



**Lucy Gambier**  
Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

What beautiful weather to end the week with. The PE department have been taking full advantage of the sunny conditions with students enjoying athletics, rounders and cricket during their lessons.

With so much going on next week, this letter is very much a heads-up detailing what's on. However, we'd like to kickstart with some good news from earlier this week that benefits all schools in the Cornwall Education Learning Trust.

### Henry Orchard & Sons donate £10,000 to fund purchase of defibrillators in CELT schools



A massive thank you to Henry Orchard & Sons Ltd for their generous donation of £10,000 to help us fund the purchase of defibrillators across CELT schools. This follows Finlay's (Year 7) successful recovery from a cardiac arrest at Penrice in December after receiving two shocks from an on-site defibrillator.

The survival rates without defibrillators really do plummet. Nationally, there are 270 instances of what happened to Finlay in schools each year.

Legally, you are required to have a fire extinguisher in school, yet despite the alarming statistics, schools are not legally required to have a defibrillator.

A key barrier to purchasing a defibrillator for schools is limited budget. We feel that defibrillators should be government funded for all schools, but in the meantime, we are doing all we can to raise funds and purchase at least one for each CELT school. An enormous thank you must go to Mr Orchard for recognising this need and supporting our CELT-wide campaign.

Mr Orchard heard of Finlay's story through Luxulyan School's fundraiser - The Mount Everest Challenge - and, having studied at Luxulyan and Penrice as a child, felt that it was a very worthy cause.

You can find out more about Finlay's story, the need for defibrillators in all schools nationally, and Mr Orchard's incredible donation via the full story on the Penrice website.

[Read the Full Story](#)



## Sunny Weather - Please Remember Drinks and Sun Cream

Please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle with them every day and sun cream during this very warm spell.

## Sports Day – Save the Date

Another key date for your diary! Penrice Academy's Sports Day is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 12 July. If the weather is bad, the Reserve Sports Day date is Thursday 14 July.

## 900 Students Set to Enjoy a Memorable Last Week of Term

We're fast heading towards the final week of term in July – Curriculum Enrichment Week. We have well over 20 different activities that our Key Stage 3 students have chosen from, including the return of memorable residential trips across the UK ranging from London to the beautiful Isles of Scilly.

Excitement is building around the school and we can't wait!

## Year 7 Charlestown Geography Trip Next Week

Monday next week (20th) sees our Year 7s enjoy their second whole-cohort Penrice field trip since joining us! Half of the year group will head to Charlestown in the morning before heading back and swapping with the other half of the year group at lunchtime.

The weather is meant to be very nice, so please remember to pack sun cream for your child along with a drink.

## Year 7, 8 & 9 - Enrichment Days Next Week

Next week sees our Years 7, 8 and 9 take part in three Enrichment Days. The purpose of Penrice Enrichment Days is to teach and develop new skills in our students that they might otherwise not get to learn in traditional classroom lessons.

This is all part of our mission to keep students safe and develop them into well-rounded, balanced individuals who are ready to make a positive impact in the local community and beyond.

A full schedule of all of the workshops can be found below:

### Year 7

Careers Workshop, Wellbeing, Online Safety (Online Relationships), MFL – La Salsa, Solomon Theatre's Time Out Production, PE, Computing and Business, Food & Nutrition, Mini Medics First Aid Training.

### Year 8

Careers, Concepts of Substance – Caffeine, Healthy Relationships, MFL – Festivals, Solomon Theatre's Time Out Production, PE, Mini Medics First Aid Training, Talk it Over (Online Hate), Brook (External Visitor to discuss the influence of Social Media on Body Image perceptions).

### Year 9

YZUP (Drugs/Substances Talk), Wellbeing, Health Relationships, MFL – The Apprentice, Solomon Theatre's Time Out Production, PE, Computing and Business, Brook (External Visitor to discuss Sexual Health), Mini Medics First Aid Refresher, Careers Workshop.







**Tanya Coleman**  
Deputy Headteacher

### Year 8 - Options Confirmation

Letters confirming your child's Year 8 Options selections have been sent out in the post today.

They should be dropping through your letterboxes either tomorrow or Monday. If you haven't heard anything by late next week then please contact the school.



**Kevin Toms**  
Head of Year 10

### Year 10 - PPEs

Best of luck to our Year 10s who have started their PPEs this week. This time next year it will be the real deal and we are pleased to see the whole cohort overcoming their fears and developing their exam skills in preparation for 2023.

## Year 11 – Final Week

### Boosters Next Week

Year 11 are expected to attend school for exams and/or boosters on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. They can stay or leave at lunchtime on each of these days. Year 11's final exam is Thursday morning and they can leave the site immediately after this exam is over.

### Ballroom Dancing for the Prom – Final Rehearsals

Ballroom dancing has been a longstanding tradition here at Penrice with many former students, now parents themselves, reflecting fondly on their memories and this year will be no different! Our Year 11s have been regularly rehearsing famous ballroom dances from the Boston Two Step to the Square Tango.

On Tuesday and Wednesday Period 3, students will be invited to their final ball dancing training sessions. We look forward to seeing them show off their skills at the Prom on Thursday night!



**Adrian Sutcliffe**  
Head of Year 9

### Year 9 - Experience Exams Week Completed

Well done to the whole of Year 9 for completing their Experience Exams Week over 3 days. It has been a learning curve for all students but we have been delighted to see the progress made over the course of the week as the year group familiarise themselves with exam protocol and learn how to maximise their marks on each question.

We look forward to further developing Year 9's exam technique next academic year.



**Penrice Plus - Badminton (Spring Term)**

### Whole Cohort Photo & Yearbook Update

We will be taking a group photo of the whole of Year 11 during Period 3 on Tuesday. This will feature in the Yearbook for the Class of 2022. A reminder that ParentPay has been opened again so that you can settle the final amount of £9.90 (total cost £14.90) per yearbook.

### Prom on Thursday 23 June, Atlantic Hotel in Newquay

Good luck to our Year 11s in their final exams next week. Following their last exam on Thursday morning, we look forward to starting their summer holidays in style at the Class of 2022 Penrice Prom on Thursday evening.

Arrivals from 5.30pm. Meal at 6.30pm. Dancing from 9.00pm until we depart at 11.00pm. Parents / Guardians are allowed to come and watch arrivals, but are not allowed access to the Hotel.