



Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so many of you at last night's Year 7 & 8 Meet the Tutor Evening which offered a valuable opportunity for face-to-face time with our teachers and leadership. As well as the tutor appointments, there were 15 stands to share advice on various topics such as Pupil Premium, Homework, Curriculum Enrichment Week, Pastoral Support and so much more. There was a really positive buzz around the assembly hall. We thank you for being so invested in your child's education and personal development.

Remembrance Ceremony

Today in school at 11am, the school fell silent as we showed our respects, remembering the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. We will remember them. Students from all year groups and a variety of organisations – from Scouts and Guides to Army and Sea Cadets – gathered in The Square to pay their respects to service men and women lost in combat around the world, dressed in full uniform.

Remembrance Day coincided with UK Parliament Week 2023. In light of this, all students have

been learning about the UK's democratic voting process that we have fought so hard to protect over many decades. Tutor groups discussed the eligible voting age, ways to vote, how long UK governments have in power and information found in party manifestos. Students were then invited to cast a vote into a ballot box for their preferred party based on current manifestos in a school-wide mock election.

In the News

Finally, we are delighted to feature on the front of this week's St Austell Voice alongside Poltair regarding both schools' strong performance for disadvantaged pupils. New government data illustrates that disadvantaged pupils in St Austell are receiving a significantly better education than their peers elsewhere, so much so that they are also outperforming non-disadvantaged students nationally. Please do take the time to read the article and visit our [cost of living support](#) webpage if you have any related queries.

St Austell Schools Bucking the Trend (St Austell Voice Article)



On the same subject of new government/DfE data, we have further exciting news to share on the next page!

Have a nice weekend.

Lucy Gambier





Cornwall's Top-Performing State School for a Second Successive Year

We are incredibly proud to share that, for the second year in a row, our Year 11s were the top-performing GCSE cohort in Cornwall. Huge congratulations to the students for their extraordinary achievements.

We want to thank the whole Penrice community, especially our parents, carers, staff and governors, for the amazing care and support they gave to the Class of 2023.

More important than grades, these fabulous young adults also leave us ready to be exceptional citizens. The Class of 2023's Summer Prom was a shining example of this with so many heartfelt words of thanks and expressions of gratefulness from students towards our teachers

Our Year 11s certainly left Penrice as proud, respectful and successful individuals; we have every confidence that they will go on to flourish in further education and beyond.



ATTENDANCE



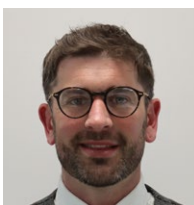
96% = 1
And Above **Grade**
Higher
in all subjects
compared to
students with 90%
and below.

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

DID YOU KNOW?

National data shows that just a 6% increase in your child's attendance could result in them getting 1 grade higher across all subjects when they complete Year 11. Higher attendance means better grades and opens more future doors for your child.

We are dedicated to supporting strong attendance for our students. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss any concerns you may have or if you feel your child might require any additional support.



Mr Darbourne
Head of Year 7

Year 7 Update

A massive thank you to those who attended last night's Meet the Tutor Evening. It was great to talk to so many of you in person and celebrate your child's successful start to school at Penrice. The footfall at last night's event highlights that you are heavily invested in your children's futures and this shared value bodes well for a successful journey ahead with us.

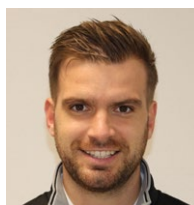
We would like to extend our gratitude to you, the parents and carers, for your support and encouragement in ensuring your children make it to school regularly. I am thrilled to inform you that Year 7 is currently the year group with the highest attendance. Your partnership in fostering a positive learning environment is greatly appreciated.

Let's continue to work together to nurture this dedication to learning and ensure our Year 7 students have a successful and fulfilling academic journey. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

NASAL FLU VACCINATION - NO NEEDLES!

All students are entitled to receive the free Nasal Flu Vaccination on Friday 24th November. This vaccination is administered in the form of a nasal spray, so there are no needles involved! You have until midday on Monday 20th November to consent.

[Information/Consent Letter \(PDF: 130KB\)](#)



Mr Jenkin
Head of Sports & PE

Sports Update

We have had lots of students showing fantastic commitment, regularly attending all training sessions and clubs. Our sports teams have competed in over 50 local fixtures including county festivals, regional and national knockout competitions already this year and we want to keep up the momentum!

A list of all available sports clubs is available at the end of this Parent Update to summarise everything that is on offer. Please ask your child to speak to a PE teacher if they would like to get involved.



Ms Coleman
Deputy Headteacher

Parent Forum - Thank You

Thank you to those parents who attended the Autumn Term Parent Forum last week. It was great to have in-depth discussions with you to help us continually improve.

We all took lots of thoughts away from the forum and we are having many conversations in leadership as we action both quick-fix solutions (where possible) and longer-term initiatives based on your feedback.

We look forward to the Spring Term Parent Forum and will announce further information when a date has been decided.

NEW CANTEEN MENUS

A new three-week rotating menu has come in for the canteen this half term.

Thank you to Chartwells who handed out over 500 delicious free tasters at lunchtime on the 31st October, allowing our students to try some of their new, mouth-watering menu items.

[Full Information](#) 



CALLYWITH COLLEGE OPEN DAY

SAT 18 NOV 10AM TO 3PM



[FIND OUT MORE AT CALLYWITH.AC.UK](#)
Meet the staff | Tour the campus | Explore your options



CALLYWITH COLLEGE OPEN MORNING

SAT 27 JAN 10AM TO 1PM



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GO FURTHER

TRURO COLLEGE

OPEN DAY 10AM-3PM
SAT 11 NOV

Focussed on excellence in education and student enrichment.



STEM & HEALTH SKILLS CENTRE BODMIN

OPEN DAY 10AM-3PM
SAT 18 NOV

New specialist facilities for Engineering, Digital, Nursing & Health.



Pride

Respect

Success

Penrice Academy invites you to register your interest in...

Register Your Interest



SPACE

Supporting parents and children emotionally

SPACE is a new **free** programme for **any parent or carer** who wants to better understand and support their children's emotions, as well as their own.

This face-to-face programme will cover:

- Understanding what is meant by a Trauma Informed approach
- Understanding toxic stress and the flight/fight response
- Practical approaches to support children to regulate their emotions
- Healthy coping strategies for dealing with stress
- Managing different emotions
- Understanding behaviour
- Building resilience in ourselves and our children
- Adopting appropriate expectations of children
- Enhancing your ability to provide nurturing care

The first session takes place on Wednesday 15th November and runs for 6 weeks. Limited spaces available.

Where: Student Family Centre (SFC)
When: 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Dates: Every Wednesday



To register your interest or find out more, please email

Register Online: penriceacademy.org/space Questions: rsobye@penrice.org.uk

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Together for Families



Monday					
Club	Year Group	Venue	Time	Meeting Point	Staff
Cross Country	All	Playing Field	3:00pm until 4:30pm	Sports Hall	Mr Jenkin/Mr Hodgson

Tuesday					
Club	Year Group	Venue	Time	Meeting Point	Staff
Boys Rugby	7	Playing Field	3:00pm until 4:30pm	Sports Hall Changing Rooms	Mr Rowe/Mr Smith
Boys Rugby	8	Playing Field	3:00pm until 4:30pm	Gym Changing Rooms	Mr Meens
Boys Rugby	9	Playing Field	3:00pm until 4:30pm	Sports Hall Changing Rooms	Mr Jenkin
Girls Netball	8/10	Courts	3:00pm until 4:30pm	Sports Hall Changing Rooms	Miss Skelton
Girls Netball	9	Courts	3:00pm until 4:30pm	Sports Hall Changing Rooms	Mrs Razzell /Miss Hunter Davey
Girls Netball	11	Sports Hall	3:00pm until 4:30pm	Sports Hall Changing Rooms	Mrs Razzell
Girls Football	All	Playing Field	3:00pm until 4:30pm	Gym Changing Rooms	Miss Mellerup
Girls Fitness	All	Gym	3:00pm until 4:15pm	Gym Changing Rooms	Miss Robinson

Wednesday					
FIXTURES EVENING – PLEASE YOUR RELEVANT MEMBER OF STAFF FOR DETAILS					
5-a-side Football	9,10	Astro	3:00pm until 4:15pm	Sports Hall Changing Rooms	Mr Parry
Archery	7, 8	Playing Field	3:00pm until 4:15pm	E10	Mr Matthews
Badminton	All	Sports Hall	3:00pm until 4:15pm	Sports Hall Changing Rooms	Mr Olefile
Girls S&C	All	Gym	3:00pm until 4:15pm	Gym Changing Rooms	Mrs Taylor

Thursday					
Club	Year Group	Venue	Time	Meeting Point	Staff
Boys Rugby	9	Playing Field	3:00pm until 4:30pm	Sports Hall Changing Rooms	Mr Jenkin/Mr Smith
Boys Rugby	10, 11	Playing Field	3:00pm until 4:30pm	Gym Changing Rooms	Mr Hammersley/Mr Rowe
Girls Netball	8	Courts	3:00pm until 4:30pm	Sports Hall Changing Rooms	Miss Skelton
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Girls Netball	11	Sports Hall	3:00pm until 4:30pm	Sports Hall Changing Rooms	Mrs Razzell
Girls Hockey	All	Astro	3:00pm until 4:30pm	Sports Hall Changing Rooms	Miss Mellerup
Boys Hockey	All	Astro	3:00pm until 4:30pm	Sports Hall Changing Rooms	Mr Meens
Boys S&C	9, 10	Gym	3:00pm until 4:15pm	Gym Changing Rooms	Mr Sullivan
Volleyball	All	Courts	3:00pm until 4:15pm	Sports Hall Changing Rooms	Mr Palmer

Friday					
Club	Year Group	Venue	Time	Meeting Point	Staff
Boys Rugby	7	Playing Field	3:00pm until 4:30pm	Sports Hall Changing Rooms	Mr Rowe/Mr Smith
Boys Rugby	8	Playing Field	3:00pm until 4:30pm	Gym Changing Rooms	Mr Meens/Mr Jenkin
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