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Dear Parents

Following the unexpected turn of events on Wednesday, I must start this parent newsletter by thanking the entire Penrice community for your cooperation, understanding and flexibility during the school closure earlier in the week. I commend the students in particular who were all very mature and conducted themselves impeccably.

School closure is not a decision we take lightly here at Penrice, however given then circumstances, we were left with no option but to opt for remote learning until the water supply had been fixed. We are delighted that normal service has resumed at school and that education can resume.

Moving on from 'water-gate', there have been a number of happenings around school this week for both our younger and older students...

Year 8 Girls' Team Compete in National STEM Challenge



In Key Stage 3, a talented team of Year 8 girls showed tremendous bravery in presenting live to a panel of external judges on Thursday as part of the FIRST® LEGO® League STEM Challenge. Included in the presentation was a live robot test – a robot that the girls had hand-built and programmed to perform tasks such as emptying LEGO® cargo containers. The girls represented the school incredibly well and their teacher, Mr Johnson, is super proud of their efforts. The full story and additional images can be found [here on the website](#).

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A Thank You to our Year 11 Students

This term has been high tempo for our Year 11 students with revision and PPEs demanding time and dedication. Today, during morning break, as a small gesture of thanks, we surprised our Class of 2022 with donuts and treats to show our appreciation of their hard work. There may have been a few treats left over, but they were soon gobbled up by the Year 11 tutors as a Friday treat!



National Apprenticeships Week #NAW2022

This week we have been raising awareness of apprenticeships with our Key Stage 4 students as part of National Apprenticeships Week #NAW2022.

On top of a national virtual event (The Big Assembly on Apprenticeships), we were delighted to welcome some VIP visitors to Penrice. Veryan, from The Headland Hotel and Spa, kickstarted proceedings with a Year 10 assembly on apprenticeships in the hospitality sector. This was followed by a visit from Paul and Alfie (a former pupil - Class of 2016) who discussed apprenticeships at A&P Falmouth with our Year 11 students and visiting Poltair School students. With so many interested pupils, it was definitely worth taking the opportunity for a large group Penrice/Poltair photo at the end of the day.

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Further information on apprenticeships can be found [here](#) on the Penrice website.

New Covid-19 Vaccination Date – Thursday 3rd March

Kernow Health will be visiting school on Thursday 3rd March to give Covid-19 vaccinations to students who missed their original visit. A separate letter will be sent to parents in the near future containing details of how to consent for your child to receive the Covid-19 vaccination. When completing the consent form, please remember to add the code for Penrice Academy which is EE136573. This code will be repeated as a reminder in the separate letter coming to parents soon.

This vaccination date is only for first and second jabs, not boosters.

Relationships and Sex Education – Session 2: Consent

[Brook](#) are running a series of webinars aimed at Parents/Carers answering some of the questions you may have when it comes to discussing Relationships and Sex Education with young people.

Following on from the success of their first session on the subject of Pornography, the next Zoom webinar will focus on Consent.

You can [register for this free event here](#). The event starts at 4pm on Monday 14th February and lasts for 1 hour.

Curriculum Enrichment Week 2022 (CEW) – Local Activities (KS3 Message)

The CEW brochure for local and school-based activities will go live on Wednesday 16 February.



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For parents that are new to the school, Curriculum Enrichment Week (CEW) is our last week of the summer term – and we like to send our pupils into the summer holiday in style!! During CEW, the normal timetable is scrapped for Years 7 to 9 and pupils embark on a week of their chosen activity with the aims of developing character, having fun and, most of all, making school memories that will last a lifetime.

There are 16 different activities for your child to choose from this year and we look forward to ending the academic year in style as always! A further communication about CEW will follow next week along with an information video.

Final words...

I leave you with some great pictures of our Ten Tors trainees who showed great positivity and resilience last weekend. The wind and rain couldn't stop them smiling!



Have a nice weekend.

Kind regards,

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