



23 April 2021

Year 10 Update

Dear Parents/Carers

After such glorious weather during the Easter holidays, staff and students have returned fully refreshed and ready for the Summer term. The weather certainly has a positive impact on everyone and it is wonderful to see this reflected around the school and students fully engaged ready to learn.

This week Year 10's attendance figures are over 95%, attendance is vital for our year 10 students to be fully prepared for their upcoming PPE Exams.

PE

At last our Sport Fixtures are underway here at Penrice as we gradually return to normality with Year 9 and Year 10 kicking it off as we hosted Penryn College for football and netball fixtures. The teams did fantastically well and were an absolute credit to the school.

Work Experience

Work Experience Week for Year 10 falls at the end of the school year, during Curriculum Enrichment Week. This year this will be from Monday 19 July until Friday 23 July 2021. The week sees students from Penrice placed all over the county experiencing different industries, managed by Ms Turner, our Careers Lead, to give the students a taster of what proper employment feels like and how to be presentable in the workplace.

Preparation for Work Experience is so important to us here at Penrice, we want to ensure our students have the very best experience. In tutor times, students work on activities with their tutors that help them begin to understand the value of Work Experience and equip them with the knowledge and skills to be able to identify which employers can offer them this important opportunity and how they can ensure their applications put them ahead of the competition! They will learn how to write employer letters, follow up procedures, organising their time and priorities, engaging with professionals for help and advice and so much more. In addition to this, our team of tutors, Ms Turner and other career professionals will be on hand to help support students throughout the process.

Further detailed information on Work Experience can be found by clicking on this link [Information for Parents and Carers 2020-2021.pdf \(penriceacademy.org\)](https://www.penriceacademy.org/information-for-parents-and-carers-2020-2021.pdf)

PPE's

Yesterday evening we released an information video for the Year 10 PPE (Pre-public exams) which take place in June. We are using these exams to give students an experience of what final exams will look like at the end of Year 11, with a focus on developing good study skills and revising without fear of failure. This will set up students who engage with the process perfectly for a successful Year 11. If you haven't watched the presentation yet you can do so via this link - [Yr 10 PPE's](#)





This video will be complimented by subject specific information videos which will be available via the Penrice website from next week. As discussed by Mr Thomas at the end of the presentation, if you do require further information at this stage, we are offering telephone appointments for parents to talk about any specific issues to subject teachers on Thursday 13 May (not the 12 as stated in the video). To book appointments please follow this link [Yr 10 Appointment Booking](#) and complete the form by 3.00pm on Monday 26 April.

Please note that we will be hosting a full Progress Evening at the start of September, giving you the opportunity to talk to the subject teachers who will take your child through Year 11.

School Day

We are extremely pleased to say that we are now holding whole year group assemblies in the Hall starting this week. The Heads of Years are more than delighted to be able to welcome their year groups into the hall and deliver their presentations face-to-face rather than virtually.

It is hopeful that once we return to school after our next half term in June that we can revert back to the normal 4 lesson day timetable. This will reduce the length of lessons which I know will be welcomed by both students and staff alike. We will also be reverting back to our standard break times (Break 1 - 10.15-10.45am / Break 2 - 1.15-1.45pm). Students will remain in their year group bubbles within separate yards and the canteen will be open on both break times for all students.

Term Dates

Term dates for your diary are as follows:

- **Bank Holiday** – Monday 3 May
- **Half Term Week** – Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June
- **Last day of Summer Term** – Friday 23 July (CEW)

We would also like to make you aware of the start dates for the next academic year in September 2021 as they will be slightly different upon our return after the Summer holidays this year, as follows:

- Wednesday 1 September - INSET day, closed to all students
- Thursday 2 September – Year 7 & Year 11 IN SCHOOL
- Friday 3 September – All Years return to school

The staggered start this year is intended to welcome our new Year 7's to Penrice. Due to COVID 19 and the restrictions put in place, the current Year 6's who will be our Year 7 students in September, have sadly missed out on the opportunity for time at Penrice, such as the usual planned Open Day and Welcome Day.

Thursday 2 September is therefore a day where the school is slightly quieter than usual so Year 7's will have the opportunity to experience Penrice, it's layout and daily routine before the normal bustling, energetic school day commences with over 1400 students present.

Your child will be in Year 11 in September and will return in school on Thursday 2 September.



COVID

As always, **please continue to test every Sunday and Wednesday evening**, reporting your results on the government website www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result as well as recording them on the Penrice Academy website [Student Home Testing Results](#).

A reminder in regards to misplaced or incomplete COVID test kits for students, as previously advised, we do not have any spare kits in school so please use one of the following options to obtain more testing kits:

1. **Online:** <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
2. **Order by phone:** Call 119 if you are eligible and cannot order online. Lines are open 7.00am-11.00pm and calls are free.
3. **Collection from** (Monday to Sunday 1.00pm-8.00pm - You can collect two packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains seven tests):
 - Truro Park & Ride East, Truro, TR1 1RH
 - Chy Trevail Car Park, Bodmin, PL31 2FR

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucy Gambier'.

Lucy Gambier
Headteacher