



Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

I'd like to start this week's letter by commending our Year 11s on their outstanding effort during the first week of their exams. We have had 100% attendance and I have witnessed students beaming with relief and optimism at the end of their exams, reflecting positively on their experience and saying they felt well prepared.

We will look to continue this positive, forward momentum throughout the coming weeks with pre-exam booster sessions taking place for each GCSE paper. Keep up the great work Year 11!



Aaron Marks
Director of Sport

Sports Success at the Super 8 Competition

We took part in the Schools' Super 8 Athletics Competition at Par earlier this week, giving some of our students a chance to proudly represent the school.

The rules of the competition are that 8 students are selected from each school for each team. The teams of 8 then take part in a variety of track and field events, a relay, and the medley.

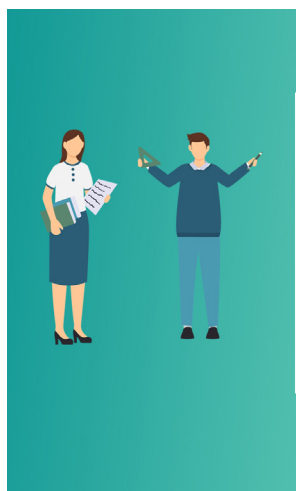
Competing schools included: Poltair, Bodmin, Fowey, Brannel, Newquay Treviglas and Newquay Tretherras.

As you can see from the overall results below, the students performed remarkably well and can be very proud of their performance.

Year 7 Boys' Team: 1st Place
Year 7 Girls' Team: 1st Place
Year 8/9 Boys' Team: 2nd Place
Year 8/9 Girls' Team: 1st Place
Year 10/11 Boys' Team: 1st Place
Year 10/11 Girls' Team: 2nd Place

All teams have now qualified for the final of the School Games. This will be held at Carn Brea Track on the 22nd June. We have our final athletics training session this half term on Tuesday 24th May.

Lastly, we wish our two girls' teams the very best of luck for the Track and Field Cup on Wednesday 25th May.



JOB VACANCIES

The following job vacancies are currently open at Penrice Academy:

- Teacher of Maths (Sept 2022 Start)
- Teacher of Boys' PE (Sept 2022 Start)
- Teacher of Computer Science (x2) (Sept 2022 Start)
- Ukrainian Speaking Teaching Assistant (to be advertised soon)

If you or someone you know could be interested in any of the above roles, please direct them to our [Vacancies page](#).



Low Vaccine Uptake for Years 9 and 10 Across Cornwall

Kernow Health have seen a significant decrease in the number of parents consenting to the Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccines; the teenage boosters.

This is highly unusual in some respects but also understandable considering how many vaccines have been on offer to secondary school-age children over the past few months.

Kernow Health are holding another vaccination date. This will take place on Monday 27th June. To consent to your child receiving their teenage boosters, please complete this form: <http://bit.ly/32OlzYS>
The Penrice Academy code is: EE136573

Kernow Health have also supplied a helpful FAQ flyer answering common questions. This can be read by [clicking here](#).

Year 9 – Experience Exams Week Parent Information Video

Year 9 Exam Experience week Launch Assembly

Monday 13th June – Wednesday 15th of June



Year 9 are currently building up to their Experience Exams Week which will take place Monday 13th June to Wednesday 15th June.

The whole year group have been set a #Revise25Hours challenge and handed revision diaries to complete. Please encourage your child to work towards this 25-hour goal on a regular basis, adopting a 'little and often' strategy between now and mid-June.

Mr Toms has produced a [6-minute parent information video](#) sharing all you need to know to help your child through the process.

Have an enjoyable weekend.
Lucy Gambier



Kevin Toms

Newly Appointed Head of
Year 10

I am delighted to take on the role of Head of Year for the 2023 cohort. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Palmer, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Taylor for their work over the past four years with this group of students.

I have been a teacher for the past twelve years, five of those at Penrice Academy. In my time at Penrice, I have been fortunate to work as a form tutor, guiding my tutor group through the five-year journey as well as working as a Most Able Lead, Pupil Premium Lead and, more recently, as the Key Stage 4 Raising Standards Lead. It is within this role that you may know me from working with your child over the past couple of years, preparing them for their trial examinations and, more recently, their PPEs.

Prior to my teaching career, I was actually a student at Penrice Community College as it was once known before undertaking a degree in Geography and Masters Degree in International Relations.

My vision for the year group is ambitious but simple. For students to be the best version of themselves. Not only achieving the highest academic outcomes in the history of Penrice but also by foregrounding the academy ethos of pride, respect and success to generate a sense of belonging and contentment in the school.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at ktoms@penrice.org.uk

