



Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our second week back of the new year has been full of engaging lessons with focussed, curious Penrice learners who are making the most of their face-to-face teaching time and extra-curricular opportunities. The new term sees many subjects launch into new topics in the curriculum and you can find out everything that your child is currently learning on the [Curriculum pages](#) of our website.

Reporting on Your Child's Progress

This week represents a key moment for parents/carers across all year groups as you all have the opportunity to assess your child's progress. On Monday, we began handing out the latest Character Reports in hard-copy format to each child. Most reports have been handed out this week with the final reports being handed to students next week.

We believe that the development of character is central to your child's education – this is what will help them to become a well-rounded individual.

These Character Reports will help you visualise how your child is performing beyond grades with metrics such as Behaviour, Merits, Attendance, Ready to Learn score, and engagement in Enrichment opportunities. If you have not seen your child's Character Report by the end of next week then please contact the school Reception. Further information and help in understanding the reports can be found on the [website here](#).

Additionally, for Year 11, many results from the recent PPE exams have been shared with students this week. A few subjects will be sharing PPE results early next week – all before the Year 11 Progress Evening on Thursday 19th January. We hope that the PPE experience has served your child well and will help them to make the most of their final months of classroom time as they approach the home straight of their Key Stage 4 education.

What's in This Week's Parent Update?

There's plenty to share in this week's Parent Update including Careers & Work Experience updates, recognition of the Penrice community's support for the local foodbank, upcoming post-16 Open events and a look at Year 9's trip to Bodmin Jail earlier this week. Enjoy!

- Lucy Gambier

Cost of Living Support

In response to the ongoing cost of living crisis, we have created a new page on the website summarising all of the support available to Penrice families; this includes school-related support and living support outside of school.

If you have any queries after reading the page then please do contact us via the main reception. All calls are handled under the strictest confidentiality.





Mrs Lorraine Turner
Careers Lead

Year 10 Work Experience 2023 - Essential Deadlines

Completed Work Experience Placement Approval & Consent Forms must be returned by the following dates:

Out of County Placements
Friday 10th February 2023

Local Placements (In Cornwall)
Friday 31st March 2023

Please note that there can be no extension on the above deadlines. Students who fail to meet these deadlines will be enrolled on our in-school work experience week which includes workshops, careers research sessions and a range of visiting speakers.

Further information regarding Work Experience can be found on the Penrice [website page here](#).



Mrs Lorraine Turner
Careers Lead

Year 11 Careers Update

On 20th January, our Year 11 students will be focussing on their next steps/exploring courses and beginning and completing their college or sixth form applications online. Staff from the region's colleges and sixth forms will be around to support the tutor groups and those that have already secured their college places will be working on preparing for their next steps.

Recognition for Foodbank Donations

We were delighted to welcome Andy Payne from the St Austell Foodbank this week to present us with a certificate recognising our school community's amazing fundraising efforts this academic year, where we have already donated over half a ton of food. Thanks for your support!

Expect to see further exciting updates from our work with the food bank throughout this year.



YEAR 9 - SAVE THE DATES

Year 9 Progress Evening

Thursday 2nd February 2023 – Times TBC

A chance to talk to teachers virtually and learn about your child's progress this academic year. Parent letters to be sent home regarding this event in the very near future.

Year 9 Parent & Student Information Evening

Thursday 23rd February 2023 - Times TBC

An opportunity for parents and students in Year 9 to come in and listen to key information from our Raising Standards Lead & Assistant Headteacher, Gavin Thomas, about the second half of your child's journey through to GCSEs and beyond, highlighting how to be successful and get the most out of their remaining time at Penrice.



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BODMIN JAIL



YEAR 9 EXPERIENCE SPOOKS AND SCARES AT BODMIN JAIL

Year 9 experienced spooks, scares and time for reflection on Wednesday as they visited Bodmin Jail Attraction on a hair-raising History field trip.

The trip was all about exploring the history of capital punishment in the UK and Bodmin Jail has a fascinating story! Built in 1779, it served as a prison until 1923 and our fantastic tour guides explained that, during that time period, prisoners' conditions changed drastically including the introduction of minimum age requirements, bedding, single-sex cells,

disease prevention and re-education.

Bodmin Jail is rumoured to be one of the most haunted sites in Cornwall and the students felt chills when they learnt that, by law, all prisoners who were given the death penalty were buried within the grounds of the jail where they remain to this very day.

Year 9 will next be using this information in their unit on Contested Histories where they will be examining opinions on the good and the bad of prisons, crime and punishment over the course of history. More information on the Year 9 Curriculum can be found [here](#).

We look forward to visiting again in a few weeks when the other half of our Year 9 population get to enjoy the trip.



Mr Aaron Marks
Director of Sports and
Penrice Plus Lead

Excusing Your Child from a PE Lesson

A reminder that, should a student need to be excused from PE for a medical reason, then they must bring a signed parental note to the lesson.

PE staff have very limited access to computers during the day and therefore email communication is insufficient.



Miss Catherine Bell
MFL Teacher

Students Raise £285 for MFL Sponsor Child

A quartet of self-motivated Year 9 students have excelled themselves in raising £285 for our Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) overseas sponsor children (in partnership with Children International).

Over the course of 5 hours on Sunday 11th December, Lucas, Molly, Barnaby and Taran braved the elements and walked from Padstow to Bodmin in cold, icy conditions, covering 12 miles in total.

Each year, the MFL department liaise with Children International to identify overseas children in need of support. The £285 will be used to support Cristofer who lives in Ecuador and Maysa who lives in Colombia.

By sponsoring Cristofer and Maysa through Children International, we provide life-changing benefits such as medical and dental care, access to educational programmes designed to give them the support and tools then need to stay in school and have the best life chances. The funding also goes towards supporting community centres, where dedicated staff and volunteers are committed to helping them succeed.

Well done to Lucas, Molly, Barnaby and Taran for your determination to spend a day of your weekend raising money for this worthy cause.

Upcoming Post-16 Open Events

Truro College IB Diploma Information Evening
Thursday 19 January, 7pm.

Callywith College Open Day
Saturday 28 January, 10am to 3pm.

Duchy College
Saturday 28 January, 10am to 12pm (at both Stoke Climsland and Rosewarne campuses).

Falmouth Marine School
Saturday 28 January, 10am to 12pm.

Camborne College
Thursday 9 February, 5pm to 7pm.

St Austell College
Thursday 9 February, 5pm to 7pm.



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