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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Assembly Hall has been full of applause and laughter this week for our celebration Assemblies as we congratulate students on such a successful term at Penrice.

From Merit Awards to Attendance Awards, School Sports Colours to Penrice Plus Certificates, there was a whole host of achievements for us to celebrate and each year group ceremony was a testament to each student's dedication and commitment since the start of the year. Congratulations to all who won awards.

Just before we enter the Easter break, there are a handful of important messages and happenings to relay as follows.

Parent Governor Vacancies



We're on the lookout for new Parent Governors who wish to have a greater input on the running of Penrice Academy. This is an opportunity to support real, meaningful change, shaping the education of our young people and a chance to represent the views of all Penrice parents.

You can find out more and express an interest by Thursday 5th May at 23:59 on the [Penrice website here](http://www.penrice.org.uk).

Canteen Menus

In response to the Parent Voice Survey, we have just published on the website the rotating menu cycle from our catering provider. Please use the links below to view the:

[Mid-morning Break Menu](#)

[Lunchtime Menu](#)



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Thank you and Covid-19 Update

Words by Mr Hammersley, Assistant Headteacher

As we reach the end of a long and busy term, I would like to thank Parents and Carers for their support with maintaining our standards of uniform, attendance and punctuality.

As the Government's 'Living with Covid' guidelines become the new normal, we are delighted that students will be able to be here to receive face to face teaching unless too ill to work, as with any other illness.

Protecting Your Child Online – Smoothwall Partnership

Following six months of research and consultation by CELT, we are delighted to share the news that we will be working in partnership with Smoothwall to bolster our digital safeguarding.

A separate letter explaining this partnership further can be [read here](#).

Year 7 – Celebration Assembly

Words by Mrs Taylor, Head of Year 7

Year 7 celebrated their successes this term in their Celebration Assembly on Monday. The assembly began with a fantastic montage of images from the term that included visits to the farm, outdoor learning, our incredible football, netball and boccia teams and, of course, our superb school production of *Mary Poppins*.

An enormous number of awards were presented. Overall, 383 certificates, 73 pin badges and 98 prizes were presented reflecting the amazing progress and participation of Year 7 this term.

Year 8 – Options Letter

A letter was sent out to Year 8 parents earlier this week regarding the upcoming options. In case you missed it, all of the information can be found on the [website here](#).

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Year 9 - Charity Dodgeball Tournament

There were cheers and plenty of touchline encouragement on the courts this week as the Year 9 Charity Dodgeball finals took place.

Well done to Ms Hipkiss' tutor group who emerged victorious. The event raised over £150 for the RNLI. Photos from the event can be found on the [Penrice Academy Facebook page](#).

Year 10 – End of Year Exams Preparation Evening

On Thursday 28th April we are delighted to be welcoming back parents into the building for an information evening to support preparations towards end of year PPEs (Pre-Public Exams). The event starts at 5.15pm and full details were sent out to Year 10 parents yesterday.

Years 10 & 11 – Date for the Diary

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Years 10 & 11 - Inclusive Careers Festival on Wednesday 4th May

Cornwall Careers Hub are running an inclusive careers festival on the 4th May. This event is specifically for pupils who have additional support needs from secondary schools and colleges.

You can [find out more and book your place online here](#).

Year 11 – 24-Hour Challenge

As I write today's letter, Year 11 are currently hard at work in the final hours of their 24-Hour Challenge, cycling, rowing and dancing, non-stop for 24 hours in support of Young Lives vs Cancer, Kidney Care UK, and The Brain Tumour Charity.

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The atmosphere in the Assembly Hall is electric. Year 11 continue to smile and laugh despite tired arms, tired legs, and sleep deprivation. The entire year group are showing great togetherness and the community spirit is fuelling our students to the finish line; thank you to all those who have shown their support on social media.



We will all be present to cheer them to the finish at lunchtime today. Great work Year 11! A total figure of the amount of funds raised will be shared on the [Penrice facebook page](#) as soon as we're done counting immediately after the event.

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Year 11 – Easter Revision and Key Dates

We hope that the next two weeks allow our Year 11s to recuperate and prepare for the final stretch of their Penrice journey. Whilst enjoying some much-deserved downtime, students will want to make progress towards their #Revise100Hours challenge at home.

In the second week of the holiday, we are running subject-focus sessions in school. You will have received personalised letters explaining which sessions are available earlier this week.

In addition, The Core is open as a revision space throughout the second week (Tuesday-Friday) and students have received sign-up emails to book this space should they choose to.

Have a Lovely Easter Holiday

Lastly, as we all depart for Easter, I leave you with some lovely pictures from Year 11 who have been learning ballroom dancing throughout tutor times this week in preparation for their Prom at the end of the academic year.



Year 11 are working brilliantly as they approach their final exams and it felt great to allow the year group to let their hair down and enjoy a well-deserved, fun activity with friends. A full gallery of images can be found on the [Penrice Academy Facebook page](#), posted earlier this morning.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday.

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Kind regards,



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