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Dear Parents & Carers,

I must start this Parent Update by commending our Year 11s for their fabulous attitude and efforts during the recent GCSE exams. In the past three weeks they have completed papers in the core subjects of Maths, English and Science (with more to follow) as well as papers in wider subjects such as French, Sociology, Film Studies, History and many more. I have witnessed many smiles at the end of each exam with students generally feeling confident about their experience on each paper which bodes well. This is further testament to the fantastic work of our staff ensuring that everyone is thoroughly prepared for each exam.

The half-term break now gives our Class of 2024 a thoroughly deserved chance to rest and recuperate whilst also keeping up the positive momentum with home revision and some half-term booster classes.

In case you missed it, an Exams and Boosters Update video was sent out to parents by Mr Thomas earlier this week. The video can be viewed below.

Keep going Year 11! Just a few more weeks of exams when you return, then you can look forward to the Prom and the longest summer ever!

Exams & Boosters Update



Ten Tors Success

Our Ten Tors challengers headed to Dartmoor on the weekend of 11th and 12th May to take on their final expedition alongside hundreds of other students from across the UK. Huge congratulations to all of our Penrice entrants who successfully completed their expeditions, with scorching conditions on the Saturday!

These are truly life-changing experiences for our students. They will never forget the moment they crossed the finish line covered in sweat, having lived independently on the moors for two days whilst hiking 35 or 45 miles (Bronze/Silver).

Thank you to our Ten Tors staff and all helpers who have given their time to support this year's students over numerous wet and windy weekends. You have truly made a positive difference to the lives of these young people.



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Introduction continued...

Year 8 Options Update

A massive thank you to Year 8 parents, carers, teachers, support staff and careers experts! You have all played your part helping our young people make informed choices about their subject options.

All Year 8 subject choices have now been submitted and we enter our Options Checking and Planning Process. We will endeavour to give as many students as possible their top three choices as we work in the background to prepare everything. Subject choices will be confirmed during week beginning 17th June.

Year 9 Options

The Year 9 Options streamlining process begins on our return, with an assembly for Year 9 students in the first week back and an information evening on Thursday 13th June. A separate letter will follow for Year 9 parents.

Wishing everyone a wonderful half-term!

UKMT Maths Challenge Success

Congratulations to Dylan, Aleksandr and William (camera shy) for reaching the next round of the national UKMT Maths Challenge!

In total, Penrice students achieved:

- 8** Gold Certificates
- 19** Silver Certificates and
- 29** Bronze Certificates.



Cricket Training
Big Numbers Attend



Year 7 Student Council
Ready for Primary Visits



Year 7 Student Council to Visit Primaries

Our Primary School visits began this week as part of the Year 6 transition process! Primary students may recognise some familiar faces during their visit from Penrice as members of our Year 7 Student Council will also be in attendance to share their experiences and answer questions.

Year 7 - Change to Head of Year for September

We announced to students in assembly today that Miss Alex Archer will be taking over the Head of Year role for current Year 7 pupils when they begin Year 8 in September.

Miss Archer has worked alongside Mr Darbourne in the Assistant Head of Year role for the duration of this school year – she therefore knows the students well and will provide continuity of care. Mr Darbourne will remain as Head of Year 7 for the next cohort of Penrice students as they begin their secondary school journeys in September.

We also wish to congratulate Miss Archer who will be getting married over the summer and returning in September to be known as Mrs Alex Yeo. Congratulations Alex!

Words from Miss Archer:

“Having spent this year working with our incredible Year 7 students, I feel truly honoured to move with them into Year 8 and watch them continue to grow and develop as young people.

I am excited to help them take their next steps alongside our brilliant tutor team.

I have every confidence that they will approach Year 8 and its new challenges with the same enthusiasm and hard work that they have demonstrated this year, as we work as a team to discover the new opportunities presented to them.”



Miss Archer
Head of Year 8
for September



Year 8 Paramedic Careers Talk
Paul Maskell from Cornwall Air
Ambulance - 23rd May 2024



Medical Mentoring Programme Launching in September

We are delighted to announce that we will be launching a Medical Mentoring Programme, starting in September 2024. Interested students attended an introductory talk in the Assembly Hall on Wednesday to learn more about the offering.

The programme will increase awareness of what it takes to study Medicine and Healthcare subjects through fun, inspiring and interactive teaching focused on medicine, health and science. There will be a range of opportunities that provide advice, hands-on experience and practical exercises, allowing Penrice students to gain detailed insight into possible future careers in the sector.

An enormous early thank you to Peninsula Medical School (The University of Plymouth), Brighton and Sussex Medical School, and The Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust who are already working with us to create this programme.

Further information will follow in September when we officially launch the offering.

Words from Mrs Stevenson:

“This programme will offer students unique opportunities to engage with the medical field through hands-on experiences, expert mentorship, and a dynamic curriculum. We believe this initiative will not only enhance their academic journey but also ignite a lifelong passion for healthcare!

We are excited to see the positive impact this programme will have on nurturing future healthcare professionals, and we look forward to continued collaboration.”



Mrs Stevenson
Careers
Curriculum Lead



Full Story



AUTHOR VISIT

Thank you to local author Clare Owen visited Penrice on Monday 13th May to speak to Year 8 students and lead a creative writing workshop.



Mr Parry
CEW2024 Coordinator

CEW2024 – 8 Weeks to go!

As the clock ticks down to our action-packed last week of term, students and staff are getting really excited about CEW2024!

Whether it be cooking pasties in school then heading to the beach, making drones to fly around the school field, or mountain biking up the French Alps, we hope that CEW2024 will be a fantastic end to the year before we break up for summer, bringing your child memories that will last a lifetime.

Late Spaces

At least one space has arisen on each of the following residentials: Isles of Scilly, France and Living London Life. Please email CEWenquiries@penrice.org.uk if you are interested.

Final Payments - Important Reminder

All payments for your child's activity should now have been made in full via ParentPay. If you have not yet cleared your balance, please bring your account up to date immediately to ensure your child can participate in their chosen activity.

We regret that students for whom we have not received full payment for by Monday 3rd June will not be able to participate in their chosen activity. The payments you make towards CEW are crucial in providing the opportunities we are able to offer and we have an obligation to pay our external providers in full before they are able to host our students. Thank you for your understanding.



CEW2023 Photos





**SPORTS PEOPLE
OF THE MONTH**



**Year 7: Jobe & Nancy
Year 8: Kieran & Olivia**

**Year 9: Callum & Poppy
Year 10: Will & Mia**

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