



Penryn College News

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Mrs Croxall's Message



Good afternoon

This week at Penryn College, we have focused on wellbeing and Miss Lushington delivered assemblies to all our students (see below for more detail). As a school, the wellbeing of our students and staff will always be our priority and we have increased our Educational Support Team this week as a continued measure of support. We give Mrs Bennett and Miss Thomas a warm welcome to our Penryn community. Mr Prynne has also been successful in his appointment of Inclusion Manager where he will be supporting students across years 7-11.

Our student leaders have been busy this week, attending leadership meetings with SLT in their areas of focus from sustainability to teaching and learning. Their feedback is invaluable and helping us to drive positive changes. Students have also fed back to trustees when they visited this week to look at behaviour and culture.

The weather continues to hamper our plans as we have had to postpone our Ten Tors trip this weekend. It is a tricky decision to make but unfortunately the conditions looked too dangerous to continue the expedition. We are however, venturing to Bournemouth tomorrow to participate in the U14 and U16 regional netball tournament. We wish them every success.

I hope you have a lovely weekend when it arrives,

Mrs Croxall

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Personal Development (P4)

SMSC in Personal Development (P4) this week has been exploring Respect in Action following the Football Associations (FA) publication reviewing behaviour in football across England. Discussions in class then explored how we can show respect, including when playing sport and whether if respect isn't shown to you, is it important to show it back?

New reading books have been launched across Personal Development (P4) this week.

- Year 7 Kick by Mitch Johnson
- Year 8 Steady for This by Nathanael Lessore
- Year 9 The Dark Lady by Akala
- Year 10 Wild East by Ashley Hickson-Lovence.

We look forward to sharing more information with you in forthcoming weeks.

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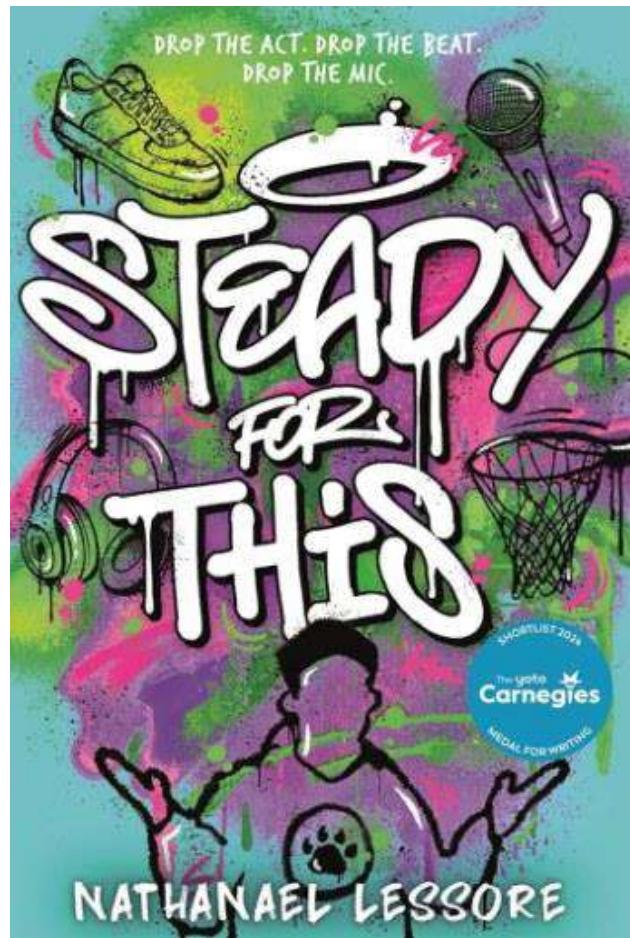
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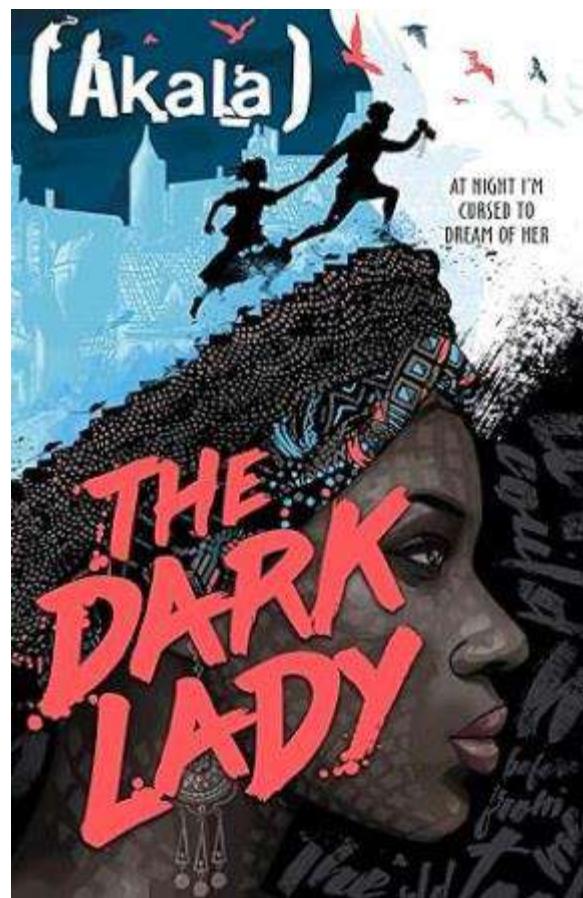
John Boyne author of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*

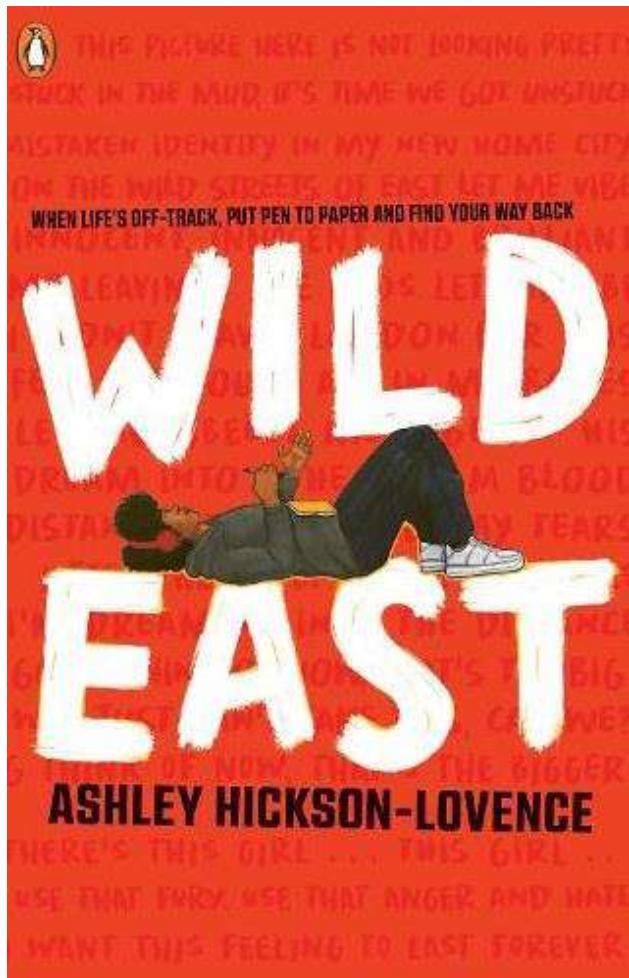


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Winner of the BRANFORD BOASE AWARD







Assemblies this week



Please see the letter that is attached to the Newsletter email this week.

Parents Forum



Thank you to everyone who attended this week's parents forum on ClassCharts and communication; we gathered really useful feedback since our launch of ClassCharts for all parents back at the start of the Autumn Term. We reflected on recent Storm Goretti and how useful ClassCharts was for rapid announcements of information. Positives with ClassCharts seem to be around everything being in one place and useful for knowing more about homework. Interesting conversations about access to assessment information moving forward and how can ClassCharts help with more detail around behaviour including AMs, BMs and Rewards.

Some great feedback about the new clearer and shorter newsletter and some ideas for how the new website can help with signposting key information. We value everyone's feedback around the challenges of telephone and email contact. Overall, there was strong interest in improving transparency, responsiveness, and the tools to support both families and school staff.

Next Parents' Forum is on Tuesday 17th March.

Uniform Reminder



Why uniform matters: Our uniform policy helps create a positive learning environment where all students can focus on their education. Consistent uniform standards support our school culture and ensure fairness for all.

Trousers must be black, formal and tailored. Belts should be black and functional. All trousers must meet the shoe line.

What this means:

-  Black, formal, tailored trousers
-  Black, functional belt
-  Trousers must meet the shoe line (correct length)
-  No combat trousers
-  No chinos
-  No leggings/stretch type trousers
-  No jeans or skinnies
-  No decorative loops, logos, studs, or additional buttons or pockets

Earrings

- Silver/gold studs only
- 5mm less

Make-up

- Discreet make-up is permitted (staff discretion)
-  False eyelashes are not permitted
- Natural coloured nail varnish only
-  No false or acrylic nails

Hairstyles

- Hair should be neat, tidy and of an acceptable natural colour
-  Patterned, shaved, or multi-coloured hair is not permitted
- If hair is dyed, it should be of one natural-looking colour only

- Hair accessories should be simple and discreet
- Hair must be tied back for safety in certain subjects (PE, Science, STEAM)

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The Diana Award



An Exciting Opportunity: Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training

Thank you to the students who have already signed up for this exciting opportunity with Mrs Roberts. We're offering students at Penryn College the chance to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors through The Diana Award's training programme.

What is it? This training day will empower students to tackle bullying both online and offline. Students will learn practical skills through engaging activities and create an action plan for reducing bullying at our college. At the end of the day, they'll become certified Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. The programme uses The Diana Award's renowned peer-led approach, which means students will be equipped to support their fellow pupils in creating a kinder, safer school environment.

How to get involved

If your child is interested in becoming an Anti-Bullying Ambassador, please ask them to contact **Mrs Roberts** to express their interest. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop leadership skills and make a real difference in our school community.

Year 11 County Rugby Final



All Penryn College & Students are invited to Redruth Rugby club on Friday 6th February to support our year 11s in their County Rugby final. In previous years this has been an excellent social occasion to celebrate our students representing our school and community.

Free School Meals

A promotional card for free school meals. The top left asks 'IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?'. It lists benefits like Income Support, Income-Based Job seekers Allowance, and Working Tax Credit. The top right shows the Penryn College logo and website. The bottom right has a photo of a meal and the text 'APPLY NOW!'.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to make you aware that your child may be eligible for **Free School Meals**. Accessing this support can provide your child with a nutritious daily meal at no cost to you, and it also offers additional funding to the school to help support their learning.

If you think your child may qualify, please take a moment to read the information in the poster below. It explains the eligibility criteria and how to make an application. Alternatively, visit the website address www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/cornwall. If you would like any assistance with the process, please make contact with the email address below, and we will be happy to help.

enquiries@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Mr. L Prynne

News from the Careers Team



What is involved?

- A comprehensive experience delivered virtually in February.
- Live Q&A sessions with STEM professionals in Net Zero futures, Digital AI futures, Health and Life Sciences, Engineering & Infrastructure and Manufacturing futures.
- CV applications and interview support.
- Interactive panel Q&A sessions with universities & apprentices.
- Learn how to succeed in the workplace, including how to ask questions, network and write professional emails.
- Achieve the Bronze Industrial Cadet Award.

Dates

- 20 hours of study to complete flexibly over 5 days in February.
- Monday 16th – Friday 21st February.

Cost/Funding

- £50 (bursaries available, click [here](#) for bursary criteria and availability).

How to register or find out more

To register, please visit our website [here](#) or scan the QR code!



1 - APPLICATIONS ARE CLOSING SOON FOR THE FUTURE SKILLS COURSE: CAREERS IN STEM - please apply asap

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

Amie Pettitt | Partnerships & Marketing Manager | Army Recruiting Group

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Falmouth Marine School Open/ Taster Event

Is your child thinking about their options after GCSEs? 

Book onto the Open Event and Taster Day at Falmouth Marine School:

 **Discover a range of study options**

 **Tour the amazing facilities**

 **Meet current students and expert lecturers**

 **Learn about links with local employers**

 **Get a taste of life at Falmouth Marine School at their FREE Open Event on Sat 31 Jan, 10am-12pm.**

[Open Event and Taster Session at Falmouth Marine School - Falmouth Marine School](#)

Lost Property



We'll be displaying all lost property items in the main foyer for the last two to three days before half term. If your child is missing any belongings, please take a moment to pop in and have a look.

Any items that remain unclaimed and are not named will be donated to charity, helping others in need.

Thank you for your support.

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

Family Support



Please find below a series of support that is on offer to all families through Cornwall Council and Together for Families at any point:

All families can access our [Parenting Offer](#) – a comprehensive range of self-help resources, groups and free parenting programmes that all parents can explore and book themselves onto (you don't have to be referred or have an assessment).

Award-winning [Family Information Service](#) can be accessed by all families to easily understand the range of support available including childcare, activities and the SEND Local Offer for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Families can request support from Cornwall's [Early Help Hub](#), the front door to targeted Early Help services. Early Help Hub staff will consider with the family whether the child is eligible for support and which service is most appropriate. Information about the Early Help Hub is [here](#), or you can phone them on 01872 322277.

If you have immediate concerns about a child's safety and welfare, you should contact our [Multi-Agency Referral Unit \(MARU\)](#). The MARU provides a multi-disciplinary response and will help by signposting to the service that can best help meet the child's needs, or if appropriate

arrange for Children and Families Services to carry out an assessment. Info about the MARU is [here](#), or you can phone them on 0300 1231 116.



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:

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.

Important Dates for the Diary

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

Parents Forum - Tuesday 17th 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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Community Notice Board



NHS
Royal Cornwall Hospitals
NHS Trust

Your Future in Health and Care Starts Here

Explore exciting opportunities in both clinical and non-clinical roles within the health and care sector; find a rewarding career that really makes a difference to people's lives.

Book your spot

Discovery day

- Meet professionals working in a range of careers!
- Interactive stands
- Learn about educational pathways into careers
- Behind the scenes tours



Saturday 28 February 2026 10am – 12noon or 1pm – 3pm
Knowledge Spa, Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro, TR1 3HD



Back at our offices in Pool for this Tech Jam. Plenty of free parking right outside. Just ring the door bell to gain access as the building is closed to others at the weekend.

As usual we will have the varied collection of technology for the children to code around with. And if they have any of their own projects they'd like to bring in to use we'd be happy to see them.

Event Details:

- Date: Saturday 7th Feb 2026
- Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Venue: Fibrehub
- Address: Trevenson Lane, Pool, TR15 3GF

What to Expect:

At the Cornwall Tech Jam, your children will have the opportunity to tinker with various tech gadgets and tools. Our lineup includes:

- Code in Scratch, Makecode, Arduino, Sonic Pi & Python
- Robotic rovers to drive around
- Raspberry Pi500 computers & screens
- Raspberry Pi Pico, Microbits and Arduino
- Raspberry Pi AI Camera, SenseHats
- LED Galore
- Mini Traffic Lights
- Exciting Add-ons

Participants will have the chance to engage in hands-on activities, workshops, and coding challenges. Our team of volunteers will be there to assist and guide the participants throughout the event. Don't worry if you're new to coding – we welcome all skill levels!

Parent Involvement: Parents with children under 16 do need to stay at the event with your children, providing an opportunity to watch them explore and create with technology. It's a great chance to learn alongside your child or simply enjoy seeing their enthusiasm in action.

Support the Tech Jam: The Cornwall Tech Jam is made possible through the support of generous sponsors and dedicated volunteers. If you're interested in contributing to the event by volunteering or making a small donation, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Stay Updated: To stay up-to-date with event announcements, news, and additional information, be sure to follow Tech Cornwall on Facebook.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you and your children to an exciting day of tech exploration at the Cornwall Tech Jam!

Important Information regarding Tech Jams:

- Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.
- Feel free to bring your own equipment, though we'll have everything needed for the activities.
- Doors open at 10:00 am, and the event wraps up at 2:00 pm.