



Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a symbolic day today as we said farewell to Year 11 who finished their final timetabled lessons before moving on to pre-exam boosters. Year 11's GCSE exams start next week with papers in the core subjects of Maths, English and Science plus many more.

This morning, the year group enjoyed a heart-warming assembly with plenty of farewell messages from teachers and staff. A Silent Disco followed in the Sports Hall before the whole of Year 10 stood in line to give our departing students a guard of honour as they walked out of school in the afternoon.

We wish Year 11 the best of luck! We know they have all been working hard and will look forward to their pre-exam booster sessions next week as part of their essential final exam preparation. An information video for Year 11 parents was sent out via SMS earlier this afternoon and the video [can be viewed on Youtube here](#).



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James Hammersley
Deputy Headteacher

Reporting Concerns Including Bullying, Harmful Sexual Behaviours, Mental Health and Safeguarding

The safety and wellbeing of our students is our primary concern. We constantly review our systems and processes to ensure our students are safe, feel safe and know how to be safe at Penrice.

In next week's assemblies we will re-visit how students can report bullying and harmful behaviours to us. We need them to be confident in sharing information about themselves and/or other students in the school. We will remind them how to use the online form – [Are You OK?](#) - on the

school website, and how we investigate and act if these incidents are taking place. The school's Student Family Centre also has an open door, walk-in policy during the school day.

If you have a concern, please let us know by contacting us at school, or by completing the same form available to staff and students using the link above. This webpage can be also accessed via the 'Safeguarding' tab on the homepage and select the relevant form.

Any information shared with us will always be investigated. If harmful behaviours are found to be taking place we will act on them, sanction according to our behaviour policy and contact you throughout the process so you are up-to-date with how we are dealing with it.

If you have any questions or concerns about such matters, please contact Mr Hammersley at school.

Boys' Athletics Teams Win County Championship

Earlier this week we received the amazing news that both of our Boys' Athletics teams were victorious against 17 other Cornish schools as they lifted the County Cup.

As a result of both teams winning, we will be taking them to compete against the other county champions from across the southwest at Millfield School on Wednesday 15th June. An amazing opportunity for 30 of our students!

The Girls' competition takes place next Tuesday having been postponed previously due to bad weather.



Year 7 -Science Fair Winners

Congratulations to Talon, Peter, Daniel and Jack who won first prize in the Science Fair with their Lava Lamp demonstration. The team were applauded along with all of the competitors as they picked up their certificates and prizes in the Year 7 assembly this morning.

Internet Monitoring Reminder - Smoothwall

As mentioned in a recent Friday letter, we are now using the Smoothwall system to identify students who search for inappropriate or unsafe content online.

If students are found to be doing this, we will contact their parents and act on this information. Students will receive support and training where needed, to understand the dangers of searching for harmful or illegal content and change attitudes.





Students Complete Ten Tors Challenge

Huge congratulations to all 3 of our Ten Tors teams who successfully completed the 35-mile challenge last weekend!

Our determined students began training for the expedition at the start of the academic year and all of their hard work paid off as they navigated Dartmoor under the energy-sapping sunshine.

Mr Johnson, Acting Head of Year 10, said: An enormous well done to our Year 10s who were part of the teams taking on the challenging 35 mile Ten Tors last weekend. You all demonstrated the characteristics of determination, strength and resilience to reach the finish line. You should all be very proud of yourselves. Hopefully any blisters recover quickly!

Students currently in Years 8 and 9 will be invited to train for and participate in Ten Tors 2023 when they return after the summer holidays. There will be an assembly at the start of term, followed by a taster hike to give students a feel for the Ten Tors Challenge.

More information about Ten Tors at Penrice [can be read here.](#)



Jade Cox
Head of Year 8

A reminder that the Year 8 Options Form is now live and available to complete online. Please visit the [Penrice website page](#) for full details.

Please complete this form with your child's top 5 preferences before the deadline of Friday 20th May.

Options are not given on a first come first served basis, so please take your time in completing the form.



Year 10 PPEs - Information Video

An information video regarding summer PPEs is [available here](#) for those who missed the recent Year 10 Parent Information Evening.

Have a lovely weekend. I think it could be the start of BBQ season! - **Lucy Gambier**



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