



Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

I write this week's Parent Update hot off the back of a fantastic joint-schools Careers Fair hosted at Poltair School. This was our first Careers Fair since pre-Covid in 2019 and it was great to resume normal service, offering our young people the perfect platform to consider their future pathways.

I was delighted to see so many Year 10 and Year 11 Penrice students walking through the event hall entrance – our online ticketing system said that we had around 170 Penrice families registered to attend. The Poltair Hall was a hive of activity, full of insightful and informative conversations between students and experts in a wide range of fields, sectors and industries.

We will, of course, look to run another Careers Fair next academic year. So, if your child is currently in Year 9 or below then there will be plenty of opportunities for them to consider their Post-16 options as they progress through their Penrice journey.

The full story can be read on the Penrice website.

[Full Story](#)



Mrs Lorraine Turner
Careers Lead

"I would like to give a big thank you to all our exhibitors, staff and guests at wednesday night's event.

The enthusiasm inside the busy hall was tangible; there was a really positive buzz in the room all night."



Mrs Lorraine Farr
Pastoral Support Team

Young Carers Recognised for £242.59 Fundraising Efforts

Congratulations to our [Young Carers](#) who received a fundraising certificate for the total of £242.59 following their Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September.

I'm incredibly proud of our young carers. They decided to run the coffee morning for teachers because they just felt that teachers did a lot for them so they wanted to give something back.

Any Young Carer is welcome to get involved. We meet every Wednesday afternoon (Break 2) in the Thrive Classroom. Young Carers are welcome to just pop in for a few minutes and grab a biscuit, or they can stay for the duration of the break. It is all about recognising what they do and helping our Young Carers realise that they are all part of a team, no matter what the care requirements of their family members. Well done all!

Macmillan Coffee Morning 2022

On this spot
the legendary

Penrice Academy

and friends hosted an epic
Coffee Morning and raised
£242.59

for an even more epic reason:

*Young Carers giving a
"little something" back to
their teachers.*

#MacmillanCoffeeMorning

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STUDENTS RECEIVE POWER OF POETRY COMPETITION CERTIFICATES

Our latest amazing young writers have received their certificates for the Power of Poetry competition and are now being published for their incredible work!

They were tasked with focusing on changing the

world for the better and making their voice heard with regards to the world and our environment. 30 of our students were chosen to have their work published from thousands of applicants across the country and should be really proud of their achievement.



Mr Paul Johnson
Head of Year 7

Year 7 Parent Update

Year 7 have been busy since returning from half-term and continue to impress us here at Penrice. We've had our Character Days, Remembrance commemorations, Character Reports and lots of sporting fixtures on top of Penrice Plus and preparations for the production of Matilda. This week, we have given out the first merit badges to those who have reached different milestones (starting at 25) to celebrate their successes. Congratulations to all who received recognition for their efforts.

Coats

The weather is definitely starting to prove more challenging. There is a large shelter for Year 7 at breaktimes but please make sure students have coats at school as the colder winter weather continues at this time of year and students are

outdoors for breaks and changeovers.

Attendance

Thank you for your support with attendance as we see more colds and coughs. We talk to our students about coming in on 50/50 days where you are still well enough to learn. Each day off is 5 hours of lost learning which we want to work with you to avoid. We continue to give out prizes each fortnight for 100% attendance for the last 2 weeks, which then resets, giving every student a chance to win.

Transition Process Survey

Moving forward, we will soon be sharing a survey with you reviewing the transition process. This follows on from the conclusion of your child's transition process which was the Meet the Tutor Evening.

Student Successes

Finally, thank you for continuing to share your children's successes outside of school. We have had many celebrated in assembly including dancing, gymnastics, synchronised swimming and motocross to name a few! Please do keep sharing!

WEBSITE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULED

Please note that the Penrice Academy website (www.penriceacademy.org) may be inaccessible during scheduled maintenance on Tuesday 6 December. Thank you in advance for your patience during this work.



Mr Gerald Parry
Maths Teacher and CEW Lead

CEW2023 Update - What happens next?

Year 7

As all Year 7 students will be participating in the CEW Experience, there is no need to apply. The total cost of the week will be £99, spread over 4 monthly payments starting on Friday 3rd February. Alternatively, you can start paying now via ParentPay if you wish.

Please remember to contact gparry@penrice.org.uk if you wish to apply for financial support. You will then be sent a form which will need to be submitted by Friday 2nd December at 9am (Extended - original deadline was Monday 28th November).

If there is any reason your child will not be able to participate in this week, please let us know at

CEWenquiries@penrice.org.uk as soon as possible.

Years 8 & 9

Thank you for submitting your CEW '23 applications. Over the next 2 weeks we will be reviewing these and trying our best to give as many students their highest preference as possible. Early December you will receive an email confirming the activity your child has been allocated along with a payment schedule. Deposits for residentials will be payable on ParentPay by Friday 16th December and for local/school-based activities by Friday 3rd February.

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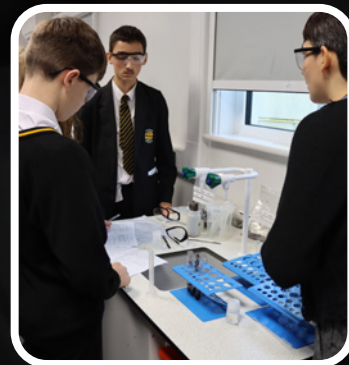
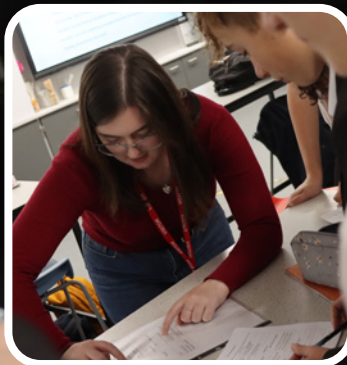
If you are yet to apply, please do so using the 'Late Application Form' link which was sent to you via text message on Monday. If we do not receive an application, your child will be allocated a place on a local/school-based activity which still has availability.

YEAR 9 SCIENTISTS ENJOY MINING WORKSHOP

There was plenty of curiosity in Year 9 science this week as Camborne School of Mines visited to lead a one-day workshop on mining in Cornwall – past, present and future.

Students first learnt about what makes the geology of Cornwall special, why it has so many mineral resources, and the demand for mining such resources (like lithium) in the aid of developing green technologies to help with the climate crisis. The day finished with a mining-related murder mystery which involved plenty of practical experiments which the students thoroughly enjoyed!

[Full Story](#)



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.

Penrice Academy's Winter Concert

Our annual Winter Concert will be returning this year and will take place on **Tuesday 13 December at 6.00pm** in the Main Hall at Penrice Academy. Doors will open at 5.30pm and refreshments will be available for donations.

There will be a variety of performances including The Penrice Academy Orchestra, Penrice Senior Choir, talented soloists and an excerpt from our upcoming musical Matilda the Musical.

Tickets are FREE but limited in numbers. You will need to book your tickets via [Eventbrite](#) beforehand to ensure you do not miss out. The online booking system opens at 8:00am on Friday 2nd December.

Letters will be sent home next week to students who have been selected to perform.



**ENGINEERING OPEN EVENT
TOMORROW IN PLYMOUTH**

At Cornwall College's Plymouth Engineering Skills Centre.
For those interested in exploring post-16 Engineering courses.





PENRICE ACADEMY PRESENTS ...

TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

WINTER CONCERT

Celebrate Xmas With Us

BANDS | CHOIRS | SOLOISTS

CONCERT 6 - 7PM

DOORS OPEN & REFRESHMENTS
FROM 5:30 PM

FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE ON
eventbrite

