



Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year and a warm welcome back to school. It was great to see so many refreshed faces entering the school gates on Tuesday morning following some well-earned rest and relaxation over the festive period. Today's Parent Update contains plenty of important information and lots to look forward to!

Expectations Reminders

At the start of every term, we always feel it is important to refresh parents and pupils about our expectations to ensure that we can all achieve success. With this in mind, we kickstarted the week with a whole-school assembly (delivered virtually) to remind students about school arrival time, uniform, jewellery, mobile phones, behaviour and sanctions, equipment/stationery, and coats.

Some key reminders from this assembly were:

- Our full uniform and jewellery requirements can be found on the [website here](#).
- Students have been given all the equipment/stationery they need this week. From Monday, we fully expect students to be equipped and ready to learn. Checks will be performed every morning in tutor.
- Students are expected to have arrived by 8.25am, ready for tutor registers to be taken at 8.30am prompt.

- We will not tolerate individuals disturbing the classroom learning environment for others. Sanctions and removals are used in such incidents.

A Word on Coats Indoors

Lastly, we also explained why students are not allowed to wear coats indoors (in the corridors). We feel it is important to share this explanation with parents too. This rule is in place because:

- We want all students to be looking their best and proudly representing the school. If everyone is wearing coats indoors, this cannot be achieved.
- When students wear wet coats in the corridors, they brush against other students who are not wearing coats who then get wet. Posters and displays also get wet and ruined.

Are we saying that students shouldn't bring coats to school? – absolutely not. All students should bring a coat to school, even more so considering the recent wet weather. All students should wear coats on their journeys to and from school, when walking between lessons via outdoor routes, and also at breaktimes and lunchtimes for when they are outside. We just ask students to take off their waterproofs when they enter a school building.

Final Words

Now all of that is out of the way, let us look ahead to a fantastic term which includes a Year 9 History Trip to Bodmin Jail, a Year 10 Geography Trip to Plymouth, World Book Day, National Careers Week and, most excitingly, the curtain raising on Matilda Jr – The Musical!

- Lucy Gambier





Ms Tanya Coleman
Deputy Headteacher

New Year, New Start for Homework

As we start the new academic year, it is really important that we build on our strong habits from last year and generate even greater improvements in ourselves. There were some excellent student habits around homework last term with over half of our cohort of students not receiving a single homework point. All of these students were rewarded with an additional 10 merits to recognise their excellent independent habits.

However, where homework habits were less well formed, the start of term provides a fresh start as all homework points are returning to zero from Monday and therefore there is an opportunity for all students to proceed through this term without receiving a homework detention. More importantly, this is a fresh opportunity to embed the habits of a successful learner.

Homework club is up and running for this term Monday to Thursday 3pm–4pm in The Core and CS3. Students are also able to drop into The Core every day in Break 1 on a voluntary basis to complete homework. I am confident that this term will be even more successful than last term and I will share some examples of excellent practice as the year progresses. Once again, thank you for your continued support in encouraging your child to become an excellent Penrice Learner.



YEAR 7 PARENT SURVEY
Feedback on the Transition Process

[Complete the Survey](#) 

Character Reports Out Soon

The latest half-termly Character Reports will begin to be handed out in tutors next week. The reports will be in hard-copy format (not electronic). The report will provide an assessment of your child's performance from the second half of last term (November to December). Please keep hold of each report and compare between previous time periods to regularly monitor your child's performance and attitude in lesson.

Explanation Videos

It is only the second time that these new, half-termly Character Reports are being distributed, so we fully understand that there will be lots of questions and parents trying to get to grips with the information and data shared in each report.

With this in mind, below are two explanation videos. The first is from Mr O'Brien which provides an overview of the Character Reports (this video was previously shared in October 2022). The second video is a new presentation created by Mr Wright who explains the report's 'Ready to Learn' scores in more detail.

An Introduction to Character Reports

(Previously Shared in October 2022)



Character Reports



An Introduction to Character Reports
Mr O'Brien | Deputy Headteacher



Understanding Your Child's Ready to Learn (RTL) Score (New Video)

Pride
Respect
Success



Find Your Future

Ready to Learn



Pride

Respect

Success



Mrs Donna McGrath
First Aid Instructor

Years 7 - 9 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Earlier this week, you should have received an email letter from Kernow Health regarding upcoming Nasal Flu Vaccinations for your child on Monday 16 January 2023.

You will need to complete an online consent form by the allocated deadline in order for your child to receive this vaccination.

A full copy of the letter, including the link to the consent form, can be found [here](#).



Mr Gavin Thomas
Assistant Headteacher

Year 11 Parents - Dates for your Diaries

YEAR 11 PROGRESS EVENING

THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY 2023 | 3.30PM - 6.00PM

Teachers will be pre-booking some appointments before online booking is available to parents from 7am on Friday 13th January. Full details of this event were sent home in a parent communication earlier this week.

YEAR 11 EXAM PREPARATION EVENING

THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2023 | TIMES TBC

An in-person event for parents and students to come in and get all the information they need to support Year 11 through the final GCSE exam process. Vital that all parents and students attend.



YEAR 11 HISTORY STUDENTS IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN WW1 MEDICINE WORKSHOP

Year 11 GCSE History students from Penrice and Poltair participated in an eye-opening and poignant joint-school workshop on Tuesday which focused on WW1 medicine.

Led by visitors David and Richard from Frontline Living History, the workshop explored the various injuries suffered in WW1 and the medical treatments used to help soldiers on the frontline. The purpose of the visit was to improve students' understanding of past illnesses, injuries and medicines, building their knowledge as part of their History of Medicines GCSE unit.

Over the course of two sessions, the duo talked through the various WW1 injuries including artillery wounds, bullet wounds, bayonet wounds, shrapnel wounds and, as the war progressed, injuries suffered by gas attacks and the defences against the different chemicals used.

Students were given the opportunity to hold various artefacts and models throughout the workshop, including a few lucky volunteers who got to sound gas alarms and wear gas masks in a short re-enactment.



Mr Aaron Marks
Director of Sports and
Penrice Plus Lead

Penrice Plus - Spring Term Allocations

Penrice Plus resumes next week. If your child has not heard from their tutor already, they will receive news of their Penrice Plus allocation(s) by the end of school on Monday next week at the very latest.

We are delighted to be offering over 50 clubs & activities this term, covering a broad spectrum of interests including Arts, Wellbeing, Academic and Sports – [full interactive brochure here](#).

Thank you for your help in encouraging your child to apply and get involved in our extra-

curricular programme – the sign-up levels have been fantastic! 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 during their journey through Penrice.



No Previous Experience Required



JOB VACANCY

SEN 1:1 Support

New year, new job?

Whether you're looking to get back into work or if you're looking for a refreshing career change, our vacant SEN 1:1 Support role is a highly rewarding position, helping the young people in our community get the most out of their time in education.

You do not need any teaching experience, or any prior experience of working in a school. However, what we are looking for is someone who is patient, nurturing and caring towards young people.

If you are interested in applying for this position and wish to have an informal conversation

about the role, please contact Abby Macdonald Operational SENDCo, on 01726 72163 or email amacdonald@penrice.org.uk

Contract Information

35 hours per week, 39 working weeks (Term time plus 5 days)

Actual Salary Range: £16,755 – £19,539 per annum

This job is being offered on a Fixed Term Contract until 31st August 2023.

Closing date for applications: 9.00am, Monday 30th January 2023

Learn More & Apply

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THU 19 JAN AT 7PM



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