

Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

Well that's it – the end of the 2021-22 academic year! We've had some great highlights since September including our open events, numerous sporting triumphs, success in Celebration Assemblies, an author visit, Character Development Day in January, the marvellous school production of Mary Poppins, an incredible response to our various Ukraine appeals, Year 11's 24-hour Charity Challenge, our three Enrichment Days, The Year 11 Prom, Sports Day and finally, this week - Curriculum Enrichment Week!

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all parents for your dedication and cooperation throughout the school year, helping us to form strong foundations through solid Student-Teacher-Parent triangles. We have been hugely excited in the academic progress made by all students in Years 7-10 and we have high hopes for our Year 11s when they pick up their final GCSE results on Thursday 25 August – the first full set of exams to be completed since pre-pandemic.

Beyond academic achievement, we have also seen fantastic progress in students' personal development, shaping them into well-rounded young adults. Our extensive extra-curricular and enrichment programmes have played in key role in this, teaching our students skills that they may otherwise not get to learn in a traditional classroom environment. Furthermore, throughout the year we have been seamlessly embedding our Character Curriculum into lessons, teaching important virtues that students can take into adult life. Such virtues include compassion, integrity, neighbourliness, curiosity, courage, determination, confidence, resilience and many more.

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We hope that you begin to see such character traits developing further in your child as their 5-year journey through Penrice progresses.

So that's all from me for this academic year. We've had a fantastic last week here at Penrice with Curriculum Enrichment Week (CEW) in full swing including 6 UK residential trips to Devon, Bristol, London and the Isles of Scilly! We've included a montage of photos in this Parent Update. Additional photos can be viewed on our [CEW 2022 Website Blog](#) or on our [Facebook page](#) with a handful of more photos to be posted later this afternoon.

All that's left to say is have a wonderful, relaxing and memorable summer. See you all in September!

CEW 2022 Pictures & Blog



Kevin Toms
Head of Year 10

Year 10 Receive their PPE Results

Well done to all of Year 10 for completing their PPEs over the last half term. The entire year group were welcomed into the Assembly Hall last Friday afternoon to pick up their results in envelopes – the same format as picking up actual GCSE results at the end of Year 11.

The results day is an opportunity to celebrate success but also to think ahead. Students can ask themselves: Am I happy with my results? What would I do differently next time? Where can I improve?

Whatever the results, we have been reinforcing the idea that PPE results are a snapshot of where students are now; not necessarily where they will end up. We hope that students take time over summer to reflect on their whole PPE experience and take all of their learnings into Year 11 ahead of their final GCSEs.



Pride

Respect

Success



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Year 10 Complete Work Experience Week

Congratulations to all the Year 10 students who have completed a work experience placement externally, on site at Penrice or the passport to work experience programme. I hope they all found the week both challenging and engaging.

As Head of Year it has been fantastic to receive such high levels of praise for your performance from employers. Special praise goes to those students who have secured employment outside of this week with the companies you have been working. Please enjoy a well-earned break and I look forward to welcoming you back in Year 11.

Thank You and a Final Call for Uniform Donations

A massive thank you to those who have donated pre-loved uniform, all in fabulous condition. This will make a big difference to the Penrice community.

If you have any pre-loved uniform that is in good condition then it's not too late - we would still love to receive it. Please donate any washed/cleaned uniform to the school at Reception in September.



Sports Day



Selection of Highlights from the 2021/22 Academic Year

Year 11 Prom



Open Evening



Mary Poppins School Production



24-Hour Challenge



The Zone Opening



Field Trips

Return to School Dates

Monday 5th September: Term Begins for Year 7 & Year 11
Tuesday 6th September: Term Begins for Years 8, 9 & 10