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Dear Parents/Carers,

Today's letter is timely. It is the last school day before government restrictions ease and we can all take slow and cautious steps towards normality. Most precautions like staggered break times, altered timetables and year group bubbles and more frequent hand sanitising will remain in place.

From Monday 17 May, the wearing of face coverings will no longer be recommended at school in response to updated government guidelines. The only exception is that pupils must continue to wear masks on school transport. All pupils are welcome to continue to wear masks in school if they wish to do so.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students for following the rules so closely since returning to school and for minimising the risk of a Covid-19 outbreak at Penrice Academy.

Experience Exams Week

This week we held an assembly to launch the Year 9 'Experience Exams Week', which will be starting on Monday 7 June (the first week back after half-term). The aim of this week is to begin introducing students to the experience of preparing for and sitting exams in multiple subjects, over the next 2 years. For this initial experience, students will sit their end of year assessments in English, maths and science in the sports hall, which is our dedicated exam venue used for both Year 11 final exams and Year 10 PPEs.

To get the most out of this experience we have set students the challenge of revising for '#25 hours' over the next 4 weeks. All students have received an exam preparation pack to support them in achieving this goal, which contains an exam timetable, revision lists for their core subjects, useful information about how to revise effectively and some pages where they can plan out and monitor their revision on a weekly basis.

Over this week, English, maths and science teachers have been explaining to students how to use their revision lists to get the most out of their learning, while tutors have been helping students plan out their week 1 revision timetable. This will be a recurring theme in lessons and tutor time over the next 4 weeks to ensure students feel fully supported with their exam preparations.

Our key message to students is that this process is all 'about the experience', not the results' and we have reminded them that all we want is for each of them to 'be the best, You!'

If you would like further information on the 'Experience Exams Week', Mr Thomas has produced a 10-minute video presentation, talking



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parents through everything covered in the launch assembly on Wednesday. The video can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/AzdeXtALAls>. We will also be in touch soon about opportunities for students to stay behind to revise independently in a quiet space after school.

Curriculum Enrichment Week (CEW)

The online brochure for Curriculum Enrichment Week is now available to view online [here](#).

If you have not done so already, please have a look through the brochure and ask your son/daughter to pick three of their favourite options. You then need to complete the [CEW sign up form](#) with your top three choices.

The deadline is Sunday 23rd May and I would like to remind parents that places are not on a first come, first served basis.

Football result

A quick message of congratulations to our Year 9 football team who emerged victorious against Falmouth earlier this week, winning 4-2.

Your voice matters

I would like to finish by offering you an opportunity to share your feedback. Over the next few weeks, we kindly ask parents to complete Parent View survey which can be found [here](#). All feedback is anonymised but made visible to the school to help us continue to make improvements to the provision of education at Penrice.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lucy Gambier".

Lucy Gambier
Headteacher