



**Tanya Coleman**  
Head of School at  
Penrice Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the half-term break, it's hard to believe that six (and a bit) weeks have already flown by. The start of the academic year has been a whirlwind of activity - we've made a strong start, enjoyed numerous field trips to Falmouth, Newquay, Porthpean, and St Ives, and hosted our showcase Open Evening. We also all added a splash of yellow in school last Friday in support of Young Minds UK on World Mental Health Day!

This term has been especially significant for our Year 7 students, who have settled into their new surroundings with confidence and enthusiasm. It's been a joy to see all our students embrace the new academic year, form new friendships, and dive into learning with such positivity.

### An Important Day for Year 7

Today marks a special milestone for our Year 7s as they take part in the national Big Draw event in the Art Department - a celebration of creativity and collaboration that promises to be both inspiring and fun. Later this evening, we look forward to welcoming families into school for our Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening where we will be showcasing the Big Draw, demonstrating what 290 creative minds can do with a bit of teamwork! This evening is a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to speak with their child's tutor, hear all about how they've been settling in, and share in the excitement of their journey so far. It's the perfect way to head into half-term with a sense of pride and connection.

### Year 11 Set on the Road to Success

At the other end of the school journey, we were delighted to host our Year 11 families last Thursday for the 'Year 11 Road to Success Evening'. The event was a fantastic success, and we'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families who attended. The outstanding levels of attendance reflected the strong engagement and commitment from both students and parents, and it was wonderful to see everyone so focused and motivated for the months ahead. The evening has set a brilliant tone for the run-up to GCSE exams, and we look forward to continuing in this positive and purposeful way.

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## YEAR 7

### MEET THE TUTOR EVENING

Thursday 16th October

**TAKING PLACE TONIGHT**

Online bookings are open until midday today (Thursday). Alternatively, please phone Reception to book a slot.

## Penrice Parent Partnership Group

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has already expressed an interest in joining this group. We are planning to host our inaugural meeting on Thursday 13th November in The Core from 5pm – 6pm. If you haven't yet signed up then please email your interest to [penriceenquiries@penrice.celtrust.org](mailto:penriceenquiries@penrice.celtrust.org).

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

# PENRICE PARENT PARTNERSHIP GROUP

A New Era of Collaboration

**JOIN TODAY**



## COMMUNITY EVENT

### PARKRUN AT EDEN

Saturday 8th November



### Future Medics - GP Visit

A big thank you to Dr Shamik Agashi, Acute and Urgent Treatment Centre GP, who visited Penrice on Friday last week to speak to our Future Medics students. Alongside Dr Agashi were Emily and Eleanor who are currently studying their final year of medicine at the University of Exeter Medical School.

Our Future Medics were full of intrigue and curiosity as they learnt about Dr Agashi's field of medicine and asked plenty of questions to the two soon-to-be doctors in a Q&A session.

Mrs Stevenson, Future Pathways Lead, said: "An inspiring and insightful session - Dr Agashi and the medical students offered exceptional guidance, real-world wisdom, and a glimpse into the future of medicine. We're incredibly thankful for their time and generosity."

Up next for our Future Medics is a talk from a Midwife from Treliiske Hospital and a Senior Assistant Psychologist who works for the NHS, based within the provision service.

### LET'S GET TOGETHER

We're encouraging Penrice families to gather at The Eden Project on Saturday 8th November as we join in with the local Parkrun!

The beauty of Parkrun is that you can walk, jog or race the route. We're encouraging as many parents, students, and staff to come together and enjoy the many benefits of Parkrun.

Bring your best running shoes (or your most comfortable ones, we're not judging), register for your barcode and save the date: Saturday 8th November, 8.45am, Eden Parkrun!

Further information and registration on the official Parkrun website by clicking the graphic above.

# YEAR 7 UPDATE

What a fantastic start to the year it's been for our wonderful Year 7s! They've had an amazing first half term settling into life at Penrice, and it's been such a joy to watch them grow in confidence each day.

From making new friendships to diving into exciting new subjects and getting involved in a wide range of activities, they've embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and curiosity.



**Mrs Alex Yeo**  
Head of Year 7

It's clear that they've truly embodied our school values of Pride, Respect, and Success, and we're so proud of how they've become an important part of our Penrice family. Their energy, kindness, and resilience have made a real impression on staff and peers alike.

We'd also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families who have supported their children through this big transition. Your encouragement and care have played a huge part in helping them settle in, thrive, and begin their journey at Penrice with such positivity.

Here's to a brilliant year ahead!



**Daniel**  
7SE (First Place)

## YEAR 7 POETRY COMPETITION

We were incredibly proud of the poems submitted by Year 7 for our National Poetry Day competition. There are so many talented writers among the year group and we cannot wait to see how their writing voices develop over their journey at Penrice.

A special shout out to our top 4 winners who blew Mrs Yeo away with their heartfelt and thoughtful words about their start to life at Penrice.

[Watch the Winning Poems](#)



**7JH Tutor Photo**



# Curriculum Enrichment Week 2026 Launch for Years 8 and 9

We are delighted to be launching CEW2026 later this week. Families in Years 8 and 9 will be sent a link to the CEW '26 brochure and application form, where they can select five activity preferences for their child. The deadline for completing the form is **23:59 on Sunday 09 November 2025**. All applications received by this time/date will be prioritised during the allocation process.

All students in Year 7 will participate in the same programme of exciting week of events with their tutor group, and their CEW2026 package will be revealed later in the academic year.

## CEW Information



**Year 8 Art Field Trip to St Ives**

A day of creativity and inspiration in St Ives! Our Year 8 students immersed themselves in the vibrant world of art during their trip, exploring the stunning collections at the Tate Gallery and discovering the legacy of sculpture at the Barbara Hepworth Museum. The day was topped off with a hands-on art workshop hosted by the Salvation Army, where imaginations ran wild and masterpieces were born.

A huge thanks to our Creative Arts teachers who made this experience possible.





Penrice Students Feature  
in New CELT Orchestra



# this is school



[Login Here](#)

## NEW MFL HOME-LEARNING PLATFORM

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to let you know that Penrice Academy has recently launched a subscription to **This is School**, a brand-new digital platform to support language learning both in lessons and at home.

With thousands of interactive activities, engaging videos, and vocabulary tools, this resource is designed to make learning feel like an adventure while helping students develop both confidence and progress in their languages. Teachers can also track how much time students spend on the platform, which allows us to monitor home-learning in a supportive way. Please note that students are not expected to complete games or challenges all in one sitting - this is an ongoing task, and teachers will provide alternative vocabulary activities if the games feel too fast.

### PILOT TESTING THANK YOU

We would like to thank those students and parents who have reached out to us regarding some of the initial challenges with logging in, and for the constructive feedback you have shared. We have already fed this back to the company and have been working closely with them to improve the experience.

### HOW TO LOG IN

When logging in, it is important that students enter their school details directly - logging in via Google will not work. If a password is forgotten, it can be reset; however, please remind your child to check their junk folder as the reset email often goes there.

### POSITIVE IMPACT

We are confident that this new platform will be a valuable addition to our language learning provision and are looking forward to seeing the positive impact it will have for our students.

If you have any further questions or need assistance, please contact your child's teacher - or feel free to reach out to [info@thisisschool.com](mailto:info@thisisschool.com)

**Mrs Rebecca Yeo**  
Head of MFL





# Join Us at Our Annual Careers Fair

SIGN UP  
TODAY!

Explore a wide range of career paths at our career fair. Connect with industry professionals and further and higher education providers; discover opportunities that align with your aspirations.

 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025

 Poltair School

 5pm - 7pm

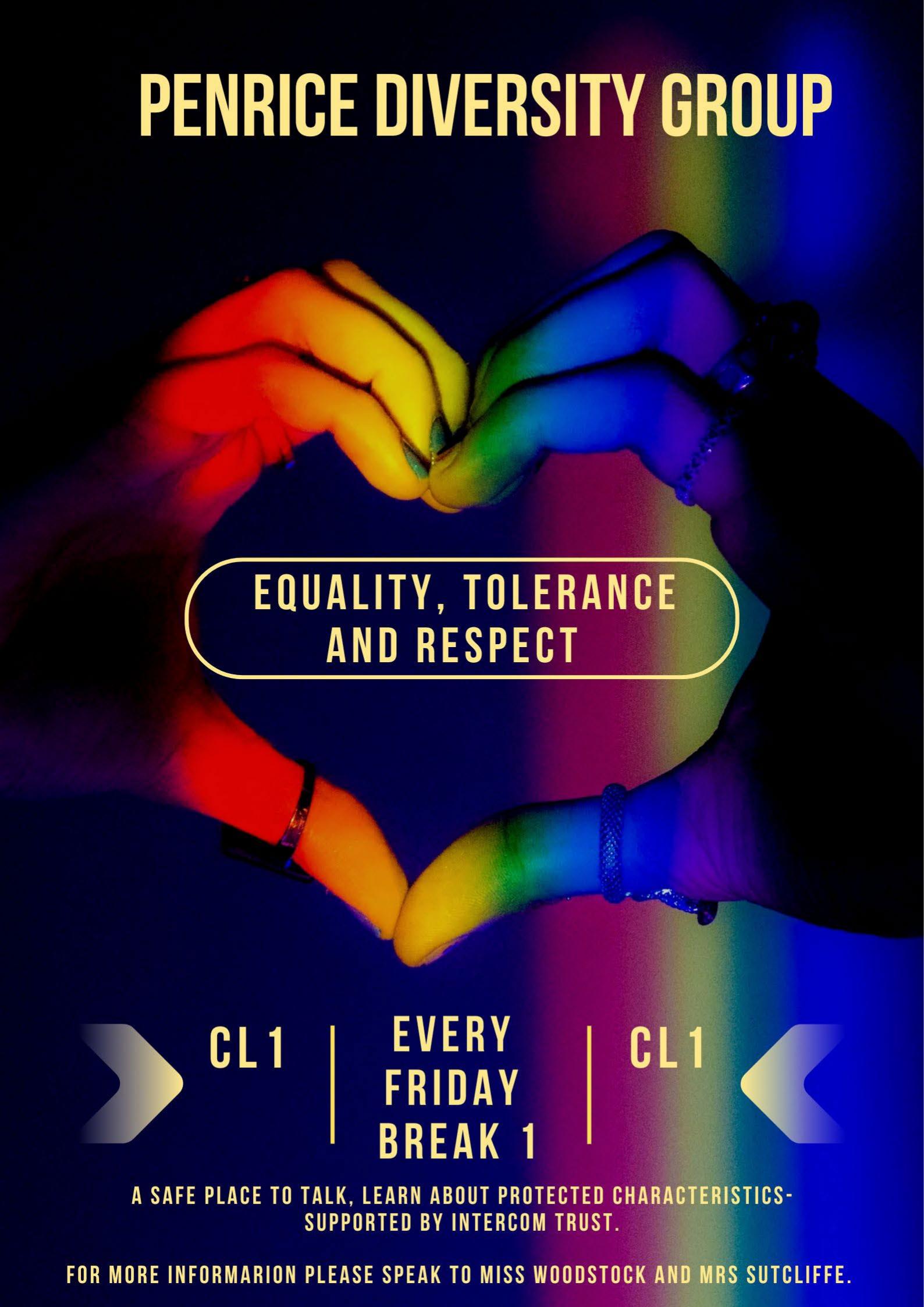
Register now via the Poltair School Website:  
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# PENRICE DIVERSITY GROUP



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AND RESPECT**

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FRIDAY  
BREAK 1

CL 1

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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE SPEAK TO MISS WOODSTOCK AND MRS SUTCLIFFE.



Cornwall  
Wildlife Trust

NHS  
Cornwall Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust

The Mental Health Support Team warmly invite you to attend...

## Wild Wellbeing

During October half term MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and National Trust, would like you to join us on a FREE Halloween Wild Wellbeing session at various locations across Cornwall.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.

Please book EACH child on to a session

Sessions available at:

**Golitha Falls - Tuesday 28 October**

**Lanhydrock - Wednesday 29 October**

**Dipping Pond, Goss Moor - Thursday 30 October**

**Tehidy Woods - Friday 31 October**

\*Free parking at all sites

Activities will last approx. 2 hours  
Please feel free to drop in from 10am, activities end at 1pm

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/fwtSJ59Cuv>



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