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Dear Parents,

There have been plenty of reasons for us to get excited here at Penrice this week including outdoor learning opportunities for our Year 7s, an Army visit for our aspiring Year 10 chefs, an entry into the Queen's Jubilee Platinum Pudding Competition, and success on the track in the County Schools' Cross Country Event demonstrating exceptional teamwork and resilience.

However, our first reason to get excited and celebrate is the lifting of facemask restrictions in classrooms...

### **Covid-19 Update – Goodbye to Masks in Classrooms**

Following Government and DfE updates on Wednesday, students are no longer required to wear face coverings in classrooms. We are very grateful for the outstanding levels of maturity and patience our students have shown since restrictions were re-imposed; they have demonstrated good citizenship in helping their community stay as safe as possible.

Your child can continue to wear face coverings in classrooms if they so wish. Face coverings will still be expected in corridors, toilets, assembly, in the canteen and on the school buses (unless on our exemption list) until Thursday 27th January. Please continue to test twice weekly using your lateral flows, or test daily if you have been in close contact with a positive case.

We will be in contact if there are any further updates to the planned schedule of restrictions being lifted.

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## Hospitality and Catering Students Taste Army Life



The week started with a special visit from the Army's Royal Logistics Corp who demonstrated how the skills our Catering students are learning can be used in the field. This supported our students' understanding of community and resourcefulness.

After a presentation on Army careers, specifically focussing on the Royal Logistics Corp, our budding chefs were challenged to conjure up inventive meals using the 10-man ration packs that had been provided.

The [full story and additional photos](#) can be found on the news section of the Penrice website and we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to LCpl Ryan Goodwin and his team for visiting.

## Queen's Jubilee Competition Entry

Also donning their chef aprons this week were our Penrice Kitchen team (Penrice Plus), who baked their entry into the nationwide [Platinum Pudding Competition](#) on Wednesday.

Our students relished the opportunity to invent the Jubilee Pudding for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year, and we hope that our *Penrice Kitchen Bread and Butter Pudding* makes the judges' shortlist.



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## Sports Spotlight

Thank you to all parents who joined us last weekend at Truro School for the County Schools' Cross Country Event. The students should be very proud of their efforts, and we are delighted to share the news that we secured gold in the Year 7 Boys' race and the Year 10/11 Boys' race.



## Year 9 - Options Process (Key Stage 3 Message)

Message from Gavin Thomas, Assistant Headteacher

At the start of this term Year 9 students were asked to indicate their preferences from the options they had selected in Year 8 so that we could make decisions for the final selection. Since then, we have been working to create a timetable that accommodates as many subject preferences as possible.

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January, Year 9 parents will receive a letter regarding the next step of the options process which begins next week.

## Year 11 - PPE Parent Information Video (Key Stage 4 Message)

Mr Thomas, Assistant Headteacher, has this week released a parent information video following on from the recent PPE results. This can be viewed on Youtube via:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hR4GDOYQ\\_sY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hR4GDOYQ_sY)

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## Year 11 – Virtual Progress Evening (Key Stage 4 Message)

Thank you to the Year 11 parents who virtually met their child's teachers on Thursday night. The next important date for diaries is Wednesday 16 February which sees the launch of our revision plans for final GCSE exams.

In the meantime, Period 0 and exam success sessions will restart as of next week.

### Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property accumulating. If your child has misplaced anything can you ask them to go to Reception to check. Can we please remind you to write your child's name in all of their clothing including PE kit and coats, this then enables us to return any items to the correct students.

### Outdoor Learning

As we enter the weekend, I leave you with some lovely pictures from our Year 7s who have been making the most of the clear skies with some outdoor learning, exploring microclimates in Geography.



Have a nice weekend.

Kind regards,

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