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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.



New Ducklings on the Farm



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





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 ayeо@penrice.celtrust.org

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



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 College 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**.

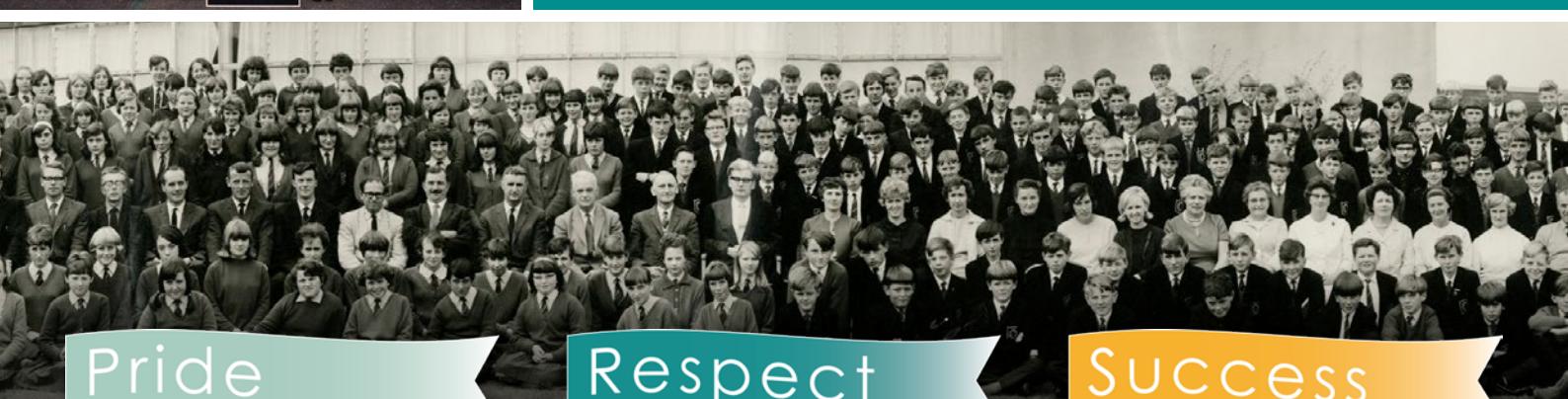
More Information 

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

Pride

Respect

Success



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OPEN EVENING

- SAVE THE DATE -
THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025

"Pupils excel at Penrice Academy."

Ofsted 2025





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:

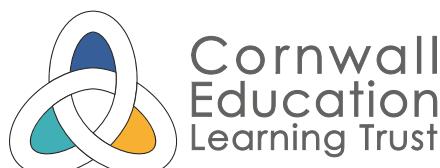
- Pupil wellbeing
- Staff wellbeing
- Community links
- Family links
- Safeguarding
- SEND

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](#)





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

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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**



Arbennek
Healthcare



South West
Water

ClayTawc Ltd
Clay Area Training And Work Centre

NHS

Talking Therapies



COMMUNITY
ENERGY PLUS



Healthy
Cornwall



Volunteer
Cornwall





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 truroschool.com/open-evening

Soapbox Youth Group

Young
People aged
13-25 years
with SEN

Needs
PDD Impaired
Disabled
Special
Fragile
Autism
Delay
Syndrome
Developmental
Challenged
physical
Aspergers



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



ARTS



WELLBEING



ACADEMIC



SPORTS

P

P = Performance Sports
Represent Penrice in Fixtures

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

FRIDAY (CONT.)

BREAKTIME CLUBS

Music Expression Session MS1 (PB) / Break 1	Y7-11	Music Expression Session MS1 (PB) / Break 1	Y7-11	Music Expression Session MS1 (PB) / Break 1	Y7-11	Music Expression Session MS1 (PB) / Break 1	Y7-11	Music Expression Session MS1 (PB) / Break 1	Y7-11	Karaoke Club MS1 (PB) / Break 2	Y7-11
British Sign Language* E2 (AY) / Break 1 *Runs Week B only	Y7-11	Year 7 Break Club (Mindfulness) M11 (JH) / Break 1	Y7	Young Writers Drop-In E6 (Various Staff) / Break 1	Y7-11	Chess Club M7 (FS) / Break 1	Y7-11	Year 7 Break Club Games M11 (JH) / Break 1	Y7	LGBTQ+ Club CL1 (WW) / Break 2	Y7-11
Student Parliament Drop-In E8 (SA) / Break 1	Y7-11			Model United Nations E7 (AR) / Break 2 *Runs Week B only	Y9&10						

AFTER SCHOOL

Penrice Senior Choir MS1 (MJ)	INVITE ONLY	Drama Club Drama Studio (CA)	Y7-9	School Production* (Into the Woods) Assembly Hall (CA)	Y7-11	Mural Art Club Art Block (VT)	Y7-11	Penrice Rock Band MS1 (PB)	INVITE ONLY	Basketball Sports Hall (MR)	Y7-10
Homework Club CS3 (Various Staff)	Y7-11	GCSE Music MS1 (PB)	INVITE ONLY	Set & Prop Design T1 (AE)	Y7-11	Music Technology Club MS2 (PB)	Y7-11	School Production (Into the Woods) Assembly Hall (CA)	Y7-11	Boys' Performance Rugby Sports Hall (AJ & DM)	Y7-8
		Duke of Edinburgh S12 & S13 (AP)	Y9-11	Diamond Art / Mandala Mindfulness M8 (JH)	Y7-11	Penrice Orchestra MS1 (PB)	INVITE ONLY			Hockey The Zone (NM)	Y9-10
		Farm Club Meet in AC1 (CH)	Y7-8	Penrice Bake Off* T3 (GS) *Not for Catering & Hospitality students	Y10-11	Studio 4 Dance* Assembly Hall	Y7-10				
		Penrice Kitchen T4 (MM)	Y9-10	Homework Club CS3 (Various Staff)	Y7-11	Green Team H5 (PR)	Y7-11				
		Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) TBC (KT)	INVITE ONLY	5-a-Side Football Astro (GP)	Y9-10	Gaelic Language and Irish Heritage S4 (AH)	Y7-11				
		Homework Club CS3 (Various Staff)	Y7-11	Archery Future Pathways Centre (DM)	Y7-11	GCSE Text Film Club E6 (CP)	Y11				
		Mandarin Excellence Programme L5 (LR)	INVITE ONLY	Psyched - Table Tennis The Zone (SFC Team)	INVITE ONLY	Homework Club CS3 (Various Staff)	Y7-11				
		Student Magazine CS1 (OB)	Y7-11			Triple Science Science Block (DR, EC & AF)	INVITE ONLY				
		Boys' Rugby Sports Hall (DM, MR & AJ)	Y7-9			Boys' Performance Rugby The Zone (MR)	Y9				
		Hockey The Zone (NM)	Y7-8			Boys' Rugby Sports Hall (DM & AJ)	Y10-11				
		Netball Sports Hall (CR & SS)	Y7-11			Netball Sports Hall (CR & SS)	Y7-11				

+ 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.

