



Penryn College News

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Mrs Croxall's Message



Good afternoon

A huge thank you again from all the staff at Penryn College for your support regarding the school closures and disruption last week. It is a difficult decision to make as a Headteacher to close school, however we were in unprecedented times and conditions were changing rapidly. I hope that you have recovered from these events as well. I must credit our students who have been exceptional; they demonstrated impeccable behaviour in the early closure and settled back into school on Monday quickly and positively, whilst many still didn't have power and WIFI at home. They have been a credit to you.

Communication was particularly challenging for us all last week as internet and phonelines were affected. The fastest way to communicate to you all in such events is via Classcharts which is significantly speedier than email or phone. Please do sign up and use Classcharts, it will be invaluable moving forwards. We are helping those who have been unable to download this in our next Parents Forum on Tuesday 27th January.

Our students behaviour at Penryn College continues to impress not just our own staff, but those who visit externally. We still have hundreds of students who have not picked up a single behaviour point this year, and we wish to acknowledge this and share our pride in their conduct.

We also have hundreds of students with 100% attendance. We know that this puts our students in the best position to achieve and make progress and we thank parents, carers and families in their part in achieving this.

Next week is an important one for year 9 as we begin our Options process. We will be holding the all-important Options Evening on Tuesday 20th January and we look forward to seeing you to talk through our curriculum offer.

Let's hope for a calmer weekend.

Mrs Croxall

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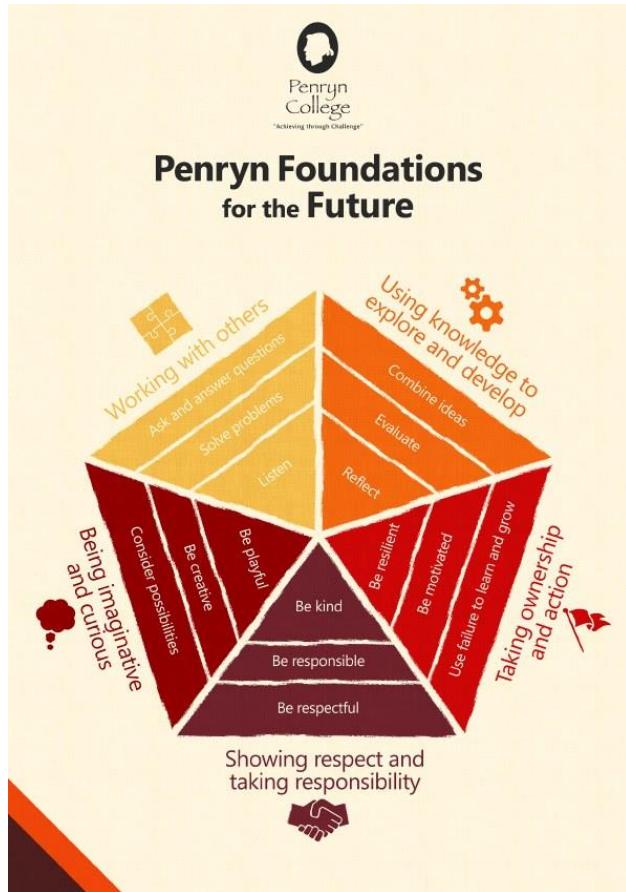
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[**Assemblies this week**](#)

Foundations for the Future

Assemblies this week have been on the Foundations for the Future with the Heads of Year sharing key information for each year group for the term ahead. Students were asked to reflect and celebrate on their achievements through their AMs and consider which Foundation for the Future is their strength. We also took time to share feedback from the student voice before the end of term and key messages reflecting the student feedback.



Year 7 Subject Review

Year 7 Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing you **in school** for Subject Review (Parent/carer meetings with teachers) on **Tuesday 3rd February** from **3.25-5.25pm**.

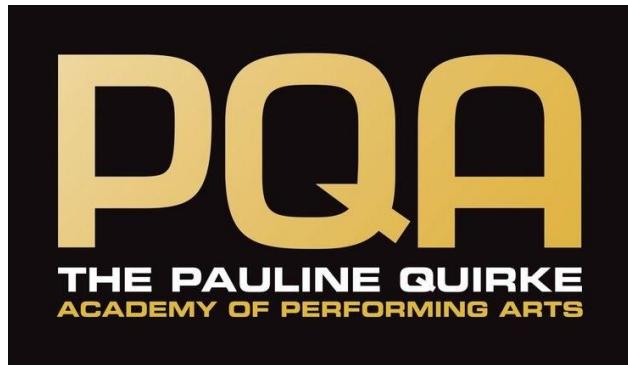
To ensure that subject reviews are as purposeful as possible, and that parents/carers are able to get appointments, the following process is in place:

- Booking will go live for on **Tuesday 20th January at 7pm**. We aim to do this in the evening so as many people can access as possible.
- The booking takes place online, and you will have the link to access the booking system sent by e-mail **from SchoolCloud** – this will go to the Priority 1 contact.
- Parents/carers will be able to book in three priority subjects at first.

- From **Tuesday 27th January at 7pm** you will be able to return to the booking system to book further appointments in addition to the first three if you wish.
- Appointments will take place in the main street and hall, please do not arrive before your first appointment time. You will be sent a booking summary and map ready for the day.
- If a member of staff is unable to see you on the evening, they will contact you at a later date.

Your ongoing support is valued and if there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Pauline Quirke Academy workshop

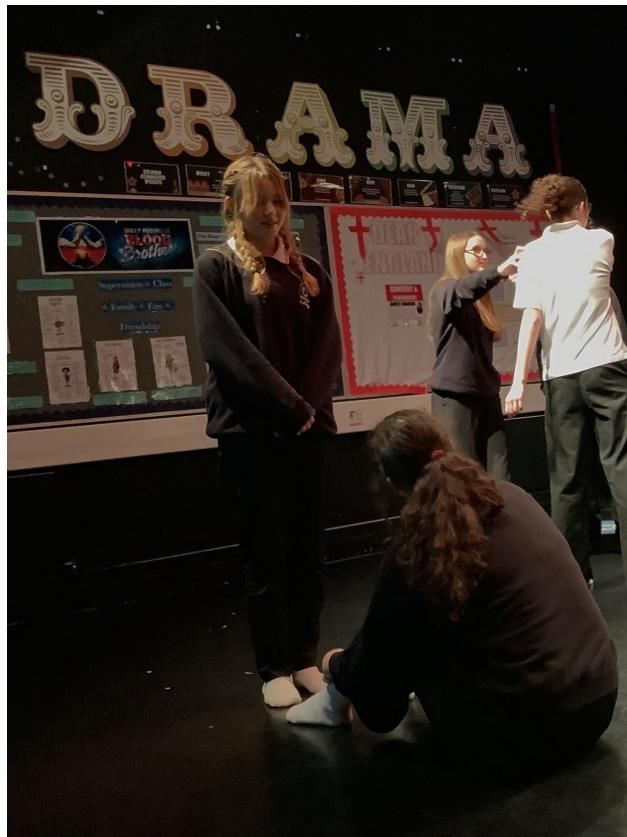


This week, we were thrilled to welcome Reuben from the Pauline Quirke Academy into our KS4 Drama lessons, where he delivered dynamic workshops on improvisation and developing exciting characters.

Our students showed *exceptional* participation throughout. They explored fresh ways to generate ideas for devising, pushed their creative boundaries, and built confidence in their improvisation skills.

The energy, focus, and creativity in the Drama studio were truly outstanding. A fantastic experience for everyone involved!

Huge thank you to Reuben and PQA for inspiring our young performers.



Online Safety



The Children's Commissioner has written a guide in recognition of the complex, rapidly evolving digital landscape in which children – and parents – are navigating. It focuses on the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits. This guide was written with the direct involvement of children in England. It is a reflection of their views. They visited schools to speak to teenagers, and spoke to Youth Ambassadors and Youth Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Panel to get their expertise on what works and what doesn't work between parents or carers and children in the 21st Century.

Please see the guide here - <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

News from the Careers Team

Are you students ready for a career packed with adventure, real-world skills, and recognised qualifications?

Join our **free online webinar** and discover the exciting opportunities offered by **British Army apprenticeships**.

 **Tuesday, 3 February 2026**

 **16:00 – 17:00**

 **Online Event**

Why attend?

- Explore a wide range of roles: engineering, logistics, healthcare, IT, and more
- Learn how students can **earn while they learn**
- Hear first-hand from soldiers and apprentices about training, career journeys, and day-to-day Army life

This event is a great way to support your careers programme and meet Gatsby Benchmarks by giving students direct insight into real-world opportunities.

Why not attend the event as well to support your students career journey.

[Register Now](#)

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards

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OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE INFORMATION DAYS



INTRODUCTION TO OXBRIDGE: ADMISSIONS SESSION

Tuesday 27th January, 5-6pm

[Sign up here to join live or receive recording.](#)

INTRODUCTION TO OXBRIDGE: STUDENT LIFE SESSION

WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY, 5-6PM

[Sign up here to join live or receive recording.](#)

INTRODUCTION TO OXBRIDGE: PARENTS AND CARERS SESSION

Wednesday 28th January, 6-7pm

[Sign up here to join live or receive recording.](#)



INTRODUCTION TO OXBRIDGE: TEACHERS SESSION

Friday 30th January, 4-5pm

[Sign up here to join live or receive recording.](#)



New specialist facilities for Engineering, Digital, Nursing & Healthcare

OPEN DAY

Sat 24 Jan 10am-1pm

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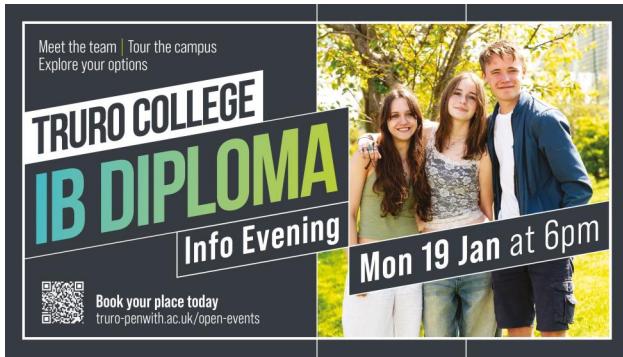
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Principal: Martin Tucker

January 2026

Dear All,

I am writing to extend a warm invitation to all parents/guardians, carers and pupils who have expressed an interest in the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme at Truro College, to join us on Monday 19 January 2026 from 6.30 – 8pm.

Visit www.truro-penwith.ac.uk/events to register for the event.

Please note this event takes place in the Fal Building.

This special evening will be an information session with a formal presentation at 7.30pm. There will be an opportunity for you and your children to meet senior staff and the IB team of staff and students. You will be able to ask questions regarding the programme and talk with our lecturing staff. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask general questions about the College. Staff will be available before the presentations take place from 6.30pm to answer any questions you may have.

You will be pleased to know that Truro and Penwith College has confirmed that it will continue to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma from September, despite recent government changes to funding for large academic programmes. We remain fully committed to the IB Diploma which we believe is the best education available to young people post-GCSE – a broad and internationally respected qualification that has been successfully delivered here for many years. We are not only the only provider of the IB Diploma in Cornwall but one of the largest and most successful providers in the UK, with student outcomes consistently exceeding both UK and global averages.

If you are not able to make it, there will also be Open Events at the Truro College campus on Saturday 28 February 2026 (10am – 1pm) and Tuesday 28 April 2026 (5 – 8pm), where you can come and talk to the IB lecturers.

Parking will be available on-site in the car park outside the Fal building with additional parking available in the bus bay and other college car parks. However, please do not park outside the Better Leisure Centre as it is not part of Truro College, and they issue parking fines to people who park there who are not customers of Better Leisure.

Yours sincerely



Paul Gill
IB Coordinator



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

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



CAPA Dance Returns

We're delighted to announce that CAPA Dance is back up and running from Thursday 15th January, and we're excited to welcome both returning dancers and new faces for another fantastic term of creativity and movement.

What is CAPA Dance?

CAPA (Creative Arts Primary Academy) offers pupils from our local primary schools the chance to take part in weekly dance sessions at Penryn College. Running for almost 10 years, CAPA has supported many young dancers from Year 3 right through to professional training and provides a brilliant introduction to life at Penryn College.

 When: Thursdays, starting 15th January

 Time: Years 3–6 | 4.00–5.30pm

 Cost: £50 per term (10 weeks) – just £5 per session

Term dates:

15, 22, 29 January

5, 12, 26 February (no session 19 Feb – half term)

5, 12, 19, 26 March

 A fun, inclusive and energetic environment where creativity, confidence and friendships flourish, led by our inspiring Cornwall Dance School dance teachers.

 Register here: <https://myedventure.co.uk/school-events/>

We can't wait to see our CAPA dancers back in action and welcome new members to the group.

School Age Nasal Flu Walk-in clinics



Important Dates for the Diary

Year 9 Options Evening - Tuesday 20th January

Parents Forum - Tuesday 27th January

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

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

GCSE Berlin History Trip - Thursday 12th February - Monday 16th February

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

Term Begins - Monday 23rd February

Year 10 Subject Review (in person) - Wednesday 4th March

Year 7 The Big Sing - Friday 13th March

Staff Training Day (School Closed to students) - Monday 16th March

Spring Concert - Friday 20th March

Year 11 Subject Review (online) - Thursday 26th March

GCSE Bay of Naples Geography Trip - Wednesday 1st April - Tuesday 7th April

Last Day of Term - Thursday 2nd April

School Easter Holiday - Friday 3rd April - Friday 17th April

Summer Term Begins - Monday 20th April

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- Interactive stands
- Learn about educational pathways into careers
- Behind the scenes tours

A group of four diverse young adults (two men, two women) smiling and posing together, representing the diverse workforce in health and care.

A QR code for booking a spot.

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All welcome. No referral needed

We look forward to seeing you there

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Saturday 17th January 10:00 – 11:00

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