

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.

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Year 10 Experience Exams Week – Monday 14 February (KS4 Message)

Year 10 students all received their exam timetables on Thursday ahead of Experience Exams Week (week beginning 14 February). Please encourage your child to revise over the weekend as if these exams were the real thing. We wish them all of the best for these trial exams and we look forward to providing individual feedback for each student after half term.

Year 10 Parents' Evening – Save the Date (KS4 Message)

A date for your diaries. The next Year 10 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 17 March.

Year 11 Exam Success Sessions (KS4 Message)

Message from Gavin Thomas, Assistant Headteacher

A quick word on Exam Success Sessions that continue to take place every Tuesday to Friday after school. These sessions represent a fantastic opportunity for your son/daughter to get in crucial extra revision and exam practise, whilst also gaining additional support and tuition if they are struggling with any areas of the curriculum. We would be extremely grateful if you can encourage your child to attend if they have previously been invited.

Year 11 Virtual Exams Preparation Evening – Thursday 17 February (KS4 Message)

Message from Gavin Thomas, Assistant Headteacher

Next week is one of the most important dates in the calendar for our Year 11 students and parents. We will be sharing a wealth of information on how to prepare for your summer exams, subject by subject.

You may have heard the [news this week](#) that the government has just released advanced information regarding the upcoming GCSE examinations. During Exams Preparation Evening, we will be dissecting this new information, explaining what it means, and ensuring your child is fully prepared for the summer term.

This will be a Virtual Event and can be accessed via [the Penrice website here](#) at 5.30pm on Thursday 17 February. Please ensure that your son/daughter tunes in to this event, be it on a desktop PC, tablet, or their mobile phone. The videos will remain on the website after the event finishes so that they can re-watch them again if required.

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Year 11 - 24-Hour Charity Challenge (KS4 Message)

Away from exams for our Year 11s, our 24-hour charity challenge is scheduled to happen just before Easter. This event is always a student favourite making long-lasting memories; after all, it's not often that you get to be in school with your friends at 3am! We look forward to bringing you news of funds raised along with photographs.

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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