



# Penryn College News

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## Mrs Croxall's Message



Good afternoon

This week, as part of National Science Week, students have been learning about important scientists and the key discoveries they made. You can find out more how we celebrated within this newsletter. Today we celebrated World Pi, students have done a remarkable job reciting Pi, and our Medics Academy have welcomed some new year 10s into their group and today a local GP has visited to inspire them.

This weekend, our students are heading out to practise for the Ten Tors expedition. We wish them all the very best of luck and hope the weather holds out for them! It is such a huge achievement to participate in this event and we always encourage our students to consider their involvement in outdoor education. If they wish to find out more, please speak to Mrs Edgell and Mr Penhaligon.

Our Year 11 students have now had their results back from their last set of MOCK exams and have feedback from their class teachers to continue improving over the last few vital months. We are so looking forward to seeing how year 11s do as they have approached their exams with maturity and hard work. Year 10 are also approaching their mid term examinations. We have

launched the countdown revision plan this week in preparation. If you have any questions as parents regarding your child's learning, please email their form tutor.

Today, our Diana Award anti-bullying ambassadors had more training, we are excited about their roles and how they will support our important ant-bullying plan... watch this space!

A reminder that we have staff training on Monday, and therefore school is closed for INSET.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Croxall

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## Inset Day



A reminder that Monday 16th March is an Inset day and the school will be closed to pupils.

## Assemblies this week



The assembly this week is about British Science Week. British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). It takes place in March every year – this year, it is happening from 6th – 15th March. It is organised by the British Science Association (BSA), a charity which has been around since 1831. The aim of British Science Week is to raise awareness, spark enthusiasm and celebrate STEM with people of all ages and backgrounds.

The theme this year is "Curiosity: what is your question?" Scientists throughout history have demonstrated curiosity. This curiosity has led to discoveries and inventions resulting in significant developments within the scientific community. This assembly explores some of those scientists.

## Princess Diana Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training

We're delighted to announce that a group of Penryn College students will be taking part in the Princess Diana Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training this May.

Our team of 70 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors has been meeting every week, working together to make Penryn College an even more positive and supportive place for everyone.

Today, a group of our Ambassadors updated staff on the progress they've been making and shared some of the exciting plans they have for the future. Their ideas include ways to raise awareness, support younger students, and continue promoting a culture of kindness, respect and courage across the college.

At Penryn College we have zero tolerance for bullying, but we also want our young people to feel confident in challenging it wherever they see it – both in school and across our wider community. This programme empowers students with the skills, confidence and leadership to stand up for others and make a genuine difference.

This is a long-term investment in our students. Following the training, our ambassadors will go on to lead workshops in local primary schools, helping to promote kindness, respect and positive relationships across the wider Penryn community.

The programme also links closely with our ongoing partnership work with Exeter University on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) and supports the values embedded in our Life Skills curriculum – empathy, responsibility, courage and positive change.

We are incredibly proud of our students and look forward to seeing the impact they will make.

## Introducing Our New Lunchtime Homework Club!

We're excited to launch a brand-new **Lunchtime Homework Club**, now running every day in **classroom ST3**. This is a relaxed, supportive space where students can use their lunch period to catch up on homework, get organised, or simply enjoy a quiet place to study. Staff will be on hand to offer guidance, answer questions, and help students stay on top of their workload.





## 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** Please email [sreeve@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto: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

## Important Dates for the Diary

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

**Parents Forum** - Tuesday 24th 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

**CORNWALL  
TECH JAM**

**SATURDAY 14TH MARCH**

**HENDRA HALL**

**TRURO, TR1 3TP**

**10AM - 2PM**

**Free tech & coding club for kids!**

**CORNWALL  
TECH JAM**

**TECHCORNWALL**  
Together, inspiring  
Cornwall's future tech  
community

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.