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Dear Parents,

I thank you all again for your understanding regarding today's school closure. It is very rare that the Met Office issue a red weather warning and a 'danger to life' warning simply cannot be ignored. As we all batten down the hatches today and wait for Eunice to pass, a full timetable of remote learning is being provided via Show My Homework to ensure that your child does not miss out on important study time.

We enter the half-term break following a fast-paced start to the year and I have been delighted with the development of our pupils in all year groups. Before we depart for a week off, there are a handful of announcements to make you aware of...

### Mary Poppins – Tickets on Sale Soon

Tickets to this year's school production of Mary Poppins will be on sale when we return from half-term. We're super excited to be hosting the first school production since 2019 and we look forward to singing along to some toe-tapping distinctive tunes such as *Step in Time* and *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*.



Penrice Academy's Mary Poppins will be performed on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of March.

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### Curriculum Enrichment Week (CEW) 2022 (Key Stage 3 Message)



The application form for CEW 2022 local activities went live this morning. Please ensure you complete the form before Monday 28

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February at 10:00pm. Full information and a brochure of activities can be found [here](#).

## Expectations Reminder

### Message from Mr Hammersley – Assistant Headteacher

At Penrice we are exceptionally proud of our students, they take real pride in their uniform and their school. It is vital that together we maintain the highest standards of uniform, behaviour and attendance in our school to enable all students and our community to have the school they deserve and feel proud of.

Therefore, ahead of the half term break, we wanted to share some reminders to ensure that all children return after half term in the correct uniform. Students will be required to be in full uniform in school, which includes entering and leaving the site.

A full link to the uniform policy can be found [here](#).

## Uniform Summary

(Any students entering the school site without correct uniform will immediately be required to change into the correct uniform)

- Blazers and ties must be worn at all times
- Full length tailored black trousers/shorts/skirt
- Full length black socks with no logos
- Black polishable shoes. (Boots are not permitted)
- School jumpers can be worn below a blazer (No other jumper, sweatshirt or hoodie)
- One ring per person and a maximum of one stud earring in each ear lobe
- Coats, hats and all other outerwear must be removed before entering any school building

## Behaviour Summary

Our school values are Pride, Success, Respect. Through these, we teach, encourage and develop the skills our students need to be successful in later life.

We have a very clear behaviour policy which ensures all students feel safe and can be successful at Penrice. No student has the right to disrupt others learning, and we will not tolerate this.

The full Expectations Policy can be viewed [here](#).

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## Rewards

Every student needs to feel valued and enjoys recognition when they have achieved something amazing. Your child is encouraged in every aspect of school life and will be rewarded for a wide range of reasons and in many different ways throughout the year. Merits accumulate to the prestigious 10, 25, 50 and 100 merit badges, and top merit earning forms enjoy the cinema termly. When students do something 'extra' special, teachers will also send home praise postcards.

You can see your child's Merits via Show my Homework to understand where and why they are being rewarded and recognised. Please ask regularly about the rewards your child is earning to celebrate their successes.

## Attendance

The biggest factor in a student's academic success is attendance. Research shows that 10% absence reduces performance by one GCSE grade in each subject.

I cannot impress on you enough the importance of you supporting your child's attendance at school. If they tell you they are ill, please ask yourself the question 'are they unwell enough to stop them from being able to learn in class'? If not, they need to be in school. Our school First Aid Coordinator is on call to assess and support students if needed.

## Punctuality

The school day starts at 8.25am. Students are expected to be in their form rooms before 8.30am when the register is taken. Each Year group has a carefully planned curriculum to support reading, character, and wider development. Please support your child to be in school, on time, every day. Students who are late will be in The Link at break times.

## HPV and Covid-19 Vaccinations

Year 8 and Year 9 parents received an additional letter this week regarding the HPV vaccination which Kernow Health plan to administer on Thursday 3 March (in addition to the Covid-19 vaccinations on the same day).

The HPV vaccine protects against HPV related cancers such as cervical cancer in women, penile cancer in men and throat and neck cancers in both men and women.

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Please read the letter carefully for full information and ensure you [complete the consent form](#) by noon on Monday 28 February. The school code for Penrice is EE136573.

Covid-19 vaccinations will also be taking place on Thursday 3 March, as previously communicated.

### Exam Invigilator Vacancies

We're on the lookout for Exam Invigilators, Readers and Scribes for our upcoming exams.

Our Exam teams are highly respected by staff and students, and they provide essential support to our examination processes.

Hours are flexible, term time only during exam periods, with the exam sessions typically running between 8.00 – 11.30am and 12.30 – 3.00pm.

Find out more and apply [here](#).

### College Open Events and Taster Days (Key Stage 4 Message)

Bicton College – Wednesday 23 February  
Callywith College – Saturday 12 March  
Cornwall College Newquay – Monday 21 February  
Duchy College Rosewarne – Wednesday 23 February  
Duchy College Stoke Climland – Tuesday 22 February

For full information, please visit the appropriate websites.

### Oxford and Cambridge (Oxbridge) University Pathway Webinar - Thursday 3rd March at 7pm (Key Stage 4 Message)

Have you ever wondered what makes Oxford and Cambridge universities so different from the rest? Have you ever wondered if they are for you? This session, delivered by experienced staff from Cornwall School of Maths and Science (CSMS), will explore these questions and hopefully debunk some persistent myths about applying to and studying at Oxford and Cambridge universities.

If your child is a high achieving student, hoping to get 8s and 9s in the majority of their GCSEs, they should join CSMS virtually on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and find out more.

Register online at [www.csms.co.uk/outreach-events/](http://www.csms.co.uk/outreach-events/)

### Virtual Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening (Key Stage 4 Message)

The Virtual Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening went live on the website at 5:30pm last night. This is an important event for both

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parents and students where you'll be able to learn valuable, actionable tips and tricks that you can deploy for the best chance of success with GCSE exams. The broadcast can be [watched here](#).

### **Covid-19 Lateral Flow Test Reminder**

A quick reminder to please complete a lateral flow test on the Sunday before we return after half-term.

That's all from me. Stay safe today and enjoy the half-term break.

See you all again on Monday 28 February.

Best wishes,

**Lucy Gambier**  
Headteacher



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