

**2 July 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week has flown by and we find ourselves in July already. As we approach the peak of summer, we have a number of exciting announcements to make including Sports Day, news of an upcoming renovation and important information for Work Experience Week.

## Sports Day

I am delighted to announce that Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 13 July. We have fully risk assessed the event and are putting a number of Covid mitigations in place to ensure that we keep the students and staff as safe as possible. With COVID-19 affecting our sports day last July, this will be the first event for both our Year 7s and our Year 8s. We look forward to seeing students run, jump, throw and more as they excel in the wide range of disciplines. This event is weather dependant and we will be keeping a close eye on conditions nearer the time.

## We Are Renovating the Gym

Keeping with the sports theme, we have exciting plans for the school gymnasium. This week, building supplies and equipment have just started arriving as we prepare to revamp the facility ahead of returning to school in September. Once complete, Penrice students will be able to make use of a state-of-the-art gym, including weights, treadmills, rowing machines and much more. We will be sharing pictures of progress on social media over the coming months in anticipation for re-opening in September.

## Fire Drill

I would like to take this opportunity to praise students from Year 7 to Year 10 for their conduct during the fire drill earlier this week. The pupils treated this like a real event and we observed immaculate silence as students gathered at the muster points and registers were completed. This was the first drill the students had experienced since returning to school from lockdown and it was good to refresh everyone's minds as to what to do in emergency situations.

## Work Experience

We are delighted to confirm that work experience will go ahead this July. The week will run as planned from Monday 19 July until Friday 23 July.

Students will either be out on placements during this week or completing our online experience at home. Mrs Turner (Careers Lead) and her team will be in contact with further details about the week over the coming days.



**EVERY CHILD SUCCEEDS**

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Unfortunately, for a number of different reasons, a small number of students have been contacted, as their placement has not been able to be secured. This is due to issues surrounding DBS checks and risk assessments predominantly, but all these students will be able to access the online experience during this week instead. This morning, and during next week, all students will be briefed about the health and safety guidelines for the week. This is relevant for students working online and those out on placements.

For any questions surrounding work experience, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

## **Covid-19 Notice**

Due to the rising Covid cases in Cornwall, can we politely remind you that we are keeping our visitors on site to a bare minimum.

- The main reception is closed to all visitors and parents (unless pre-booked appointments have been made, where a phone call on the day will not suffice).
- We are unable to accept any items to pass to students throughout the day (should they forget any of their belongings such as PE kit, packed lunch, drinks, ingredients for food lessons, mobile phones etc.)

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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

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