



Penryn
College

'Achieving through Challenge'

21 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

We are really looking forward to welcoming your child to Penryn College in September. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our 'Meet the Tutor Evening' earlier this summer.

We are excited for a fresh start after a bit of a stop-start end to the school year. As ever, we are committed to delivering our usual curriculum and extra-curricular programme next year, and making school life 'normal' - what a lovely thought!

However, as you know, we are making plans in a period of uncertainty, and things can change very quickly. Our aim is to put in place the right structures so we can operate in a 'normal' manner, but also have the flexibility to increase controls and implement an 'Outbreak Management Plan', if that is what is required. I hope the following information helps create a clear picture of next year's plans for you.

Testing and start dates

The government have asked us to lateral flow test each student two times upon starting/returning to school. Therefore, we will implement a plan similar to the one we put in place in March, with a staggered start to school for all students. The following year groups will start school on the following days:

- Monday 6th September - Staff Training Day
- Tuesday 7th September - Year 11 return
- Wednesday 8th September - Year 7 return
- Thursday 9th September - Year 8 and 10 return
- Friday 10th September - Year 9 return

Schedule for first day

Please see instructions below for Year 7's first day at Penryn College:

Year 7 – Wednesday 8th September

- Please meet your tutor in the TISA; parents/carers will be able to stay with their child during testing;
- Students in Mr Chanter's (DC) and Mr Cheetham's (AC1) tutor group, and those arriving by bus, to meet in the TISA at 8.40am;
- Students in Mr Bidgood's (CB6), Miss Evans' (LGE), and Miss Hankins' (DH) tutor groups to meet in the TISA at 9.15am;
- Students in Mrs Pointon's (NP), Mrs Duke's (ND) and Miss Real's (MIR) tutor groups to meet in the TISA at 9.45am.



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Hygiene

We will continue to promote and support high standards of hygiene for students, including adequate sanitiser on entry and hand washing facilities.

School day

The school day will be set up with the same timings as this year, with split breaks and lunchtimes so that three year groups will have breaks, while the other two year groups are in lessons, as below:

8.40am - Lesson 1
9.30am - Lesson 2
10.15am - Tutor/Break 1
10.35am - Tutor/Break 2
10.55am - Lesson 3
11.40am - Lesson 4
12.25pm - Lesson 5/Lunch 1
1.10pm - Lesson 5/Lunch 2
1.55pm - Lesson 6
2.40pm - Lesson 7
3.25pm - School day ends

Year 8, 9 and 11 students will have breaks/lunchtimes at the same time, followed by Year 7 and 10.

Walking around the building and accessing classes

This year, we have successfully implemented our outdoor Ring Road. Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students walk around the building to specific entrances before queuing and entering the building, and Year 11 are allowed to move inside the building, along with staff. This is a system we will continue to use in September. This will mean that sturdy wet weather coats will be needed for the start of term!

Breaks and lunchtimes

Year 7 students will use the TISA (Tented Indoor Sports Arena), Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), Hockey AstroTurf, and North Playground.

All students will be able to use our Synthetic Turf Pitch (STP) to play football and rugby during lunchtimes, provided they wear the correct boots.

As usual, pupils will be encouraged to spend breaks and lunchtimes outside, where possible. It has been great to see far more students active at breaks and lunchtimes.

We intend to make the following developments for next year:

- Food will be served in the TISA for Year 7, 8 and 9 students. We will have greater serving capacity and the full range of meals will be served;
- Additional outside eating spaces with seagull protection systems;
- Indoor seating to create a 'proper' dining space during lunchtimes;
- Additional play equipment available on the Hockey Astro;



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- Breaktime opening of the MUGA;
- The STP will be open to all students who wish to play football or rugby, but they will need to bring their boots!

It is worth noting that because of the split breaks, Year 7 will spend breaks and lunchtimes as one year group, which will provide them with lots of space to be active!

Classroom layout

Last year, we spent a long time ensuring our classrooms were set up as safely as possible, and asked students to wipe down their tables at the end of each lesson. This worked very well, so we will begin the year in the same manner. As the picture becomes clearer, we will be able to adjust the layout of classrooms. However, we will continue to deliver the specialist curriculum in specialist classrooms.

Lockers

We would like to allocate Year 7 students lockers in mid-September. There will be an option to pay a £10 deposit via ParentPay if you would like your child to be allocated a locker, and we will send details of how to access this payment system in September.

Extra-curricular programme and school trips

We are also looking forward to providing a full extra-curricular programme and, we hope, the reintroduction of our school trips. Don't forget that students can get involved in lots of exciting activities over the summer as part of our EdVenture Summer Holiday Activities programme! You can access the huge list of activities by clicking [here](#).

A fresh start

Finally, we cannot wait for a fresh start, and to welcome your child to Penryn College in September. I am crossing everything that I can so we can have a wonderful, full, and 'proper' school year next year.

If you have any questions, or you would like to talk anything over, don't hesitate to e-mail me via pwalker@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk or via the school number: 01326 372379.

Have a lovely summer and take care.

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