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Head of School at
Penrice Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic day of festivities we have enjoyed here at Penrice today! Students modelled their festive jumpers across the school as we celebrated Christmas in style in aid of St Austell Foodbank. Thank you to all those who got involved and donated! You will see plenty of pictures from today scattered throughout this Parent Update. Another massive thank you for today must also go to the wonderful catering staff who have worked tirelessly to serve over 500 Christmas dinners!

Celebration Assemblies

Christmas is not the only thing we have been celebrating this week. Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 received thoroughly deserved recognition of their efforts during their respective Celebration Assemblies across the week where pin badges, certificates and attendance prizes were handed out. Congratulations to all those who won awards for your hard work and consistency, showcasing our core value of Penrice Success in full colour. Year 11 will take their turn next week.

The Final Week of Term

Lastly, as we enter the final week of term, we look ahead to the curtain raising on our highly-anticipated annual Winter Concert! Our talented musicians will take to the stage including the Penrice Orchestra, the Senior Choir, rock bands, talented soloists and so many more performances – as well as a sneak peek from the upcoming school production of Oliver Junior! We would love to see you on the night and remaining tickets can be reserved via [TryBooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com), accessed by clicking on the graphic to the right.





PENRICE ADVENT CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

We have been overwhelmed by the amount of entries for this year's Penrice Christmas Card Competition! Well done to all students who submitted artwork to be the face of this year's school Christmas cards!

Between now and Christmas Day, we will be sharing some of these incredible designs in our #PenriceAdvent countdown on social media as we build up to sharing the 5 chosen artworks and overall winner between the 21st and 25th December.

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FAMILY SUPPORT - CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS AVAILABLE

In an exciting recent development, DISC Newquay are now working with us to help support families who are struggling with the Cost of Living Crisis. DISC are providing an incredible 200 Christmas food hampers to ensure that every Penrice family can enjoy the festive period they deserve!

All of the Christmas Hampers will be handed out on Wednesday 20th December from the Penrice canteen between 11am and 3pm. If you would like to request a Christmas Food Hamper, please complete the form below. All form submissions are strictly confidential.

[Request a Christmas Food Hamper](#) 





BEST IN BOOK

Edie in Year 9 Wins National Young Writers' Competition

Edie was the first in her home to hear the post clatter through the letterbox and went to collect the scattered array of envelopes that lay on the floor. As she picked up and scanned through the letters, her eyebrows raised with curiosity as there was a standout, bright-teal envelope addressed to her.

'I never get post' - Edie thought. What could it be?

She gingerly peeled back the seal and opened the mysterious letter. The first instruction on the letter said: "1 – scream loudly!". Confusion then turned to elation, and indeed a scream, as Edie

continued reading to discover that she had been awarded 'Best in Book' for the national Young Writers' Ghost Stories competition!

Edie, who wishes to become a professional author when she is older, said: "My parents came rushing in when they heard me scream! They were very, very pleased when they saw my smile and I showed them the letter!"

As well as winning 'Best in Book', Edie also received a voucher, a certificate, and a complimentary copy of the Young Writers' Ghost Stories book containing over 150 shortlisted spooky stories (pictured).

PENRICE PLUS UPDATE

Thank you to all families who submitted their preferences for Penrice Plus in Spring Term 2024.

We have been doing plenty of admin and number crunching this week to create all of the allocations. We will be in contact next week to confirm your child's clubs/activities for next term.

CHRISTMAS TOY DONATIONS – CAN YOU HELP?

Our Year 11s have arranged a toy drive in order to support children aged 4-16 years who will be spending their Christmas in hospital.

It would much be appreciated if students could donate a toy (needs to be new in packaging/labels on) that will be sent off to the children at The Royal Cornwall Hospital, to put a smile on their face for Christmas time. Tutors will be collecting donations up until (and including) Wednesday 13th December. Thank you!



Mr Parry
Curriculum Enrichment
Week Lead



Mr Darbourne
Head of Year 7

CEW2024 - Years 8 & 9 Update

A reminder that deposits for your child's CEW activity were due in last Monday (4th December).

If you have not yet made payment, please do so as soon as possible to secure your child's place. All payments should be made via ParentPay.

If you are experiencing any difficulties in meeting this first payment, please contact CEWenquiries@penrice.org.uk.

Payment dates are as follows:

Deposit: Monday 4th December 2023 (Now Due).

Payment 2: Monday 8th January 2024.

Payment 3: Monday 5th February 2024.

Payment 4: Monday 4th March 2024.

Payment 5: Monday 1st April 2024.

Final Payment: Monday 6th May 2024.

Year 7 Update

A massive congratulations to our Year 7 students on their hard work and dedication - this has truly been a brilliant first term! We had a fantastic time celebrating their efforts in their first-ever Penrice Celebration Assembly on Wednesday morning! Certificates, pins and prizes were given out and there will be even more at the end of the Spring Term!

Building an ethos of teamwork is a big part of Year 7 which is why our highly-coveted cinema trip prize is awarded to tutor groups rather than individuals at this stage in students' Penrice journey. Congratulations to tutor groups 7VGP and 7SB who had the highest collective merits and attendance percentage respectively. Enjoy!

I am looking forward to the New Year and what success lies around the corner.

MERITS AND BEHAVIOUR POINTS RESET

As of next week, you will notice that your child's merits and behaviour points will reset to 0 on ClassCharts. This is because the Celebration Assemblies have taken place and points will therefore begin to accumulate for the Spring Term.

Whilst the points will reset on your child's record, all historical data will remain on the system for you to reference back to.

This will be the process taking place after each Celebration Assembly each term moving forward.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

An email was sent to parents/carers on Tuesday 5th December regarding an Attendance Update.

If you missed this, a copy of the communication can be read below.

Attendance Letter
(PDF: 178KB)



CINEMA TRIP WINNERS (SO FAR)



Congratulations to the winners of our highly-coveted cinema trip which will take place next week. Parents/carers will be contacted directly about the plans in the near future.

Year 7: 7SB for attendance and 7VGP for most merits

Year 8: 8LK for top attendance + the 30 top merit earners in the year group.

Year 9: 9SS for top attendance + the 30 top merit earners in the year group.

Year 10: Still to be announced at the time of writing.

Year 11: Still to be announced at the time of writing.



MUSICIANS REPRESENT PENRICE AT CHRISTMAS

Our Penrice singers and musicians have been super-busy in the build up to Christmas! Over the last few weeks, Penrice students have performed at Par Market, Trevana Care Home, the St Austell Music Festival and at Mount Charles School! Thank you to all those who have participated and thanks must also go to our Performing Arts teachers who are working tirelessly to provide these opportunities.



Note: Those students who represented the school at music/singing events this week will be awarded merits for representing the school. Due to missing the cut-off for this term's Celebration Assembly, these merits will be added in the near future and therefore count towards each students' Spring Term totals.

More Photos





2023 Winter Concert

PRIDE | RESPECT | SUCCESS

Penrice Orchestra
Penrice Senior Choir
Talented Soloists

14th
DECEMBER

Rock Bands
Drama Club
Excerpt from Oliver Jr!
Plus many more acts...

CONCERT BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M.

penriceacademy.org/winter-concert 



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	School Day – Schools open to students
	Staff INSET Training – Closed to Students
	Holiday/Weekend – Closed to Students

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TRURO COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

Sat 05 Nov 2022 Open Day 10am - 3pm

Thu 12 Jan 2023 Open Evening 5pm - 8pm

Thu 19 Jan 2023 IB Info Evening 7pm

Sat 04 Mar 2023 Open Morning 10am - 1pm

Thu 04 May 2023 Open Evening 5pm - 8pm



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