



Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

A warm welcome back after half-term. It was great to see so many refreshed faces walking through the school gates on Monday, all ready to learn.

We have a number of exciting events planned between now and Christmas including our Character Development Days (next week), Field Trips, a Careers Fair, Celebration Assemblies and our festive Winter Concert! We are truly lucky to live in a safe, secure country where we can look ahead to such events. Today was a reminder to students that this should never be taken for granted.

At 10:30am, students from all year groups, representing a variety of organisations, gathered in the garden square to pay their respects to service men and women lost in combat around the world, dressed in full uniform. At 11:00am, heads were bowed and a 2-minute silence was impeccably observed across the school.

The ceremony concluded with students taking it in turns to lay wooden crosses by the memorial.

We will be forever thankful for our service men and women who have sacrificed their lives defending our country and our democracy.



More photos available on Page 3 of this Parent Update



Doug O'Brien
Deputy Headteacher

Character Reports Launched

Earlier this week, you will have received [a letter](#) regarding your child's new Character Report.

These are gradually being handed out; some students will have already brought them home, whilst others are yet to be provided with their

report. The reports are being handed out gradually because tutors may need time to speak to individual students about their progress. If you need support or guidance in understanding your child's report once it arrives, I have put together an information video which can be viewed on the Penrice [website here](#).

Thank you to parents for your support. As this is a new way of displaying your child's progress, any feedback about the reports will be gratefully received. Please email your feedback to: enquiries@penrice.org.uk where it will be collated. This will help us shape future reporting.



Mr Gerald Parry
Maths Teacher and CEW Lead

Years 7, 8 & 9 - Curriculum Enrichment Week (CEW) 2023 Launch

Early next week, we will be launching our brochure and booking system for Curriculum Enrichment Week 2023.

Curriculum Enrichment Week (CEW) takes place during the last week of the academic year (in July) and is all about friends, fun, and finishing the school year in style! It is designed to give students the opportunity to learn outside the classroom, to try something new or develop skills in an area of interest, and to make memories that will last a lifetime.

Keep your eyes peeled for a communication next week which will contain a link to the booking system. If you have any queries when the information is released next week then please feel free to contact me via:
CEWenquiries@penrice.org.uk.

Curriculum Enrichment Week



Mr Gavin Thomas
Assistant Headteacher

Year 11 - Exam Success Sessions

A reminder that PPEs start on Monday 28th November. In preparation, we have Exam Success Sessions running to support pupils. Students have been given information on which sessions they have been invited to. Please continue to talk to your child about this or get in touch if you have any queries about all of this.

My email is gthomas@penrice.org.uk.

Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening (Virtual)

Our Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening takes place next week on **Thursday 17 November**. This is a great way for you to get to know your child's tutor and hear about how your child is settling in to life at Penrice. In case you missed it, a copy of the letter sent home [can be read here](#), as well as the [guide for booking appointments](#).



Mr Gavin Thomas
Assistant Headteacher

Year 10 Parent Information Evening and Work Experience Launch

Thank you to all parents who attended the Year 10 Parent Information Evening and Work Experience Launch last night. For those who were unable to attend, the presentation slides can be [viewed here](#).



Mrs Lorraine Turner
Careers Lead



CAREERS FAIR

Years 10 & 11 | Wednesday 23 November, 5pm - 7pm | Hosted at Poltair School



Year 10 & 11 - Upcoming Careers Fair*

We are delighted to be running a joint-school Careers Fair with Poltair School on Wednesday 23 November, 5pm to 7pm (see poster at the end of this Parent Update).

This event will be hosted at Poltair School.

Advanced registration is required in order to stagger the footfall and avoid excessive queuing – thank you in advance for your cooperation on this.

Register Here (Eventbrite)

*Limited places. Tickets awarded on a first come, first served basis. Families of Years 10 & 11 invited only.

OLD PE KIT WANTED

The PE department would be extremely grateful for old PE kit. Particularly shorts that no longer fit, shin pads that are no longer used and boots that no longer fit. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

PARLIAMENT WEEK

Monday 14th to
Friday 18th November

Next week is Parliament Week – a great opportunity to educate your child with some Cultural Capital, teaching them about democracy, politics and all the recent happenings in government. To help you out, the organisers of Parliament Week have created [this handy little quiz](#). Enjoy!

REMEMBRANCE DAY PHOTOS



YEARS 10 & 11

Wednesday 23 November
5pm - 7pm

Hosted at Poltair School



CAREERS FAIR



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including all
local colleges.

This event is free of charge. **Advanced registration required***

*the link to register has been emailed to parents/carers.