



Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week started with an unforgettable experience for students in Years 7 and 8, as well as those Computer Science students in Years 9, 10 and 11. Jaws dropped as Titan the Robot took to the stage on a mission to both entertain and to plant the seed of inspiration in each student's brain, showcasing exactly what is possible in Computer Science.

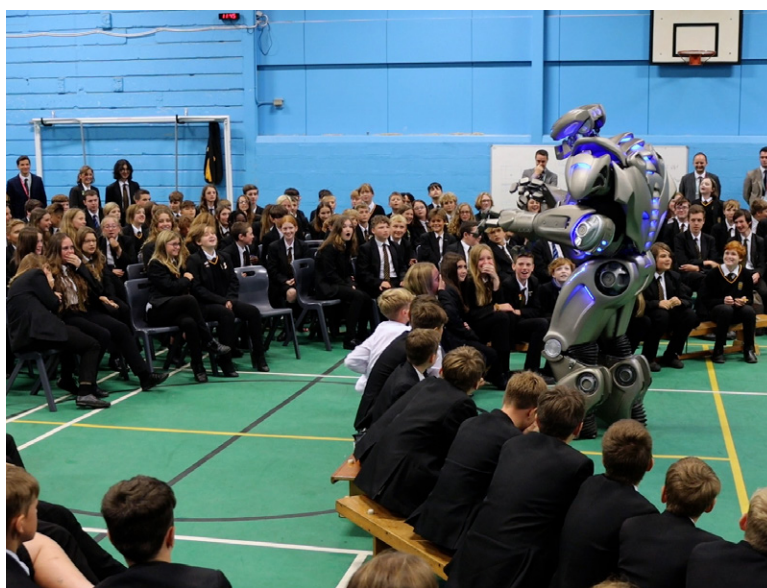
The plethora of career opportunities in this ever-evolving subject were further highlighted when we found out that, introducing Titan to the audience in shades and 'Men in Black' attire, was former pupil Kieren Mason (Class of 2011).

Kieren left Penrice after the conclusion of Year 11 to study a BTEC in Systems Support at St Austell College before progressing on to a Computer Science degree. He now works at Cyberstein Robots Ltd in Newquay, attending high-profile events and taking centre-stage with Titan.

We hope that Kieren's story has enriched our students' understanding that coding is about so much more than sitting at a computer and typing. From building robots that entertain to creating apps that could save lives, the possible inventions in tech are endless and the career opportunities are wide and varied. The full story about Titan's visit and more photos can be [viewed here](#).

Looking Ahead

We have a number of other announcements in this week's Parent Update; pay close attention if you're a Year 10 parent in particular – we have an exciting opportunity lined up in 2023!



ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOLLOWING NEAR MISSES

Following two reports of near misses on Charlestown Road, we have today reminded students about road safety and the expectation of them to use the proper crossings outside of school.

We encourage you to repeat these reminders at home, promoting road safety when walking to and from school.

FARM KITTENS RECEIVE NAMES

Further to last week's introduction of our new, furry additions to The Farm, our school kittens now have names! Introducing Dora (pink collar) and Daphne (blue collar).

Year 7 tutor groups were invited to suggest names for the two tortoiseshell girls with Miss Harding making the final decision earlier this week.

The kittens have both been introduced to the large animals this week and love playing with Delphi the dog. They are becoming lovely, sociable girls who enjoy a play, a cuddle and a good nap!

Our culture of Penrice Respect is of utmost importance on The Farm. We make sure that the students interact calmly and understand how important it is to make the kittens feel safe and secure.

You can find out more about the Penrice Academy Farm by visiting our [website page here](#).



STUDENTS SHINE IN YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION

A massive congratulations to our budding young authors who have had their work selected to be published in the Young Writers Annual Showcase 2022. The Annual Showcase is an opportunity for students across the country to enter the piece of work they are most proud of and to be chosen for publishing is a real honour.

This really is an excellent achievement and we are incredibly proud of the creative and inspiring entries that they submitted.



Miss Alex Archer
English Teacher

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“Students get a great sense of pride that their work has been chosen out of thousands of entries nationally. The quality, effort and creativity they have put into it has been incredible and they can officially say they are published authors!”



Mr Gavin Thomas
Assistant Headteacher

Year 8 Parent Information Evening (Recap Video)

We have put together an 11-minute information video for those who missed the recent Year 8 Parent Information Evening and for those who wish to recap everything.

In this video, we cover:

- What to expect from the Options process later this year
- Homework and other communication apps
- Our new reporting systems

Watch Video (YouTube)



YEAR 10 - SAVE THE DATE

Year 10 Parent Information Evening and Work Experience Launch

Thursday 10th November 2022, 4.30pm-5.30pm or 6pm-7pm.

Detailed letter and registration form will be emailed out next week.

Year 10 Ghana Trip 2023

We are offering Year 10 students the chance to join an exciting trip to Ghana in July 2023! Students will spend time volunteering at schools in a developing area of Woe (pronounced Wo-ay).

Year 10 recently had an assembly where they learnt more about what is on offer. The presentation shown in the assembly can be [accessed here \(PDF: 3.75MB\)](#).

The trip is organised by African Adventures, who specialise in educational trips for young people in the UK. African Adventures' partner schools provide a free education for children from underprivileged backgrounds, and volunteers help support the long-term development of the schools. Students can choose to help with teaching and sports coaching or building and renovation work. Whilst they will undoubtedly make a difference, students also stand to learn so much about the wider world during this challenging experience.

Ghana Trip Information Evening Monday 17th October

A Parent & Pupil Ghana Trip Information Evening will take place on Monday 17th October, 6pm-7pm at Penrice Academy.

If you are interested or would like to ask some more questions about this fantastic opportunity, please come along and find out more!

If your child is interested in the Ghana trip but you are unable to attend on Monday evening, please contact enquiries@penrice.org.uk and we will put you in contact with Ms Zoe Garrod (Trip Coordinator) here at Penrice.

**Further Information Letter
(PDF: 250KB)**

**African Adventures Website &
Information Evening Registration Form**

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Lorraine Turner
Head of Careers

Year 10 Work Experience Week 2023

This week, we have launched Work Experience with our Year 10s. I have explained to pupils why it is so important to gain experience of the workplace. For those not attending the Ghana trip, Penrice's Work Experience Week is 17th-21st July 2023.

Students should start thinking about the kinds of job sector and employer where they would be

interested in undertaking this opportunity and exploring employers within the Cornwall area.

Support will be given to students over the coming weeks to ensure they are making successful applications and are fully prepared for this experience. For more information (including the assembly Powerpoint and Parents booklet), please go the [Careers Work Experience webpage](#).

We also appreciate how valuable parental/carer support is in this process. We are planning a Year 10 Parents Event in the near future to explain about the Work Experience Programme and more.

Further details and date to follow.

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