

28 May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

At the end of a busy and unusually wet half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and give you some important reminders for after the half term break.

The students at Penrice have been absolutely brilliant over this half term at observing all the Covid protocols in a sensible and mature manner, and we are now able to work towards a more 'normal' school experience for our students ahead of September.

After half-term

From Monday 7 June, we will be changing our school day to a 4-lesson day, as we feel this provides the best possible educational experience for all our students.

Students will receive a new timetable on Monday 7 June during tutor time. Timings of the day are below:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Tutor Time	8:25 – 8:50	8:25 – 8:50	8:30 – 8:50	8:30 – 9:00
Change Over	8:50 – 9:00 Thrive Yard	8:50 – 9:00 Humanities Yard	8:50 – 9:00 Art Yard	
Lesson 1	9:00 – 10:15	9:00 – 10:15	9:00 – 10:15	9:00 – 10:15
Break 1	10:15 – 10:45 Long Stone Yard/ Upper Field Collect From Longstone Yard	10:15 – 10:45 Astro/Lower Field Collect From Humanities Yard	10:15 – 10:45 Art Yard Collect From Art Yard	10:15 – 10:45 Thrive/Square Collect From Thrive Yard
Lesson 2	10:45 – 11:55	10:45 – 11:55	10:45 – 11:55	10:45 – 12:00
Change Over	11:55 – 12:05 Thrive Yard	11:55 – 12:05 Humanities Yard	11:55 – 12:05 Art Yard	
Lesson 3	12:05 – 13:15	12:05 – 13:15	12:05 – 13:15	12:00 – 13:15
Break 2	13:15 – 13:45 Long Stone Yard/ Upper Field Collect From Longstone Yard	13:15 – 13:45 Astro/Lower Field Collect From Humanities Yard	13:15 – 13:45 Art Yard Collect From Art Yard	13:15 – 13:45 Thrive/Square Collect From Thrive Yard
Lesson 4	13:45 – 14:55	13:45 – 14:55	13:45 – 15:00	13:45 – 15:00

All of our other Covid protocols will remain in place and can be found on our school website [here](#).

School Uniform

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support with ensuring that your child's uniform and overall appearance meets the high expectations we have here at Penrice. Our school uniform is an important part of our school identity both in school and in



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the local community. It also promotes an ethos of togetherness, equality and professionalism here within school.

Over this past week, our students have been reminded about these expectations in their Year group assembly. Where uniform is concerned, these reminders have included:

- shoes must be black and able to be polished and not resemble a trainer
- hoodies and sweatshirts are not permitted in school
- trousers must be black and tailored and not inappropriately tight or short
- socks must be plain black and cover the ankle.

Should you require any support with particular uniform items then please contact Mrs Hooper, our Student Support Team Leader (khooper@penrice.org.uk /01726 72163).

Where general appearance is concerned, students have also been reminded:

- only one pair of plain studs, sleepers or small earrings are allowed in the ear lobe
- facial or tongue piercings are not permitted (including plastic retainers or stretchers)
- make-up should be discreet and there should be no coloured nail varnish.

For further information on our expectations with school uniform and general appearance, please refer to pages 10, 11 and 12 of your child's planner. On Monday 7 June there will be a full check of school uniform from tutors, Heads of Year and members of the School Leadership Team across the entire school to ensure that every student is meeting our expectations with uniform and general appearance.

#InspiringFutures – Calling all former pupils

We are looking to reach out to former pupils with the aim of inspiring the next generation as part of our #InspiringFutures campaign. From pilots to plumbers, doctors to dancers, we want to hear your story since leaving Penrice. We would particularly like to display posters around the school, showcasing what our former pupils have achieved.



Are you a former pupil? Want to get involved? We have created an online form for you to share details of your journey beyond Penrice. You can access the form [here](#). We would love to hear from you.

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Penrice Plus – After Half Term

It is with great delight that we are able to offer a much wider Penrice Plus activity list this forthcoming half term. As a school, we are exceptionally committed to running as many enrichment activities for our students as possible.

Penrice plus is hosted on every Wednesday afternoon by members of the school. We have a wide variety of sporting, performing arts, academic and a range of clubs to cater for every need. I have attached the relevant brochure information to the end of this communication for your perusal. The online booking forms are now live on the website [here](#).

Please complete your child's form by 8.00am on Friday 04 June to sign up for a Penrice Plus activity next half term. Once you have signed up, further details will follow in tutor time.

Year 10 Prefect team for 2021/22 Academic Year

Words by Mrs Razzell, Head of Year 10

Our Prefect team for 2021/22 Academic Year has been finalised and students received the outcome of their application via a schoolcomms email at 4pm on Thursday 27 May.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive well done and thank you to the 190 students that applied to become a Prefect. The high standard and quality of strong applications really encapsulated what a phenomenal year team they are.

As with any selection process, there will be those students who will be ecstatic, and others left feeling disappointed. This has been a whole team approach and I can assure you that this was one of the most challenging processes that I have experienced, if I could have them all then I would, but this is simply not possible!

On numerous occasions, it came down to the fact that they are a lovely, diligent, well behaved student with good attendance. We are Team Year 10 however, and I would expect nothing less from them. The final question often asked was what 'extra' do they possess/have achieved and what unique qualities can they bring to compliment the team? I also took into consideration their top three team choices when initially applying for the role.

Successful applicants will be placed into one of the 'teams' and this will be confirmed after half term. Those students, whose application was unsuccessful on this occasion, please do not allow this to define you, continue to work hard, remain positive and have the confidence to take that extra step!

I want to conclude by reinforcing to all students that this privilege can be easily removed, and it will be, if students cannot meet the required high expectations.

Thank you as always to you as parents/carers for supporting this

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process.

Covid Testing

Lastly, we would like to remind families that, despite COVID restrictions easing, they should continue to use their COVID tests through the half term break on a Wednesday and Sunday. Pupils have enough tests for this and we will continue to hand them out after half term. Any student who tests positive up until Sunday 30 May must inform Mr Cardigan immediately via rcardigan@penrice.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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