



BRITISH VALUES

STUDENT PARLIAMENT APPLICATION PACK

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Introduction

Here at Penrice, we value every voice.

The Student Parliament is the new channel for democracy at Penrice, giving students the opportunity to have their voices heard in a structured and organised format.

Why a new format for student voice?

Having a channel for student voice is not something that is new to Penrice. This new Student Parliament replaces the previous Student and Academy Council format which has been in place for many years.

We have decided to update the format as it will bring the following benefits:



GREATER OPPORTUNITIES

The Student Parliament will meet more regularly, giving students more opportunities to speak up and have their voices heard.



INCREASED VISIBILITY

Student MPs and particularly Senior MPs will appear on posters produced by the school and placed around the school so that all Penrice students know who to speak to if they wish to bring about a topic for discussion in parliament.



STUDENT EMPOWERMENT

The new format will offer senior parliament roles that MPs can apply for.

Senior MPs will be empowered on school initiatives relevant to their role. For example, there will be Senior MP roles including a Sports Minister, A Student Wellbeing Minister, an Environment Minister and many more.



EQUAL REPRESENTATION

There will be additional provisions put in place to ensure equal representation across the student population.

Every student has the chance to become an MP or Senior MP, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, disability, or any other protected characteristic.



THE MOCK GENERAL ELECTION
4th July 2024



The Parliament Structure



JOINT PRIME MINISTERS

Head Students (in Year 11) take on the role of Joint Prime Ministers of the Parliament.



THE CABINET (Senior MPs)

Secretary of State
for Year 7

Secretary of State
for Year 8

Secretary of State
for Year 9

Secretary of State
for Year 10

Sports
Minister

Arts
Minister

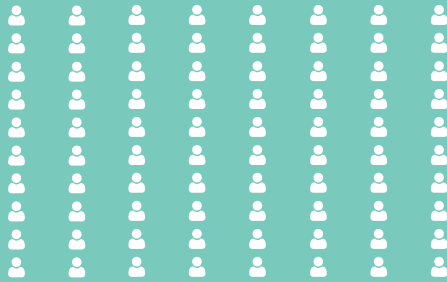
Environment
Minister

Charities &
Community
Minister

Student
Wellbeing
Minister

Media &
Communications
Minister

Inclusion
Minister



80 STUDENT MPS

Each tutor group in Years 7-10 will have two Student MPs representing them in parliament.

MPs will have the opportunity to apply for Senior MP roles in The Cabinet.

Final Teacher Feedback and Actions

Final notes and recommendations shared with Staff Leadership and the Student Parliament.

Actions taken or reasons provided why recommended actions cannot be taken yet.

Senior MP Meeting

The Cabinet (Senior MPs) meet to discuss further, considering the feedback from all tutor groups and teachers.

The Cabinet puts forward final proposals.

Student Parliament Meeting

All 80 MPs meet to discuss hot topics. Some topics will be decided by students, others will be put forward for discussion by teachers.

Teacher and Student Feedback

Parliament discussions shared with teachers. Student MPs hold discussions with their tutor groups.

Initial feedback provided by all.



Benefits of Becoming a Student MP



Have your voice heard

You'll get to regularly share your thoughts and suggestions with teachers and senior leaders at Penrice.



Build your CV

Being part of the Student Parliament will look great on your CV for future employers and post-16 education providers.



Learn leadership skills

If elected as an MP, you'll be able to apply for more senior Cabinet positions where you will lead on a key area of school life.



Be a positive role model

Other students in the school will look up to you as their champion.



The Application Process

Step One – Complete Online Form

The first step is to let us know that you would like to be a Student MP by completing a quick online form. This can be accessed via the homepage of the Penrice website.

Step Two – Pitch to Your Tutor Group

You will be required to answer the following two questions to your tutor group:

- What motivates you to be a Student MP?
- How will you represent the collective voice for your tutor group?

You can deliver your answers by a live speech or by writing/typing your answers and your tutor then reading them out. Speeches should be no more than 3 minutes long.

The Election (Voting) Process

80MPs will be elected in total from students in Years 7 – 10.

+40

STEP ONE: TUTOR VOTE (+40)

One student will be elected per tutor group. This will be a student-led vote within each tutor group, taking place on a specific date. Voting will take place confidentially, with your tutor looking after a ballot box.

+40

STEP TWO: HEAD OF YEAR & SENIOR LEADERSHIP SELECTION (+40)

Tutors will take notes and score presentations of all candidates. They will send this feedback to your Head of Year and Senior Leadership. A decision will then be made on who else is selected from each tutor group.

Selection Criteria

Whilst also considering the strength of applications, Heads of Year and Senior Leadership will select candidates on the basis of ensuring equal representation, equality and diversity amongst the Student Parliament.

Can We Help?

If you feel there are barriers to you applying and/or running to be a Student MP, please speak to your Tutor, Head of Year, relevant Keyworker (if applicable), or Mrs Gurd.

Penrice will endeavour to remove any barriers or obstacles that stand in the way of any student applying.



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