



**Lucy Gambier**  
Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have ended this week with Years 7 – 10 taking part in two Character Days. The purpose of our Character Days is to help students grow into well-rounded people, nurturing them to become kind, caring and empathetic young adults who are ready to make a positive impact on the world when they leave Penrice.

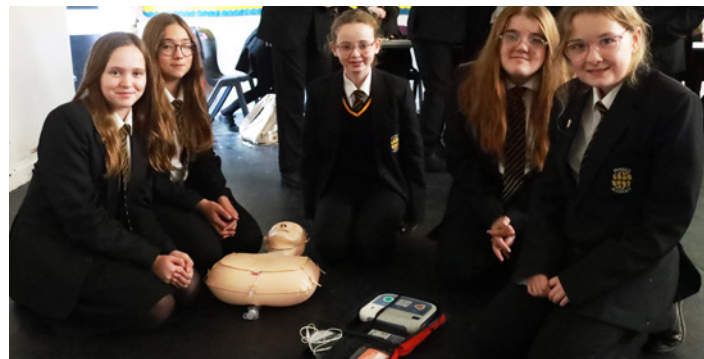
Across the two days, students have engaged in workshops including: Careers, Healthy Choices, Dental Hygiene, First Aid (Mini Medics), Values, Body Image (Social Media vs Reality), Fake News, and Rights in Relationships. In addition, to coincide with Anti-Bullying Week, as well as supporting our zero-tolerance approach to bullying, there have been workshops on Anti-Bullying and the concept of being a Positive Bystander (the concept that you don't have to be the one being bullied in order to report an incident).

I must praise all Penrice students who have fully engaged in these different lessons over the course of the last two days, asking lots of questions and being positive, inquisitive learners.

The end of this week is just a small part of our whole-school approach to [personal development and character](#) and we look forward to running more Character Days in the future.

More pictures along with further information on our Character Days can be found on the website's news blog (below) and social media.

[Character Days Blog](#)





**Miss Alex Archer**  
English Teacher

We're supporting  
Anti-Bullying Week 2022



You can too!

Anti-Bullying Week - 14-18th November  
#AntiBullyingWeek #ReachOut



### Anti-Bullying Week

This week is National Anti-bullying week and through assemblies, character tutor sessions and our Character Days, students have been engaging in really important conversations around bullying. We have been looking at the bystander effect and how important it is to report bullying we see or experience, as well as looking at what bullying can look like and the impact it can have on others. We are asking staff and students to pledge their commitment to changing the culture around bullying, especially around reporting and supporting their peers.

Students have also been asked to take part in a school-wide student voice survey about bullying which will help us to better understand how we can support them and what their biggest concerns are.

We hope that students feel they can talk to us directly if they do have anything they wish to report, but we also know that it can be daunting to do that in person, so we are reminding students that they can report any harmful behaviours via the '[Are you ok?](#)' button on our website instead if they would rather.

A useful Parent Pack on bullying has been put together by the Anti-Bullying Alliance as part of Anti-Bullying Week. It is certainly worth a read and can be accessed below (PDF: 3MB).

**Anti-Bullying Parent Pack (PDF: 3.4MB)**



### Coats Reminder

As we enter the rainy, cold, winter months, we fully encourage (and expect) students to bring a coat to school with them. Please encourage them to wear their coat each morning when they leave the house.

### Uniform and Jewellery Expectations Reminder

We started the academic year with fantastic uniform and we want to keep up these standards. With this in mind, please can you check that your child has all of the correct uniform as shown on the website's [uniform page](#).

Please pay close attention to the jewellery section as we have seen an increasing number of accessories confiscated since returning after half-term. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Water Problems (again)

You may have heard from your child about water problems at the school this week. Unlike February 2022 when the whole school was without water due to a burst water main, this time half of the site was without water. Despite the inconvenience this caused, we hope you empathise with our decision to keep the school open in order to minimise disruption to your child's learning time and to your childcare schedule.

We have worked closely with South West Water since Wednesday in order to fix the problem which turned out to be water pressure issues and, for now at least, the water supply seems to be fixed.

Thank you for your patience and we will continue to monitor the situation closely.



**Character Days: Visiting Careers Professionals**





**Mr Gerald Parry**  
Maths Teacher and CEW Lead

### Years 7, 8 & 9 - Curriculum Enrichment Week (CEW) 2023 has Launched

On Monday, we officially launched Curriculum Enrichment Week 2023!

This year, we're doing things slightly differently for Year 7 who will all enjoy the same experience over the course of 5 days!

For Years 8 & 9, CEW2023 runs similar to last July apart from the welcome reintroduction of international trips! We have a total of 13 local activities, 3 UK residentials and 4 overseas residentials for students to choose from!

The Year 8 & 9 booking deadline for Curriculum Enrichment Week (CEW) 2023 is on **Monday 21 November at 10:00pm**. If you haven't registered your child's choices yet then please read through the brochure with them over the weekend and access the booking form via the CEW2023 parent letter sent out at the start of the week. If you have any queries then please feel free to contact me via: [CEWenquiries@penrice.org.uk](mailto:CEWenquiries@penrice.org.uk).

**CEW2023 Webpage**



### Job Vacancies

We are currently advertising for a:

- Teacher of MFL
- Assistant SENDCo

More information can be found on the [website's vacancies page](#).



MANDARIN EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME  
**Learning Numbers with Chopsticks**



**Mr Laurie Goodlad**  
Director of Arts and Technology

### Winter Concert - 6pm on Thursday 13 December

Get into the festive spirit at our annual Winter Concert on Thursday 13 December in the Assembly Hall.

We're working on getting a booking system up and running. Please check next week's Parent Update when you will be able to reserve your place at this annual community favourite!



**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\*

Places are filling up for the joint-schools Careers Fair on Wednesday 23 November with over 125 families registered to attend so far!

Don't miss this great opportunity for your child to consider their next steps and chat with industry experts. More information is contained in the poster at the end of this Parent Update and the online booking system can be accessed below. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Register Here** (Eventbrite)



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

Pride

Respect

Success

YEARS 10 & 11

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# CAREERS FAIR



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

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