



# Penryn College News

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## Mrs Croxall's Message



Good afternoon,

What a fabulous festive week we have had! Thank you all for joining us at St Gluvias Church last week and at school this week for wonderful musical evenings. We have had lovely feedback from families about the exceptional quality of the performance and the outstanding organisation. A huge thank you to our students and Creative Arts team for a fantastic end of term.

We welcomed members of the community into school on Wednesday for our community concert. Our student leaders were superb ambassadors and gave our visitors a special afternoon.

Today we celebrated the end of term with assemblies for each year group. Well done for the winners of the '12 Days of Christmas' competition. We heard all about the successes of the students throughout the year, and we are so proud of their achievements.

We wish you all a peaceful and restful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming our students back in January.

Mrs Croxall

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## Christmas Concert

On Tuesday night we held a truly special event that brought at least four generations together as one community, our annual Christmas Concert. The concert is always a highlight of the year and, as our Head Students shared on the night, it is all about celebrating our community- students, staff, families, and friends, coming together to share music, joy, and celebrating the incredible talent and hard work across our school.

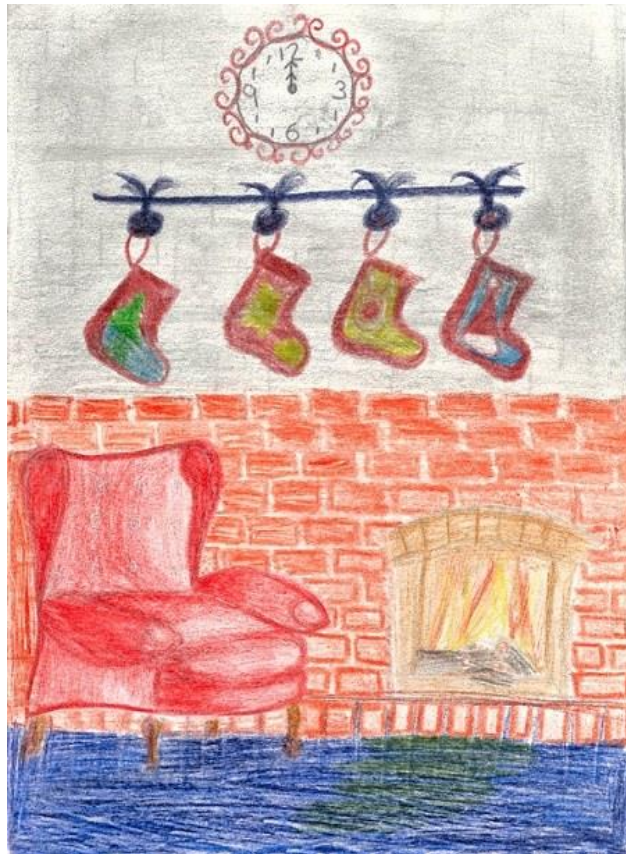


## Penryn College Christmas Card Winners

We had some wonderful entries for our Penryn College Christmas card this year. The poem finalists were Oriole, Will, Arthur, Woodrow and Elle in Year 7. After a tough decision for Mrs Croxall she decided on Elle as the winner.

The winning design for the card is by Elowen in Year 9.





## MFL Autumn Duolingo competition results & Eurovision

The competition closed on Friday and massive congratulations to our overall winners this term – prizes and certificates will be awarded this week.

KS4: River

Year 9: Isla

Year 8: Paige

Year 7: Surya

There will be another chance to win when the competition launches in Spring.

It was fantastic to see students creatively applying their language skills in the Eurovision finals last week in Kernewek Hall. Having made it through the class knockout stages Year 8 and Year 9 students were able to watch the group stage winning songs before voting for the overall winner in 8L, 8R and 9L, with 9R finals due to be held in January. The talent and creativity that students showed in writing their songs, filming their music videos and singing in French or Spanish was amazing. Huge congratulations to the overall winners who were:

8L: Blake and Billy with their re-worked version of Katy Perry's Last Friday Night

8R: Lily and her group who re-worked Queen's Flash Gordon theme song.

9L: Mason and Charlie who re-worked Rocking Around the Christmas Tree by Brendan Lee



## Year 10 Oxford Adventure: Learning, Laughter, and a Touch of Hogwarts

Fifteen Year 10 students recently swapped their usual classrooms for the dreaming spires of Oxford on a two-day trip packed with inspiration, exploration, and only a moderate amount of Christmas shopping.

The group had the opportunity to sample a range of university-style lectures, delving into subjects including law, English literature, engineering, and modern history. From debating legal dilemmas to uncovering the stories behind historical turning points, students experienced first-hand what academic life at Oxford can offer—and discovered that lectures can, in fact, be fascinating.

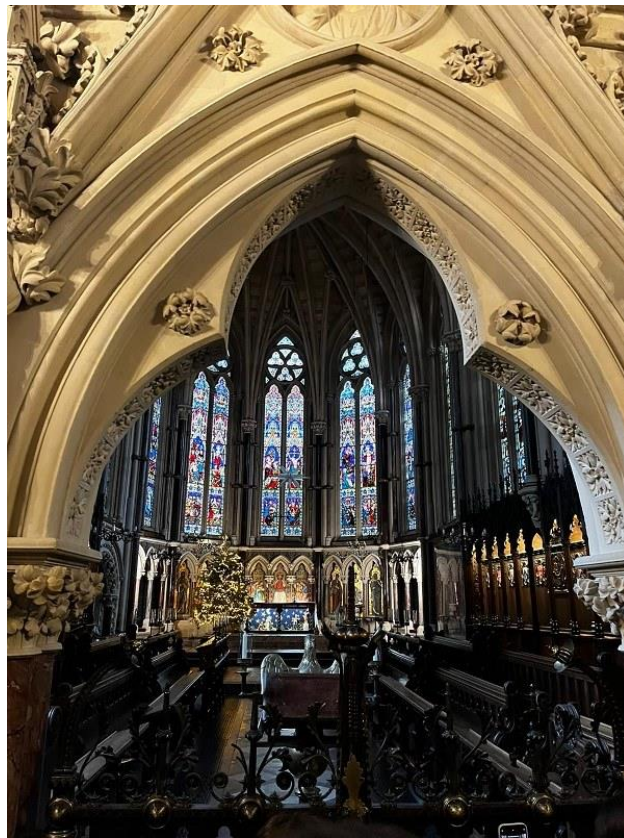


Beyond the lecture halls, the trip was rich in culture. A visit to the Pitt Rivers Museum sparked curiosity (and amazement) with its extraordinary collections, while a stroll through Oxford's Christmas markets added a festive glow—and the occasional hot chocolate—to the experience.

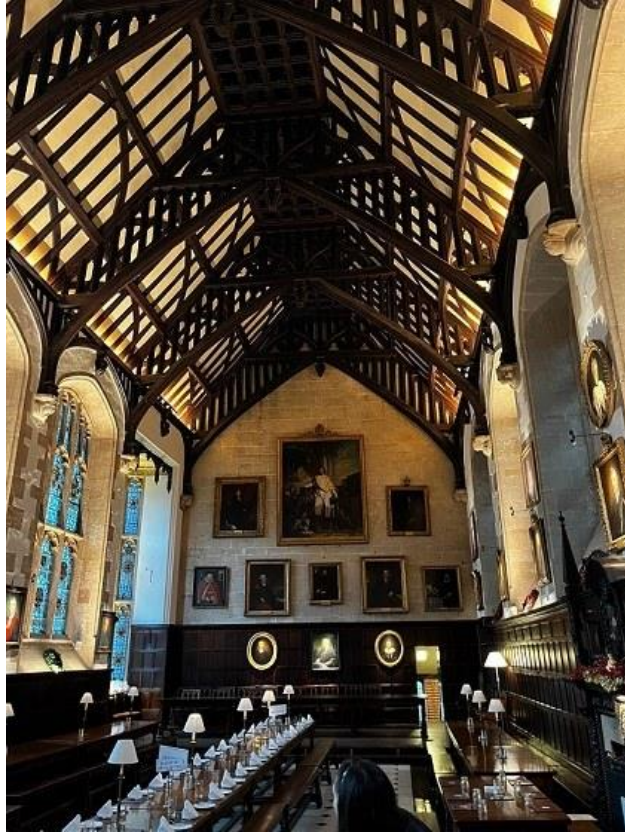
One highlight for many was dining in the 14th-century hall at Exeter College. Surrounded by centuries of history, students enjoyed memorable meals in a setting that felt straight out of a film.

The trip was a great success, with everyone thoroughly enjoying the chance to learn, explore, and experience life at one of the world's most famous universities.

Oxford certainly left its mark—and perhaps inspired a few future undergraduates along the way. Mr Herring and Miss Lushington were very impressed by how engaged all of the Penryn College students were.







## News from the Careers Team

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## Lockers

Please refer to last week's newsletter regarding the lockers. Please ensure that your child has a lock for the first day back. We will give more information to them in tutor time.

## After School Clinics



**Headteacher Clinic** - Thursdays 3pm - 5:30pm. Please email [tsmith@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:tsmith@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk) to make an appointment.

**SEND Clinic** - Wednesdays 3pm - 5pm. Please email [vcooper@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto: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 4, Years 10 and 11** - Wednesday 3.15pm - 5pm

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

Please email [squinn@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:squinn@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk) to make an appointment for Key Stage 3 and 4.

## Celebration Cupcakes

Lots of people have asked for the details of the amazing handmade cupcakes that were designed for students in the celebration assemblies.

If anyone would like to contact for other occasions, here are the details:

[Petalsandbloomcupcakes@gmail.com](mailto:Petalsandbloomcupcakes@gmail.com)



## Important Dates for the Diary

**Last Day of Term For Students and Staff - 15:10 Finish** - Thursday 18th December

**School Closure Day** - Friday 19th December

**Students return to school** - Monday 5th January

**Berlin Trip Parent Briefing** - Wednesday 7th January

**Year 9 Subject Review (online)** - Wednesday 14th January

**Year 9 Options Evening** - Tuesday 20th January 2026

**Parent Forum** - Tuesday 27th January

**Year 11 Mock Exams** - Monday 2nd February - Friday 13th February

**Year 7 Subject Review (in person)** - Tuesday 3rd February

**Half Term** - Monday 16th - Friday 20th February

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