



**Lucy Gambier**  
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We returned to school this morning following a weekend in which we celebrated the efforts of our wonderful Year 11s at the Class of 2023 Penrice Prom. It is incredible to see what fantastic young adults they have become since starting with us five years ago and how they have grown into confident, kind-hearted and well-mannered individuals.

I witnessed so many students speaking to teachers and personally thanking them for their help throughout their Penrice journey. Each and every one of our Class of 2023 were an absolute credit to not only the school, but to you as parents on Friday night. Their conduct was exemplary, and it was a joy and a privilege to spend the evening celebrating alongside them. We have included a number of Prom arrival photos with our students looking fabulous in this week's Parent Update. There are loads more photos to come as the week progresses so do keep checking social media and the Penrice website. We are also hoping to share all of the photos in high-resolution so that they will be great for printing in picture frames. We will let you know when this has been prepared.

### Final Parent Update for Year 11 Parents/Carers

For those Year 11 parents/carers who do not have children in other year groups, this will be the last Parent Update you receive. We will contact you separately regarding GCSE Results Day and any other relevant matters. Thank you for working closely with us over the last five years, helping us to nurture positive parent-teacher-pupil relationships that benefit the children in our

care. We hope to see you again on 24th August for results day!

### Year 10 PPEs

Elsewhere in the school, last week our Year 10s started their PPEs. This is their first full set of mock exams and they have approached them very well. We know that there have been some students who have felt nervous about the process and that is exactly why we run PPEs – to prepare them for finals GCSEs next year. Our Pastoral Team is providing support to any Year 10 student who needs help with exam stress. If your child would benefit from support, or even just an informal chat, please email Kirstin Hooper, Year 10 Pastoral Support Lead, via [khooper@penrice.org.uk](mailto:khooper@penrice.org.uk).

### CELT Parent Survey

Finally, I wish to bring to your attention a new parent survey we have just opened, running across all schools in CELT.

We ran our own annual Penrice Parent Voice survey back in March, so we'd understand if you asked 'why another one so soon?!' This is a new CELT survey that will run annually and will replace our Penrice Parent Survey moving forward. Even if you completed the Penrice survey in March, please, please, please do complete the new survey because the results will help us benchmark against other schools in the trust. Your feedback is extremely valuable in helping us to continuously improve here at Penrice, as well as helping to improve schools across the trust. We really appreciate your time and the survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

[CELT Parent Voice Survey](#)



- Lucy Gambier







**Mr Mike Merelie**  
Our New SENDCo

*Mrs Gurd has changed roles at Penrice and is now our Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mr Merelie replaces her as the new SENDCo and he formally introduces himself below.*

### Introduction

"I am delighted to be SENDCo at Penrice Academy. I have been part of the teaching staff at Penrice for over 5 years and I believe that our school offers an ambitious and challenging curriculum for all, with countless opportunities for enrichment. It is vital that every student is proud to attend Penrice, feels respected as part of the school community and achieves and feels success.

As SENDCo, my job is to help ensure that individuals' needs are not barriers to any of these. Working with a fantastic team of SEN specialists and collaborating closely with all of our subject teachers, we aim to make our universal provision the best it can be for everyone. Where something additional and different is required, we take a student-centred approach to find the best ways of supporting each individual so they can go on to thrive as young adults."

## CELT PARENT SURVEY

As mentioned in Ms Gambier's introduction, we are running a trust-wide parent voice survey.

This will be extremely valuable in helping all schools within the trust to share parent feedback and learn from each other. We will be extremely grateful if you can spare 10-15 minutes to complete the survey.

[CELT Parent Voice Survey](#) 



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## YEAR 6 TRANSITION UPDATE

### Welcome Day

We look forward to seeing Year 6 families on our Welcome Day and Evening which takes place on Monday 3rd July. Advanced booking is required for the evening event (link below).

In the afternoon of the Welcome Day, all students will experience a taster of a Penrice Plus activity which they will pick prior to the day. For our Penrice Plus Taster, we are offering a sample of 10 different activities. Simply use the online form below to register your child's preferences.

[Welcome Evening System \(Eventbrite\)](#) 

[Penrice Plus Taster Session Form\\*](#) 

\*Form closes on Wednesday 28th June at midday.

### Mandarin Application Window Closing

A big thank you to those Year 6 families who attended the recent Mandarin Taster Lessons.

The deadline to apply for our Mandarin Excellence Programme is fast-approaching and closes at midday on Friday 30th July. There is a two-part application process which includes a Student Application Form and a Year 6 Teacher Reference Form which you forward on to your child's teacher.

More information about the Mandarin Excellence Programme and the application forms can be found on our website (link below).

[Mandarin Excellence Programme](#) 

### Stay Up To Date

As always, full information and updates regarding the transition process can be found online via our Transition Hub.

[The Year 6 Transition Hub](#) 



# Pre-Loved

### Second-hand Uniform

Now that the academic year is nearing an end, a reminder to all families that you can donate outgrown/old uniform to our Reception where it will be given to students who require uniform. We are having a huge drive to support families in the cost of living crisis and you can donate your uniform safe in the knowledge that it will help a family in the St Austell community.

There is also the option to buy and sell second-hand uniform on our [Penrice Pre-Loved Facebook Marketplace](#). Either way, you'll be doing your bit for the planet by making sure old clothes find a new home!





**Ms Tanya Coleman**  
Deputy Headteacher

### Year 8 Options Update

We are happy to announce that Year 8 options choices have been completed and 99% of students have been allocated their top two choices with a further 80% of students being allocated their top three preferences. Mr Parry has been working hard behind the scenes to complete the puzzle!

Students should have received their option letters at the end of last week. Mr Parry will be available in M4/M5 on the Maths corridor every Break 1 this week to talk through any issues that students may have with their allocated choices.

Thank you all for your cooperation and enthusiasm during this process.



### WATER BOTTLE REMINDER

Please ensure your child brings to school a water bottle. There are a number of refill stations around the school so that your child can stay hydrated throughout the day. The medical centre can only hand out bottles of water when it is a medical necessity.

### NEU STRIKE ACTION PLANNED

Please be aware that there is currently further NEU strike action planned for Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July. The strike action is in relation to a national dispute around teachers and school staff pay.

We are putting together plans and will issue a separate communication as soon as possible when we know how the strikes will affect our provision for each year group.



More photos as the week progresses

