

Friday 9th October

PARENT NEWSLETTER



Mr Carl Foster
Headteacher

As I spend more time at Penrice Academy ahead of officially taking up the post of Headteacher on 1st November, I would like to thank our students, staff, families and wider community for the warm welcome I have received. It has been a privilege to continue getting to know so many of our wonderful young people, and I have been struck by the friendliness and strong sense of community.

From inter-tutor dodgeball competitions to outstanding homework submissions, this newsletter is filled with examples of students thriving both in and beyond the classroom. We even have a world champion to celebrate, alongside many other achievements that reflect the talent and determination of our students.

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Finally, I encourage families to join us for our Year 11 Road to Success Evening on Monday 12th October and Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening on Thursday 15th October. These events provide valuable opportunities for families and school staff to work together in support of our young people.

Whether your child is beginning their Penrice journey or preparing for the important GCSE year ahead, we hope you will take the opportunity to attend, ask questions and learn more about how we can work in partnership to help every student fulfil their potential. We look forward to welcoming you.



**Tutor Dodgeball
Competitions**



**Penrice Joins Parkrun
Saturday 2nd October**



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FREE SPECIALIST MUSIC LESSONS

Year 7 students are invited to sign up for our FREE six-week music lesson programme, delivered by specialist teachers during the school day.

Whether they are complete beginners or already developing their musical talents, this is a fantastic opportunity to learn and grow.

Lessons are available across a wide range of instruments, from piano and guitar to drums, brass, woodwind and singing. Many former participants have progressed to local orchestras, brass bands and musical groups.

Learn More
and Sign Up



Mrs Lloyd-King
Head of Year 7

As we approach the end of our first half term, I think you'll agree that the Year 7s have settled in beautifully.

I can honestly say that this year group is one of the most polite and respectful groups I have ever had the pleasure of working with. Their smiling faces never fail to brighten my day, and I couldn't be prouder of how wonderfully they have embraced life at secondary school.

It has been a fantastic first half term, and I'm really looking forward to all that the next one will bring — especially the excitement of the panto as we head towards Christmas!

Well done, Year 7!



YEAR 7

MEET THE TUTOR EVENING

Thursday 15th October

A chance for Year 7 parents to meet their child's tutor and discuss how the step up to secondary school is going. Please check emails for full information.



Mrs Yeo
Head of Year 8

Year 8 have made an excellent start to the new academic year. Their maturity, kindness and compassion have been evident from day one, with many students helping our new Year 7s settle in and feel welcome.

A large number of Year 8 students also represented the school superbly at Open Evening, with families commenting on how impressed they were by their confidence and professionalism. During lesson visits, I have been delighted by the focus, calm learning environments and thoughtful contributions on display.

I look forward to seeing all they achieve as they continue to grow and develop this year.



World Champion Success for Sienna

Congratulations to Sienna in Year 8, who has once again been crowned a World Champion after moving into the highly competitive 12-14 age category. At just 12 years old, Sienna has now achieved an astonishing 10 World Titles and 3 World Cups.

During the latest competition, she won WFCM World Champion status, claimed a silver medal in her very first boxing event, and added several further medals on the fighting mats. We are incredibly proud of Sienna's dedication, resilience and achievements, and look forward to celebrating her future success.



Mrs Stevenson
Careers and Future Pathways Lead
at Penrice Academy

Young Professionals Parent/Carer Webinars

Parents and carers are invited to join a free virtual insight evening exploring opportunities after secondary education.

Delivered by industry professionals and recruiters, the sessions cover apprenticeships, work experience and career pathways in:

Law (13 October, 6.00pm to 7.30pm)

Business, Accounting and Finance (14 October, 6.00pm to 7.30pm).

The webinars offer practical guidance to help families support their child in making informed decisions about future education and career options. Families can register for either session or both.

[Learn More](#)



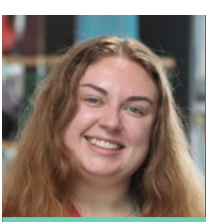
Mrs Kirsty Taylor
Assistant Headteacher &
Penthyller Lead

Celebrating the Opening of Penthyller

We are delighted to celebrate the opening of Penthyller, our new Area Resource Base, and to welcome our first six learners. From day one, students have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, confidence and determination. It has been wonderful to see them building positive relationships with staff while thriving in both Penthyller and mainstream lessons.

This exciting new chapter reflects the power of teamwork, with colleagues working together to create an inclusive and supportive environment where every student can flourish.

We are incredibly proud of Penthyller's positive start and look forward to seeing our learners continue to grow and achieve.



Miss Brown
Head of Year 9

A fantastic first half term back for Team Year 9!

Lots of you have been representing Penrice both inside and outside of the school gates, engaging well in our teamship tutor activities, and even stepping up to showcase our school on tours around the school.

Your enthusiasm in lessons has been recognised through the huge amounts of merits and praise postcards - I am one PROUD Head of Year!

Rest well and stay safe over the half term break and get ready for the opportunities available in the lead up to winter break!



**Year 9 Tutor Group Dodgeball
Competition 9GS vs 9JS**



Year 9 Art Homework



Open Evening

We are still smiling after an unforgettable Open Evening and would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to every learner and family who supported on Thursday 24th September.

It was a pleasure to welcome so many prospective students and their families through our doors, giving them the opportunity to explore our facilities and experience first-hand the warm, welcoming atmosphere that makes Penrice Academy such a special place to learn and grow.

The evening was a wonderful celebration of our school community, showcasing the ambition and sense of belonging that define life at Penrice.



[Full Image Gallery](#)



YEAR 11

ROAD TO SUCCESS EVENING

Monday 12th October

Get clear, practical guidance on supporting revision at home, building effective study habits and helping students take ownership of their learning. An essential opportunity. Further information is in the poster on the next page.



Let's Get Lit! (Year 11)

Thank you to all of our Year 11 students who have attended the Let's Get Lit after-school English Literature revision sessions so far. We have been delighted by the excellent turnout, enthusiasm and commitment shown.

These sessions are helping students build knowledge, strengthen exam skills and boost confidence ahead of their GCSEs.

We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to attend and maintain this positive momentum in the weeks ahead.



ROAD TO SUCCESS EVENING

Their ambition. Their ownership. Your support.

Monday 12th October 2026

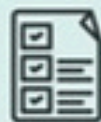
Session 1 Starts at 3:45pm | **Session 2** Starts at 5:30pm

What to expect?



A Look Ahead

Learn about what Year 11 will look like, including key dates, classes and rewards.



Personal Exam Checklists

Learn how to use your bespoke revision tool that will empower you to succeed.



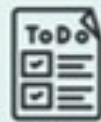
PPE Information

Key information ahead of the upcoming November and December exams.



Family Workshops

To discuss good study habits and how to support and motivate at home.



Study Planners

Learn how to use this fantastic tool to structure revision that works for you.



Key Figures

A chance to speak with the Head of Year and the Careers Lead.

Advanced booking is not required for this event.
Just turn up to your chosen session.

Light refreshments will also be available at this event.

*Fashion
Builds
Brighter
Futures*

YEAR 11 PROM FASHION SHOWCASE 2027

LOCAL BUSINESSES WANTED!

Showcase your products and services to Year 11 students and their families as they prepare for Prom 2027.

This exciting event offers a fantastic opportunity to connect with local families, promote your business and support young people as they prepare for one of the highlights of their school journey.

EVENT DETAILS



DATE
**10
November
2026**



TIME
6:30pm



VENUE
**Penrice
Academy**



AUDIENCE
**Year 11 Students
and Their Families**

PERFECT FOR BUSINESSES OFFERING:



Formalwear
& Dresses



Suits &
Menswear



Beauty
Services



Photography



Flowers



Transport



Venue
Styling



Prom
Accessories

INTERESTED IN TAKING PART?

We would love to hear from businesses interested in exhibiting, sponsoring, providing services or contributing to the evening.

Please contact Penrice Academy to register your interest.

PROMOTING LOCAL • SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE • STRONGER TOGETHER



Get Involved



Can You Help Make Our Year 11 Prom Fashion Show a Success?

We are seeking support from local businesses to help make our Year 11 Prom Fashion Showcase an event to remember!

If you own, work for, or have links to a business that may be able to provide sponsorship, prizes, services, or formal wear, we would love to hear from you. Every contribution will help. Please complete the short form to the left if you can help. Thank you for your support.

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Learn More



POST-16 OPEN EVENING



BODMIN COLLEGE



15 OCTOBER



5PM-7PM



WWW.BODMINCOLLEGE.CO.UK/BCX





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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