



**Lucy Gambier**  
Executive Headteacher of  
Penrice Academy and  
Brannel School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to announce that Ms Tanya Coleman has successfully been promoted to the Head of School at Penrice Academy. I will continue to work alongside Ms Coleman as Executive Headteacher here at Penrice, but will also be working across Brannel School, to ensure every young person that attends a CELT secondary school has an equitable experience and access to a fantastic education.

We continue to value strong teacher-parent-student relationships that lay the foundation to an effective education. Such relationships have certainly helped the children at Penrice to achieve extraordinary success, both in and outside of the classroom. I have every confidence that the Penrice community will go from strength to strength under Ms Coleman's Headship and the future looks very exciting!



**Tanya Coleman**  
Head of School at  
Penrice Academy

I am extremely proud and very excited to be beginning my new journey as Head of Penrice Academy. Our young people and families have achieved outstanding outcomes resulting in Penrice maintaining its position as the best performing school in the county for two years running. To inherit this legacy is a real privilege and my role now is to drive Penrice forward to achieve even greater success and leave the blazer in a better place.

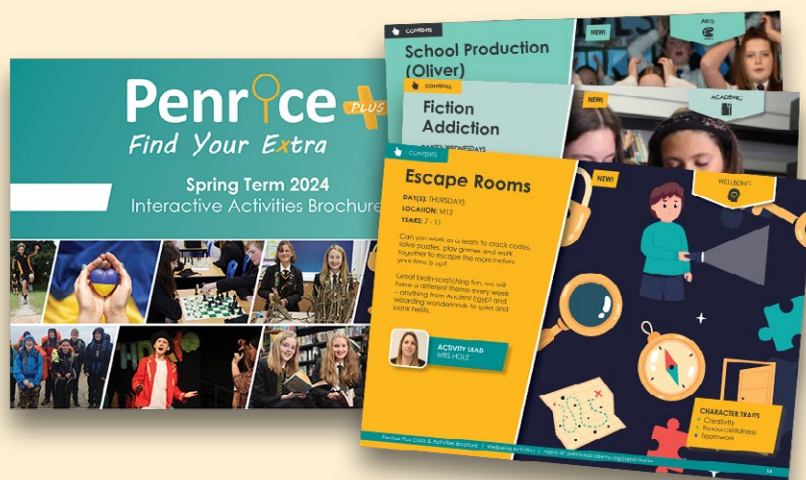
Since joining Penrice just over two years ago, I have been inspired by the sense of community and the unrelenting efforts of both staff and families to work together to send our young people out into the world as thoughtful, empathetic and active members of society. I would like to take this opportunity to recognise this partnership and reiterate my enthusiasm and commitment to continuing this excellent work.

## PENRICE PLUS SPRING TERM 2024 | REGISTER NOW

The preferences submission form for our Spring Term Penrice Plus offering is now open.

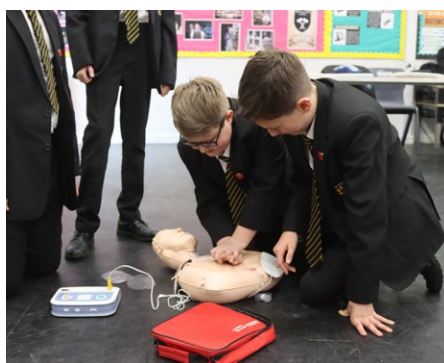
All students are being asked to sit with their parent/carers to register for activities between now and Sunday 3rd December 2023. This will allow us to kickstart the programme of extra-curricular immediately upon our return in January.

Full information, including an interactive activities brochure and the online sign up form, can be found on our Penrice Plus webpage (link below).



**FULL INFORMATION & ONLINE PREFERENCES FORM**





## MINI MEDICS BEGINS FOR YEAR 7s

It was great to get Mini Medics under way this academic year with 7DM learning essential life-saving skills in the Drama Studio on Monday. They were followed by 7SB later in the week!

Mini Medics is a first aid course designed for children without any confusing terminology, covering CPR, the use of defibrillators, choking (Heimlich Maneuver), asthma, handling wounds and so much more.

Last year [we surpassed 3,000 Mini Medics](#) having been successfully trained by Penrice since 2017. We hope to continue this positive, life-saving momentum!!

## SAVE THE DATE



## Penrice Winter Concert 2023

Thursday 14th December, 6:00pm Start.

Advanced seat reservations will be required. Further details will follow in the near future.

## ENTRY DEADLINE



## Christmas Card Competition

Entry Deadline: Monday 27th November, 9:00am.

A reminder of the deadline for Penrice Christmas card entries. If your child is working on a masterpiece over the weekend, please ensure they hand it in to Mrs Elliott first thing on Monday morning.



# CAREERS FAIR



**Thursday**

30 November, 2023



**Start At :**

5:00pm



**Hosted At :**

Poltair School

An exciting opportunity for students and parents to speak to a wide range of employers all under one roof. Take the opportunity to find out more about their job sectors, their organisations and what they can offer our young people.

Public Sector, Private Sector, Further Education Providers, Regional and National Employers, Apprenticeship Advice, Higher Education Providers, Specialist Training Providers, Careers Information and Advice and many more.

**Book your place now by clicking here** 

[www.poltairschool.co.uk/careersfair2023bookings](http://www.poltairschool.co.uk/careersfair2023bookings)



**This event is free of charge. Advance registration is required.**

For more information, click here. 



LEARNING TOGETHER  
CORNWALL EDUCATION LEARNING TRUST



Christmas Jumper Day 2022



SAVE THE DATE

## Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 8th December 2023

We will be celebrating Christmas on Friday 8th December by encouraging students to wear their most festive Christmas jumpers and offering Christmas dinners in the canteen.

If students wish to wear a festive jumper then a donation of an item of food or £1 needs to be brought in before or on the day. All monies/food raised will also be donated to the St Austell Foodbank.

Further details to follow in the near future regarding Christmas dinners.

## YEAR 7 UPDATE FROM MR DARBOURNE

Dear Parents,

I wanted to take a moment to congratulate our Year 7 students once again on a fantastic first term. Their hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication have truly shone through.

### Pantomime Trip

A reminder that the Year 7 Pantomime Trip will take place on Thursday 7th December. This will be a fantastic enrichment experience in the performing arts for our year group and will set the tone for future field trips throughout your child's Penrice journey.

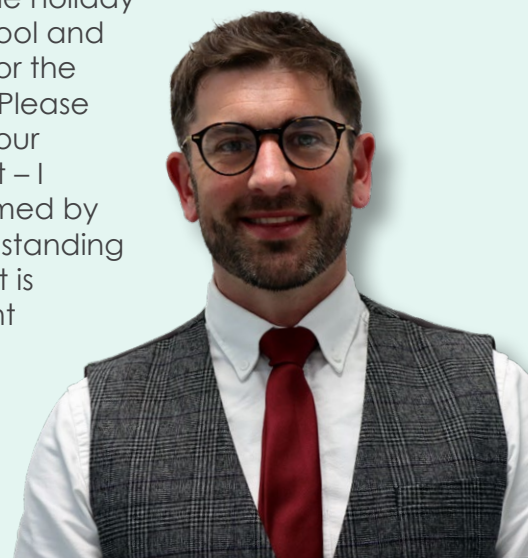
### Year 7's First Celebration Assembly

We are delighted to announce that Year 7's first-ever Celebration Assembly will take place on Friday 8th December! We will acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our Year 7 students at this highly anticipated event. This includes the award of certificates, subject pins, merit pins, star tutees and a whole myriad of

other awards. In true Penrice tradition, the tutor groups with the highest merits and the highest attendance will be rewarded with a cinema trip the following week as recognition of their hard work throughout the term.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Additionally on 8th December, we'll be having a festive Christmas Jumper Day to bring some holiday cheer to the school and raise donations for the local foodbank! Please do encourage your child to take part – I have been informed by many of my longstanding colleagues that it is always a highlight on the Penrice calendar and I too will be joining in!







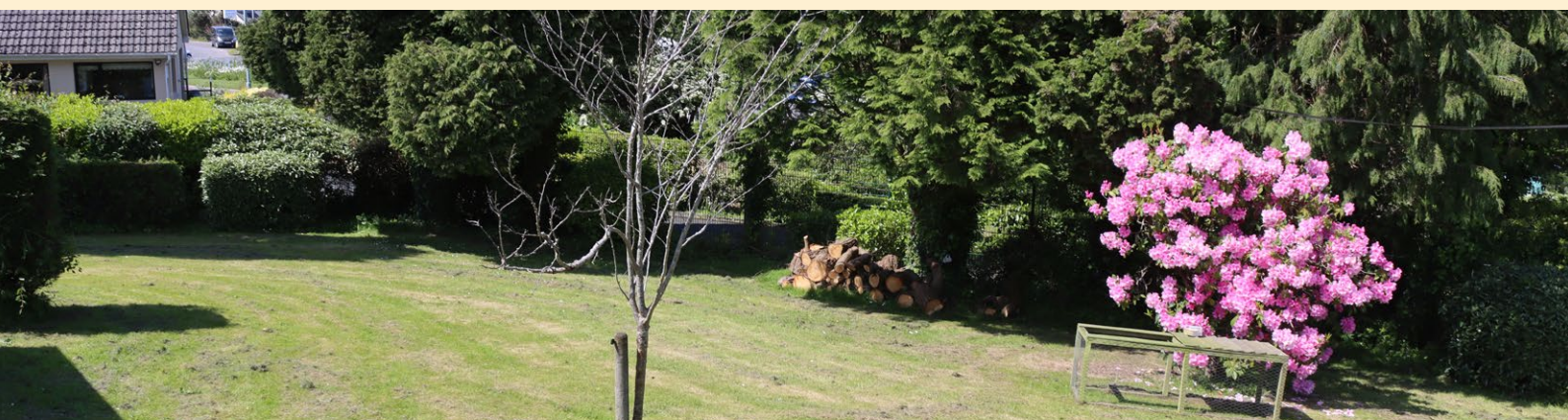
## St. Austell Rotary Club Donate to Penrice Academy's Young Carer Provision

St. Austell Rotary Club have generously donated £500 to help fund improvements to Penrice Academy's Wellbeing Garden for Young Carers.

A Young Carer is a child who cares for a friend or family member who, due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction, cannot cope without their support.

Located next to the school's Student Family Centre, the Wellbeing Garden is a quiet space where the Young Carers can meet friends, spend breaktimes and take the opportunity to reset.

Stuart Bradbury (pictured), a representative of the St Austell Rotary Club, explained: "Following a recent chat with a teacher from Penrice Academy, we were made aware of a group of Young Carers at the school. We then contacted Mrs Farr to see if we could help her group of over 65 pupils and, much to our pleasure, she quickly arranged a meeting. Mrs Farr explained how her Young Carers wished to improve their sensory garden where they and any member of school could go to unwind. Our club has donated £500 to help fund these improvements to the garden and the club look forward to further help and support in the future."



Penrice Academy's Wellbeing Garden



# ATTENDANCE UPDATE

# 2.5%

Above National Average



MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

## ATTENDANCE - THANK YOU

A big thank you to all parents and carers for your support in helping us continue to improve school attendance. Our collaborative approach is certainly working and we are now 2.5% higher than the national average.

Let's keep up the great work to reach 3% above national average as our next milestone. Data proves that reaching 3% could result in students achieving half a grade higher in every single subject!

Small gains really do matter, so let's keep up the positive momentum!



**Mr Parry**  
Curriculum Enrichment  
Week Lead

### CEW2024 - Years 8 & 9 Confirmation & Deposits

Letters confirming your child's CEW 2024 activity for next summer will be sent out early next week. Deposits are due Monday 4th December on ParentPay.

We hope your child is pleased with their allocation but if not, please contact us as soon as possible at [CEWenquiries@penrice.org.uk](mailto:CEWenquiries@penrice.org.uk).



**Ms Hague**  
Reading Champion and  
Penrice Library Manager

### Penrice Library – Book Amnesty

There is a book amnesty from the library for any books taken out before this academic year! We understand that during Covid, it was difficult for students to borrow and return books from us, so there may be some of our books lurking at home!

Please could you have a quick check for any books you think belong to our library and bring them back - with no questions asked! Thank you.



## LOCAL CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISITS PENRICE

Thank you to local children's author Tina Barrott who visited Penrice on Monday to inspire our students.

In an hour-long workshop, Tina talked students through both the creative writing and illustrating processes of producing children's books, as well as her pathway to becoming a published author.

Pride

Respect

Success



# HOMework CLUB



Homework Club is available after school to support students with their independent learning. It is available from Monday – Thursday after school, 3pm – 4pm.

**Years 7 – 9:** Room CS3

**Years 10 & 11:** The Core and Room CS2

Students do not have to sign up to attend, they can just drop in and leave once they are ready.

The skill of independent learning is the foundation of our students' success and we look forward to seeing many students taking advantage of our Homework Club provision.



SAVE THE DATE

## Penrice SEND Careers Event

Thursday 7th December, 3:30pm-5:00pm

We are hosting a small and friendly careers event for selected students in Years 10 and 11 on Thursday 7th December, 3:30pm-5:00pm.

Relevant students and families will have the opportunity to meet alternative post-16 providers. More information will follow in the near future via a letter from school. The letter will contain more details regarding exhibitors which include employers as well as alternative training providers who specialise in supporting anyone with any level of SEN.



Year 8 STEM Roadshow Visit – 15th November

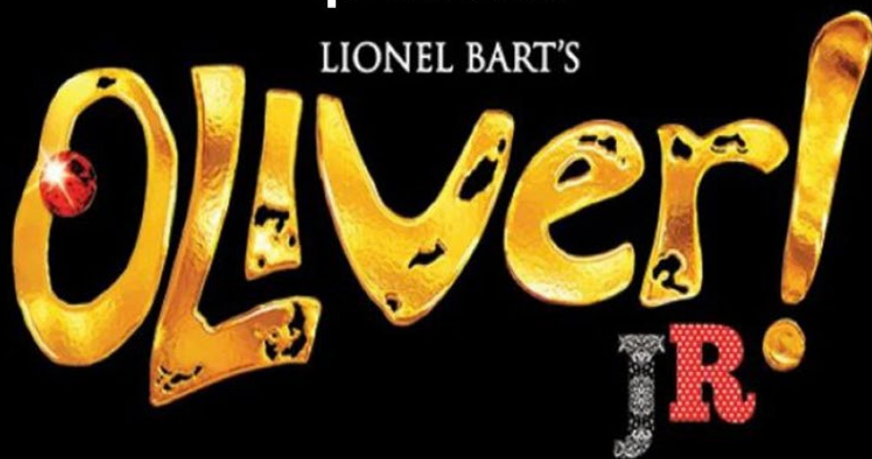




# Penrice Academy

presents

LIONEL BART'S



## March 2024

by special arrangement with CAMERON MACKINTOSH

This amateur production licensed by Music Theatre International

### SCHOOL PRODUCTION REMINDER

5th, 6th and 7th  
March.

Tickets will be  
available to reserve  
next term.



## JOB VACANCIES

### CURRENT VACANCIES

Teacher of Girls' PE  
(Maternity Leave)

Science HLTA / Technician

Assistant Headteacher

[Find Out More](#)



### CHRISTMAS MENU FOR FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

#### Mains

Roast Turkey

- Or -

Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry Slice

#### Sides

Roast Potatoes, Pigs in Blankets, A mix of  
vegetables, Stuffing & Gravy.

#### Dessert

Christmas Tree Choc Ice

- Or -

Apple Crumble & Custard

# FESTIVE FEST



### EMERGENCY CLOSURES PROCESS REMINDER

As we enter the winter months, an annual reminder of our emergency closure procedures was sent out to parents/carers earlier this week. Full information can be found via the website.

[Emergency Closures Information](#)

