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Mrs Croxall's Message



Good afternoon,

This week has seen the school open its doors to lots of visitors. Firstly, we welcomed Year 6 students at our Open Mornings, we really enjoyed having the opportunity to meet groups of prospective students and show them our school in action.

We also invited parents in for our afterschool walkabout. Thank you so much for attending these, we know how much your children love to show their learning environment.

We had a fantastic turn out for Parents' Forum, we received really useful feedback from parents and carers about how ClassCharts is working and how we can further improve communication. We are currently developing our website and the great suggestions made will be incorporated into these plans. The next session will continue to focus on our website and the school vision. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th November and we will keep you updated on timings and how you can join virtually.

Yesterday, local Headteachers from Redruth, Richard Lander and Humphry Davy visited Penryn College, and praised the school's calm environment, students' manners and behaviour and commented on how smart they all looked. We were so proud to get such positive feedback from our local colleagues and continue to be so proud of our young people.

Please see in this newsletter more information how you can contribute as a parent trustee.

Have a lovely weekend

Claire Croxall

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Stay Connected with Your Child's Learning

If you are a parent or carer who has not yet logged into ClassCharts, we encourage you to do so.

To receive your login details, please email: enquiries@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk

At our recent Parents' Forum, we discussed how ClassCharts can be a powerful tool to start meaningful conversations with your child about their learning. When used alongside their Showbie account, it can help spark discussions around what's happening in the classroom. Each morning during tutor time, students begin by checking their achievement points, homework, and detentions, before continuing with their Sparx work.

Teachers are also beginning to use the Announcements feature on ClassCharts to share key messages, including key information about enrichment opportunities.

Please ensure your notifications are switched on so you don't miss out on any information.



As we continue with our Aspirational assembly programme in our P4 lessons, this week all students took time to explore Black History Month 2025.

Led by Ms Oldrieve, every year we celebrate Black History Month across the school with the aim to **'Dig deeper, look closer, think bigger'**

Founded in 1987 to raise the profile of black history and culture, this year's Black History Month explores '**Standing Firm in Power and Pride**', and having '**pride in our roots**'. Students have explored and reflected on contributions of black people society throughout our history. We reminded students of opportunities across our school curriculum when we learn about various topics that explore the stories of extraordinary individuals and societies from the black community.

"Black history is not separate from British History, it is part of our struggles, our achievements and our future together." Black History Month 2025

After School Clinics



Headteacher Clinic - Thursdays 3pm - 5:30pm. Please email tsmith@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk to make an appointment.

SEND Clinic - Wednesdays 3pm - 5pm. Please email vcooper@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk to make an appointment.

Head of Year Clinics

Key stage 3, Year 7 and 9 - Tuesday 3.15pm - 5pm

Key stage 3, Year 8 - Thursday 3.15pm - 5pm

Key stage 4, Years 10 and 11 - Wednesday 3.15pm - 5pm

Please email tsmith@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk to make an appointment for Key Stage 3 and 4.

News from the Textiles Team

FASHION ILLUSTRATORS OF THE YEAR 2025

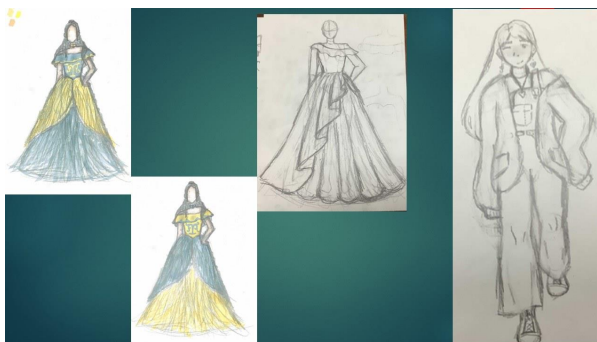
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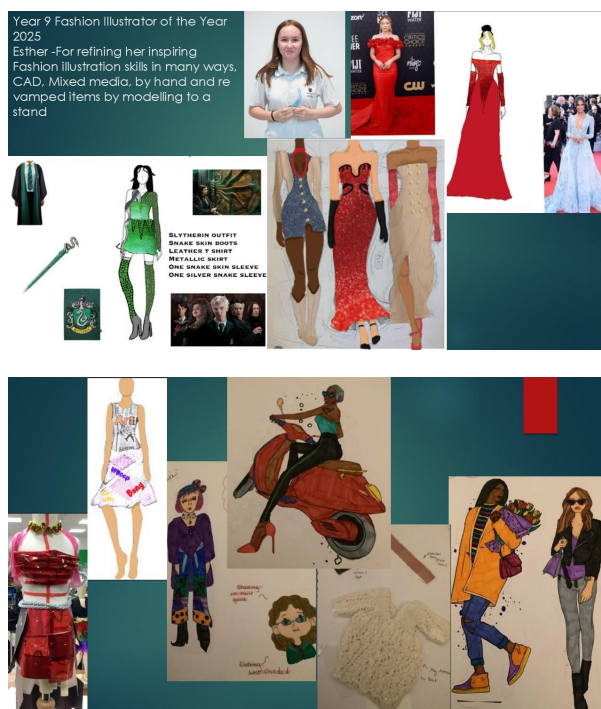


Year 7 Fashion Illustrator of the Year 2025
Merryn – For inspired computer aided fashion design



Year 8 Fashion Illustrator of the Year 2025
Honey – For building an individual character into her hand drawn fashion illustrations, refining her tonal drape and trialling various colourways





Parent Trustee Vacancy

We're looking for parents who'd like to get involved, share their ideas, and help shape the future of our school by becoming a Parent Trustee.

We would like to thank our Parent Trustees Jo Ellis and Sarah Levinsky for their work for Penryn College. They have now finished their term as trustees as we are currently recruiting for this academic year. If you are a parent or carer of a child enrolled at Penryn College, we would love you to consider applying.

For more information about being a trustee please email tsmith@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk. Here is what our current trustees say about being on the board,

'I feel honoured to be a Trustee at Penryn College, a role which I continue to find incredibly rewarding. Being a member of the Board enables me to support the Senior Leadership Team, to help shape the direction of education for all the young people in our care, making certain that the offer to them ensures that they leave the College well equipped for their future.'

If you would like to nominate yourself or find out more information, please email Mrs Croxall ccroxall@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk who will be happy to talk through the role and arrange a visit to school. Nominations should be made by **Thursday 9th October**. The names of nominees will then be shared with parents with their supporting statements, and a ballot will be held on **Friday 24th October**

When nominating yourself, please include no more than 250 words to include;

- Relevant skills and experience that may support a trustee role
- Your understanding of the role

As a Parent Trustee, you can play a valued part in our school community and help us create the best possible future for our young people.

College Events

Please find below details of upcoming events at Truro College and Duchy College.

Please be aware that the link in the Truro College information is not clickable. Please click on the below link to register for the Post 16 Options Evening

<https://www.truro-penwith.ac.uk/event/truro-college-post-16-options-evening-25/>



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Principal: Martin Tucker

Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils

Re: Post 16 Options Evening

I would like to extend a warm invitation to parents/carers and Year 11 pupils to join us at our Post 16 Options Evening on Tuesday 14 October, 5 – 8 pm, to find out more about our fantastic study opportunities. This event focuses on learning about the choices open to young people after school and understanding the diverse range of pathways on offer. Options include learning about A Levels, T Levels, International Baccalaureate (IB), Technical and Vocational programmes and Apprenticeships.

Some of our buildings will be open on the evening and we will host an express information, advice and guidance service, A Levels, IB & Apprenticeships. We will showcase our technical provision and highlight our T Level and Vocational offer. You will also be able to see the large number of enrichment opportunities available to add to your main programme of study.

You will have the opportunity to meet senior staff and specialist tutors. There will be a post-16 talk by a member of our Senior Management Team and you can book a place here: [Truro College Post 16 Options Evening 2025](#). There will be an opportunity for you to ask general questions about the College and to ask more specific questions about the courses on offer.

Many parents value extending their knowledge by also attending our Open Days where the whole college site is open. You can meet the subject specialists, talk to careers advisers, and view the campus at your leisure in daylight hours.

Truro Open Days (whole campus open for viewing):
Saturday 8 November 2025 - 9am – 3pm – Open Day
Saturday 28 February 2026 – 10am – 1pm – Open Day

Our other open events:
Tuesday 13 January 2026 – 5 – 8pm – Open Evening
Monday 19 January 2026 – 6.30 pm – IB Information Evening
Tuesday 28 April 2026 – 5 – 8pm – Open Evening

Our STEM & Health Skills Centre at Bodmin is also open for digital, engineering, nursing and health courses and their open events are on Saturday 15 November 2025 and Saturday 24 January 2026.

We encourage parents to do advanced research into bus timetables, types of bus tickets and fares to learn about the best way to get to college, as post 16 transport is not free. For more details please visit [Transport - Truro & Penwith College](#).



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Applications open in October 2025. Apply online at www.truro-penwith.ac.uk. In order to secure an early interview for your chosen course, we recommend applying as soon as possible. Please note that when your young person applies to college, the main method of communication with parents and the applicant is via email. It is important that this is correctly inputted into the application portal to ensure you get essential communications throughout the application, interview and onboarding process into college. Please ensure before applying you confirm with your young person the email address they should enter.

We look forward to seeing you.

Best wishes



Lisa Briscoe
Director of Student Experience



Important dates

Year 11 Countdown to GCSEs evening - 7th October

(please register your attendance via the ClassCharts app)

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