



**Lucy Gambier**  
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We start today's Parent Update by extending a very warm welcome to parents and carers of our newest cohort who look forward to beginning Year 7 with us in September 2023. Cornwall Council issued their placement confirmations last week and we're super-excited to be welcoming another 300 families into the Penrice Community!

For those of you who are receiving a Parent Update for the very first time, this is a key channel

of communication for Penrice parents/carers which regularly contains important announcements, diary dates and community news. We look forward to keeping you informed of Penrice happenings so that you quickly feel part of the community before your child starts with us in September.

### In Today's Update

As always, there is lots to share! However, the two big headlines to be aware of are today's official launch of Summer Term Penrice Plus (extra-curricular offering) and the curtain raising on our school production of Matilda Jr. next week. Enjoy!

- Lucy Gambier

## PENRICE PLUS - SUMMER TERM 2023 ACTIVITIES UNVEILED

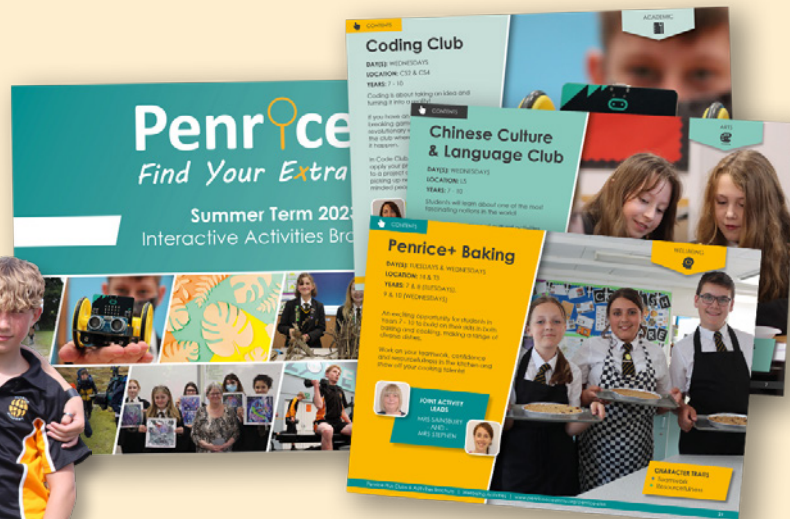
We have just launched our Summer Term 2023 Penrice Plus programme, sharing an interactive digital brochure and matrix of all of the activities. Students will be asked to register for activities next week. This will then allow us to kickstart the programme of extra-curricular as early as possible in the Summer Term.

We're asking all parents and carers to sit down with their child(ren) over the weekend and pick out some activities to apply for. Pupils must apply via their tutors during next week.

Please remember that applications are not awarded on a 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 previous terms are more likely to get their first-choice this term.

Your child will be informed on whether or not their club applications have been successful when we return after Easter.

**FULL INFORMATION**



# MATILDA JR. UPDATE

After announcing on social media that next week's school production of Matilda Jr was sold out on 8th March, a small number of tickets have become available following cancellations. Please keep checking Parent Pay to snap up any late tickets as and when they get returned!

Wishing all of our performers the best of luck for next week. I have no doubt that they will take to the stage with great courage and Penrice Pride.

[Further Information](#)



**Mr Paul Johnson**  
Head of Year 7

## Year 7 Update

Now we have completed half of this school year, there have been so many Year 7 successes both inside and outside of school. Whether it is on the sports field or in the classroom, the year group have made their mark on Penrice!

I warmly encourage you (as parents and carers) to keep sending me news of their achievements so we can celebrate them as a year group. Photos are always a really welcome addition!

On occasion, there may be news you want to share but not have celebrated publicly: I am also happy to receive this too and will congratulate students privately.

As we approach the Summer Term and the warmer weather, there will continue to be many opportunities for Year 7 to get involved. I have spoken to Year 7 in assembly and explained that it is up to them to take these opportunities; people won't always come to them, they need to take the initiative!

Talking of opportunities, the next round of Penrice Plus activities have been shared in this Parent Update. Let's see if we can get everyone involved in something for the last term of the school year!

## STRIKE ACTION NEXT WEEK

Please be aware that the National Education Union (NEU) are taking strike action on Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March next week.

We have sent out a separate parent letter regarding our arrangements for these dates. Please read the letters carefully as next week's strike days will run differently to previous strike days.

Please note that the above planned strike dates do not affect the performances of our highly-anticipated production of Matilda Jr next week.





## CELT PRIMARIES ENJOY MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES DAY

“ On Friday last week, we invited all CELT Primary Schools to join us for a full day of language activities hosted by our fantastic Year 10 student ambassadors.

The day kicked off with a hilarious French language play, followed by a cycle of secondary language taster sessions in French, Spanish, world languages and an introduction to the Mandarin Excellence Programme - a programme that all Year 6 students will have the opportunity to apply for before starting at Penrice in September!

In addition to this, all students took part in a range of French and Spanish speaking activities led by our fabulous Year 9 Language Ambassadors and student volunteers.

Feedback from the primaries has been hugely positive and we're keen to host this again next year.

Myself and the MFL team extend a massive thank you to all Penrice students who represented the school and its key values exceptionally.



**Mrs Yeo**  
Head of Languages



**Mrs Lorraine Turner**  
Careers Lead

### Year 10 Work Experience 2023

A reminder that you can find a wealth of information regarding the upcoming Year 10 Work Experience week on the Penrice website using the link below.

Please note the deadline for returning the green Approval and Consent forms back into school (this includes the employer completing their part) is Friday 31st March 2023.

[Work Experience Webpage](#)



## MEET OUR FUTURECHEF NATIONAL FINALISTS



### BEST OF LUCK FREYA!

We wish Year 9's Freya the best of luck for this weekend as she travels to London to compete in the national final of Springboard's Future Chef competition!

Freya qualified for the national final after winning both the county and regional rounds, receiving high praise from the judges. You can read about Freya's story so far by [clicking here](#).

# FREE STUDENT WEBINARS

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#### POST-16 EDUCATION OPEN EVENTS



##### Falmouth Marine School

Taster Day – Saturday 11 March, 10am – 12pm.



##### Duchy College Stoke Climsland

Open Evening – Wednesday 22 March, 5pm – 7pm



##### Duchy College Rosewarne

Open Event – Saturday 25 March, 10am – 12pm

Pride

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MOVE**

**Holiday Programme**

**Ages  
5-16**

**Easter 2023**

**Yoga, circus skills, rock  
pooling, multi-sports, forest  
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**Every session includes a healthy meal for all children.**

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