



Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

We've officially entered December and this was marked by the Christmas Tree going up in the Penrice Reception. There are plenty of Christmas-themed announcements in this week's Parent Update including our upcoming Christmas Jumper Day, public carol singing performances by our talented musicians, our annual Christmas Foodbank collection and our highly-anticipated Winter Concert!

Before I hand over to my colleagues, I must say a few words recognising the efforts of our students this week. We have welcomed a wide range of visitors over the last five days and all of them, without exception, said how fantastic the school was with exemplary student behaviour and lesson engagement. We are asking students to continue with these high-performance levels between now and the end of term in order to make the most out of the next few weeks of learning time.

On that note, I must finish by giving a special mention to our Year 11 students who have followed our advice by treating their PPEs like the real thing this week. The levels of concentration and effort have been superb and this experience will really sharpen their skills and help them to identify gaps in their learning ahead of the final summer examinations. Best of luck in your final week of PPEs Year 11, keep up the great work!



Carol Singing at Par Market This Week

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.

Letters were sent home this week to students who have been selected to perform and tickets are available online (see link above). 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*.

PENRICE ACADEMY PRESENTS ...

TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

WINTER CONCERT

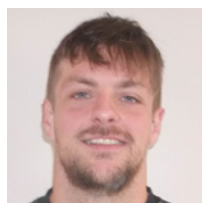


Mr Gavin Thomas
Assistant Headteacher

November Success

With November over, we can now share the successful efforts of our Mo Bros (and Mo Sisters), all in aid of raising awareness for men's health issues – both physical and mental.

It is certainly mission accomplished with plenty of curious students in class asking 'why the moustache sir?'. It has been great to be able to respond, explaining to pupils this worthy cause and teaching them that it is not embarrassing to visit doctors and talk about men's health problems at any age.



Mr Aaron Marks
Penrice Plus Lead

Penrice PLUS
Find Your Extra

Spring Term 2023 Activities Launch Next Week

Excitingly, we will be launching our new list of activities for Spring Term 2023 next week. This is our largest offer ever of over 50 activities. We have a huge variety of clubs from Arts, Wellbeing, Academic, and Sports. All activities are free, apart from Duke of Edinburgh.

Parent Input

We encourage every student to sign up for as many activities across the week as possible. Please find some time to sit down and discuss this with your child next week, including working out the logistics and any necessary arrangements you need to put in place for your child to attend.

The Sign-Up Process

Students will be invited to sign up via their tutor between the 9th and 13th of December. Please note that allocations are not made first-come first-served basis. As with every Penrice Plus sign up process, some clubs have limited capacity, therefore places cannot be guaranteed. We will always try our best to ensure every child gets fair opportunities – those students who didn't get their first-choice activity in Autumn Term are more likely to get their first-choice this term.

Communication

You will receive a text next week with a link to all the information (provided you have a mobile number registered with the school). The information will also be published on the website, on social media and in next week's Parent Update.

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.



Ms Tanya Coleman
Deputy Headteacher

Homework in Numbers

A big thank you for all your efforts with supporting homework this term; it has been a great success. Homework submissions have increased by **112%** on the same time period last year which is fantastic!

We also want to celebrate the fact that **87%** of the school population in the first half term didn't receive a homework detention.

We are also really impressed by the increasing numbers of students attending Homework Club both after school Mondays-Thursdays in CS3 and The Core and at Break 1 in The Core. Our students are really persevering with the skills of being a Penrice Learner.

Homework Points vs Behaviour Points

Just a reminder that homework points are completely separate to behaviour points. Homework points can be viewed on Satchel One. They will be reset to zero at the start of term in January. All students that received no homework points in the first half-term received **5 merits** for their consistency in maintaining excellent habits; this will be repeated at Christmas. Keep up the good work!

FARM UPDATE

Our Year 9 Animal Care students have been in the barn recently learning how to perform animal health checks on rabbits and guinea pigs.

Miss Harding has been teaching the students how to hold the animals safely and how to check their eyes, nose, mouth, ears, skin and more - including how to spot flea infestations.



Christmas Foodbank Collection

It's that time of year when we at Penrice show our fantastic support to our local community and the service provided by the St Austell Foodbank. In previous years, we have created whole Christmas meal packs and last year we had a list. However we are fully aware of the current climate and have decided that any contribution possible would be welcomed. Just one little guideline - can we please make sure that it's in date. Anything will be gratefully received, but ideas could be some biscuits, Christmas pudding or a tin of custard.

Collections have already begun and will run until Friday 16th December. Please bring your items to CL1 (Mrs Stevens' classroom) during Tutor Time where there will be a drop-off point.

Pride

Respect

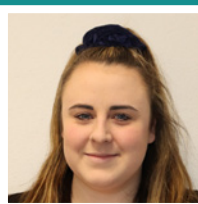
Success



SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 14 December
Christmas Jumper Day

Miss Alex Archer
English Teacher



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As the holiday season begins, we would love to get in the Christmas spirit with our annual Christmas Jumper Day.

This year, we will be encouraging students and staff to wear their most festive jumpers on Wednesday 14th December for a small financial donation of £1 for Save The Children or, instead, bringing in an item to add to our foodbank donations.

We would love to work together to support those in need at what can be a really challenging time of year.



Christmas Jumper Day 2021



Mr Gerald Parry
CEW Lead

Curriculum Enrichment Week (CEW) 2023 **Update for Years 8 & 9**

The payment window for non-refundable deposits for all CEW international and UK residential trips will be open from 12:00 on Friday 9th December until 15:00 on Friday 16th December. If your child has been allocated a place on an international or UK residential trip, please ensure payment is made during this payment window.



Mr Kev Toms
Head of Year 11

Year 11 PPEs

I would like to echo Ms Gambier's words from the start of this newsletter - a great effort by all of Year 11 this week!

Their behaviour has been exemplary during these PPE exams and they are giving it their all. Best of luck for next week as the PPEs continue.



Mrs Lorraine Turner
Head of Careers

Penrice Achieve CareerPilot Super-User Status

We are pleased to announce Penrice Academy is one of the first schools/colleges to meet all three criteria to become a [CareerPilot](#) Super User for this academic year.

All Penrice students are able to use the award-winning careers site which has been designed by career practitioners to help 11-19 year olds consider their next steps with accurate, up-to-date information.

Careerpilot

Super User 2022-23





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
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