



Parent Update 12 May 2023



Lucy Gambier Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a memorable and emotional experience for our Year 11s today as they completed their final timetabled lesson at Penrice, passing a key milestone as they enter the home straight of their 5-year journey with us.

All Year 11 students shared laughter and heartfelt warmth as they reflected on their Penrice journey in their Final Assembly which took place after Break 1. The assembly contained a wide range of photos dating back to 2018 when they started in

Year 7 and the students were in good humour as they looked back on how much they have grown!

After lunch, students took to the dancefloor at a Silent Disco. Their day ended with a memorable guard of honour as they exited the school.

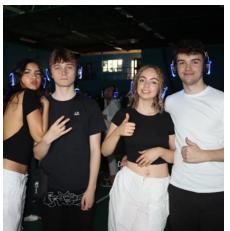
Year 11's studies certainly don't end here. Over the next month, all Year 11s are required to be in school attending revision classes targeted at their exam subjects, so we will continue to see all of them around Penrice for a little while longer.

With exams starting next week, all that's left to say is good luck Year 11 – we know that you'll do us proud!

Lucy Gambier















YEAR 11 YEARBOOK There were plenty of memories shared with Year 11 today. Students can cherish these memories forever with a copy of our Class of 2023 Yearbook! Ordering of the Yearbook is now open on parent pay. An upfront £5 deposit is required with a deadline of the 19th May to ensure enough orders can be placed to fulfil the outside company's requirements.



YEAR 8 OPTIONS

Year 8 Options Update

A big thank you to all who attended last week's Year 8 Options Evening. It was great to see so many of you in the Assembly Hall before you all headed off to the various departments for subject-specific information. Our teachers have started following up with Options interviews for Year 8 students throughout this week.

The Options Form is live as of today and your child has until 9:00am on 19th May to complete. To further help your child make informed choices, an interactive Options Brochure is also available. Everything you need, including the options form, can be found via the link below.

Year 8 Options





Year 6 Transition Update

We are delighted to welcome next year's Head of Year 7, Mr Darbourne, to the Penrice community. In order to introduce himself and share key information regarding the Year 6 transition process, Mr Darbourne has recorded a video which has also been placed on the Transition Hub along with other key information.

Also shared in the video is the date of our official Welcome Day which will take place on Monday 3rd July. This will be followed by a Year 6 Parent and Pupil Information Evening.

Year 6 Transition Hub



HPV VACCINATION ON 22ND MAY Kernow Health are visiting Penrice on Monday 22nd May for HPV immunisations. This vaccination is for students in Year 8 and older students who missed the jab in previous years. SCHOOL CODE: EE136573

Consent Form Link



HPV Information





Breakfast Club

8:00am - 8:20am Mondays - Fridays*



*during term time only





Mr Gerald Parry CEW Coordinator

We're counting down the days until Curriculum **Enrichment Week!**

CEW2023 - Year 7

A reminder that the deadline for final payments for the Year 7 CEW Experience is on Wednesday 17th May. If you are experiencing any difficulties in meeting the cost, please contact

CEWenquiries@penrice.org.uk as soon as possible.

CEW2023 - Years 8 & 9

Over the past few months, we have done our best to facilitate requests for students to move from one activity to another. Barring exceptional circumstances, we will be unable to process any further activity change requests after Friday 19th May 2023.

The deadline for making full payment for your child's activity was last Friday (5 May 2023). If you have not yet paid the final instalment, please log onto ParentPay and make full payment as soon as possible. Students will only be able to participate in their chosen activity if payment has been received in full. If you need support with meeting the cost, please contact:

CEWenquiries@penrice.org.uk.



PARENT **FORUM**

Thank You

Thank you to all those who attended our Parent Forum this week. There were hugely positive and constructive discussions on how we can continually improve at Penrice. We will be sure to let you know the date of the next Parent Forum when it is set.







"Congratulations to our amazing Ten Tors challengers and Ten Tors staff who represented Penrice recently at the official event on Dartmoor!

Having trained since Autumn Term 2022, this year's challengers excelled themselves, enjoying that emotional and satisfying moment of crossing the finish line having formed lifelong friendships with many of their teammates."

MS PENROSE - TEN TORS COORDINATOR

Full Ten Tors Review - Written by Ms Penrose







St Austell Festival of Children's Literature

Saturday 17th June 2023





















We are very excited to be bringing 16 author events to St Austell on 17th June 2023. We know the difference children choosing to read can make to their future life chances. The OECD

recognises reading for pleasure as the single most important indicator of a child's future success.



The Waterstone's Children's Laureate charter also highlights that children have the right to see an author event at least once. We are providing 16 opportunities for them to see fantastic authors and illustrators.



Events include AF Steadman whose book, Skandar and the Unicorn Thief, is the biggest selling for a debut author in the past 20 years. Sufiya Ahmed who will be using the festival as the South West launch of her brand new World War 2 spy drama, Rosie Raja: Mission to Cairo. Justyn Edwards will bring a touch of magic. There will be dance with Sarah Tagholm and her disco cats, and impossible questions from Isabel Thomas.





We have many fantastic picture book authors including Naomi and James Jones, Clare Helen Welsh, Rebecca Cobb and Jodie Lancet Grant. The wonderful Julie Sykes and Anna Wilson will captivate early chapter book readers.



We are really happy that we have lots of Cornwall based authors and illustrators including Ben Rowswell, Ellie Thompson, Emma Mcann, Tracy Curran and Kate Jane Neal. All of whom have excellent activities planned to entice a variety of interest.





Events will be in White River Cinema, St Austell Library, Unit 4 and a pop up unit in White River Place There will also be a festival book shop where you can meet the authors and buy signed books.





Tickets are just £1.00 and you can use the ticket to get £1.00 off a book from the Festival bookshop.

Full details, including recommended ages are available on www.crbo.co.uk. You can also scan the QR code below

Best wishes The Festival Team





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