

9 July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We started this week with an exciting announcement. After a rigorous application process including personal statements, interviews and team building challenges, I am delighted to announce that Freya and Jake have been selected as Head Girl and Head Boy for 2021/22. They have started their new roles with immediate effect and we warmly congratulate them on their appointment. Their deputies will be Jowan, Isaac, Grace, Emily and Lizzie.



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Art and Photography PPEs

As we fast-approach the end of term, the hard work has continued for many of our Year 10 students who sat their Art and Photography PPE's earlier this week. The exams for these creative subjects last a full day and I hope that the experience has helped your child to build up their stamina and endurance ahead of these creative assessments next year.

Duke of Edinburgh (D of E)

Congratulations are also in order for our D of E students who enjoyed a very successful weekend hiking the moors on their silver and bronze expeditions. They experienced all weathers and every type of condition. There were struggles and lessons learnt about resilience and so much about themselves and each other. It was a roller coaster of emotions but they all supported each other. We had several comments from members of the public regard the politeness and pleasantness of the students.

Penrice Academy will be organising qualifying expeditions to take place in the autumn. Students will be invited when they have competed at least two of their other sections, so we encourage them to get their evidence and assessor's reports uploaded over the summer.

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Students who wish to start the Duke Of Edinburgh Award should speak to Alison Penrose: apenrose@penrice.org.uk

Careers Update

This week has been another busy one for Year 10. All students have received important Health and Safety in the Workplace training in tutor times as part of our comprehensive Careers Programme. This is not only to prepare students for our Work Experience Week coming up but also for equipping them with the knowledge when they enter into any type of work now and in the future. Several of our students have already had their work experience at RNAS Culdrose and this week with the Police at the Bodmin hub.

Next week sees an extensive virtual programme for students from the team at the Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust. We have taken a “blended” approach to Work Experience this year in consideration of the challenge COVID-19 has brought to students trying to secure a placement in a workplace. We are just putting the finishing touches on a Virtual Work Experience programme in the last week of term for our students, working in partnership with Cornwall’s Educational Business Partnership. The programme will help to ensure students gain a good understanding of the world of work and Employability skills with many Cornish employers starring on the live interactive sessions throughout the week. Our friends at Software Cornwall have also agreed to deliver an exciting Mission to Mars Virtual Work Experience Programme for students interested in a career in the Technology industries.

To ensure many sectors are represented in our Careers Programme, the Army are visiting Penrice next week to join a group of Year 10 students who are interested in exploring a career in the Armed forces. Students will take part in a fun challenge and learn about the wide variety of roles available.

Students’ one-to-one careers appointments with qualified Careers Advisers have been taking place this term and will continue into the next academic year and we are delighted to begin working with the Real Ideas Organisation (RIO) this week who specialise in supporting students in their transition from Penrice into further education and training when they leave us in Year 11.

Thank you for your support regarding work experience week. We are hoping for a fantastic week. We are now unable to accept any more placements. Students who are currently without a placement will be able to partake in our Virtual Work Experience online.

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Virtual University Fair

I would like to take this opportunity to bring your attention to the UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair on Wednesday 14th July, from 12 - 6pm. Students and parents can chat directly with a mixture of Russell Group, red brick, and modern universities from around the UK to find out invaluable information about courses and life at university, and discover what admissions tutors are looking for in UCAS applications. Attendees can also speak to colleges, universities and local and national companies about their apprenticeship schemes.

Please encourage your child to book their free place and view the list of exhibitors who have signed up so far [here](#).



Sports Day – Tuesday 13 July

We are also looking forward to hosting Sports Day on Tuesday 13 July. Please ensure your child comes to school in PE kit, equipped with sun cream, hat and water. Please also bring shin pads and gum shields if applicable. The canteen will be serving food from our outdoor barbecue, please ensure that your child brings cash on the day as there will be no till facility available, we also recommend that students bring their own snacks. We will be keeping a close eye on the weather and the final decision on sports day will be made on Monday.

Penrice+ Creative Craft Club is Buzzing

The Year 7s have added a little bit of loveliness to their picnic benches in the Longstone field this week. As part of Creative Craft Club, they have created a series of bees (solitary bees, tiny clusters and a few honeycombs) using stencils acrylic paint and waterproof pens. Great work team!



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Wishing you all a lovely weekend and we keep our fingers crossed for the football result on Sunday!

Kind regards

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

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