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AN EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATION



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Welcome

Welcome to Penrice Academy - a kind and caring community of learners, parents, teachers, support staff and governors, all working together to provide our young people with an extraordinary education.

Our Core Values

The Penrice Community is built on the core values of being proud, respectful and successful. By joining this community, your child will not only develop academically, but will also be nurtured into becoming a young adult, ready to make a positive impact on the wider world.

An Education that Lasts for a Lifetime

A Penrice education is an education for a lifetime, an education where your child will develop character traits essential for future success, for forging positive relationships with others, and a school journey where they will discover new passions that will define them as individuals.

We look forward to warmly welcoming you and your family to the Penrice Community and we hope to see you at future open events.

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Welcome from the Headteacher



Mr Carl Foster
Headteacher at
Penrice Academy

It is an enormous privilege to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Penrice Academy. Having worked at Penrice previously, I already know what a special school this is. At the heart of a wonderful community, Penrice is filled with young people who can achieve extraordinary things, and I could not be more excited to return and lead the school into its next chapter.

September 2027 will be particularly special. It will be my first September as Headteacher and, for our new Year 7 students, the beginning of their Penrice journey. We will be starting that chapter together.

We believe deeply in the power of education. School helps to shape the people our children will one day become, and with that comes an enormous responsibility. Our role is not simply to help young people achieve excellent

qualifications; it is to open doors, raise aspirations and help them discover what they are truly capable of.

We expect a lot from our students because we believe they are capable of a lot. Every child deserves an excellent education, and we will be relentless in ensuring they receive one – because it is simply the right thing to do.

Our values of Pride, Respect and Success are at the heart of Penrice. We want our young people to be proud of who they are, treat others with kindness and respect, discover their talents, overcome challenges and experience the joy of success.

Above all, we want every child to feel known, valued and happy at Penrice. We will support them when they need us, celebrate their successes and challenge them to achieve more. There is already so much to celebrate at Penrice, but our ambition will never stand still.

Together, we will help every young person discover what they are capable of, achieve more than they thought possible and leave Penrice with the confidence and ambition to shape their future.

We are Outstanding

Working with your child to choose a secondary school is undoubtedly one of the most important decisions your family can make with regards to their educational journey.

You will be reassured to hear that Penrice Academy was awarded an Outstanding rating in all four categories in our recent Ofsted inspection (results published April 2025). This achievement is a testament to the unwavering dedication of our students, staff and of course, our families who continuously support and champion our school. The report recognises that, **“Pupils excel at Penrice Academy”, “Pupils behaviour is exemplary”** and most importantly that

“Pupils are a credit to themselves, their school and their families”.

These qualities are a direct result of the collective effort of our school community - parents who instil the importance of learning, learners who strive to be their best and staff who go above and beyond every day.

We will, of course, continue to build on this success, ensuring that Penrice remains a place where children feel valued, inspired and empowered to achieve their full potential. We encourage you to read the full Ofsted report on the Penrice website.

Inspection Summary

The quality of education: **Outstanding**
Behaviour and attitudes: **Outstanding**
Personal development: **Outstanding**
Leadership and management: **Outstanding**

To read the full report, search **‘Ofsted’** on the Penrice website.


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Academic Excellence

Helping Your Child Become Extraordinary

Whilst Penrice supports children of all abilities, we also make it our mission to provide huge opportunities that inspire and open doors for the most academically able.

In 2019, a report from the Sutton Trust identified that whilst just 7% of Britons are privately educated, they make up 39% of the leading professions. Here in St Austell, we are playing our part to change these national statistics by striving to offer Penrice learners the best opportunities and experiences of any school.



The Scholarship Programme

Penrice offers a prestigious Scholarship Programme for ambitious learners, running from Years 8 to 10.



YEAR 8

The 'Big Question Society'

Year 8 Scholars attend a series of group talks based on the Oxbridge questioning tool, sparking academic discussion and nurturing curiosity.



YEAR 9

Scholarship Lecture Series

A lecture series run by staff across the school, creating a university-style experience to help students discover their passion and possible future aspirations.



YEAR 10

The Higher Project Qualification (HPQ)

The HPQ is an independent study project, highly coveted by colleges and sixth forms, and is equivalent to a full GCSE.



Reuben and Rose secured funded places at the prestigious Marlborough College. Pictured with Mrs Stevenson, Careers & Future Pathways Lead.



The Mandarin Excellence Programme

Penrice Academy is the only school in Cornwall to offer the Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP), an intensive curriculum offering in which settings must be rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' with strong performance in Modern Foreign Languages to be eligible to deliver.

This is an ambitious course designed to push the most academically able, starting in Year 7 and running right through until Year 11.

Being the only school in Cornwall to offer the Mandarin Excellence Programme is a fantastic opportunity for your child to stand out from the crowd, allowing them to learn the second-most spoken language in the world and opening doors to future opportunities.



For further information, search 'MEP' on the Penrice website.



Future Medics
Ambulance
Experience by
Role 1 Medical

Penrice Future Medics

Our *Future Medics* programme is a dynamic initiative designed to ignite curiosity and ambition in our learners who are considering careers in medicine and healthcare.

Our learners have dived into thrilling hands-on workshops featuring a real ambulance and an emergency response vehicle, while also gaining invaluable insights from engaging talks by GPs, healthcare experts, university representatives, and many more inspiring voices.

Through engaging and hands-on careers experiences, students gain a deeper understanding of what it truly takes to pursue the incredible field of medicine and healthcare. From interactive workshops to inspiring guest speakers, the programme blends academic insight with real-world relevance.



Extraordinary Opportunities

Your child was convinced they couldn't do it; but they are almost there and about to prove themselves wrong. They gingerly take a few more steps along the tight rope, trying not to look down into the abyss that is the quarry water below! One more step and, yes! They gleefully step onto land to the sound of rapturous applause from their classmates who cheered them all the way.

Not what you would expect your child to learn in school? - This is just part of an afternoon in Curriculum Enrichment Week where our Action & Adventure students take on the High Rope Assault Course! It is experiences like these that define Penrice learners, building character and extraordinary memories.



Search 'CEW' on the Penrice website.

Curriculum Enrichment Week

Taking place at the end of each academic year, Curriculum Enrichment Week (CEW) is all about friends, fun, and finishing the academic year in style! When your child enters Years 8 and 9, they will also be able to choose residential trips which have recently included locations such as the Isles of Scilly, London, France and Barcelona!



Barcelona

Inside the Sagrada Família!



Year 7 CEW Experience



Action & Adventure Week

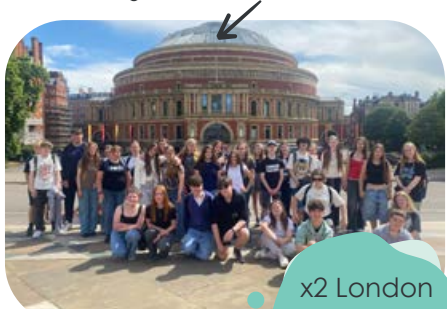
The Royal Albert Hall!



Kernow Week



Torquay



x2 London Trips

African Adventures

In 2025 and 2023, Penrice took a group of learners to Tanzania and Ghana respectively. Our incredible learners supported two schools on aid missions, teaching lessons and helping with building work. Our next African Adventure is planned for 2027!



Ms Penrose
Outdoor Education Coordinator

"Do it. It will change you."

Outdoor Education

Blisters, sweat, aches and pains, but an unrivalled sense of pride as your child crosses the finish line following their expedition, clapped home by family and friends. These are the magical moments that you and your child will remember forever – the moments that define them, teaching them key character traits such as self-sufficiency, resilience and determination.

It will give you skills that you didn't know you could learn. It will stand out on your CV, and it will give you the confidence that you can do anything you want to do if you set your mind to it."



Extraordinary Care



For more information, search '**Pastoral Care**' on the Penrice website.

Dedicated Pastoral Staff

It is totally normal for children to face emotional challenges as they grow up. Some challenges may occur during school, whilst others happen outside of school. Some challenges may be short-term issues whilst others might be longstanding struggles. And some challenges may be within your child's control to fix (with guidance and support), whilst others may be completely out of your child's control – such as a family bereavement.

No matter what life throws at them, Penrice's vast support network will be there for your child throughout their 5-year journey, teaching them crucial life skills in compassion, courage, resilience, self-confidence, and so much more.

Crucially, we understand that there is no blueprint for a 'normal student'. Together, we celebrate the fact that every child is unique and this is what makes Penrice such a vibrant and inclusive community.

VIEWS FROM OFSTED

Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is nurtured with equal determination.

Available Support

As a Penrice learner, there are a whole host of 'safety nets' in place to catch your child in times in need, helping them to get back on their feet in no time! These 'safety nets' are not just limited to problems faced in school, but also support for issues that may arise at home too.



Tutors



Pastoral Team



Mental Health Support

Further Support Available:

- Young Carers Support
- One-to-One Support
- Emotional First Aid
- Signposting to Outside Agencies
- Gender Support
- Behaviour Management Support
- Attendance Support
- Social and Emotional Support
- Access to School Counsellor
- Breakfast Club
- Group Work
- School Support Pets

Daphne & Dora
School Cats



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LACEY

Interviewed on GCSE Results Day

Heading to Callywith College to Study A-Levels

"I really struggled at times in school – I didn't know where I fitted in, particularly in Year 9. But I reached out and asked for support in the school's Student Family Centre (SFC) in Year 9 and I managed to get a hold of things.

It was in the SFC that I was introduced to Mrs Sutcliffe [Pastoral Support Manager] and she has been there for me ever since, no matter what. She has genuinely been incredible! I don't think I would've made it to where I am today without Mrs Sutcliffe's help – she's amazing!"

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Inclusion, Belonging and Success

At Penrice, we are proud to be an inclusive community where every child is known, valued and supported to succeed. We ensure all learners, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), can access a rich and ambitious education and fully participate in school life.

Working closely with parents and carers, we provide tailored support that helps every learner feel included and empowered to achieve their potential,

both academically and personally.

Penthyller, our on-site Area Resource Base, is a valued part of the Penrice community. Through strong relationships, personalised support and high aspirations, it provides a nurturing environment where learners and families feel understood and supported. Learners develop confidence, independence and the skills they need to thrive in school and beyond.



Mrs Kirsty Taylor

Assistant Headteacher, Inclusion & SENDCo



For further information, search 'SEND' on the Penrice website.

Find Your Passion

Every child is unique. It is for this reason that we offer a gigantic array of opportunities in all aspects of school life to ensure that every student can discover their talents and interests!

With an enormous range of classroom subjects and Penrice Plus activities, not to forget a whole host of careers, college and university experiences each year, your child will soon carve out their own identity.

BIG
OPPORTUNITIES



Incredible Subject Choices

When it comes to classroom learning, students can choose from a whopping 26 different subject options during the course of their Penrice journey! Our wide selection of options will help your child open as many doors as possible to future careers.

26
Subject
Options



For more information,
search '**Curriculum**'
on the Penrice
website.



Animal Care



Business
Enterprise



Mandarin



Child
Development

Penrice ^{PLUS}

Find Your Extra

Penrice Plus (Penrice+) gives all learners the opportunity to take part in inclusive extra-curricular clubs and activities throughout the week.

Your child's next Penrice Plus Club could inspire them to pursue a healthy hobby for the rest of their life!

GREEN TEAM

**Penrice Plus Option
(Years 7 - 10)**

The 'Make Space
for BEES' Project 2024



Arts Clubs

Examples include:
School Production
Penrice Band
Printmaking



Wellbeing Clubs

Examples include:
British Sign Language
On the Farm
Green Team



Academic Clubs

Examples include:
Fiction Addiction
Penrice Quiz League
History Mystery



Sports Clubs

Examples include:
Badminton
Archery
Girls' Fitness Club

Over

25

Activities Per Term



For more information, search
'Penrice Plus' on the Penrice
website.

2025-26 Academic Year

10,000+

Sessions Attended

Shadow the
Bunny Rabbit

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MOLLY -

**Former BTEC Animal Care learner and
'On the Farm' Penrice Plus participant.**

"It has been so fun working with animals, learning about their behaviours and how to look after them properly. I'm thinking of a career in Zoology and I also completed my work experience at Screech Owl Sanctuary."

Sporting Penrice Pride

At Penrice our goal is to make sure that every child establishes a deep-rooted love of exercise. To achieve this, we will make sure your child constantly feels included in PE and is pushed to succeed, regardless of their sporting ability. We promote inclusivity when it comes to PE, offering A, B and C teams in as many sports as possible whilst regularly rotating players.

Whilst inclusivity is a key focus, there is also elite-level training provision and high-profile opportunities. If your child has big sporting aspirations, they can proudly represent the school in county, regional and national competitions in which Penrice has a consistent, strong track-record of performance.



Over
200

Competitive Fixtures in
2025/26

Sports Facilities and Inclusivity



The Zone Gym
x5 Grass Sports Pitches
x1 Large Astro Pitch
x3 Outdoor Courts
x1 Indoor Sports Hall.



Elite Sport, Exceptional Success

We have a strong track record of developing talented young athletes and supporting them to reach their full potential. Students are always encouraged to challenge themselves, achieving success both individually and as part of a team.

With expert coaching, excellent facilities, and a culture that champions dedication and teamwork, Penrice is the perfect environment for aspiring athletes to thrive and further develop their skills.



Elite Training and Mentoring



Strength & Conditioning Clubs



Professional Athletics Club Partnership



Inspirational Visitors

Ben Hammersley from the Exeter Chiefs!



Sports Personality Awards Evening

An annual Penrice event to celebrate the achievements and successes of our young sports stars.

Igniting Imaginations

Opportunities for All

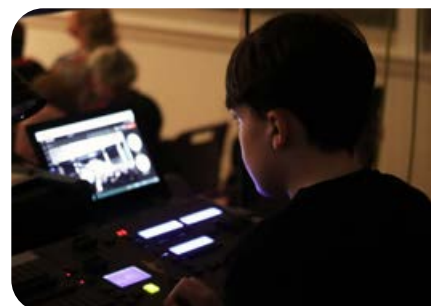
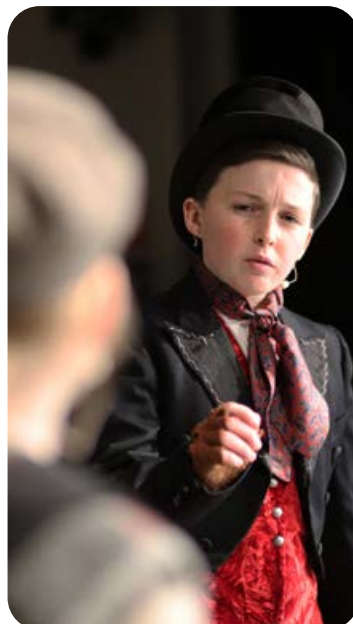
Think your child is too shy to get involved in the Creative Arts? – Think again!

Being part of our Creative Arts team doesn't mean they have to step into the spotlight and perform solo on centre stage. There are a whole host of other ways students get involved, whether it be our skilled set & prop designers, our stage and lighting crew, or our various bands and choirs, it is all part of one big 'Team Penrice' effort!

In 2027, learners will bring to life the iconic musical, Little Shop of Horrors, showcasing the creativity and talent that defines our thriving performing arts culture.



School
Production:
Into the Woods
(2026)



Rock of Ages –
Teen Edition (2025)

ANNUAL PENRICE WINTER CONCERT

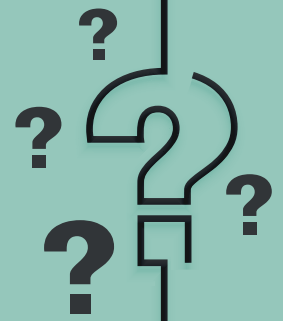


Carol Singing
at Trevarna
Residential
Home

Did You Know?

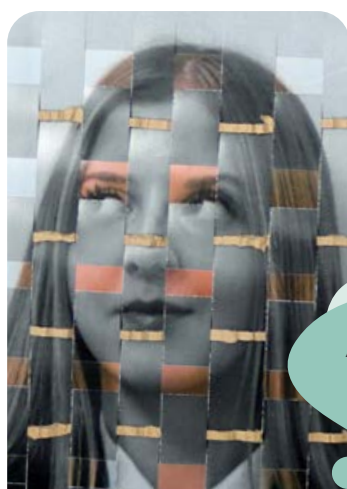
We offer tuition on the following instruments:

Piano, Keyboard, Violin, Viola, Cello, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Guitar (Electric and Acoustic), Bass Guitar, Ukulele, Drumkit, Orchestral Percussion and Voice.



Free Music Tuition

We are pleased to offer all Year 7 students the opportunity to take part in up to six free music lessons on an instrument of their choice. This is a fantastic chance for your child to explore a new instrument or develop existing musical skills, completely free of charge.



Annual Art
Exhibitions



Extraordinary Young Adults



From the moment they start Year 7, your child will be encouraged to join the Team Penrice effort, raising awareness and funds for local, national and international causes.

Over the course of their five-year journey, your child will be shaped into an empathetic and grateful young adult who appreciates what they have and is ready to be a positive global citizen upon leaving Penrice.

Throughout the academic year, learners support a range of charitable initiatives and community causes, contributing to a collective school effort that makes a meaningful difference to others.

Through regular fundraising and awareness activities, students are encouraged to take an active role in supporting worthy causes while developing a deeper understanding of the world around them.

PICTURED ON YEAR 11 LEAVERS' DAY

VARA | CLASS OF 2023

"I was really scared to go to school when I first arrived here in Year 10. I thought people might make fun of me because I couldn't speak the language, however I have actually made some amazing friends at Penrice. The school were so helpful at helping me improve my English knowledge"





Year 11's 24-Hour Charity
Challenge (December 2025)

£5,000+
Raised for charity

EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG ADULTS



Over

£45,000+

Total raised in the last eight
academic years

PROUDLY SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

We are proud to serve our local community and support those in need. By working in collaboration with local charities, we have been able to provide hundreds of support hampers to those in need over the last few academic years.

Fundraising events form a key part of learner life with numerous bake sales, art and craft sales, and our annual Christmas jumper day to name just a few!

Lastly, over the past five years we have also been privileged to be able to welcome a number of Ukrainian learners into the Penrice Community.

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EMMA

“Welcoming Ukrainian students has made me feel like our school is really supportive to other learners. It's been a nice experience to see the Ukrainian students making friends again and learning what we are learning – it's giving them a fresh start.”

A Love of Reading



For further information, search
'Literacy and Reading' on the
Penrice website.

Developing a Love for Reading

Reading is part of the bedrock to a successful education; it is the foundation upon which all other learning can be built upon. It is for this reason that we take reading so seriously at Penrice, ensuring that your child develops a passion for books, storytelling and creative writing.

We are proud to read in tutor periods two times a week, with learners following the story in their own books as it is narrated by a teacher.

Each book is carefully selected based on age-appropriate themes and moral teachings. Not only does this increase the linguistic knowledge

and cultural capital of our students, but it also teaches a love of reading, encourages new insights into other worlds, and helps to foster the respect we need to have for other people and the living world around us.

EDIE

National Young
Writers' Author
Competition
Winner,
2023 and 2025.



Inspiring Author Visits



Anika Hussain (2025)



Anthony McGowan (2025)



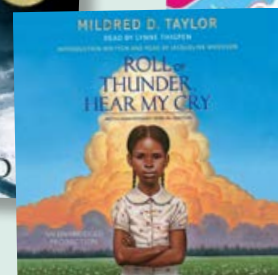
Year 7 Reading

A Kind of Spark – by Ellie McNicoll

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief – by Rick Riordan

Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry – by Mildred Taylor

Chinese Cinderella – by Adeline Yen Mah



Year 8 Reading

Girl, Boy, Sea. – by Chris Vick

Stone Cold – by Robert Swindells

Adventures of a Young Naturalist – by David Attenborough

Lark – by Anthony McGowan

The Gifted the Talented and Me – by William Sutcliffe

Welcome to Nowhere – by Elizabeth Laird

Year 9 Reading

Noughts and Crosses – by Malorie Blackman

Lord of the Flies – by William Golding

The Poet X – by Elizabeth Acevedo



Gold Standard Grades

We believe that there is so much more to a successful education than grades, but we equally recognise that grades are the 'currency' that open doors to higher education courses and future job prospects.

You can rest assured that your child is in safe hands at Penrice. Our learners regularly achieve excellent outcomes, and we are consistently recognised as one of the highest-performing schools in Cornwall.



Search '**GCSE Results 2026**' on the Penrice website.



VIEWS FROM OFSTED

Pupils excel at Penrice Academy. Staff strive relentlessly to meet the school's extraordinarily high expectation to raise aspiration and enable pupils to realise their potential, regardless of background or need.



GCSE Results Day 2026

PENRICE IN NUMBERS

Data from the 2025-26 Academic Year



3 Magical School Production Evenings



£5,000+ Raised for Cornwall Air Ambulance



35+ Sports Award Winners



14 Tutor Books Read



20+ Outdoor Education Walks



263427
Merits Awarded



2
Secure Funded
Marlborough Places



25+
Begin Learning
Mandarin

A Smooth Transition

We have plenty of transition events in place to help your child take small steps towards starting secondary school at Penrice. By the time they reach their first day in September, your child can be confidently walking through the school gates, full of excitement and ready to meet their new classmates again following the various welcome events!

Our Welcome Day and Evening is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the transition process where students experience a taster day, full of icebreaker activities, before parents and carers join later in the day for an information evening.



For further information, search **'Transition'** on the Penrice website.

Transition Timeline

All dates provided are a predicted schedule and are subject to change. Please always check the Penrice website for the latest information.

Transition Event/Activity	Approximate Date
Open Evening 2026	Thursday 24th September 2026
Daytime Guided Tours	28th September 2026 – 9th October 2026
School Application Window*	Runs until End of October 2026
School Places Announced*	March 2027
Welcome Email/Communication	March 2027
Welcome to Team Penrice Informal event	April 2027
Primary School Visits from Penrice Staff	May/June 2027
Enhanced Transition Sessions at Penrice	May/June 2027
Welcome Day and Evening	Tuesday 6th July 2027
Additional Private Welcome Meetings/Discussions	July 2027
Summer School	August 2027
First Day of Year 7	September 2027



Inspiring Futures Since 1960

Whilst your child's Penrice journey will end after five years, the lessons they learn and character traits they develop will set them up for a successful life.



KATIE MUNDAY

Class of 2013

Seasons Delivery Specialist at Network Rail

"I always told the teachers I wanted to be a train driver and they always encouraged me. Penrice gave me the confidence and grades to go to Truro College which taught me independence and the opportunity to go to University."



STUART ANSELL

Class of 2012

IT Systems Engineer at Monmouthshire Building Society

"I was inspired by my IT and Business Studies teachers to develop, including opportunities to start studying my BTEC in IT early."



HANNAH KNIGHT

Class of 2017

Legal Secretary at Coodes Solicitors following a Business Administration Apprenticeship

"Penrice did a lot of Careers Fairs which helped me identify that A-Levels were not the only option for me. Learning about diplomas which were coursework based helped me on my journey. My key piece of advice would be to do what feels right for you, not just what everyone else is doing."





Visit Us

See for yourself why Penrice is extraordinary at an Open Event. To see the latest opportunities to visit us, please search for 'Open Events' on the Penrice Academy website.



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