



Pride
Respect
Success

Parent Update

19 September 2025



Tanya Coleman
Head of School at
Penrice Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year!

A New Chapter

As we begin this exciting new chapter, we would like to extend a heartfelt welcome back to all Penrice parents, carers and students. It is wonderful to see our school community come together once again, revitalised, full of energy, optimism, and a shared sense of belonging. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, you are an important part of what makes our school such a special place.

A Successful Start

The new school year has started brilliantly, with students settling in quickly and embracing the rhythm of school life. We started the year differently with our reconnection days, which provided an opportunity for both students and staff to reconnect with each other and with what it means to be a Penrice learner. The first week ended with every year group involved in a fun activity with their tutor to make positive connections for the year ahead.

A special mention must go to our new Year 7s who have been absolutely fantastic in their new surroundings. They have shown confidence, kindness, and a real eagerness to get involved in their opening 'Successful 7s' fortnight. We're incredibly proud of how they've begun their journey with us.

Open Evening

Looking ahead, excitement is building for one of our most important evenings of the year. Our students are our biggest advocates, and many will be playing an important role in welcoming prospective families and showcasing what makes our school so special. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the spirit of our school and invite others to become part of our growing community. Feel free to share this newsletter or the link below with anyone who might be interested in visiting us next week.

[Learn More](#)



First Day Back



SAVE THE DATE



#HelloYellow

WEAR IT YELLOW DAY

Friday 10th October

Shining a Light on World Mental Health Day!

On Friday 10th October, we're inviting all students to add a splash of sunshine to their outfit by wearing yellow socks or a cheerful yellow hair accessory in support of World Mental Health Day.

To make the day even more meaningful, each year group will be hosting a Bake Sale to raise funds for the incredible charity Young Minds, which supports children and young people's mental health. Expect delicious treats, big smiles, and a wonderful community spirit!

Let's come together to raise awareness, spread positivity, and support a cause that truly matters.



WE ARE HIRING

APPLY BY 21ST SEPTEMBER

THREE FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITIES

Mental Health & Wellbeing Practitioner

School Systems Administrator (Attendance Focussed)

Pastoral Support Mentor

Applications for all roles close at 11:59pm on
Sunday 21st September 2025

If you're passionate about making a difference to the lives of young people, then we would love to hear from you!

[Apply Now](#)



New Ducklings on the Farm





YEAR 11

ROAD TO SUCCESS EVENING

Thursday 9th October

SAVE THE DATE

The Year 11 Road to Success Evening at Penrice Academy is a vital event for students, parents and carers, offering insights and guidance on how to best support students through the final year of GCSEs.

Senior leaders will share key strategies, resources, and expectations to help students stay focused, motivated, and prepared for success in their exams and beyond.

Times and session booking system to be announced nearer the date.

Year 7 Update

SUCCESSFUL^{7s}

Successful 7s

We are so proud of our Year 7 students who have engaged with our 'Successful 7s' initiative to really embed our school values into their daily culture. A huge number of our students have completed a wide range of the challenges they were set and have thrived within their lessons and around the school because of this.

We are excited to watch how their pride and respect turn into success as they continue their Year 7 journey.

Final Call for Summer Challenge Submissions

On a final note, please email any remaining submissions to me at ayeo@penrice.celtrust.org

or ask your child to submit physical copies to either tutors or the Head Of Year 7.



Mrs Alex Yeo
Head of Year 7

Science Spelling Bee for National Biology Week

The science department are inviting all Year 7-10 students to take part in National Biology Week's Spelling Bee Competition. Students will be asked to spell 20 words in Round 1 in upcoming lessons. A list of suggested words to prepare have been shared on ClassCharts. Winners following Round 2 the following week will be entered into the Royal Societies prize draw.



Support with Food Technology Ingredients

Regardless of a student's pupil premium status, we are committed to ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder our students from developing their practical cooking skills. If you would like Penrice Academy to help support your child by providing the ingredients for their Food Technology lessons, please complete the below form. Submissions to this form will be kept confidential and shared with a small number of staff.



Request Support



Futures Education Update

Work Experience (WEX) – Year 10 Applications Underway

Our Year 10 students are now well underway with their preparations for Work Experience 2026. Many have already begun researching employers and writing their applications during CLASS lessons and tutor sessions.

Please do speak with your child and encourage them to continue applying at home. The earlier students apply, the greater their chances of securing a placement – early action really does make a difference!

We've already received several successful approval and consent forms, which is fantastic – thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch. The approval and consent form has all been emailed to students and can also be found on our website.

Work Experience 

Post-16 Applications and Year 11 Update

The main college groups have been invited to attend the [Year 11 Road to Success evening](#) on Thursday 9th October, where they will be on hand to discuss and explore post-16 pathways, opportunities, and the application process.

We have nearly completed one-to-one careers interviews with all Year 11 students, giving them the opportunity to discuss and explore their post-16 options. As a result, they should have a clear understanding of their pathway. Over the next few weeks, we will have assemblies from the main college groups to explain the process to students and key information.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to get in touch.

Upcoming Post-16 Open Events

Truro School Sixth Form | 23rd September

Duchy Collect Stoke Climsland | 27th September

Callywith Year 11 Information Evening | 2nd October

Duchy College Rosewarne | 4th October

Cornwall College (St Austell) | 4th November

Truro College | 8th November

Callywith College | 15th November

Words by
Mrs Stevenson
Head of Futures



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Applications are now open for the Future Medics programme for students in Years 9–11. All students have received an email with the application link.

The Future Medics Programme is for Years 9–11 students interested in medicine and healthcare. Created with the NHS and leading medical schools, it introduces diverse health careers and helps develop key skills for medical applications, including interviews and exams.

Please note: the deadline for **submissions is 30th September**.

More Information 

FUTURE MEDICS TWO UPCOMING WEBINARS

We've got two fantastic online opportunities coming up courtesy of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh (RCPE). These sessions are designed to inspire and inform students.

Entry to Med School
Monday 29th September 

Medical Ethics
Wednesday 1st October 



Honouring the past,
inspiring the future.

65 years strong.



This year marks a remarkable milestone in the journey of Penrice Academy - 65 years of inspiring, educating, and empowering generations of students. Since opening our doors in 1960, our mission has remained steadfast: to help every student find a fulfilling future.

As part of our 65th anniversary celebrations, we're inviting former students to be part of the story. Whether you were here in the early days of Penrice or graduated more recently, we'd love to hear from you! Share your favourite memories, proud moments and friendships that started in our classrooms or on the school field.

If you have any photos tucked away - school trips, sports days, prom snapshots or class pictures, then we'd be thrilled to see them.

Your stories are the heartbeat of Penrice's legacy, and we want to celebrate them with our current students, staff, and wider Penrice community.

Join the conversation throughout this term by joining the Facebook event page and using #Penrice65 to help us honour the past while inspiring the future.



Share your memories on the
#Penrice65 Facebook Group

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OPEN EVENING

- SAVE THE DATE -
THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025

"Pupils excel at Penrice Academy."

Ofsted 2025

Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider





BECOME A COMMUNITY CHAMPION

Wellbeing Community Inclusion

We are seeking people who want to make a difference to local schools and education.

We are keen to hear from people with experience, expertise or an interest in any of the following areas:

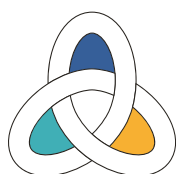
- Pupil wellbeing
- Staff wellbeing
- Community links
- Family links
- Safeguarding
- SEND

What is a community champion?

Community champions are volunteers who support a local school with key aspects like wellbeing, community links or inclusion. Volunteers will represent the views of children, families, staff and communities.

This volunteer role has been designed to be flexible to fit around work and family commitments.

[I'm interested! Tell me more](#)



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Learning Trust



YOUNGMINDS

**Hello
Yellow**
FRIDAY 10 OCT

**Wear it loud.
Wear it proud.**

Wear yellow this World Mental Health Day, 10th October,
and donate to YoungMinds to support young people's mental health.

#HelloYellow

M&S | YOUNGMINDS

YoungMinds, registered Charity in England (1016968) and Scotland (SC039700)

ST DENNIS INFO HUB

TEMPORARY CHANGE OF VENUE AND TIME

Wed 3rd September 1 pm - 3 pm - St Dennis Family Hub, Carne Hill,
St Dennis, St Austell, PL26 8AY

Wed 1st October 1 pm - 3 pm - St Dennis Family Hub, Carne Hill,
St Dennis, St Austell, PL26 8AY

Wed 5th Nov. / 10-12 pm - ClayTawc, Fore Street, St Dennis PL26 8AF

Wed 3rd Dec. / 10-12 pm - ClayTawc, Fore Street, St Dennis PL26 8AF

FREE COMMUNITY DROP-IN, PROVIDING INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR...

- **Social Isolation and Loneliness**
- **Benefits, Housing, Debt Support**
- **Wellbeing, Health and Fitness**
- **Employment and Volunteering**
- **Education and Training**
- **Adult Social Care Advice**
- **Cost of Living Support**
- **Energy Advice**
- **Digital Support**
- **Social Prescribing**





Discover why **Truro School Sixth**
is the top choice for your future.

No.1

for A-Levels
in Cornwall

TRURO SCHOOL SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 23 September 2025

5.00pm - 8.00pm

50% A*/A 80% A-B

2025 A-Level Results



Explore our Sixth Form facilities, meet our pupils and the Sixth Form Team, and experience the welcoming community that makes Truro School Sixth Form so special.

Book your place now at truroschooel.com/open-evening

Soapbox Youth Group

Young
People aged
13-25 years
with SEN



Word cloud containing terms: Autism, Delay, Syndrome, ADD, Visually, ADHD, Developmental, Challenged, X, Aspergers, Fragile, Special, Needs, Disabled, PDD, Impaired, Learnin, Disability.



Thursdays
6:30pm-8:30pm

Term
Time



St.Blazey Family Hub
Station road
St Blazey
PL242ND

More Information:
portia@kernow-youth.co.uk



UK YOUTH



AUTUMN TERM CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

KEY

 = Performance Sports
Represent Penrice in Fixtures



ARTS



WELLBEING



ACADEMIC



SPORTS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

FRIDAY (CONT.)

BREKTIME CLUBS

Music Expression Session **Y7-11**
MS1 (PB) / Break 1

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Karaoke Club **Y7-11**
MS1 (PB) / Break 2

British Sign Language* **Y7-11**
E2 (AY) / Break 1 *Runs Week B only

Year 7 Break Club (Mindfulness) **Y7**
M11 (JH) / Break 1

Young Writers Drop-In **Y7-11**
E6 (Various Staff) / Break 1

Chess Club **Y7-11**
M7 (FS) / Break 1

LGBTQ+ Club **Y7-11**
CL1 (WW) / Break 2

Student Parliament Drop-In **Y7-11**
E8 (SA) / Break 1

Model United Nations **Y9&10**
E7 (AR) / Break 2 *Runs Week B only

Year 7 Break Club Games **Y7**
M11 (JH) / Break 1

Penrice Senior Choir **INVITE ONLY**
MS1 (MJ)

Drama Club **Y7-9**
Drama Studio (CA)

School Production* (Into the Woods) **Y7-11**
Assembly Hall (CA) *5pm finish time

Mural Art Club **Y7-11**
Art Block (VT)

Penrice Rock Band **INVITE ONLY**
MS1 (PB)

Basketball **Y7-10**
Sports Hall (MR)

Homework Club **Y7-11**
CS3 (Various Staff)

GCSE Music **INVITE ONLY**
MS1 (PB)

Set & Prop Design **Y7-11**
T1 (AE)

Music Technology Club **Y7-11**
MS2 (PB)

School Production (Into the Woods) **Y7-11**
Assembly Hall (CA)

Boys' Performance Rugby **Y7-8**
Sports Hall (AJ & DM)

Duke of Edinburgh **Y9-11**
S12 & S13 (AP)

Diamond Art / Mandala Mindfulness **Y7-11**
M8 (JH)

Penrice Orchestra **INVITE ONLY**
MS1 (PB)

Hockey **Y9-10**
The Zone (NM)

Farm Club **Y7-8**
Meet in AC1 (CH)

Penrice Bake Off* **Y10-11**
T3 (GS) *Not for Catering & Hospitality students

Studio 4 Dance* **Y7-10**
Assembly Hall *£2 charge per session

Penrice Kitchen **Y9-10**
T4 (MM)

Homework Club **Y7-11**
CS3 (Various Staff)

Green Team **Y7-11**
H5 (PR)

Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) **INVITE ONLY**
TBC (KT)

5-a-Side Football **Y9-10**
Astro (GP)

Gaelic Language and Irish Heritage **Y7-11**
S4 (AH)

Homework Club **Y7-11**
CS3 (Various Staff)

Archery **Y7-11**
Future Pathways Centre (DM)

GCSE Text Film Club **Y11**
E6 (CP)

Mandarin Excellence Programme **INVITE ONLY**
L5 (LR)

Psyched - Table Tennis **INVITE ONLY**
The Zone (SFC Team)

Homework Club **Y7-11**
CS3 (Various Staff)

Student Magazine **Y7-11**
CS1 (OB)

Triple Science **INVITE ONLY**
Science Block (DR, EC & AF)

Boys' Rugby **Y7-9**
Sports Hall (DM, MR & AJ)

Boys' Performance Rugby **Y9**
The Zone (MR)

Hockey **Y7-8**
The Zone (NM)

Boys' Rugby **Y10-11**
Sports Hall (DM & AJ)

Netball **Y7-11**
Sports Hall (CR & SS)

Netball **Y7-11**
Sports Hall (CR & SS)

AFTER SCHOOL

+ THE PENRICE LIBRARY

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



HOW TO SIGN UP?

Please register for clubs via your
parents and carers.

An online form will open
during the first full week back
in September 2025, with clubs
starting the following week.
Activity places are awarded on
a first-come, first-served basis.

