

Message from Head of Year

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Spring Term 2024 signals the half point for Year 9 in their journey through Penrice Academy! They have accomplished a great deal so far and are an incredible year group! This term will offer a selection of exciting experiences alongside the amazing teaching and learning that occurs in every lesson. I am particularly looking forward to watching our amazing school production of 'Oliver' starring quite a few year 9 students including a year 9 in the lead role! Continuing the thespian theme, the French and Spanish plays will return – an opportunity for Year 9 to further develop their language skills in the form of these entertaining shows. Our sports teams will continue to compete and, hopefully reflect last terms' set of victories! We will also be playing the last few 'Dodgeball' matches in tutor times before crowning one tutor group 'Dodgeball Champions'. Our personal development themes for the next term focus on 'Integrity, Autonomy, Community and Creativity' with lots of opportunities to develop these essential skills for life. Our tutor time reading book will be 'Lord of the Flies' – a classic text that will raise some interesting questions around our views of the organisation of society. An exciting term ahead– full of opportunity for this amazing year group!

What to look forward to?

At Penrice we believe in providing our students with exceptional opportunities to support their **wider development** and **experience new things**.



French & Spanish Plays
25th & 26th March

WORLD BOOK DAY

NEW



Penrice PLUS
Find Your Extra

Spring Term Offer
Over 40 different clubs to choose from



4th - 9th March

National Careers Week



All students will have their tutor read to them...



Oliver!

5TH - 7TH MARCH



Tickets on sale soon!

Year 9
Apprenticeships and Careers
Trips for Selected Students



SPRING TERM SPORTS FIXTURES & CLUBS

YEAR 9 TUTOR GROUP DODGEBALL LEAGUE





Year 9 Progress Evening

Thursday 14th March

Meet with subject teachers to discuss the progress your child has made across the year. Email enquiries@penrice.org.uk if you want updates sooner.

What is my child learning about this term?

Character Curriculum	Year 9 will be exploring the virtues of integrity, autonomy, community and creativity this term. They will participate in a variety of tutor learning session that includes a focus on proactively driving their individual journey through their learning, what makes them a superhero, children's mental health week and the teenage brain as well as some careers focused experiences.
English	Romeo and Juliet - Students will explore both the written text and performance, focusing on plot, character and context, developing inference and analysis skills. Crafting Writing - Using a Short Story Anthology, students will analyse language and structural methods used by writers and use a 'stories as style models' approach to craft their own writing.
Maths	Analysing Data - Students will begin learning about all the types of data, how this informs us in the best ways to represent data and how they can investigate hypotheses and draw conclusions. Angles (& Circle Theorems Higher) - Utilising their knowledge on angles and extending it to further complex shapes. Higher students will visit the world of circle of theorems. Parallel Lines & Polygons - Students will learn about parallel lines and the properties of polygons.
Science	Particle Model - Learn about the particle model of matter and how this links to the density of objects and the energy required to change the state of matter. Atoms & Radiation - Learn about how the atomic model was developed through the work done by Rutherford and Marsden. Infection & Response - Learn about communicable diseases and how our bodies immune system works. Learn about how vaccinations, antibiotics and painkillers are used and developed.
History	Contested Histories - Students explore a range of topics that historians in the past, and indeed still today, have debated and contested including; the Titanic, Bomber Command, prohibition, Jack the Ripper and 9/11. The USA, 1954-75 – Civil Rights - Investigate the discrimination faced by black Americans and some key early events, such as the Brown vs. Topeka case and the Montgomery Bus Boycott.
Geography	Powerful Geography - Students learn how geopolitics forms human and physical opportunities and challenges across the planet. Students study the Middle East and the growing issue of water scarcity. Students will evaluate waste and study space junk - how human waste is now building in outer space.
French / Spanish	Where we live - Learn vocabulary related to the local area and descriptions of properties, rooms and furniture. Environmental concerns - Learn vocabulary related to environmental problems in local area and wider world, global issues- poverty, unemployment, hunger, and initiatives we can take to help.
CLASS & RE	Worldviews - Philosophy and God, the French, the hijab and the abaya and giving and receiving blood Relationships - Parenting, respectful relationship behaviours and conflict resolution in a healthy relationship. YZUP – Assembly substance abuse (alcohol, vaping and cannabis) Brook - Intro to sexual health, covers consent, STI, contraception

To find out what students will be learning in their open options please visit our curriculum section of the school website

And get more detailed information about what your child will learn

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