



Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

Teachers and Support Staff gathered in the Student Family Centre at breaktime today as our Young Carers generously hosted a coffee morning for all of us. Young Carers are children and young people who often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities for a family member due to illness, disability, mental health problems or an addiction.

Our Young Carers brought in delicious homemade cakes and served tea and coffee, as well as offering sweet and savoury snacks throughout the gathering which was all part of Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning. As part of raising funds, there was also a raffle to win a large prize cake!

The Young Carers were fantastic today. They are tremendous, selfless young people who are a credit to Penrice with their courage and willpower to always remain positive despite challenging circumstances at home. Hosting an event for staff was entirely their idea and, when they heard about Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning, they were eager to showcase their baking and hospitality talents.

On behalf of all staff, I say thank you to our wonderful Young Carers.



Ms Tanya Coleman
Deputy Headteacher

Ready to Learn - Homework

A big thank you to families for your continued support with Homework. Our new system has been running for three weeks now with excellent completion rates.

There are still some students for whom creating

homework habits is taking more time and we would encourage students to attend Homework support club that runs from Monday - Thursday in The Core for Year 9-11 and in CS3 for Year 7 and 8. The aim is to support our students to become self-regulatory learners who are disciplined, proactive and scholarly in their approach to learning. For help and guidance with ShowMyHomework (Satchel One), please visit the [Satchel One FAQs](#) in the first instance.

"I have no special talents, I am only passionately curious" (Albert Einstein) a fabulous quote to head into the weekend with!



Paul Johnson
Head of Year 7

Year 7 Update

We've now reached the end of our second cycle of the timetable and Year 7 are really settling well. I've visited a number of lessons and have been really impressed by their focus, engagement and enthusiasm for their learning. This is reflected in the very large number of merits they are earning. There is so much to celebrate and share in Year 7, we could almost have our own bulletin!

Tutor Reading

This week the students have started reading three times a week in tutor time. Our first book is called A Kind of Spark and the main character captures our school values whilst also showing courage and determination.

Student Council

Each tutor group has selected two representatives to join the Year 7 Council. These 'reps' will be the voice for all the students in their tutor group and will meet regularly with me so their views and ideas can be heard in school.

School Lockers

There have been a few enquiries about purchasing a locker in school. Back in 2020, lockers were originally abandoned due to Covid-19. Now that restrictions have lifted, we hope to get the lockers back in action. The school is currently relocating where lockers are and preparing them for use. The aim is to have this done by half-term and a communication will be sent out when they are ready.

Summer Challenge

The Summer Challenges that were completed were incredible at all levels and thank you for your support as parents and carers. Tutors are having a final look through before I prepare certificates and the badges to award to the students.

Celebrating Achievements

Please do email me with any successes and achievements that we can celebrate for your child. A photo and a quick summary will be great!

Final Words

As before, if you have day-to-day queries or questions please contact enquiries@penrice.org.uk or your child's tutor in the first instance so we can support them to succeed at Penrice.

Mandarin Excellence Programme Applications Open

We are delighted to announce that Penrice Academy has been selected to become part of the prestigious Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP). This is a unique, yet intensive language programme taught in selected schools across the country, with approximately 8000 students taking part nationwide.

Year 7 students have been informed of this opportunity in assembly this week and invited to enter their applications. Only 20 students can be selected to take part in this programme.

How to Apply

If you would like your child to be considered, they will need to collect an application pack from the MFL team and return it by Friday 7th October. The course will begin immediately after the half-term holiday. For any further details, please contact Rebecca Yeo, CELT Leader in MFL, at ryeo@penrice.org.uk.



Mrs Rebecca Yeo
Head of Languages



More Information



Mr Gavin Thomas
Assistant Headteacher

Year 8 Parent Information Evening

Year 8 parents/carers and pupils are invited to a Parent Information Evening on Thursday 6 October. There will be a presentation in the assembly hall (approximately 45 minutes) with various key members of staff. After this presentation you will

have the opportunity to meet with key staff who will be on hand to answer questions and give any support.

We will also be giving out documents that map out Year 8 so you are fully aware of what students will be learning and experiencing over the next 12 months.

More information and the registration form can be found in Mr Thomas' letter sent out earlier in the week. A copy of this letter can be found [here](#).

Words by
Molly (Year 9)
Student Media Team

Year 9 Students Attend North Cornwall Book Festival

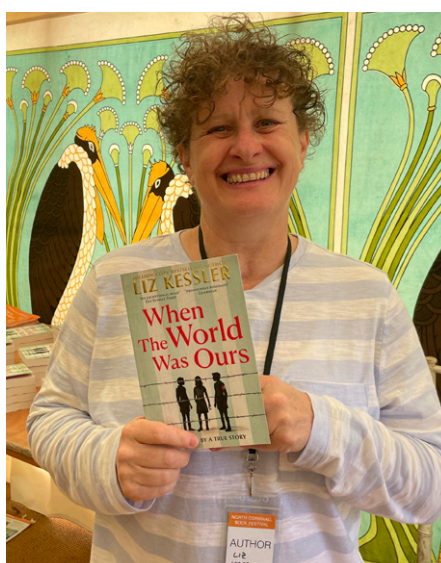
On Friday 23rd September, 14 year 9 students attended the North Cornwall book festival at St. Endellion.

They participated in three workshops by two authors and a poet. Liz Kessler taught them how to develop sources into stories, Emily Barr shared tips for planning and the boxer and poet Matt Windle taught them to write 'half rhyme' poetry.

Students were given free tote bags and book tokens they could use to get a free signed book each.

Mr Ashby, one of the teachers on the trip, said: "I was blown away with how good the event was... You don't have to be amazing at English, it's about building skills and developing a love in the subject."

Molly (Year 9), who went to the event, said "I really enjoyed the day. It was really interesting and I improved my planning skills."



For those students interested in attending the book festival next year, Adriana (Year 9) explains what you can expect...

What is a book festival?

A book festival is a relatively new event that celebrates the world of literature and books. It's a series of workshops where authors talk about their books. You can come and listen, join in discussions, and ask questions (if you want to). You can meet your favourite authors, discover new ones, and be with people who share your interests. It's usually a brilliant, friendly, inclusive space!

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FINISHING EARLY NOTICE **Tuesday 20th December**

We will be finishing at 1pm on the last day of term (20 December).
Buses will be provided for students who use this mode of transport.

Freya at the South West Junior Chef Championship 2022

We wish Freya (Year 9) the best of luck for this weekend as she competes in the Final of the South West Junior Chef of the Year competition. Freya qualified for the event earlier in the year after being crowned Cornwall Junior Chef of the Year with her signature dish of Cote de boeuf, fondant potatoes, bordelaise sauce, navet puree and pea fricassee.

Pete Murt, Head Chef at The Seafood Restaurant, Padstow, has been mentoring Freya in preparation for the final and invited her to join him in the kitchen at the Seafood Restaurant last weekend for a trial of the final dish!

Freya will be up against tough opposition, facing the county champions from Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

Good Luck Freya!



Kernow Connect Events over Half Term

Kernow Connect (Action for Children) are offering a programme of free activities over October half-term for children aged 11-19.

There may be opportunities on offer that your child may not usually get the opportunity to take part in. To view the list of activities and register, please [click here](#).

Please note that registration closes on 2nd October at 5pm.



Penrice Plus: Community Art Project

TASTER DAY

FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Sign up to one of our free Saturday Taster Days
to find out more about our school
and to experience our
exciting and **challenging** curriculum!

Choose from one of four dates

17 September

8 October

5 November

4 December

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