

Message from Head of Year

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Head of Year 8



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The Summer Term is a very exciting one for Year 8. The focus on options will support the year group in the choices they make for the next steps in their Penrice Journey and beyond and I would encourage you to attend the Options Evening. In our assemblies and Tutor times for the first half term we will be focusing on the virtues of performance to address confidence, resilience, preparedness for EOY exams and the Options process. The final half term revisits the 'Moral' virtues. Students will explore some more concepts that underpin the 'Moral' virtues and end with an opportunity to reflect on the year and celebrate achievements. The term is jam-packed with opportunities both in and out of the classroom so attendance will remain a focus as we don't want anyone to miss out! The term ends with our amazing CEW - the perfect way to end the school year!

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What to look forward to?

At Penrice we believe in providing our students with exceptional opportunities to support their **wider development** and **experience new things**.



Summer Term Penrice Plus



UK Junior
Maths
Challenge



Year 8 Students are working towards a Regulated **Level 1 Qualification** this Term - **The Bronze Arts Award**



Cornwall Music
Service Tuition
Lessons



9/5

Spanish
Play

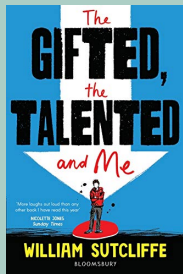
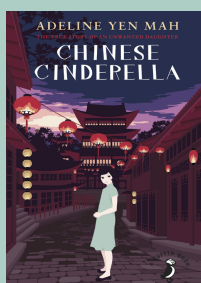
Year 8 Options



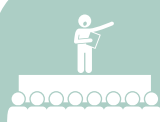
We recognise that choosing your options is a hard decision. To support students make the right choices for them we will:

Y8 Options Evening - To explore the options available
Individual Student Meetings - Senior staff will meet individually with every Year 8 student to discuss their options and future career pathways

All students will have their tutor read to them...



Summer Term
Celebration
Trips and
Events



Character
Days - Looking
at a range of
topics and
themes - More
info to follow



Year 8 Options Evening

Thursday 4th May

Year 8 Virtual Progress Evening

Thursday 11th May

Parent Forum

Wednesday 10th May

What is my child learning about this term?

English	Media - Students will analyse a range of nonfiction media texts to inform. Of Mice and Men - Students will explore Steinbeck's message on key issues in America in 1930s.
Maths	Fractions, Percentages, Equations - Students will solve a range of equations to obtain solutions to a variety of problems within both concrete and abstract contexts.
Science	Waves - Students will understand the science behind sound waves and light waves. Magnets - Students will learn about magnets, electromagnets and how compasses work.
History	1900-present: Did everyone experience the same war? Was America right to drop the atomic bomb? What was the greatest turning point in Russian history?
Geography	Opportunities and challenges in a desert environment - Students will understand the climate and characteristics of a hot desert. Reading will be used in this topic to show what life is like in Ethiopia.
French / Spanish	Social media and new technologies - Students will learn different types of new technologies - the pros and cons of social media, online activities, expressing preference in their chosen language
Computer Science	Mobile app development - Students will learn about the entire process of creating their own mobile app, using App Lab from code.org.
Art	Future Planet - Students will start by looking at the work of Bendetta Cappa, the style of futurism, and its place in the timeline of art isms.
Drama	Purpose of Theatre – Face: The Play - Students will explore the purposes of theatre and consider its ability to expose subjects and ideas to an audience. They will learn about the content and context of Face: The Play by Benjamin Zephaniah and Richard Conlon.
Music	Developing Ensemble Skills - Learning about group ensemble Rock 'n Roll, students will focus on combining walking bass, chords, melody and drums, as well as how to add in improvisation.
Food Technology	Mass Production - Students will learn about mass and batch production of foods for consumption, including the use of additives and why they are used in foods to extend shelf life.
Design Technology	3-2-1 Blast Off! - Students will begin by learning about aerodynamics – what this is, and how the principles of aerodynamics can be applied in aero design and manufacture.
Character	In sharing skills, students will learn how to demonstrate autonomy, critical thinking, volunteering, and reflection. They will learn how to confidently share a skill with others and learn to appreciate the value of sharing skills and experiences with others.
CLASS	Digital literacy - Students will identify ways in which they could be groomed or exploited, recognise warnings signs, what the consequences could be and how to report.
RE & World Views	Prophets and the Inspiration to Live Well, Christianity, Christian and Humanist Ethics
Core PE	Striking & Fielding - Cricket & Rounders Athletics - Track and Field Events

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