



Penryn College News

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Mrs Croxall's Message



Good afternoon

We have had lots of exciting activities happening this week in the college from Drama with the Minack Theatre, Police visits in the ARB and fantastic rugby tours. Students have benefited from lots of leadership opportunities from our Student Council to work on our five-year vision strategy. We have also been rehearsing and practicing for next week's Spring concert and we have been lucky enough to hear the practice echoing through the corridors.

After Easter we are putting exciting plans in place to improve our lunchtime offer. Our students have been telling us that they want to have a single lunch break with better opportunities to mix with other year groups and more catering outlets and seating areas outside. We are happy to report that we have developed a new food area, developed our outdoor seating and we will have one lunch for all students from Monday 20th April. Students on the second sitting are delighted to get an earlier lunch! We have now tasked pupils to think of lunchtime clubs and activities, and we are looking forward to seeing more children active outside as the weather improves.

A reminder that we break up for Easter on Thursday 2nd April at 15:10. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the Spring Concert.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Croxall

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Assemblies this week



This week's assembly was created after reviewing the results from the Future Skills Survey, a tool we use to measure learners' career-readiness. The results showed that many students were unsure about T Levels and Extended Diplomas; The assembly aimed to fill these gaps. Martin Tregenza from Cornwall College explained what these courses involve and what opportunities they can lead to, giving students clear information to help them make confident decisions about their future.

Pi Day



On Friday 13th March Penryn College hosted its very own pi Day competition again. Sadly the actual pi day on the 14th March was a Saturday, so we did it a day early. We invited students from all year groups to recite pi to as many decimal places as possible. This year has been the most impressive so far. 35 students took part, and everyone who made it into the top 11 recited pi to over 100 decimal places! Our winner recited pi to an incredible 744 places.

The Maths department would like to thank every student that took part. It was fascinating to see the different methods students used to recall such a long stream of numbers. Everyone who took part will be given a certificate. Those in the top 12 places will also receive a Chocolate Orange, and the winner will also receive a £25 Amazon voucher.

Spring Concert Reminder



We're really looking forward to our Penryn College Spring Concert on Monday 30th March - it's set to be a fantastic evening showcasing the incredible talent of our students.

Tickets are available here:

<https://bookwhen.com/myedventure/e/ev-sv3ky-20260330180000>

Important reminder for parents/carers:

If your child is performing, please ensure you complete the online consent form as soon as possible. We've only received a limited number of responses so far, and it's essential this is completed for students to take part.

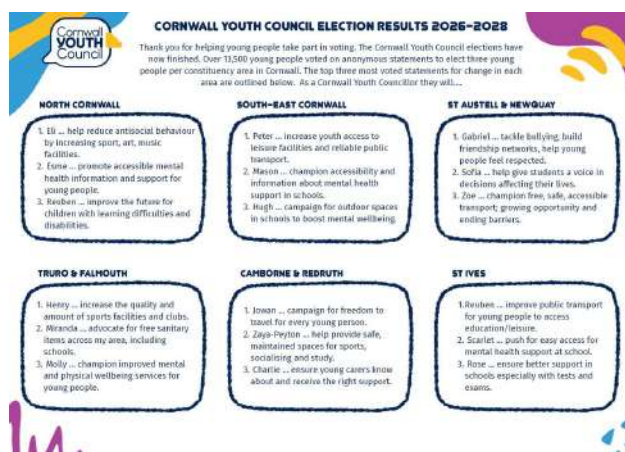
Students have been reminded in rehearsals, but we'd really appreciate your support in getting this done promptly.

Thank you - we can't wait to see you there for what promises to be a brilliant evening of music.

Cornwall Youth Council Election Results

Two Penryn College students have been elected as part of Cornwall Youth Council for the Truro and Falmouth constituency. Over 13,500 students voted on anonymous statements and students from Year 7-10 took part.

A huge congratulations to both Miranda and Henry.



Reminder – Mobile Phone Protocols and Safeguarding Expectations

We fully understand that mobile phones are an important part of young people's lives and are often used for communication and entertainment. However, our school community is committed to ensuring that learning and safeguarding are our highest priorities, and as such, the school day is not the appropriate time for mobile phone use.

- Mobile phones must be switched off and kept in bags from arrival at the school gate until departure at the end of the day.
- This expectation applies to all students, without exception, to ensure a safe and focused learning environment.

As a school, we are fully committed to safeguarding all students and upholding high standards of behaviour. Our approach aligns with the latest guidance from:

- Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2023: Schools must take proactive steps to safeguard pupils from risks associated with mobile device misuse, including online safety and peer interactions.
- Department for Education (DfE) guidance: The government expects schools to set clear rules on mobile phones to minimise disruption and support pupil wellbeing.

Allowing mobile phones during the school day can compromise both safeguarding and learning, which is why our approach is applied consistently to all students.

If young people are found using or having a mobile phone during the school day:

- The device will be handed in and securely stored in Student Services.
- They will be required to attend an after-school detention in line with our behaviour policy.

Should your child need to contact you during the school day, they can do so via Student Services at break or lunchtime. Similarly, if you need to get a message to your child, please contact the school office, and we will ensure it is passed on.

We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing our expectations at home. Your partnership is crucial for maintaining a safe and positive environment for everyone. If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this policy further, please do contact your child's Head of Year.

Falmouth Spring Flower Show

'Once again, Penryn College ARB took part in the Falmouth Spring Flower Show this term with their creations being exhibited over the weekend at the Princess Pavillion. Students took part in a number of entries including: Cress Heads, Spring Time Art, Miniature Gardens and the group Fairy Garden. We had a number of awards: James won Bronze for his cress head; Manny won silver for his cress head; Zachary won gold for his cress head; Kieo won bronze for his miniature garden, including a rather impressive beanstalk, and our Year 7 group won bronze for their creative fairy garden.

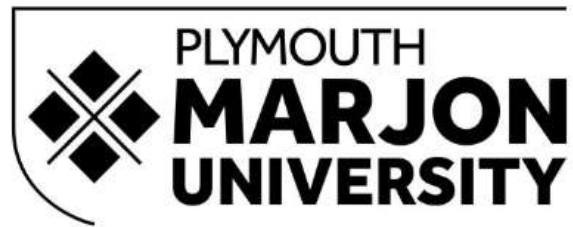
Students have thoroughly enjoyed taking part and are already planning their entries for next year!'







Attendance Research Project - Cornwall Council & Plymouth Marjon University



The Local Authority are asking families and students to participate in an online survey regarding attendance. Please find attached to this weeks newsletter email a letter from them which

introduces the programme. It also includes a copy of their privacy notice. The survey links to participate will be shared with families after the Easter holiday.

Year 8 Subject Review

Our Year 8 Subject Review evening will be held online on Tuesday 28th April from 3.25pm-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 31st March at 7pm. We aim to do this in the evening so as many people can access as possible.
- The link to access the booking system will be 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 21st March 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.
- 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.

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

Lost Property



Lost property will be in the main foyer on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd April. If your child is missing any belongings, please ask them to come to reception and have a look.

Any coats, jumpers and water bottles unclaimed and unlabeled will be either repurposed or donated to charity, helping others in need.

Thank you as always for your support.

Music Success



We are very proud of Isla and Rita in Year 10. After working so hard in lessons to prepare with their teacher Mrs Harries, they have both successfully passed their Grade 3 piano exam.

News from the Careers Team

Thirty-two Year 10 students took part in the Focus on Farming event as part of British Science Week 2026.

The visit offered a full day of hands-on, engaging activities that helped students deepen their understanding of sustainable food production and modern farming practices.

Throughout the day, students toured the farm, carried out soil and forage analysis, and explored ideas around carbon emissions and carbon capture. Focus Farm Vets delivered an informative session on herd health planning, and students also learned about animal nutrition and dairy production.

They watched demonstrations of wool weaving and spinning, and enjoyed a fascinating talk on different cuts of meat and how each one is best cooked.

The visit gave students a valuable insight into the wide range of skills, science, and sustainability at the heart of today's farming industry.





Geography Trip to Italy



This year the wonderful Geography trip to Italy will depart Penryn College at 7pm on Thursday 2nd April (this time is earlier than originally planned)

The after school Geography revision sessions will therefore not be taking place on Thursday 2nd April.

There are revision resources for Geography available on Showbie for students to complete their own independent revision at this time instead.

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

Biometrics



If you haven't done so already, please do sign up for our contactless payment system. Either click on the link below or the QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/e/WNtdknmauV>

Thank you to those parents and carers who have signed up already, this is helping us to

- Spend less time queuing for food in the canteen
- Spend less money printing cards
- Reduce the risk of losing ID and photo cards

ParentPay payments will remain unchanged.

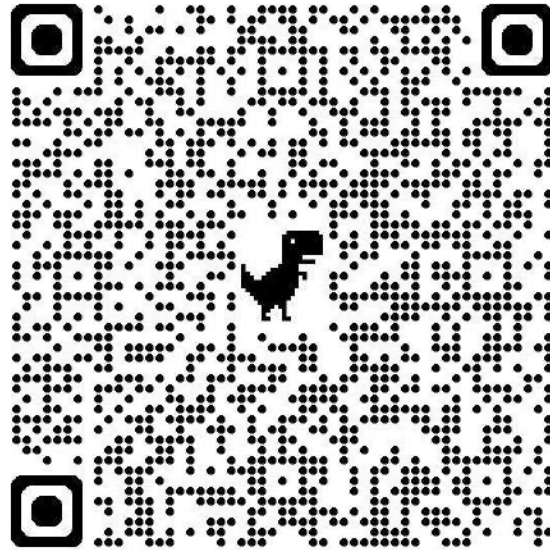


Photo Permissions - Update

We are proud of our learning at Penryn College and enjoy sharing the successes of our pupils. We do this within our school and in the wider community via our newsletter, our prospectus and other literature, on our website and on our social media channels. We also like to see positive coverage of the school in the local and education press. For this reason, we sometimes take photographs and video of our pupils. This includes interviews/video/photographs when on educational trips and visits.

If you would like to update your consent to take and use images/video in the ways described above, please complete the consent form here: [Photo/video Consent Update 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Or, if you would prefer, please contact ksutton@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk and clearly state YES/NO as per below, so we can accommodate your preferences:

In order to celebrate my child's achievements, I am happy for Penryn College to use photographs/video of my child:

YES NO

Information from the Falmouth Neighbourhood Policing Team



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you of a recent increase in incidents involving young people in our community. Over the past few weeks, the local policing team and local retailers have reported a rise in groups of teenagers stealing alcohol from shops and engaging in anti-social behaviour in public spaces. Most of our young people are a credit to our community but there is a small group that are committing offences and engaging in anti-social behaviour.

These incidents have included:

- Attempts to steal alcohol from local stores
- Theft of alcohol from local stores
- Intimidating behaviour towards shop staff and members of the public
- Gathering in large groups, leading to noise, disruption, and community concern
- Risk taking behaviour linked to underage drinking

We want to be clear that our priority is the safety and wellbeing of young people, as well as the protection of our community. When young people become involved in theft or alcohol related disorder, they place themselves at significant risk of harm and potential criminal consequences.

What we are doing

Police patrols have been refocussed in key areas, and officers are working closely with schools, youth services, and local businesses to identify those involved. Where necessary, we will take appropriate action, which may include:

- Speaking directly with parents or carers
- Issuing community resolutions or formal warnings
- In serious or repeated cases, pursuing criminal charges

Visit our website for lots of useful information



101 non-urgent
999 in an emergency

Find your neighbourhood policing team at:
www.deven-cornwall.police.uk



How you can help

We are asking all parents and carers to:

- Talk openly with your child about the risks and consequences of theft and underage drinking
- Check where they are spending time in the evenings and weekends
- Encourage them to make safe, positive choices when out with friends
- Contact us or your child's school if you have concerns about their behaviour or peer group

Most young people in our community behave responsibly, and with your support we can ensure that all young people stay safe and avoid situations that could impact their future.

Working together

We appreciate the vital role families play in guiding young people through challenging situations. By working together, we can reduce harm, prevent further incidents, and maintain a safe environment for everyone.

If you have any information or concerns, please contact us on 101 or speak to your local neighbourhood policing team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Falmouth Neighbourhood Policing Team

Visit our website for lots of useful information



101 non-emergency
999 in an emergency

Find your neighbourhood policing team at
www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

Important Dates for the Diary

Spring Concert - Monday 30th March

Year 7 The Big Sing - Tuesday 31st March

GCSE Bay of Naples Geography Trip - Thursday 2nd 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



Kernow Health Immunisation Catch up sessions

Kernow Health are running catch-up clinics across Cornwall for children in Years 7–11 who may have missed their routine school vaccinations, including:

- HPV vaccine – from Year 8 (for both boys and girls)
- Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IPV) – final booster from Year 9
- Meningitis ACWY – from Year 9

If you're not sure whether your child has missed a vaccination, please get in touch. Our team can check their record and book you into a clinic if needed.

Upcoming Catch-Up Clinic Dates

- 📍 23 March, New St Austell Family Hub, 10:00 – 16:00
- 📍 23 March, Hayle Family Hub, 14:15 – 16:45
- 📍 24 March, Launceston Family Hub, 14:15 – 16:45
- 📍 25 March, Bodmin Family Hub, 14:15 – 16:45
- 📍 26 March, Newquay Family Hub, 14:15 – 16:45
- 📍 26 March, Torpoint Family Hub, 14:15 – 16:45
- 📍 27 March, Camborne Family Hub, 13:30 – 17:30
- 📍 27 March, Bude Family Hub, 14:15 – 16:45
- 📍 30 March, Liskerrett Community Centre, 13:30 – 17:30

All catch-up clinics are by pre-booked appointment only.

To check your child's vaccination status or book an appointment, contact:

📞 01872 221105

✉ kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net