breaking ground for the physical side of our sensory garden project. This project is massively important to developing our pastoral care at school and we would like to encourage our community to come and get involved. In addition to the amazing range of donations we have received, there will be a wide range of tasks that you can get stuck into, varying from more physical roles like digging/planting to more accessible tasks such as potting plants and filling bird feeders.

The school site will be open from 10am until 3pm and you can stay for as long or short as you can spare. We will provide refreshments including drinks and sweet treats for our volunteers on the day and look forward to seeing our community working together for the benefit of our students and families on what is shaping up to be a brilliant project. If you are a local business and want to get involved, this is also a great opportunity for us to promote your work amongst our community too.

You can complete the online form below to let us know if you will be coming – this will help us with planning. However, advanced registration is not required, the more hands the better on the day!

Let Us Know You're Coming



If you have any questions,
please reach out at
ayeo@penrice.org.uk.



MRS ALEX YEO
Head of Year 8



MFL Update

Congratulations to our newly appointed languages ambassadors in Year 9. They will be flying the flag for Modern Foreign Languages at key upcoming events like the Year 6 Welcome Day and the September Open Evening.

Well done for stepping up to this student leadership role.

Mrs Rebecca Yeo
Head of MFL at
Penrice Academy

MFL - Did you know?

Multilingual people earn, on average, 5–20% more than their monolingual peers over their lifetime.



Penrice Joins Parkrun Event



Upcoming School Closure Reminder



A reminder that students have an extra-long weekend next week. School will be closed to students on Friday 20th and Monday 23rd June for Staff INSET/Training Days. This applies to all CELT schools.



EXCEPTIONAL HOMEWORK

This piece of homework from Isla (7HR) and Dee Jay (7EH) has us buzzing! The pair have made bee hotels at home after learning about the importance of bees in their Science lessons.

Year 7 have been studying the 'Life on our Planet' module in the Science curriculum, learning about food webs, ecology, biodiversity and food security.

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Sports Personality of The Year Awards Evening

Thursday 3rd July 2025

An evening to celebrate the tremendous success stories of our sports stars at Penrice. Invites to follow in the near future.

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Sports Day 2025

Thursday 10th July 2025

Students to remember their PE kits! In the event of bad weather, the reserve date is Tuesday 15th June 2025. Further details to follow via a letter home in the near future.



PRIVATE VIEW

YEAR 11

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

THURSDAY 3RD JULY

 4:30pm – 6:30pm



penriceacademy.org/whats-on



NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER DAY IS 18TH JUNE

HAVE YOU GOT AN AMAZING TEACHER OR MEMBER OF SUPPORT STAFF

that is making a **big difference** at your
early years, school or college?

Send a free e-card on thankateacher.co.uk/

We're inviting all Penrice Academy families to take a moment to say thank you to the amazing staff who make a difference every day. Whether it's a teacher or support staff member — your kind words mean the world.

Submit your message through the [official website here](https://thankateacher.co.uk/) and it will reach your chosen member of staff on 18th June.