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Dear Parents/Carers,

With so much positive news currently happening around the school campus, it is a shame that I must start today's communication by sharing a COVID-19 update with you, but this is, unfortunately, a sign of the times.

I would imagine by now you have heard that Cornwall is seeing an increase in COVID-19 cases following the half-term break with a number of local primary and secondary schools reporting positive PCR tests, having to send close-contact students into isolation as a consequence. Sadly, Penrice has been no exception.

The importance of regular testing

With cases on the rise and COVID-19 having an impact on a number of our students, I kindly ask that all parents support the regular testing of their children every Wednesday night and Sunday night. Testing kits are available from school, (please call in advance to collect) if your child develops suspected symptoms of Coronavirus, they should book a PCR test and self-isolate. Catching a case early can stop the spread of COVID-19 and help us to keep as many students in lessons as possible.

What happens if I am told to self-isolate?

In the event that you test positive for COVID-19, or that you are told to self-isolate, full resources will be provided to support your child's learning from home throughout the 10 days of isolation.

Moving forward with COVID-19

We are actively monitoring the situation with COVID-19 on a daily basis, working closely with Public Health England (PHE) and following their guidance when positive cases are reported. Whilst the official government advice states that the wearing of face coverings is not required by pupils in schools, we would like to remind parents that students are allowed to wear face coverings at any time in school if they so choose.

Thank you to all parents and students for your support and cooperation with COVID-19 protocols, it is a challenging time for the whole community but working together has made it far more manageable.

Rainbow Runs

Throughout this week, students across all year groups have been taking part in the Children's Hospice South West's Rainbow Run challenge during their PE lessons. The event was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all that embraced the challenge. There was a real community spirit and a sea of rainbow colours running around our 1-mile circular route.



EVERY CHILD SUCCEEDS

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Clare Razzell, PE Teacher and Head of Year 10, would like to say a massive heartfelt thank you to each and every student that took part with a positive, smiley face. Super proud as always to be part of TEAM Penrice!

Today, for the final day of the Rainbow Runs, Kiley Pearce and Bernadette Chambers visited us from Cornwall Hospice South West who officially started each Rainbow Run. The big reveal with regards to miles covered and money raised will be announced next week. Thank you to the entire Penrice Academy community for supporting this challenge.



Year 10 PPEs

I would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations to our Year 10 students for completing two weeks of hard work in their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs). Overall, they conducted themselves fantastically well and, as an entire school, we wanted to say thank you by rewarding them with a little ice-cream treat during their break time today.

The PPEs represent a huge learning curve for your child, helping them to learn good revision habits as part of our #Revise50Hours challenge, and also allowing them to experience exam pressure in preparation for their final GCSE examinations next year. A big thanks also goes to you, the parents, for your ongoing support of your child's learning during the stressful exam period. We hope our whole Year 10 cohort can now

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enjoy some well-earned rest over the weekend.



Year 10 Work Experience Opportunity in Computer Science



Are you still struggling to find a work experience placement for your child due to COVID restrictions? If so, then Software Cornwall might have the solution with their 3-day virtual work experience placement, 'Mission to Mars'. There are 15 allocated places and they are filling up fast. Find below a poster containing more information. Mrs Lorraine Turner, our Head of Careers, is on hand to answer any questions and to reserve your place. Simply email careers@penrice.org.uk to speak to Lorraine.

Wishing all of you a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,

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

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