



Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has flown by with a number of highlights including half of our Year 9 History cohort enjoying the Bodmin Jail experience on Wednesday followed by all of Year 10 heading to the Hall for Cornwall yesterday to watch An Inspector Calls as part of their English GCSE curriculum.

The trip leaders reported back that the behaviour of our students on these trips was impeccable. The enthusiastic Bodmin Jail tour guides said that we were one of the best-behaved secondary schools they have ever showed around and, in Truro, there were numerous comments from members of the public regarding how well our students represented Penrice. We are delighted to hear that your children are representing Penrice with such pride when on field trips and the relevant Heads of Year will be thanking students for their exemplary behaviour in next week's assemblies.

Planned Strike on Wednesday 1st February

Yesterday, [an electronic letter](#) was sent out to all parents/carers regarding next week's strike action. The letter covers the reasons for the strike and the logistics we are putting in place for Wednesday.

The key logistical points are as follows:

- Due to the strike, the school will have significantly reduced staff resource/capacity. We are therefore unable to open as normal.
- With final GCSE exams on the horizon, Year 11 have been prioritised and are expected to attend school on Wednesday. Buses will run as normal. Lunch will be available for Year 11s in the canteen on the day.
- Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 are to stay at home and learn remotely. A full day of tasks and homework will be available on Satchel One, however this will not be in line with all students' timetables. All students are expected to complete the work set.
- We may also be able to offer supervision to children from financially vulnerable families and/or critical workers. Please request a place by completing [this form](#) by 8.00am on Monday 30 January 2023. We will consider all requests based on our projected capacity but will only be able to offer a small number of limited places.

Thank you so much for your support. And please remember, if you need supervision for your child on the day of the strike, please complete the above-mentioned [form](#) before Monday at 8.00am.

Kind regards,

- Lucy Gambier



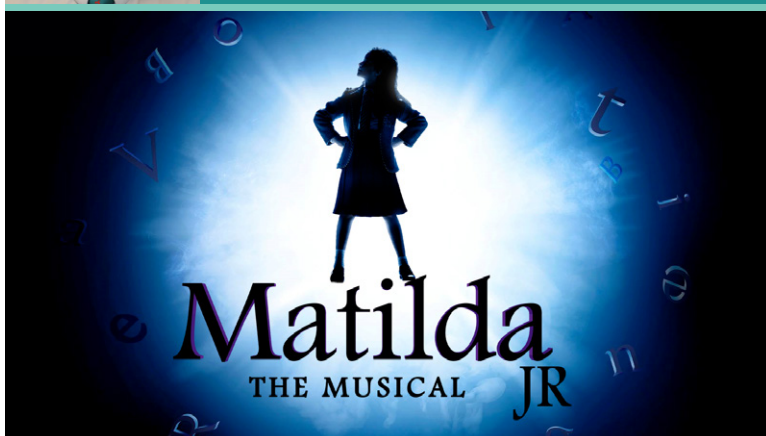
This Week's Year 7 Football Teams vs Brannel



Mr Laurie Goodlad
Director of Arts and Technology



Mr Tim Dyke
Teacher of Maths



Matilda Junior – Props Request

Our production of Matilda Jr. is fast approaching, and we are thrilled with how amazing it is looking and sounding already!

This is a plea to see if you can help us with any last remaining items that we need for the performance. If you are able to donate any of the following, please get in touch! I can be emailed on Lgoodlad@penrice.org.uk.

In short, we need: A hat/coat stand, an old suitcase, an old armchair, sequined tailcoats, Top hats, black tailcoats.

Prop Wishlist (PDF: 132KB) 



We're currently advertising for a number of teaching roles, many of which begin in September 2023. If you know a teacher who you think might be interested then please do direct them to our [vacancies webpage](#).

UKMT Maths Challenge Next Week

After a competitive selection process, selected Year 9 and Year 10 students have been chosen to compete in this year's UK Maths Challenge next week, on Thursday 2nd February.

The math problems involved are designed to make students think and encourages students to consider mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

Awards are available for the best performers, including potential qualification for future national rounds of the competition. Good luck to all students involved!

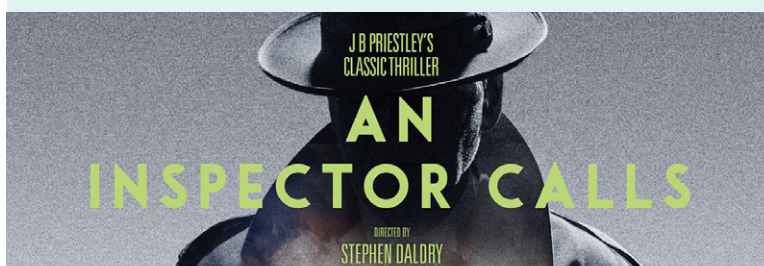


Miss Alex Archer
Teacher of English

Year 10 Enjoy 'An Inspector Calls' at the Hall for Cornwall

Yesterday, our Year 10 students travelled to Truro to see a theatre performance of 'An Inspector Calls'. This is a key text for their English GCSE and the enrichment experience will really help students to visualise the story and understand the characters.

It was a brilliant trip with an excellent and very entertaining performance. It really captured the messages that J.B Priestley wanted his audience to learn and our students loved seeing their GCSE text come to life. Our students behaved incredibly and we received compliments from the general public on how smart they looked and how well they represented the Academy.



CEW2023 CONFIRMATION LETTERS

Confirmation letters were sent out this week letting you know which trip/activity your child is enrolled on. If you haven't received anything yet, please contact the school.



Mr Dave Lewis
Deputy Headteacher &
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Foodbank Vouchers & Local Support Event

At Penrice, we have an ongoing our relationship with the local foodbank. As part of this link, we now have access to the voucher scheme to access the foodbank. If you need this support, please don't be afraid to ask. You can contact the safeguarding team and we can help; either call school and ask for the Safeguarding Team or email at DSL@penrice.org.uk

We would also like to draw your attention to the support they offer at the Foodbank. They run a drop-in on Thursdays where you can talk to the team. They offer support for a range of things including financial advice and mental health. Next week, on Thursday 2nd February, they will have the Citizens Advice there who will also be available to offer help on a drop-in basis.



Mr James Hammersley
Assistant Headteacher

Period Passes

In addition to last week's message regarding toilets, we are taking this opportunity to remind all female students about our available red card period passes via their tutors in the near future.

We understand that girls cannot always plan for the arrival of their periods which may take place during lessons. With this in mind, girls can request red period pass cards via their tutors which they can keep in their bags to use when required. This system has always proven successful, and many Penrice girls already know of and make use of the cards.

Crucially, this system operates on trust, and is monitored to ensure that the cards are used appropriately.

UPCOMING EVENTS

YEAR 9

YEAR 11

Year 9 Progress Evening (Virtual)

Thursday 2nd February 2023
3:30pm - 6:00pm

Talk to your child's teachers about their effort and attainment across all subjects they study.

[Copy of Letter \(PDF: 189KB\)](#) 

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

Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening

Thursday 9th February 2023
4:30pm - 5:30pm or 6:00pm - 7:00pm

A fantastic opportunity to meet together with parents and students of our Class of 2023 as we enter the final exam stage of Year 11.

We have multiple resources to give out at the event including: Exam preparation packs, Wall planners, Exam timetables, Subject specific revision materials and other equipment to help with revision.

[Copy of Letter \(PDF: 196KB\)](#) 

ASONE Hub Offers...

KS3/4 SONGWRITING & PRODUCTION MASTERCLASS LOVE SONGS AND ANTI-LOVE SONGS



Falmouth University | Mon 13 - Tues 14 FEB 2023 |
1000-1500

£20 | [Register here](#) or scan the QR code

This 2-day masterclass event is designed for KS3 and KS4 students who would like to write a song and produce their music ready for release. This event runs from 10am-3pm each day and takes place at the Amata Building at the Penryn Campus of Falmouth University.

asonehub.com/events

