



Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels like we have barely blinked since returning after Easter, but here we are, already at half-term! There have been so many highlights over the past six weeks including [Ten Tors](#), [Year 11 Celebration Day](#) and the [expansion of our Breakfast Club](#) provision. To top it off, there has been further great news at Penrice this week with students achieving our best results ever in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge and the school reaching a Mini Medics milestone – more information on both of these stories contained in this Parent Update.

I must also take this opportunity to commend our Year 11s for their fantastic attitude and hard work over the past two weeks during their final exams. There has been a hugely positive aura around the school with Year 11s in good spirits and supporting each other. There is a real sense of togetherness amongst the entire year group and it is wonderful to see. Mr Thomas has prepared [an information video for Year 11 parents](#) (sent out yesterday) which covers what to expect over half-term, including booster sessions, and the final few weeks of exams. Continue the great work Year 11!

For all other year groups, we look forward to seeing you again on Monday 5 June.

Have a lovely half-term.

- Lucy Gambier

3,000 TRAINED

Penrice Celebrate Mini Medics Milestone

We've reached a milestone! 3,000 Mini Medics trained since 2017!

Our final Year 7 group took a break from their normal timetable on Thursday last week as they learnt one of the most important lessons of all - how to save a life! The group of 60 students tipped us over the 3,000 mark.

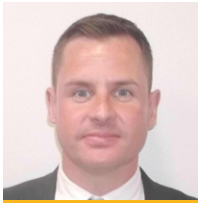
Our Mini Medics programme ensures all students develop basic skills in First Aid and Defibrillation. An enormous thank you to all students who have taken part in the programme since it began in 2017.

None of this would be possible without the wonderful Mrs McGrath, Penrice Academy's First Aid Instructor, who launched the programme when she joined us 6 years ago.



[Full Story](#)





Mr Carl Foster
Deputy Headteacher -
Behaviour and Attendance

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to introduce myself.

My name is Mr Carl Foster and I will be joining Penrice Academy on Monday 5th June as the Deputy Headteacher overseeing student behaviour and attendance. I feel honoured and privileged to be a new member of staff and have been fortunate enough to spend several days in the school recently.

Both the staff and students have been extremely approachable and accommodating which has allowed me the opportunity to observe many of the systems and structures currently in place and it has been clear to see why Penrice Academy is Cornwall's top-performing state secondary school.

There are many excellent things that are happening at Penrice ranging from excellent Teaching and Learning, to a vast amount of student enrichment opportunities.

After working in schools for many years, I am aware that like people of any age, some students will push boundaries from time to time. As a school, we need to be clear about what is and what is not permitted. We also identify, that if we get the basics right every day, routine and consistency is developed, which breeds a culture of safety and fairness. This culture then allows students to thrive, which is the ultimate goal for any excellent school.

On Tuesday the 6th June, I will be formally holding an assembly for all students in Years 7 – 10. The purpose of the assembly is to introduce myself and ensure that students are clear on the daily expectations and to ensure that all students have

the best chance of success.

In preparation for this assembly, I thought it would be appropriate that all parents and carers are reminded of these expectations. Therefore, please can I ask for you to take a few moments to discuss the following with your child:

Jewellery

- Students are only permitted to wear one set of ear studs and one discreet ring. Items such as hooped earrings, multiple earrings/rings or bracelets are not permitted. Any items worn that are not permitted will be confiscated and sanctions issued.

Uniform

- Full school uniform must be worn at all times and be in accordance with our uniform policy. You can view the uniform policy by [clicking here](#).
- Any missing items of uniform may be loaned, or a parent/carer may bring replacement items to school. Please be aware that students will not be allowed in the circulation of school if they do not meet the uniform requirement.
- Students must ensure that shirts are tucked in at all times. If a student is asked on more than one occasion to tuck in their shirt, a 3-point sanction will be issued.
- A reminder too that socks must be plain black with no logos and must not be trainer socks. The ankle should not be visible.
- Coats/Jackets/hoods- Coats/Jackets must only be worn outside. If a student is entering a building, the Coat/Jacket must be removed. Again, if there is a need to ask any student more than once, a 3-point sanction will be issued.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Carl Foster



Careers Visit to Norland College, Bath (Last Weekend)

Exams & Boosters

1/2 Term Update



Year 11 Parent Update Video from Mr Thomas



Additional date!
12TH 13TH & 14TH JUNE
MANDARIN
TASTER
LESSONS

Year 6 - Mandarin Excellence Programme Update

Due to popular demand, we're delighted to announce that we will be running one extra Mandarin Taster Lesson on Monday 12th June for Year 6 pupils who are considering joining the Mandarin Excellence Programme.

The 13th June and 14th June sessions are now fully booked. All parent/carers who booked a Taster Lesson for their child on or before 24th May 2023 will have successfully secured a place on their chosen date. Confirmation via email will be communicated to all parent/carers very shortly.*

*Maximum of one Taster Lesson per family.

To find out more about our Mandarin Excellence Programme and to book on to the Taster Lesson on Monday 12th June, [please click here](#).



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Breakfast Club

8:00am - 8:20am
Mondays - Fridays*
In the Canteen



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*Term time only. Ask your parent/carer to sign you up.



Breakfast Club Update

A huge thank you to MCKS for supporting our expanded Breakfast Club so far this term. We had some breakfast supplies left over - some of which we've been able to pass directly onto Penrice families and others that have been delivered to the food bank to be passed onto those in our wider community who can benefit over the upcoming school holidays.

We will receive a new delivery of breakfast supplies from MCKS ready for when we return in June. A reminder that any family/student can sign up to the Penrice Breakfast Club. To sign up, [simply complete this form](#) so we know of any dietary requirements and then we can provide your child with breakfast any school morning they want.

The foodbank is close by, well stocked and also ready to help - you just need a referral, which we can make. So if you could do with some support, please visit our [Cost-of-Living page](#) for more information and get in touch with us.

WE ARE NOW ON INSTAGRAM



@PenriceAcademyOfficial



Penrice Pre-Loved & Uniform Support Reminder

A reminder that Penrice Pre-Loved is available as we approach the end of another academic year. Penrice Pre-Loved is all about giving old uniform and school equipment a new home, re-using perfectly good items and reducing carbon footprint together. [Click here for more information](#).

We also have allocated funding available to support families in hardship to purchase new uniform - please get in contact with Mrs Kirstin Hooper via khooper@penrice.org.uk if you would benefit from this support.

GHANA FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The donations have been received and the coins have been counted! We are delighted to share the news that we raised a whopping total of £2,335.48 at the end of Spring Term through our non-school uniform day, student Easter Egg raffle and staff Easter Egg raffle.

Over £800 of these funds were raised following incredible support from the local business community in the form of Easter Egg bundles, monetary, voucher and prize donations from the following companies (click/tap to visit websites):

[Polymermedics](#)
[Trusted Tech Truro](#)
[St. Eval](#)
[Kinetic Energy Fitness](#)
[Morelli & Co \(St Austell\)](#)
[Cornwall Football Golf](#)
[Holmbush Windows Limited](#)
[Becky's Fitness in St. Austell](#)

A huge thank you to the Penrice and local community for supporting our upcoming school aid trip to Ghana! Thank you all for your support and generosity. We know that these funds will go a long way to supporting our Ghanaian sponsor school, making a positive impact on the lives of so many whilst also developing our students' character through such an unforgettable overseas experience.



ZIDANE

Our First-Ever UKMT Junior Maths Olympiad Qualifier

UKMT JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE SUCCESS

Well done to all Year 7 and 8 students who received certificates recently for their participation in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge.

We are delighted to share the news that six students have qualified for the next round of the highly-competitive UK Maths Trust (UKMT) Junior Maths Challenge, making this year Penrice Academy's best performance ever in the competition!

A special mention must go to Zidane in Year 7 who did so well that he has qualified for the Junior Maths Olympiad! Zidane is the first-ever Penrice student to achieve this feat, scoring over 85%! Congratulations Zidane, you should be very proud of your achievement!

Results Summary

13 Gold Certificates (6 of whom qualify for future rounds).
6 Silver Certificates.
29 Bronze Certificates.

**RIDING
BIKES TO
SCHOOL**

As the weather improves, we are seeing an increasing number of students riding their bikes to school. This is a great form of exercise and Penrice fully supports students using this mode of transport. There have however been a few students arriving on bikes without helmets. If you send your child to school on a pedal bike, please ensure they wear a helmet for safety.