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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back with this first Parent Update of 2024 - warm being the key word in these chilly conditions!

### **Getting to Know Me Assemblies**

I started this term by running 'Getting to Know Me' assemblies with each year group. This was a great opportunity to formally introduce myself to students, not just professionally, but on a personal level too. I shared with students my background, interests and my driving ethos of seizing every opportunity and welcoming a challenge. I left students with their own challenge of seizing every opportunity that comes their way in 2024!

### **An Important Term Ahead for Year 11s**

The Spring Term is crucial for our Year 11 students. There have already been key GCSE exams in Food, Hospitality & Catering and Child Development this week, with further exams in MFL starting next week.

Also this week, the Class of 2024 received their PPE results which has given them a real understanding of where they are at in terms of progress. All teachers at Penrice, including myself, have been promoting the concept that PPE results do not

define success; it is how students react that is important.

Hot off the back of the PPE results, we launch the first of our Exam Success Sessions (ESS) on Monday 22nd January between 3pm and 4.15pm. All Year 11 students have been given personalised timetables with a schedule of which afterschool sessions they can attend. As for transport provision for these sessions, please read on for an exciting announcement!

On a final note regarding Year 11, I wish to thank all parents and carers who participated in the Year 11 Progress Evening this week. Partnership is essential at this stage and by working closely together we can provide the best support for your child to have successful outcomes.

### **Late Transport Provision**

I end my introductory words by sharing the great news that, for Spring Term 2024, we will be running additional late buses that depart between 4.20pm and 4.30pm on all school days except Fridays. These late buses are available to students in all year groups, whether it is students in Year 11 attending the Exam Success Sessions or younger students attending Penrice Plus activities or Homework Club.

We will be trialling this provision for the duration of term and we are confident that it will help students to grasp more opportunities as well being a great convenience to families. Read on for further information.



## LATE BUSES NOW AVAILABLE (TRIAL)

# AVAILABLE LATE BUS ROUTES

All buses run on Mondays to Thursdays during term time.

**Bus A:** Luxulyan & Par

**Bus B:** Mevagissey, Sticker & Trelowth

**Bus C:** Bugle, Penwithick, Trewoon & High Street

**Important:** With the new provision of late buses, please ensure that the bus parking bays are kept clear at the front of school if you arrive for late collections.

Further detailed information is contained in the poster further on in this Parent Update.



## THE TERM AHEAD

In case you missed it earlier this week, an overview of your child's term ahead can be viewed in the downloadable and printable documents below, aptly named 'The Term Ahead'.



Year 7 (PDF: 3MB)



Year 8 (PDF: 5MB)



Year 9 (PDF: 3MB)



Year 10 (PDF: 3MB)



Year 11 (PDF: 3MB)



## YEAR 9 EVENT



## Careers Fair Now Open to Year 9s

Thursday 25th January, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

The final remaining spaces of next week's joint school Careers Fair are now available to Year 9 students. Click on the poster shared later in this Parent Update for full information.



## Christmas Food Parcels and Support

We are very proud of our work shortly before Christmas where we were able to support the local community in providing 200 Christmas Food Hampers. Supporting our local community is at the heart of what we do.

In addition to the food hampers, The Salvation Army also generously provided some present hampers for Penrice to share.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our recent partners including DISC Newquay, The Salvation Army, Morrisons Supermarkets and MCKS Charitable Foundation.

Please continue to reach out if you are struggling and you can also refer to our [Cost of Living support webpage](#) for a wealth of resources that can help.



## YEAR 8 UPDATE FROM MR JOHNSON

Dear Parents,

It's great to see Year 8 back after the Christmas break. Last week the year group earned over 1900 merits! Each week tutors award a merit for anyone with 100% attendance for the week before and a merit for any student that did not earn a behaviour point in the previous week. Let's see if we can be the year group with the most merits next week.

### Theatre Trip

We have sent home letters inviting the whole year group to a Romeo and Juliet production at the Hall for Cornwall next month. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students. To have the whole year group attend the theatre is a brilliant thing to offer! I want to be able to run a theatre trip every year with our year group (following the pantomime visit last year). We can support with Pupil Premium funding where this is required.

### Spring Term Character Virtues

This term we are focusing on integrity and autonomy as our character virtues. On top of this there are so many opportunities for students to seize including sports clubs, Penrice Plus activities and more to be announced.

Pride

Respect

Success



**Mr Darbourne**  
Head of Year 7

## Year 7 Update

### A Focus on Attendance, Kindness and Empathy

As we embark on the Spring Term at Penrice, I would like to emphasize the critical role attendance plays in our students' academic success and personal growth.

Regular attendance is not merely a requirement; it is a cornerstone of the learning experience. Consistent attendance enables students to fully engage with their studies, participate in class discussions and build meaningful connections with peers and teachers. It lays the foundation for a successful educational journey and opens doors to various opportunities.

In the upcoming term, our focus at Penrice extends beyond academic achievements. We are placing a significant emphasis on fostering kindness and empathy within our school community. By promoting a culture of respect and understanding, we aim to create an environment where every student feels valued and supported. Your child's presence at school is instrumental in contributing to this positive atmosphere. Together, we can instil the values of kindness and compassion that will not only benefit their academic progress but also shape them into responsible and empathetic individuals.

We encourage you to discuss the importance of attendance and kindness with your child, reinforcing the significance of being an active and considerate member of the Penrice community.

Thank you for your continued support in creating a nurturing and inclusive learning environment for all our students.



**CORNWALL  
COUNCIL**  
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Together   
for Families

## Free Parenting Workshops

Countywide parenting workshops are being run by Cornwall Council between January and March.

Available workshops include:

- Understanding your Child
- Take 3
- Living with Parents
- Supporting Healthy Relationships

Full information can be downloaded in the 4-page flyer below.

**Download Information Flyer**  
(PDF: 566KB)



## SPRING TERM 2024 (PART 1) CHARACTER VIRTUES

The Character Virtues for this half-term are:

**Integrity**

- and -

**Autonomy**

Tutor group reading will focus on these two traits, as well as many elements of assemblies, CLASS lessons and tutor activities.





## Penrice Advent Christmas Card Competition Winners and Runners Up

A massive congratulations to Lucy in 9KH who is the overall winner of the Penrice Christmas Card Competition 2023 with this detailed design of festive baubles (left).

Lucy's design was one of five official Penrice Christmas Card designs selected to be professionally printed with the runners up also displayed below.

An enormous thank you to all students who created artwork for this year's competition. We received 78 entries in total which is more than ever before. Needless to say, judging was extremely difficult with so many talented student artists amongst our ranks!

All entries will be awarded proportional merits on ClassCharts based on their ranking very shortly. We did not want to add merits in December as this would accidentally reveal the winner!

Well done to all students who took part.



### Runners Up

- A: Lara (7SR)
- B: Oliver (8CA)
- C: Lucy (9KH)
- D: Daisy (7SR)



# Penrice Academy

presents

LIONEL BART'S

# Oliver!

JR.

## 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 to be made  
available very soon!

### Oliver Junior

#### *Teamwork Makes the Dream Work*

Whilst there are plenty of ongoing rehearsals for the cast, there is also a talented group of students working tirelessly behind the scenes in our Set & Prop Design Team.

Here are some photos from Wednesday's latest Penrice Plus session.

Tickets will be available to reserve soon. Stay tuned!



Oliver Jr. Set Design Team



# Late Bus

**NEW!**

## Need help getting home from afterschool activities?

To support all our students accessing afterschool clubs, activities and exam support sessions, Penrice is introducing a new Late Bus. There are three new bus routes, **leaving Penrice between 4:20pm and 4:30pm**. These buses are **open to any Penrice student** to use who has attended a session afterschool.

## When?

**Monday to  
Thursday each  
week**

Starting Monday  
22nd January

*No late bus on Fridays*

## Do I need to pay?

No, it's completely free!

## Do I need to book a place or get a pass?

No, these buses are available  
to any Penrice Student. No  
ticket is needed

## Where will they leave from?

Buses will park in the bus bay at  
the front of school. They will  
leave by 4:30pm

## What happens if a sports fixture gets back later than 4:20pm?

You will still need to arrange  
transport home for any  
activities that finish after  
4:20pm as normal.

## What are the available routes?

### Bus A Drop Off Times:

Luxulyan Village (Pub): 16:50.

Four Lords: 17:00.

Roselyn Coaches: 17:05.

### Bus B Drop Off Times:

Sticker (Pub): 16:40.

Trelowth: 16:45.

London Apprentice: 16:50.

Mevagissey (Bus Stop): 17:00.

### Bus C Drop Off Times:

Penwithick (Fish & Chips Shop): 16:40.

Bugle Social Club: 16:50.

Nanpean: 17:05.

High Street: 17:15.

Trewoon: 17:20.

**Important:** Please keep bus parking bays  
clear at all times during late collections.





# CAREERS FAIR



**Thursday**  
25 January, 2024



**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.

**For Year 9, 10 & 11 Students and Parents/Carers**

**Book your place now via the Poltair School website**

[www.poltairschool.co.uk/careersfair2024bookings](http://www.poltairschool.co.uk/careersfair2024bookings)



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

For more information, visit the Poltair website



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HALF TERM  
FEBRUARY 12TH - 13TH

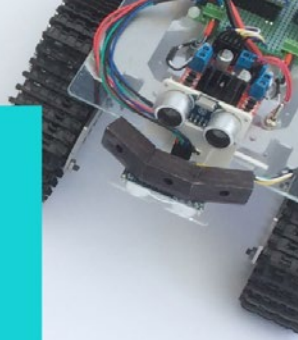
# MISSION TO MARS

BYTESIZE

AT THE FIBREHUB, POOL

FOR AGES 14+  
APPLY BEFORE 7TH FEB

Software Cornwall's  
**FESTIVAL  
OF TECH**



## Mission To Mars Bytesize at Cornwall's Festival of Tech

This event is for any teen curious about the future of tech!

Mission to Mars Bytesize is a unique two-day work experience that offers a glimpse into the life of a software development team, ideal for fostering skills in problem-solving, teamwork, innovation and communication.

Running over Half-Term - 12th & 13th Feb 2024 at the Fibrehub in Pool, Redruth.

The Festival is about showing the vast spectrum of opportunities in tech, far beyond the typical coding roles.

More Information



# CALLYWITH COLLEGE

# OPEN MORNING

# SAT 27 JAN

10AM  
TO  
1PM



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## Cost of Living Support Hub

**When: 3rd Thursday of every month exc. Dec**  
**2023/24 dates: 14th Dec, 18th Jan, 15th Feb, 21st Mar**

**Time: Arrive anytime between 10:00 – 12:00**

**Location: Light and Life Centre, Unit 4, Brunel Business Park The Sidings, St Austell PL25 4TJ**

5 minute walk from St Austell bus and train station. Some parking spaces available; off street parking nearby and pay and display at Polkyth behind the centre if preferred.



### Provided

- **Free Hot Drinks & Biscuits**
  - **Free Lunch**



### Support With

- **Financial Support in a crisis**
- **Benefits and welfare checks**
  - **Council tax support**
    - **Housing advice**
  - **Support with Employment**
  - **Help with cost of Utility Bills**
  - **Debt advice and support**
  - **Support with form filling**



- **Access to your local Social Prescribing team**



# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you enjoyed the festivities and are feeling fresh and raring to go.

We've got some cracking pop-ups for this term to add excitement to your dining halls. Join us for **Conscious Cantina** with dishes that are good for you and good for the planet. We also have pancakes with yummy toppings for **Pancake Day**, plus delicious dishes to celebrate **Chinese New Year** and also **British Pie Week**.

See pop-up menus



## SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Your feedback helps shape the menus we serve every day.

From designing tasty recipes to choosing nutritious snacks, everything we do is driven by student insight. Please share your thoughts by filling out our short survey.

Complete the survey



## ANTI-WHAT?

**Antioxidants** are found in foods like fruit and vegetables. They help our bodies fight off cell damage and can reduce the risk of many diseases, including heart disease and certain cancers.

Try to eat some antioxidant-rich foods each day, including **bananas**, **berries**, **broccoli**, **eggs**, and **leafy greens**.