

Dear Parents,

There is a sense of normality returning to school life as we enter February. This has been particularly highlighted by the number of sports fixtures against other local schools, resulting in a bumper schedule.

However, we step forward with caution. It is clear that, whilst the government has reduced Covid-19 restrictions, rates amongst our community remain high. Students are reminded to remain vigilant, sanitizing their hands regularly and maintaining social distance where possible.

### Sports Success & High Participation

There have been games in football (for both boys and girls), netball, cricket and hockey. A selection of photos is below and more can be viewed on the [Penrice Academy PE Facebook Page](#), including a 94-player-strong photo of our seven football teams that played Truro School earlier this week! Well done to all pupils who took part, showcasing their skills, determination and resilience.



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Penrice Plus goes from strength to strength with over 200 additional students participating this week. Your child can sign up for activities through their tutor.

### Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school with them or, alternatively, money to purchase drinks from the canteen at



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breaktimes. Drinks can be refilled at the various water stations around school.

## Catering Survey

Our catering provider, Chartwells, are running a short student survey in order to help them identify areas of improvement. We would be grateful if you could spend 5 minutes with your son/daughter to complete the online survey using the link below:

[www.opinionsonline.co.uk/ChartwellsJan22](http://www.opinionsonline.co.uk/ChartwellsJan22)

The survey closes week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> February.

## Forgotten Items and Relaying Messages

A reminder that 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). Furthermore, telephone messages can only be relayed to students if it is an emergency.

## Year 10 – Experience Exams Week – Parent Information Video

Mr Toms recently shared a parent information video regarding the upcoming Experience Exams Week for our Year 10 students. You can view the video [here](#).

The data captured from Experience Exams Week will be used to inform discussions at the next progress evening on Thursday 17 March (amended date), where you and your child can discuss teacher feedback.

## Year 11 – Save the Date: Exams Information Evening

There will be a Year 11 Exams Information Evening for parents and pupils on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February. This will be a virtual event. More information will follow in the near future.

## Year 11 – Making a Memorable End to Secondary School

Message from Clare Razzell, Head of Year 11

The Year 11 committee meetings are in full swing as we look to give our students the send-off they deserve. Plans are being put in place for the Class of 2022 Yearbook, a 24-Hour Charity event and a much-anticipated Prom. Lots to look forward to!



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## Cornwall College Open Event – Tuesday



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<https://www.cornwall.ac.uk/events/>

### Years 9, 10 & 11 – National Apprenticeships Week

#### Message from Lorraine Turner, Head of Careers

Next week we will be raising awareness of apprenticeships with our Year 9, 10 and 11 students as part of National Apprenticeships Week #NAW2022.

In the latest figures, the UK government reports that apprenticeship starts were up by a staggering 43% to 130,200, compared to 91,100 reported for the same period in 2020/21.

On Monday and Tuesday, A & P Falmouth (Boat Engineers) are talking to Year 11 about their latest apprenticeship opportunities. Guests from the Headland Hotel will be joining Year 10 on Tuesday to

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explain about their apprenticeships and careers in the hospitality sector.

Further information, including a useful parent guide, can be found at <https://www.penriceacademy.org/careers/apprenticeships/>

## **National Citizens Service – Summer Experience for Year 11 Students**

Message from Lorraine Turner, Head of Careers

Last Monday, during assembly, our Year 11 students watched a presentation from the National Citizens Service (NCS) team.

Designed especially for 16- and 17-year olds, the NCS summer experience will give your young adult a clearer idea of what they want from their future. As they transition from Year 11 into Year 12, NCS will help them realise that big, exciting things can come from feeling a little bit overwhelmed. NCS is an opportunity to mix with a new crowd and take on fresh challenges together. Along the way, your son/daughter will also get a taste for independence and pick up skills that'll help them smash their future goals.

Check out the website [www.wearencs.com](http://www.wearencs.com) or speak to me, Lorraine Turner [LTurner@penrice.org.uk](mailto:LTurner@penrice.org.uk).

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## Happy Animals

I leave you with some wonderful pictures from Miss Harding, our Animal Care Specialist, who has kept the animals happy throughout January despite varying conditions including rain, frost, sunshine and even thunder and lightning!



Have a nice weekend.

Kind regards,

**Lucy Gambier**

Headteacher

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