



23 April 2021

Year 9 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. Long may the good weather and positivity continue!

This week Year 9's attendance figures are over 96% and our overall attendance as a whole school in comparison with the national statistics is exceptional.

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 a real credit to the school!

Curriculum Enrichment Week (CEW)

It is with great pleasure that we can confirm CEW 2021 will run at Penrice this Summer, subject of course to any changes in government guidance in the roadmap out of lockdown. CEW will be held on the last week of the Summer term, Monday 19 July to Friday 23 July 2021. Unfortunately this year we are unable to hold the abroad or residential trips, however an exciting variety of activities will be held on the school site to enable students to participate in enriching activities giving them the opportunity to learn outside of the traditional classroom setting.

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 (8,9 and 10 Remote Learning)
- 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 Primary Liaison Days

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 10 in September and will return in to school on Friday 3 September. Please be aware that Thursday 2 September will be a remote learning day for Years 8, 9 & 10, and your child will need to be ready to learn from home during the normal school hours.

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 that reads 'Lucy Gambier'.

Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

