

Pride

Respect

Success

Prospectus 2022-2023



Find Your Future



Welcome from the Headteacher, Ms Gambier



Alongside the support we provide we are relentless in our expectations and ambitions for each and every one of our students, because our students are incredible and deserve the very best life has to offer.

We are delighted that our 2022 results were simply exceptional, with progress in the top 10% of schools nationally. 83% of our students left Penrice with their all important Maths and English - 13% higher than the national picture. Most importantly our students enjoy a fantastic range of educational experiences and are highly successful at securing well deserved places in further education. Our priority is to give students the best possible chance of success and happiness when they move onto their next stages in education and beyond.

Our enriched curriculum allows students to learn broadly and widely, both inside and outside the classroom throughout their 5-year journey with us. We offer a plethora of enrichment opportunities through our Penrice Plus curriculum, with over 50 choices from coding to crochet. Our students look forward to a huge number of trips, visits and experiences planned every year including the annual Curriculum Enrichment week, where we see students kayaking down the Ardeche, climbing the Eiffel tower, descending Poldark mine and learning to surf on Fistral beach, amongst so many other things.

We trust this prospectus will give you an idea of what Penrice has to offer.

Hello from the Head Students Alfie & Thalia

An Overview of Penrice

On behalf of everyone here at Penrice Academy, we welcome you to our school. As Head Students, we hope to represent our set of core values: pride, respect and success both inside and outside of the classroom and as young people within the community. Penrice aim to embed these core values every day through the wide range of academic and extra-curricular opportunities on offer with the intention of developing our character, helping us grow into well-rounded young adults. Supporting all of this is our foundation of Pastoral Care. Support is always available in the Student and Family Centre, Learning Centre and Learning Inclusion Centre. Furthermore, your child's Tutor as well as the Penrice Staff are always friendly and approachable.

Extra-Curricular

Penrice Academy has outstanding opportunities that offer every child the chance to become involved in extra-curricular clubs. Last academic year there were well over 100 different clubs on offer! For example, Eco Club, Penrice Bake Off, Badminton, Film Club and Sign Language just to name a few. All of this comes under the umbrella of 'Penrice Plus'. Extra-curricular activities have definitely helped us to build confidence, branch



out, create new friendships with like-minded people and have an enjoyable education.

Charity Work

Penrice prides itself on raising money for local and international charities. The school has welcomed a number of Ukrainian students to help make sure they still receive as much of an education as possible within the current climate. Fun Runs, Bake Sales, Non-Uniform Days and the Christmas Quiz all feature regularly each academic year, helping to raise money for carefully chosen charities by the student-led Academy Council. Penrice's ethos of caring for others has definitely shaped our moral compass, helping us to develop gratitude, humility and compassion.

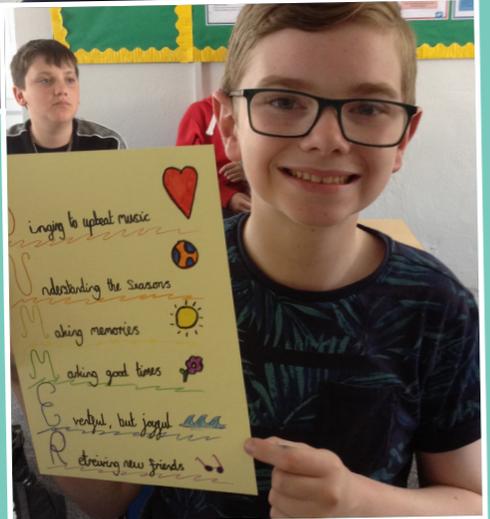
Enjoy reading the rest of this prospectus and we hope to see you at a Penrice Open Event!

“ Penrice Academy is a happy, safe and welcoming school community with highly effective support, care and guidance to allow all students to flourish and excel. ”



Our Values

Welcome to Penrice, a kind and caring community, built on our core values of being PROUD, RESPECTFUL and SUCCESSFUL; where students come to learn and develop their character, to grow into confident, independent young adults.



Pride

Our students are **proud** to be part of this community. They take **pride** in how they present and conduct themselves, and in the quality of work they produce. Our staff take **pride** in their work with students to develop them both academically and socially.

Respect

We are **respectful** of each other and our beliefs, allowing individuals to grow into their own unique self without fear of prejudice.

Success

Students at Penrice are able to feel **successful** every day, not just through the outstanding academic results they achieve, but through small wins each time progress is made or an obstacle is overcome, knowing that being the best version of themselves is the ultimate quest and the only expectation we have.

By choosing Penrice, you will be joining a community with high standards and expectations in everything we do and through a combination of challenge and support we believe that every student can grow into a successful and happy individual.

Our Vision for Learning

At Penrice we are unwavering in our commitment to deliver the highest quality of education for all our students, ensuring the best possible life chances for them. This involves achieving success in public examinations but also involves the development of the individual, to be able to lead fulfilling, happy and purposeful lives. We want our students to leave Penrice being able to contribute to society in a positive and valuable way; being able to think freely, make informed choices and explore the world around them.

We believe that equipping students with knowledge and understanding is pivotal in ensuring we achieve our ambitions. As such, our curriculum and strategy for learning is crafted to empower students with knowledge and provide a rich and diverse range of enriching opportunities.

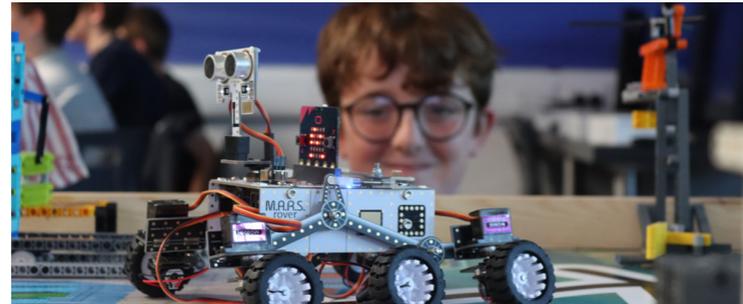
Throughout students learning experience we embed our school values of pride, respect and success. Our character curriculum during tutor time ensures students develop as individuals with strong values and a sense of place in the wider world.

Our Curriculum Structure

Year 7 & 8 - Broad and Strong Foundations

In Year 7 and 8 students study the full breadth of the KS3 National Curriculum and beyond, developing strong, knowledge rich foundations across a broad range of subjects. Our ambitious approach for all students ensures our students have completed the content on the KS3 national curriculum at the end of Year 8. We endeavour to provide the strongest possible foundation, ensuring all our students have access to powerful knowledge across the full breadth of subjects.

- All students study:
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| - English | - Drama |
| - Maths | - Music |
| - Science | - Food |
| - History | - Design Technology |
| - Geography | - Character |
| - French or Spanish | - CLASS |
| - Computing | - RE |
| - Art | - PE |
- NEW** Students will also be able to apply to study **Mandarin** as an additional language in 2022.



Year 9 - Personalisation and Enrichment

In Year 9 your child will personalise the range of subjects being studied and experience our enrichment curriculum. This broadens their horizons and ensures they are equipped with an appreciation of the place each subject has in the world. Students will begin to have a choice in the subjects they study.

- All students study:
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| - English | - Geography |
| - Maths | - French or Spanish |
| - Science | - CLASS |
| - History | - PE |
- Plus Three Additional of the following:
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| - Animal Care | - Food |
| - Art | - German |
| - Business | - Health and Social Care |
| - Child Development | - Mandarin |
| - Computer Science | - Music |
| - Creative iMedia | - Photography |
| - Drama | - Sociology |
| - Engineering | - Sport and PE |
| - Film Studies | |



Year 10 & 11 - Specialisation and Expertise

During Year 10 and 11 our students develop expertise in their chosen subjects. Students leave Penrice having been highly successful in their chosen disciplines. We encourage students to engage with curriculum choices that are right for them.

- All Students Study
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| - English | - PE |
| - Maths | - History or Geography (can study both) |
| - Science | |
| - French or Spanish | |
| - CLASS | |
- Plus Two Additional of the Following
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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| - Animal Care | - Food |
| - Art | - German |
| - Business | - Health and Social Care |
| - Child Development | - Mandarin |
| - Computer Science | - Music |
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Student Support and Wellbeing

There is an immense amount of support on offer at Penrice Academy. Promoting positive mental health and supporting vulnerable children and young people is at the heart of our work and the quality of the provision throughout the school is excellent. This has been acknowledged by our recent Trauma Informed Schools (TIS) Award – the first Secondary School in the country to achieve this prestigious award.

Every student is taught in a compassionate classroom and our staff have fully embedded a range of strategies to ensure the wellbeing of our young people is of paramount importance. Every year group also spends one registration each week focusing on Wellbeing and experiencing a range of activities designed to develop skills such as mindfulness, resilience and self-care.

Our support strategies are bespoke to each individual child and situation. Our aim is to ensure every student who faces challenges that negatively impact on their ability to thrive has access to an Emotionally Available Adult who will help them develop the necessary skills to overcome the challenges and achieve their best possible outcomes.

Intervention Options:

- TIS (Trauma Informed Schools) One-to-One Support
- Emotional First Aid/Mental Health Support
- CAF/FGC Advocates Signposting to Outside Agencies
- School Support Dogs and our TIS Tortoise
- One to One Mentoring
- TIS Group Work
- Gender Support
- Behaviour Management
- Attendance Support
- Social and Emotional Support
- Young Carers
- School Counsellor



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TISUK Award winning school

The Student Family Centre (SFC)

The Student Family Centre (SFC) is a huge part of our pastoral support on offer at Penrice Academy. We recognise that, for some children, school is not always an easy experience.

Children occasionally face social and emotional challenges which can impede on their learning; for these more vulnerable children our involvement may need to be intensified and may require extra support from our highly trained staff or support agencies working through the SFC.



SEND Support

At Penrice, we welcome everyone into our inclusive community and recognise that families should be involved and listened to with regards to additional support to make learning more accessible for their child. As a school, we endeavour to make available inclusive provision to ensure that all young people, including those pupils identified with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), can enjoy and benefit from a rich educational experience. We pride ourselves on every student having access to an ambitious curriculum, so they may achieve their full potential, as well as participating in the wider enriched curriculum.

The SEND Team

Our expert SEND Team includes Autism Champions, Literacy and Dyslexia Support Specialists, SEND teachers and numerous SEND Teaching Assistants. Supporting teaching and learning across the school, we are based within the Art Exhibition space, where we offer a range of support and interventions.

We are here to help

The nature and extent of support we offer is dependent upon the young person's needs and provision will be bespoke. We consult with parents/carers of young people with additional needs to ensure that interventions and support is purposeful and monitored carefully throughout their Penrice experience. Within the school we have several highly specialised provision centres and interventions as shown to the right.



Available Support

- Supported transition processes from Year 6 into Year 7
- A named Key Worker for every student identified as requiring additional support (this member of staff is a key contact for families as well as the student and provides academic support)
- A Bespoke Curriculum for pupils who are working at Entry Level
- Nurture class opportunities with specialist teachers
- Lunch Club and Homework Club
- Social development programmes delivered by our Autism specialists
- Interventions for students identified with dyslexic characteristics delivered by our Dyslexia champions, including screening tests in Years 7 and 9
- Reading Recovery to support reading comprehension and decoding skills
- Application for Exam Dispensation where appropriate
- Additional exam preparation and revision support
- Additional Post 16 transition, guidance and support
- One-to-one interventions as and where necessary and support with organisation
- Parental drop-in sessions with members of the SEND team and the County ASD team
- Dyscalculia support and intervention
- Bespoke teaching to support the early identification of need through effective learning centres.

Penrice PLUS

Find Your Extra

Taking place immediately after school, Penrice Plus is a whole school initiative that allows every student to develop their sporting, academic and creative talents. Our aim is to provide enrichment activities as part of our extensive extracurricular programme that complements our curriculum, and fosters a love of education. As students develop through the programme, pupils will have increased opportunities to develop their leadership skills and inspire future generations. We even have Penrice Plus Prefects!

Every member of staff runs or supports an activity, ensuring that we have a fully inclusive programme that offers something of interest for everyone. Our staff have a wonderful array of skills, interests, and hobbies that they share with students. At Penrice, we are committed to supporting every student to find their passion. Your next Penrice Plus Club could inspire you to pursue a healthy past time for the rest of your life!

Some Examples of Penrice Plus Clubs from Autumn Term 2022:

- Penrice Kitchen
- Street Art
- Mandala Mindfulness
- Thinking Socially
- Farm
- Survival School
- Green Team
- Coding
- British Sign Language
- History Mystery
- Aspiring Leaders
- Penrice Philosophers
- Penrice Politics
- School Production (Matilda)
- Set & Prop Design
- Hockey
- Girls' Football



Maths Challenges

Our Maths Department encourage our students to engage in many fun maths challenges and activities.

Last year, 120 Year 7 and 8 students entered the UK Maths Trust Online Junior Maths Challenge 2022. 58 students were awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates.

Mini Medics

At Penrice Academy, all of our students have the opportunity to learn the most important skill of all; how to save a life. With the Mini Medics programme, the students learn all the basics of First Aid, from the recovery position to how to use a defibrillator.

Aimed at younger students, the programme uses language and terminology that is easily understood and remembered, focusing on DR ABC: Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing, CPR.

Students leave the sessions with invaluable knowledge and a certificate in Mini Medics Training.



Outdoor Learning – The Farm

We are very lucky here at Penrice Academy to have our own farm. The farm was opened in 2019 and has proven to be a fabulous addition to the school.

The farm allows Penrice Academy to offer a BTEC Level 2 in Animal Care, which is a hands-on course containing elements of practical and theory work. The course supports and helps to develop students social, emotional and physical skills through outdoor learning and could lead onto a Level 3 in Animal Care at college.

The animals we have on our farm are:

- 2 Golden Guernsey goats
- 1 North Ronaldsay sheep
- 1 miniature Shetland pony
- 2 Kune Kune pigs
- 4 guinea pigs
- 2 rabbits
- 2 degus
- 1 bearded dragon
- A variety of chickens, including 10 ex caged hens that we have rescued



We also have our own visiting farm dog Delphi.

Curriculum Enrichment Week (CEW)

CEW takes place at the end of each school year. Activities can include surfing, fishing, action and adventure, horse riding, golf, football with Plymouth Argyle, art, design, model making, catering, the Army, animal care and visits to all the very best that Cornwall has to offer. International trips are also available.

It is a wonderful opportunity to try out new skills and learn something different. Students can challenge themselves and the week is always described by them as one of the highlights in the five year journey at Penrice.



Sport

At Penrice, every student benefits from the wide ranging, fully inclusive curriculum that we offer through Physical Education. Every student strives to attend an after-school sports club per week, with many attending fixtures, training or Penrice Plus Clubs every night of the week!

We encourage and facilitate opportunities for all students to play competitive sport, as we fully believe that the life values students learn on the sports field, support them to win in the exam hall. We are fully committed to finding the sporting and athletic potential in every student.

Facilities

- A four-badminton court sports hall
- 4 netball courts
- A newly refurbished state-of-the-art strength and conditioning suite that we call 'The Zone'
- A dance studio
- An AstroTurf hockey pitch
- Extensive playing fields for athletics, rugby, football, cricket

Popular Sports

- Athletics
- Cricket
- Netball
- Hockey
- Football
- Rugby

Questions

If you have any questions about our sporting provision, please get in contact:

Aaron Marks, Director of Sport
amarks@penrice.org.uk



Creative Arts

The Arts and Technology are a huge part of life at Penrice and our provision both in and beyond the classroom offers something for everyone!

In the Performing Arts you can take part in our sell-out school productions, such as 2022's Mary Poppins, where you can perform, join the stage design team, or be part of the sound and lighting crew.

The musically-talented can be a part of regular performances such as our annual Winter Concert that showcase the breadth of our musical talent. We also offer a range of musical instrument lessons through Cornwall Music Service Trust, as well as music groups including Orchestra, Choir and Rock School.

For budding chefs, our Bake Off Penrice Plus activity will get your taste buds tingling, as well as giving you a chance to explore some of the finest Cornish dishes.

And last but not least, for our artists, you can try your hand at ceramics, painting, photography, printmaking, and so much more!



Exceptional Results for Class of 2022

83% achieved a standard Pass of Grade 4 or higher in both English and Maths GCSE.

92% gained at least a standard Pass of Grade 4 in GCSE Science, with 72% of those taking separate science gaining 7+ in Physics.

44% of GCSE History students achieved Grade 7 and above, with 10% achieving the top Grade 9.

80% of BTEC Drama students achieved a Merit or above, with 50% achieving Distinction or Distinction Star.



What will your story be?

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Zoe Blackwell Class of 2011

Operating Department Practitioner at North Bristol NHS Trust

Graduated from Cardiff University with a First Class Honours Degree in Operating Department Practice.

After 3 years at Derriford, Zoe made the move last year to Southmead Hospital in Bristol so she can further expand her knowledge and skills and has since had the opportunity to undertake a training position as a senior member of the team.



Jack Lawther Class of 2016

Student of MSc Humanitarian Engineering, The University of Warwick

Jack completed the IB (International Baccalaureate) at Truro College, then went on to complete a BSc in Global Sustainable Development at the University of Warwick before beginning his MSc in Humanitarian Engineering with Management



Transition

We have a very effective programme in place which aims to make the transitions from primary to secondary school as smooth as possible. Year 6 students and their families are invited to visit us at the beginning of the Autumn Term to experience the exciting opportunities Penrice has to offer.

Once Secondary school places are allocated, we work closely with our primary colleagues to establish a detailed picture of your child whilst they are in Year 6. This is developed in the Spring and Summer terms when the Head of Year 7, Operational SENCO, our Year 7 Pastoral Support Manager and current Year 7 students visit primary schools. This enables us to learn as much as possible about your child and gives the Year 6 students the opportunity to meet Penrice staff and learn about the transition experience and Year 7 from our students. We also meet with parents and professionals whenever the transition to secondary school is likely to cause particular challenges to ensure a fully supported move from primary school.

Once all the information is gathered, our Head of Year 7 creates tutor groups balanced in respect of ability, friendship, gender and individual need; an approach designed to ensure each child feels safe and secure. In the latter part of the Summer Term, we host all our incoming Year 6s for a Welcome Day, complemented with an Information Evening for parents. During the immersive Welcome Day, the new intake meet with their tutors, tutor groups, make new friends, sample taster lessons and get a real feel for life at Penrice Academy.

Our staff and students welcome and support all our new students to help everyone familiarise themselves with our wonderful school.





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