# Penryn College News

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# Mrs Croxall's Message



Good afternoon

Firstly, may I take the opportunity to say thank you to our Penryn College community, we are once again full for September and it means so much to us that so many families see our school as the right environment for their children to learn, grow and thrive.  To all the families who received an offer this week; we can't wait to welcome you into our community!

We were delighted to see so many parents and families in school on Wednesday for Year 10 subject review.  We are really proud of the year group and it was great to have the opportunity to discuss your young person's progress.

Thank you also for your support with regards to attendance, we know that every moment matters for students and how important an impact attendance has on students' progress.  We are committed to giving our children the very best educational experience both in an out of the classroom and thank our families for ensuring their children are in school to benefit from this.

We have a lot of exciting recruitment opportunities at Penryn College currently, including joining our invigilating team, see more below for information and find out more about working at Penryn College here .

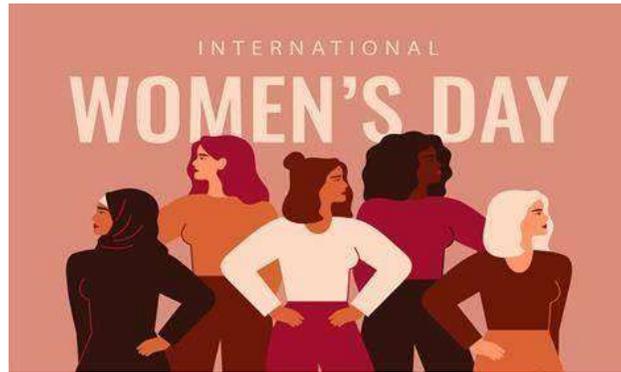Have a wonderful weekend when it  arrives.

Mrs Croxall

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## Assemblies this week



This week's assemblies have been about International Women's Day which will be celebrated on Sunday.  We heard for Ms Oldrieve about the progress that has been made of late (the UK is the 4th best country in the world for gender parity), challenges we face as both women and men, and the importance of being an ally.

## Year 11 Subject Review



We are looking forward to meeting you *online* for **Year 11 Subject Review** from **3:25pm to 5:25pm** on **Thursday 26st March**.

The priority 1 contact for each student will receive an email from SchoolCloud  to invite you to reserve slots with the teachers you'd like to see.

Please note that families can only book one appointment slot per subject.

• From **12th March at 7pm**, the booking goes live and at first you will only be able to book in appointments for three priority subjects.

• From **19th March at 7pm** you will be able to return to the booking system to make further appointments in addition to the first three, if you so wish.

You'll be sent an email reminder of your bookings shortly after scheduling them.

We'll send out another reminder an hour before your first scheduled appointment which contains a link to access the system and speak to the teachers.

If a member of staff is unable to speak to you on the evening, they will contact you at a later date.

## Year 11 GCSE Launch

We will be launching the GCSE practice program with year 11 students next week in assemblies. After school subject support sessions will be starting from Monday 9th March.

**MARCH - MAY SUBJECT SUPPORT AND PRACTICE SESSIONS**

| WEEK COMMENCING | TIME: | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| March 9th | 15:15 – 16:00 | | Science | RE | English | Drama ------- Food & Nutrition |
| | 16:05 – 16:50 | GCSE PE Sports Science | DT Engineering ------- Spanish | Music ------- Art & Textiles | Geog ------- Business | |
| March 16th | 15:15 – 16:00 | INSET DAY | History Spanish DT Engineering | RE | Geog ------- Business | Drama ------- Food & Nutrition |
| | 16:05 – 16:50 | | Science | Music ------- Art & Textiles | English | |
| March 23rd | 15:15 – 16:00 | Maths | History Spanish DT Engineering | RE | English | Drama ------- Food & Nutrition |
| | 16:05 – 16:50 | GCSE PE Sports Science | Science | Music ------- Art & Textiles | Geog ------- Business | |
| March 30th | 15:15 – 16:00 | Maths | Science | RE | Geog ------- Business | Drama ------- Food & Nutrition |
| | 16:05 – 16:50 | GCSE PE Sports Science | History Spanish DT Engineering | Music ------- Art & Textiles | English | |
| April 20th | 15:15 – 16:00 | Maths | Science | RE | English | Drama ------- Food & Nutrition |
| | 16:05 – 16:50 | GCSE PE Sports Science | History Spanish DT Engineering | Music | Geog ------- Business | |
| April 27th | 15:15 – 16:00 | Maths | Science | Music | Geog ------- Business | Drama ------- Food & Nutrition |
| | 16:05 – 16:50 | GCSE PE Sports Science | History Spanish DT Engineering | RE | English | |
| May 4th | 15:15 – 16:00 | Maths | History Spanish DT Engineering | RE | English | Drama ------- Food & Nutrition |
| | 16:05 – 16:50 | GCSE PE Sports Science | Science | Music | Geog ------- Business | |

British Science Week
6-15 March 2026

CAN WE TRICK YOU?

Discover whether your brain's perception and memory are as reliable as you think.

To celebrate science week, the science department will be running a few short tests to try to trick your brain.

Can you beat us?
Prizes for the most fool proof brains

RED GREEN BLUE YELLOW ??? Lunchtime in the library Tuesday 10th March

## Pre Loved Uniform

♻️ **Help Us Launch Our Pre-Loved Uniform Collection**

We are creating a Pre-Loved Uniform collection at Penryn College, to give all students the opportunity to access good quality uniform items.

To make this possible, we are asking parents and carers to donate any clean, good-condition uniform that is no longer needed.

Donations could include:

- Jumpers
- Polos

- Trousers

- PE kit

- Trainers/Football boots

- School shoes

If you have items you are able to donate, please send them into reception marked as 'Pre-Loved'.

Thank you for supporting this initiative and helping us make school uniform accessible for all.



## Year 8 Social Enterprise

In the week running up to Valentine's Day it was World Kindness week. The aims were to do acts of kindness at that could be felt local to global.

We decided to offer students the chance to send each other a chocolate on the last day of term. It could be anonymous or with a small note of gratitude or kindness.

On Friday 13th February we delivered over 120 chocolate gifts around the school - to staff and students. We raised £241.00!

Thank you all involved and those who supported our cake sale too.

Not only did those people receive their chocolate and some lovely notes of appreciation, friendship and positivity, the money raised will go to Cornwall Air Ambulance and UNICEF Girls in School project (supporting vulnerable girls in war torn areas such as Sudan to access safe spaces and education).'

'In a world where you can be anything, be kind'

Lily, Indigo, Bella, Maiwyn , Tilly, Nuala and Maggie

## 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 sreeve@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

## Exam Invigilators



We are looking to add to our team of exam invigilators, to help supervise and administer examinations within school hours .

You will assist in setting up the exam venues and ensure that during the examinations, the JCQ instructions for conducting examinations are adhered to. Morning, afternoon or full day sessions may be available.

If you are interested in the role please visit our website for more details on how to apply .

## Important Dates for the Diary

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

**Parents Forum** - Tuesday 17th March

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

**Spring Concert** - Monday 30th March

**Year 7 The Big Sing -** Tuesday 31st  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

**Year 10 Mid Terms - Monday 27th April**  - Friday 1st May

**Year 8 Subject Review (online)** - Tuesday 28th April

**Bank Holiday (School Closed to students)** - Monday 4th May

**GCSE Examinations begin** - Week beginning 4th May - 24th June

**Ten Tors** - Friday 8th May - Sunday 10th May

**Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition** - 16th and 17th May

**Half Term** - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

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# Community Notice Board

## Cornwall Tech Jam

Returning to Hendra Hall in Truro for March. If you haven't been here before the hall can be found across the park from the skate park. Parking is very limited around the area.

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 14th March 2026

- Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

- Venue: Hendra Hall

- Address: Truro, TR1 3TP

**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.