



Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write today's letter with Year 11's 24-Hour Charity Challenge currently in full swing in the Assembly Hall. For those parents who we have recently welcomed into the Penrice community, the 24-Hour Challenge is an annual Penrice fundraiser where students volunteer to take shifts dancing, cycling and rowing as a team, non-stop for 24 hours. The event is always a highlight of the academic year and the charity being supported this time around is Children's Hospice South West whom we have a close connection with. We wish our Year 11 volunteers the best of luck as they show great resilience approaching the final stretch of this marathon endurance challenge. We'll be sure to share a fundraising total next week.

Celebration Assemblies

Also taking place in the Assembly Hall this week have been the Celebration Assemblies for Years 8, 9 and 10. It has been wonderful to see the achievements of all students recognised, greeted

with applause from the year groups as individuals walk up to collect awards, certificates and prizes. Year 7's Celebration Assembly takes place next week before the winning tutor groups get to enjoy the highly sought-after end of term Penrice Cinema Trip!

Year 8 Eden Trip

Lastly, this week saw our Year 8s head to the Eden Project for a Geography field trip. It is always nice to mix up the learning environment once in a while, especially with such a world-leading attraction that celebrates biodiversity right on our very own doorstep. The Year 8s thoroughly enjoyed this learning experience and they behaved exceptionally in public; they are a real credit to the school.

A member of public wrote a letter to the school following Wednesday's trip. An extract reads: *"The pupils visiting Eden Project today were an absolute credit to Penrice Academy. Not just one or two of them - every single one of them."* The letter finishes by saying: *"They are amazing young adults and deserve to be praised for how they conducted themselves today. I wish them all a bright future and lots of success in their future studies."*

- Lucy Gambier



LOST PROPERTY REMINDER

We have a large number of items in lost property - coats especially. Any named items are always returned to students, however anything unclaimed at the end of term will go to Penrice Pre-Loved or a charity shop. Please ask your child to check the lost property rail next to Reception before the Easter break.



Miss Zoe Garrod
Ghana Trip Coordinator

Non-Uniform Day & Easter Egg Raffle

A massive thank you to all those who donated either money or items today as part of our non-uniform day and Easter egg fundraisers.

All donations will go towards supporting our visit to Rhema Abutia School in Ghana and will make a huge difference to the children in this community!



Mr Laurie Goodlad
Director of Performing Arts

Matilda Photos

We now have a [full online image gallery](#) available on the Penrice website - containing all of the photos from the three magical evenings.

Please feel free to share the page with family and relatives who may wish to re-live the performance or for those that may not have been able to attend for whatever reason.



We are currently on the lookout for:

- Casual Cover Teachers (immediate start)
- Teacher of English (required for September 2023)

Visit our [vacancies page](#) for more information and to apply.



[Full Online Image Gallery](#)

MOTHER'S DAY IN THE SFC

On Friday last week, we encouraged a small group of students to come together in the Student Family Centre. Mother's Day can be a difficult day for some of our students whose mum, or any other female close to them, has passed away. Emotions can run high and they are constantly reminded that their mums are no longer around at this time of year.

Friday was a great opportunity for invited students to come together to celebrate and remember the special ladies in their lives by using arts and crafts and sharing stories and memories.

It really was the best day and a lovely way to end the school week.





Mr Gavin Thomas
Assistant Headteacher

Year 9 Parent Information Evening Follow Up

It was great to welcome so many families into the school earlier this month as we shared key information and celebrated the halfway point through your child's 5-year Penrice journey.

For those who missed the Parent Information Evening, links to electronic copies of the key resources can be found below.

[Class of 2025 Timeline](#)
(PDF: 133KB)



[Presentation Slides](#)
(PDF: 1.3MB)



This Week's Football Teams



TERM DATES

Next Friday (31st March) will be the last day of term as we finish for Easter. We return on Monday 17th April, starting with a **Week B** timetable.

All future Penrice term dates can be found on our website.

[Future Term Dates](#)



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PENRICE HONoured TO HOST REGIONAL AMSP MATHS FEAST

Penrice Academy was lucky enough to be selected to host the region's Maths Feast yesterday (Thursday 23 March).

Run by the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme (AMSP), the Maths Feast is a fun educational challenge for Year 10 students which tests problem-solving and teamwork skills. Teams of four students test their maths skills with an all-you-can-eat feast of problems!

A total of 10 teams travelled to Penrice to take part in this year's competition with schools as far west as Helston and as far east as Exeter. Penrice entered two teams.

[Full Story](#)

Mrs Donna McGrath
First Aid Instructor

HPV Vaccinations for Years 8 & 9

Kernow Health are visiting Penrice in May to run HPV Vaccinations for Year 8 and any students in Year 9 who missed them previously. Please see the relevant letters below for more information. A useful link to HPV vaccine information is also provided below. You will need to grant your consent before the deadline to ensure your child receives the vaccine.

[Year 8 HPV Letter
\(PDF: 204KB\)](#)[Year 9 HPV Letter
\(PDF: 152KB\)](#)[HPV Vaccine
Parent & Pupil Information](#)

Maths Feast



24-Hour Challenge

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