



Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We begin our last week before half-term. Last week was particularly busy for our Year 11 students who sat their external exams for Engineering, Business Enterprise and Health & Social Care. The attitude towards the Year 11 exams has been exemplary and the large majority of students have reflected positively on their exams which bodes well.

Elsewhere in the school, a number of our Year 9s and 10s also took part in the national UKMT Maths Challenge as they attempted to qualify for round two! More on that later in this Parent Update.

On top of these happenings around school last week, I would also like to thank both parents and students for your cooperation during the strike day, demonstrating a real understanding and compassion to those who exercised their right to strike. There were fantastic rates of completion of work on Show My Homework with students clearly making the most of their remote learning time. Year 11 attendance on Wednesday was also excellent and their 'Chicken Friday Wednesday' free lunch was a particular highlight; Year 11 humorously accepted Mr Toms' apology for his naming of this lunch during an assembly earlier in the week.

Looking ahead to this week, we will be celebrating National Apprenticeship Week 2023 as well as hosting an important Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening. Further information is contained within this update.

Kind regards,

- Lucy Gambier



Mrs Lorraine Turner
Careers Lead



Apprenticeships

National Apprenticeship Week
6th to 12th February 2023

Penrice All Set for National Apprenticeship Week

We are ready to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week 2023 (NAW2023), taking place from 6th to 12th February 2023. NAW2023 brings together everyone passionate about apprenticeships to celebrate the value, benefit, and opportunity that apprenticeships bring.

[Full Story](#)



LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

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.

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Curriculum Focus **SCIENCE**

Miss Forshaw's Year 7 Science class was full of intrigue and curiosity on Thursday as students became sleuths in a 'whodunnit' pollution incident, investigating PH levels in soil on behalf of Mr Tweed.

Four fictional businesses were suspected of dumping/releasing industrial waste on Mr Tweed's agricultural land, polluting the soil and destroying all of his crops.

The four fictional businesses were:

- Mr Mears' Milk
- Denzel's Dishwasher Powder
- Mr Smith's Oven Cleaners
- Mr Jane's Drain Cleaners

Read the full story to find out how our Year 7s narrowed down the suspects!

[Full Story](#)



[Full Year 7 Curriculum](#)



Miss Forshaw Science Teacher

My Year 7 class love Science! They love getting stuck into their work and I couldn't ask for a better group of students!

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Students Take Part in National UKMT Maths Challenge

A select group of Year 9 and Year 10 students took part in the annual UKMT Maths Challenge on Thursday 2 February. This national competition is designed to make students think and encourage them to consider mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

This Maths Challenge is not like your standard GCSE paper. There are multiple choice answers which helps students, but on the flipside, students are penalised and deducted marks if they answer questions incorrectly! If a student does not know an answer, they are advised to not simply guess. Awards are available for the best performers, including potential qualification for future rounds of the competition, so good luck to all students involved!

Mrs Taylor, Maths Teacher, said: "Participating in the national UKMT Maths Challenge is a great thing for students to mention on college/apprenticeship applications and in interviews. It is very impressive! Also, by taking part in the Junior or Intermediate Challenges, students will also be more likely to be selected to take part in the Higher-Level Challenge in Post-16 education."

After the test, Travis (Year 10), reflected and said: "It was quite a hard test, but I gave it my best. I took part in the UKMT Maths Challenge in previous years, so I had a good understanding of the format. I achieved a Silver Certificate in the Junior Challenge in Year 9. The format was very similar to the test in Year 9, but the questions on this Intermediate Challenge were much harder."

The entire Maths Department wish our Year 9s and 10s the best of luck as they await their results.

UPCOMING VACCINATIONS 27TH FEBRUARY

This date will be for the routine childhood vaccinations of Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Meningitis ACWY. These particular vaccinations are for Year 9 and anyone who missed any of these jabs previously currently in Years 10 and 11.

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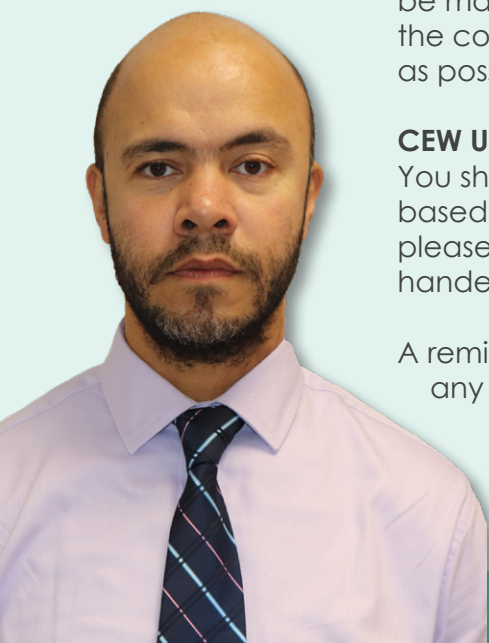
CEW Update – Year 7

A reminder that the first payment of £25 towards CEW 2023 is due. Payments can be made through ParentPay. If you are experiencing any difficulty in meeting the cost, please let us know by emailing CEWenquiries@penrice.org.uk as soon as possible.

CEW Update – Years 8 & 9

You should have by now received an email confirming your child's local/school-based allocation for CEW 2023. If you have not received this communication, please contact Reception as soon as possible so we can get a printed letter handed to your child in school.

A reminder that the first payment (second for residential trips) is due. If there is any reason your child does not wish to take up their place on their allocated activity or if you are experiencing any difficulty in meeting the cost, please let us know by emailing CEWenquiries@penrice.org.uk as soon as possible.



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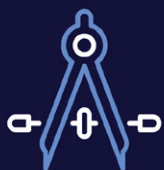
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EVENT**

**ON THURSDAY 16TH
MARCH | 5PM-9PM**

**AT THE NATIONAL
MARITIME MUSEUM
FALMOUTH**

**EARN AS YOU LEARN
AND SOLVE THE ENGINEERING
CHALLENGES OF TOMORROW**



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