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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of another week and have the luxury of looking forward to weekend plans, we have been encouraging our pupils to think about those who are less fortunate in Ukraine where lives have been turned upside down. We are, without doubt, living through a key moment in European history.

Ukraine – Educating Students

During tutor time this week, all students have watched a 10-minute presentation put together by Ben Wright, our Head of History, and Tanya Coleman, Deputy Headteacher. The presentation provided our students with context to the ongoing situation and covered:

1. The historical context of the situation
2. The role of the media and misinformation
3. What the world is doing to help
4. What we can do to help
5. Being Human

To find out how we have been educating your child about the war in Ukraine, you can watch the full presentation [online here](#).

Supporting Ukraine – The Academy Council

During Period 2 today, the school's Academy Council met to discuss ways in which the school can support Ukraine.

To get us started, this week Penrice has been answering calls of support from The Holy Trinity Church in St Austell for specific items (Sudocrem, Savlon, nappies, etc) that will be sent into the heart of western Ukraine at refugee reception centres. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the Penrice community. We are delighted to share that Chris Gardner from the local church visited our Academy Council representatives earlier today to thank Penrice for the recent donations. Chris used to live in Ukraine and has close connections over there through family and friends.

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A message from Mrs Sarah Malcolm (Teacher and Lead Liaison with Holy Trinity Church)

"We have been incredibly proud of the generosity of our Penrice community this week. We have been able to deliver an enormous number of necessary items to Holy Trinity Church on two occasions and as such we have witnessed Character Education in action. It has been wonderful to see our community responding to the conflict in Ukraine with resourcefulness; knowing that their neighbourliness, their compassion, and their citizenship is part of what we can do at this present time to serve others."

We will share more information on how Penrice is supporting Ukraine and how you can get involved in the near future via parent letters and social media.

In the meantime, you can follow the [Supporting Ukraine, St Austell facebook group](#) (run by Chris Gardner) for regular updates and guidance on how you can help.

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Mary Poppins Tickets on Sale

Moving on to more light-hearted news, we are super excited to be hosting the first Penrice school production since 2019. Rehearsals are in full swing and the set design team have also been hurriedly making final preparations backstage. Below are some pictures from Wednesday's Penrice Plus session.

Tickets can be purchased via [ParentPay](#) with a suggested (optional) donation of £4 per seat. Please note that physical tickets will not be issued this year – there will be a guest list at the door instead.



UKMT Junior Maths Challenge 2022

Words from Mr Stokes, Maths Teacher

Later this month, around 500 students across Year 7 and 8 will participate in the UK Maths Trust's Junior Maths Challenge (JMC) 2022 preliminary round in their Maths lessons.

The JMC is a national competition which gives students the opportunity to demonstrate their mathematical problem-solving skills through the completion of a one-hour exam. Following the preliminary round, the highest performing 60 students from each year group will progress through to the national stage to be held in school in April, where awards and progression to subsequent rounds will be up for grabs.

Dates of the Preliminary Round are:

Year 7 - Monday 28th March 2022

Year 8 - Tuesday 29th March 2022



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Due to the competition being focused primarily on problem solving, revising for the test (in terms of practising key topics) can be tricky. However, if you go to the UKMT website (link below) you will be able to download or purchase past papers and solutions, which are an ideal way of helping your child prepare for the type of questions that will appear in the 1-hour exam.

<https://www.ukmt.org.uk/competitions/solo/junior-mathematical-challenge/archive>

For more information, please contact Mr Stokes (fstokes@penrice.org.uk).

Celebrating National Careers Week

Words by Lorraine Turner, Head of Careers

We've been celebrating National Careers Week 2022 #NCW2022 in assemblies throughout this week, welcoming a wide range of guest speakers who shared valuable words of wisdom with our students.

On Monday, Year 11 enjoyed a presentation from Sian from Falmouth University who discussed student experience, student finance and advice on picking the right course. Tuesday saw Luke Moncrieff-Jury from Next Steps South West discuss careers with a highly engaged Year 10 audience. On Wednesday, Owen Hazel from Babcock International delivered a presentation to Year 9. Owen was a very important guest as he is also our school's Enterprise Adviser. He presented a superb assembly, telling the students all about his career journey and Babcock and the skills the employer holds in high esteem.

In our younger year groups, myself (Lorraine Turner), spoke to Year 8 on Thursday about career choices and how the first step of their career path takes place in the next month as they choose their Year 8 Options. Last but not least, an Environmental Science Teacher from Cornwall College visited Year 7 on Friday to inspire our youngest cohort of students.

We hope that this week's assemblies prove to be valuable to your child as they take their next steps towards careers having received advice from seasoned experts. Pictures will be made available on the Penrice social media.

Curriculum Enrichment Week (CEW) Local Activities – Late Applications

Late applications for CEW2022 are now open for those who missed the first deadline. The contact form with remaining activities can be found [on the website here](#).

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Year 9 & 10 - Space Camp Cornwall – 25th July to 29th July

Truro & Penwith College are running a week-long summer space camp for students in Years 9 & 10. If your child has a keen interest in all things Space and STEM then you can read more and apply online by [clicking here](#).

Year 10 Take Part in UK Space Agency 'SatelLife Challenge'

115 Year 10 students took a day out of their normal timetable last Friday to take part in the *SatelLife Challenge 2022*.

Students started the day learning about how satellites are used in day-to-day life and their different orbital patterns courtesy of VIP visitor Dave Pollard, from SpacePort Cornwall. Brains were then put into gear as students searched for the next satellite innovation that could transform the world.

Following presentations to panel judges, we are delighted to share the news that 6 teams have been shortlisted to enter the national competition. The shortlisted teams will have their presentations will be filmed next week – good luck to everyone involved!

The [full article and images can be found here](#).

Action for Children (Kernow Connect) – Easter Activities

Action for Children are providing a range of activities for children across Cornwall during the Easter holidays. From wild camping to horse riding, all activities offered are free of charge. Applications are open to everyone, especially pupils who may otherwise not get to enjoy such experiences. [Find out more and apply here](#).

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Final Words

I leave you with some great pictures from last weekend's Ten Tors trainees who persevered through rain, wind and hail in their first wild camping experience. Great resilience and determination team!



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