Friday 20th November

FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Mr Carl Foster

Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I reach the end of my third week as Headteacher, I would like to take a moment to thank our students, staff and families for the warm welcome I have received. It has been a pleasure getting to know the school community and seeing first-hand what makes Penrice such a wonderful place to learn and work. I have been particularly impressed by the kindness, ambition and pride shown by our students every day. Last week, we came together for our annual Remembrance Day commemorations. Students demonstrated exceptional maturity and respect during our whole-school silence and remembrance ceremony. It was especially pleasing to see so many students proudly representing uniformed organisations as we reflected on the sacrifices made by others.



Remembrance 2026

There has also been much to celebrate beyond school, with students achieving success in sport, music and other activities across the community. A particular highlight was the CELT Orchestra, which brought together talented young musicians from across the Trust and showcased their dedication and creativity.



CELT Orchestra

As we begin to look ahead to Christmas, we are excited for the many events and opportunities that bring our school community together. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to celebrating many more student successes in the weeks ahead.

Mr Foster
Headteacher

Cornwall Education Learning Trust



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REMEMBRANCE AT PENRICE

Last week, students and staff across Penrice came together at 11am to observe a two-minute silence in honour of those who have served our country. A special thank you goes to the students involved in uniformed youth organisations who proudly represented their respective groups throughout the day.

Remembrance provided an important opportunity not only to pay our respects, but also to help young people reflect on the sacrifices made by previous generations and the enduring importance of peace.

We will remember them.











Jabez Secures Exeter Chiefs Contract

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Jabez in Year 10, who has earned a place in the Exeter Chiefs U15 Academy. A talented sportsman and outstanding ambassador for Penrice Academy, Jabez has represented the school with distinction both on and off the rugby field.

Mr Rowe, Jabez's PE teacher and rugby coach, said: "We are extremely proud of Jabez. This has been a goal of his since joining Penrice in Year 7. He never misses a rugby session and is a fantastic player, leader and role model who works incredibly hard. He thoroughly deserves this recognition, and we wish him every success for the future."

Jabez was keen to acknowledge those who have supported him along the way, saying: "I'd like to say a special thank you to Rob Jeffs at St Austell Rugby Club for helping me develop my skills and become a better player."

This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to Jabez's hard work, commitment and talent. Everyone at Penrice Academy is immensely proud of him, and we look forward to following his rugby journey and seeing what he achieves next.



Jabez is congratulated by Mr Rowe, PE Teacher

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RAISING ASPIRATIONS

Penrice Students Inspired by Careers in Cornwall's Mining and Green Energy Sectors

Our Year 9 students recently explored career opportunities in Cornwall's rapidly growing mining and green energy sectors through the POWER 2040 Workshop, gaining valuable insight into the skills, technologies and industries helping to shape the region's future economy.

ODD SOCKS DAY 2026 IN SUPPORT OF ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Odd Socks Day marked the start of Anti-Bullying Week at Penrice Academy on Monday this week, with students and staff proudly wearing mismatched socks to celebrate individuality and inclusion.

This year's theme, "Break the Silence," encourages everyone to speak up against bullying and support those who may be struggling. By embracing what makes us unique, students and staff promoted kindness and a sense of belonging, sending a clear message that bullying has no place in our community.

Watch the full video on Youtube here!



Year 7

Year 7 continue to be an absolute credit to the Penrice community!

As a year group, they are showing compassion and empathy towards others, demonstrating respect in lessons and our shared social spaces. It is wonderful to seem embracing school life and making such positive contributions.

From Science Club to Couch to 5K, Year 7 are getting involved, trying new things and making the most of the opportunities available to them!

There is still lots to look forward to before Christmas, including our Panto and the Santa Fun Run, raising money for Children's Hospice Southwest.

Well done, Year 7! I am incredibly proud to be your Head of Year.
Miss Lloyd-King

Year 8

Year 8 have returned from the break in an exceptionally positive manner, and we are incredibly proud of the way they have approached the start of this new half term. Their attitude to learning has been excellent, with students demonstrating focus, resilience and a genuine determination to succeed in lessons. Around the school, they have shown kindness, respect and maturity, representing the year group brilliantly. It has been wonderful to see so many students engaging positively with their learning, supporting one another and embracing challenges with confidence. Their strong start has set a fantastic tone for the weeks ahead.

Mrs Yeo

Keeping Students Safe This Winter

As the mornings and evenings become darker, we would like to remind all students to take extra care when travelling to and from school. Wearing bright or reflective clothing can help improve visibility, particularly during poor weather or low light conditions. We are also encouraging students to stay alert when crossing roads, use designated crossings where available and follow pedestrian routes on the school site. These messages are being reinforced through tutor time and assemblies. Thank you for your continued support in helping our young people travel safely and make sensible choices on their journeys each day.

Regular attendance plays a vital role in student success. Every day in school provides valuable opportunities to learn, build confidence, develop friendships and participate fully in school life. We are incredibly proud of the improvements in attendance across the academy and grateful for the support families provide in maintaining positive routines, especially during the winter months.

We also recognise that some students face challenges that can make attending school difficult. By working together, we can help overcome barriers and ensure every young person has the best chance to achieve their potential. Every day counts, and every day in school matters.

Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance Fact: Studies show that a student with attendance of 96% or above will achieve one grade higher in their GCSEs when compaired to a student with attendance of 90% or less.

CELT ORCHESTRA

On Thursday, 19th November, Penrice Academy hosted the second rehearsal this academic year of the combined CELT Orchestra. The orchestra, which was formed in 2025, brings together learners from the five CELT secondary schools and is a way for talented musicians from across the Trust to have fun and make music together. The orchestra has been a fantastic success thus far and has been a great way of uniting our learners and forging positive links between the CELT Schools. This sentiment was explained by Sophie, 8SM, who told Mr Brodey that she really enjoys being in the orchestra as "there's loads of schools involved and you get to meet new people".

This year is particularly exciting for the orchestra as they are currently working towards a Summer Tour of Lake Garda, Italy during Curriculum Enrichment week. The trip will be another exciting opportunity for students to perform and Sophie, in particular, is looking forward to "performing in front of lots of people on multiple nights!"

The orchestra has one rehearsal every half-term, rotating between the schools, and we are thoroughly looking forward to the next rehearsal at Bodmin College on Thursday 7th January.





Coming up at Penrice Academy

01	**Tuesday 1st December**	Year 10 Geography Field Trip and History Experience
09	**Wednesday 9th December**	Year 7 Pantomime trip
10	**Thursday 10th December**	Christmas Jumper Day Winter Concert
14	**Monday 14th December**	Christmas Dinner (Year7, 8 and half of Year 9
15	**Tuesday 15th December**	Christmas Dinner - Half of Year 9, 10 and 11
17	**Thursday 17th December**	Year 11 24hr Challenge
18	**Friday 18th December**	Last Day of Term Santa Fun Run

PENRICE ACADEMY

WINTER CONCERT

THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Doors open: 5:30pm
Curtain up: 6:00pm

Penrice Rock Ensemble | Penrice Orchestra
Penrice Senior Choir | Many Talented Soloists

BOOK NOW

TICKETS: £3

Facing Financial Barriers?
Contact us confidentially; we'll help.
Email: pbrodey@penrice.celtrust.org

Plus a sneak preview of **Little Shop of Horrors**, the school production for 2027!





Local Business Leaders Wanted for Year 11 Enterprise Panel

- Join Our Student Pitch Panel.
- Support the Next Generation of Innovators.
- Hear Ideas. Share Expertise. Inspire Futures.
- Help Judge the Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- Local business representatives.
- Strong communicators willing to offer constructive feedback.
- Volunteers who can give approximately half a day of their time.

SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

PENRICE ACADEMY



COMMUNITY CORNER

Free, local events in the St Austell and surrounding areas.

