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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are riding high off the back of an incredible Open Evening last night where the local community gathered in droves to see what our extraordinary school has to offer. The theme of this year's event was 'Value every voice, inspire every mind' as we wanted to put a spotlight on the inclusivity of our community.

Our students' creativity was on show in Arts & Photography, the Penrice Rock Band received rapturous applause after each of their performances and brain cells were put to the test in Maths with a number of puzzles and conundrums to name just a few activities! There was even a chance to set a teacher on fire in science – but please rest assured that no teachers were hurt during the evening!

There is no doubt that the real stars of the show were all our incredible student helpers. From our fantastic Year 11 Student Leaders who predominantly acted as tour guides, to all helpers in Years 7 – 10 who assisted in specific departments, they all did the school proud, absolutely epitomising our values of Pride, Respect and Success, there are some incredible young people in our community.

Teachers will, of course, be awarding merits and recognising each student's contribution over the coming week. Thank you to all families who also assisted with drop-offs and late pick-ups, all helping to make our Open Evening possible. I also want to recognise the efforts of our staff who went above and beyond to show off all that Penrice has to offer.

The 'open events season' continues over the next few weeks as we run some guided daytime tour slots in which Year 10 students will be given another chance to shine as tour guides.

There is so much more to share in this week's Parent Update, so I'll end my introductory words now by saying one final and massive THANK YOU to the whole Penrice Community.





OFFICIAL PROGRAMME LAUNCH

We have this week officially launched a new initiative aimed at inspiring the next generation of medical and healthcare professionals.

The Future Medics Programme increases awareness of what it takes to study Medicine and Healthcare subjects through fun, inspiring and interactive teaching focused on medicine, health and science.

Ahead of the launch, we ran some pilot events last academic year which included some guest speakers from the field of medicine. The pilot events were a tremendous success – at one

particular event we had over 70 interested students attend!

Following the successful pilot events, the application process has this week started with Penrice students in Years 9, 10 and 11 invited to complete formal, written applications. The window for applying closes on Friday 4th October 2024.

There are a range of opportunities that provide advice and hands-on experience, including guest speakers, webinars and practical exercises, allowing Penrice students to gain detailed insight into possible future careers in the sector.

[Full Story](#)



Penrice Rewards

Congratulations to Kaitlan (11SM) and Jack (11ST) who were the winners of this week's Golden Ticket Draw, collecting free tickets to the Class of 2025 Prom.

Students were entered into the draw if they attended the recent Year 11 Progress Evening alongside their parents/carers.

#PenriceRewards

**FREE PROM
TICKET WINNERS**



Judie Brett: 1956-2024

It is with great sadness that we remember Judie Brett who served the Penrice community as a Geography teacher between 1978 and 2016. She dedicated her passion for Geography to the children of St Austell, with whom she loved being in the classroom, inspiring them to love Geography and helping them achieve their goals.

In a career spanning 38 years, Judie inspired generations by bringing Geography alive with exploding volcano models, field trips and even dressing up in costume. Outside the classroom she ran dance clubs in her earlier years, and in later years a gardening club. The children attending always had vegetables to take home – usually carrots!

An avid Geographer, Judie travelled far and wide, photographing Hawaiian volcanoes, African deserts and central American rainforests for the children in her classroom. Her well-earned retirement was not as long as she deserved, but she did continue to travel and made it to Costa Rica, Cuba, Australia, India, Kenya, Madeira and Greece before she passed away peacefully on Monday 16th September.

Her legacy of kindness, dedication and passion will be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege to know her.

Judie is pictured here in the Blue Mountains, Sydney, Australia.

Pride

Respect

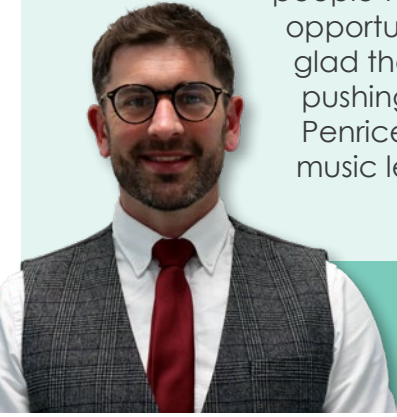
Success

Year 7 Update

Dear Parents and carers,

We just wanted to formally say that the "Successful 7's" period is now over, and it was really....SUCCESSFUL!

Thank you for all your support in getting them ready for such a big change in their routine. We are seeing some fantastic young people taking some extraordinary opportunities and we are so glad they are here! Please keep pushing your children to try a Penrice+ club or one of the free music lessons on offer.



Words by
Mr Darbourne
Head of Year 7



School Production 2025

We are delighted to announce that our 2025 School Production will be... Rock of Ages!!!

Well done to all students who have attended the first School Production Penrice Plus sessions of the academic year - including our set and prop designers!



WE ARE HIRING

School Systems Administrator

APPLY BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER

We are excited to advertise this fantastic opportunity to work at Penrice Academy as a School Systems Administrator.

This is a full time (37 hours per week) role during term times plus 5 INSET plus 12 additional days. This means that you will get a good proportion of the school holidays off - great for those with young families! Starting salary £22,166 gross per annum. This is a permanent position, required to start as soon as possible.

The successful applicant will work closely with the Data Manager using all types of data to constantly understand the context of all students at Penrice Academy whilst using the information to continually raise standards across the school.

As the Schools Systems Administrator, you will help to maintain the data and data systems that are utilised by the school and will have an important role in the maintenance of the school timetable, class lists and curriculum assignments throughout the academic year.

Applications will only be accepted via our online Candidate Portal (see link below).

[Learn More & Apply](#) 

SAVE THE DATE



#HelloYellow Socks Day | Thursday 10th October 2024

On Thursday 10th October we are going to support Young Minds UK with their #HelloYellow event by wearing of yellow socks in order to raise awareness of young people's mental health. Each year group will also be holding a yellow cake and biscuits bake sale to raise funds for the charity.



NEW FEATHERY FRIENDS

We are delighted to share the news that we have two new ducklings on the farm. They are currently 3-weeks old and we have acquired to raise into adults. They are living in the heated barn until they gain their adult feathers.

The Year 8 Penrice Plus group loved settling them in to their new home earlier this week.

Yesterday's Open Evening gave all farm visitors the opportunity to write down and suggest names for the duckling duo. We look forward to reading the suggestions over the course of the next week before officially naming them.

MRS HARDING - FARM MANAGER AND ANIMAL CARE TEACHER



Lucky Duckies
Still to be named.

We better get quacking!

ORACY FOCUS

'Let's Get Talking' Parent & Carer Conversation Starters

- Which teacher has really helped you in your first few weeks back?
- Is there a student who you have noticed being kind to you or someone else?
- How could you let these people know how grateful you are?
- What topics you are studying have inspired you?
- How could you find out more about these topics?

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YEAR 11 INFORMATION EVENING
TUE 08 OCT 6PM-7:30PM
FOR PENRICE ACADEMY

National Music Success for Jamie

Congratulations to percussionist Jamie (10KH) who won the Second Section National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain recently with St Austell Town Brass Band.

They beat 18 other bands in their section and have now secured promotion to the top-level competition in Great Britain!

A special mention also goes to Noah (8DM) who played well and finished 5th out of 19 in the 4th Section with Bugle Band.

October Activities Cornwall

Action for Children

Monday 28th

North Cornwall - Laser Tag

Open to young people in Wadebridge and surrounding areas.

Closing Date: 21st October



Restormel - Skate Session

Open to all young people in the Mid Cornwall, Roche & surrounding villages.

Closing Date: 21st October



Wednesday 30th

Caradon - Maize Maze & Pumpkin Picking

Open to all young people in the Caradon area.

Closing Date: 23rd October



All activities are open to young people aged 11-19, unless stated otherwise.

All activities are free of charge

Thursday 31st

Kerrier - Great Escape Rooms

Open to all young people in the Helston, Lizard and Mullion areas

Closing Date: 23rd October



Penwith - Football Golf

Open to all young people in the Hayle area.

Closing Date: 24th October





LGBTQ+

SUPPORT GROUP

FRIDAY LUNCHTIMES

ROOM H8

SUPPORT - ADVOCACY
SOCIAL - FUN
ALL YEARS WELCOME
ALLIES WELCOME

THE OPEN PROJECT

Intercom Trust

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans+ people in the South West

Registered charity 1171878

STRONGER
TOGETHER





YOUNGMINDS

**Hello
Yellow**
THURS 10 OCT

**We stand
brighter,
together.**

Wear yellow this World Mental Health Day, 10th October,
and donate to YoungMinds to support young people's mental health.

#HelloYellow

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YoungMinds, registered Charity in England (1016968) and Scotland (SC039700)

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Life Skills - Starting 25th September 2024

Light & Life Centre, St Austell

What is Cap Life Skills?

8 week practical course to help anyone who is finding it a challenge to live on their income. It impacts what we can or can't afford, our relationships, what we eat, our health and wellbeing and much more.

CAP Life Skills is a friendly place where you'll gain practical skills and discover new ways to live for a brighter future. The 8 week courses starts on 25th September with a taster session and course starts properly on 2nd October.

Is it for me?

We'll look at how to stay on top of your household bills, see your money go further, eat well on a budget, grow in self-confidence and how to improve your relationships. If you need any help on any of the above, this is for you.

What do the 8 weeks cover?

Week 1 – Lifting the pressure – what pressures are in your life to spend? is this a need or a want? Thankfulness and being content

Week 2 – Taking control –looking at creating a budget – money in and money out – looking at priority needs

Week 3 - Making your money go further – shopping on a budget – cut costs, cut back or cut out – using cash

Week 4 – Staying in control of your home energy – how/where do you use energy in the home – sharing tips on how to cut down – how to read meters/understand bills

Week 5 – Cooking on a budget – Different food groups – what's a balanced diet – planning meals – practical cooking

Week 6 – Healthy you – impact food can have on your emotions – food labels – mental wellbeing – learning a new skill – self worth

Week 7 – Healthy relationships – focusing on either communication, forgiveness or loving others

Week 8 – Celebration – celebrate what you have achieved, encourage others and next steps and staying in touch

Life Skills Coaches

You can have access to a coach for informal discussions about the sessions and any support you may need

How do I sign up?

To book your free place, please contact Andy Payne at andypayne@caplifeskills.org

Anything else I should know?

On each of the 9 weeks, there will be a free lunch, with costed out ingredients for you.