



Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

There are now only 2 weeks to go until we enter half-term and my key message in this Parent Update is to keep up the high standards we have started with. The uniform has been fantastic and students really look the part, representing Penrice with pride. Our 'ready to learn' ethos continues to feature in daily school life with equipment checks every morning in tutor. Homework completion levels remain high. Lastly, attendance levels have been good so far but we want to make sure this does not drop whilst striving to improve even more.

As I have said before, if you have any problems in achieving the above expectations for your child then please speak to us. Whether it be uniform, equipment, homework or just getting your child to school in the first place, please speak up – we are here to help and find solutions.

Elsewhere in school, today was the last day for prospective parents to receive a guided tour around Penrice with one of our fabulous Year 10 students. Some of the feedback we have received from visitors has been exceptional and the Year 10 tour guides can hold their heads high. We can already see that they will make great prefects when the time comes at the end of this academic year.

Moving forward into next week, we have a very special visitor lined up! I hand you over to Mrs Jacqui Hanton, Head of Computing, who shares further details...

TITAN THE ROBOT TO VISIT PENRICE

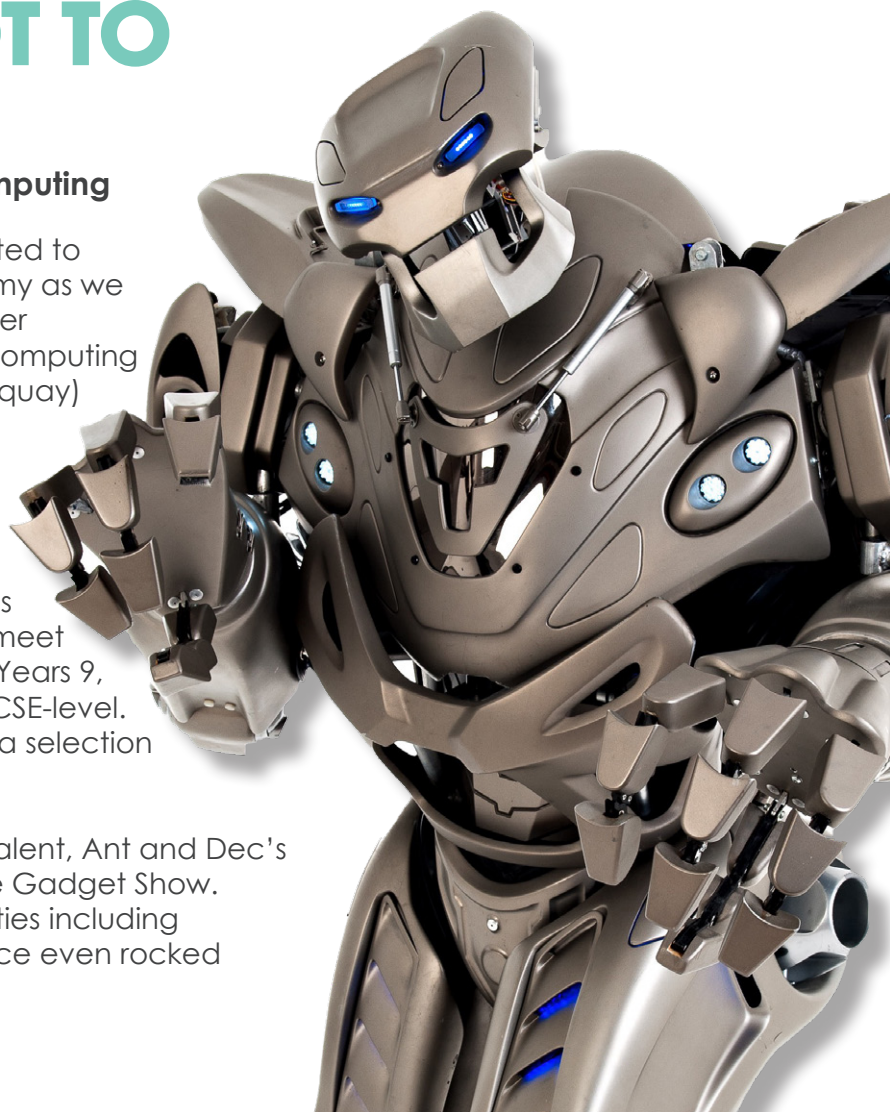
Words by Mrs Jacqui Hanton, Head of Computing

On Monday next week we are extremely excited to welcome Titan the Robot into Penrice Academy as we seek to inspire the next generation of Computer Scientists! This is a thrilling opportunity for our Computing students to meet a local company (from Newquay) who use high-end technology and, of course, meet Titan himself!

Measuring 8ft tall, Titan will be showcasing his wisecracking antics during various performances throughout the day in the Sports Hall. All Year 7 and Year 8 students will get to meet Titan on the day, along with those students in Years 9, 10 and 11 who study Computer Science at GCSE-level. We will finish the day by opening our doors to a selection of our feeder schools from within the trust.

Titan's TV appearances include Britain's Got Talent, Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway, Big Brother and The Gadget Show. He has also performed alongside A-list celebrities including Will Smith, Jackie Chan and Rihanna; Titan once even rocked Wembley Stadium with Will.i.am.

It is set to be a truly memorable day!



New Arrivals on the Farm

As if the Penrice Academy Farm couldn't get any better... this week we welcomed two new additions!

Students have visited the farm in numbers during break and lunch this week to visit our two farm cats/kittens which are yet to be named. Year 7 tutor groups have been invited to suggest names for the two tortoiseshell girls with Miss Harding due to pick from the list of suggestions next week.

The Farm plays an integral part of school life here at Penrice. It offers our students (and staff) a place to relax, reset and escape, be it from pressures in school or outside of school.

As with all our farm animals, these kittens have been chosen as a great way of building confidence and self-esteem in our students. Pets are a great form of therapy and our farm animals provide emotional support through calm interactions to students that need it.



Mr Gavin Thomas
Assistant Headteacher

Year 8 Parent Information Evening

Thank you to our Year 8 families who attended the Parent Information Evening on Thursday night.

We hope that you found the event useful, covering everything from our new reporting systems to what to expect from the Options process later this year.

I will be producing a short information video/presentation for those families who were unable to attend. This will be shared in the near future.



Mrs Rebecca Yeo
Head of MFL

Mandarin Excellence Programme – Last Chance to Apply

This weekend is the last chance for Year 7 pupils/parents to express an interest in our new Mandarin Excellence Programme.

More information can be found on [our website here](#).

If interested, please contact me, Rebecca Yeo, by Monday at the very latest.
(ryeo@penrice.org.uk).

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.

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