



PENRYN COLLEGE

ACHIEVING through CHALLENGE



Candidate Pack - Teacher of PE and Lifeskills



Message from The Headteacher

Thank you for the interest that you have shown in joining us at Penryn College. As Headteacher, I am proud to lead a school community that is committed to excellence, inclusivity, and innovation. Our motto, “*Achieving through Challenge,*” reflects our belief that with the right support and encouragement, all young people can reach their full potential.

We are passionate about providing a broad and balanced curriculum that inspires curiosity, creativity, and confidence. Together we work tirelessly to create an environment where students feel valued and empowered to take ownership of their learning. Lessons are engaging and underpinned by excellent resources including technology.

We have high expectations of our staff, but in return we provide a supportive and friendly working environment where your feedback is valued and your efforts recognised and rewarded, with ample CPD opportunities and the chance to really make a difference.

Penryn College is more than just a place of learning—it is a vibrant, caring community where every moment matters.

One of the most important things I have learnt in my career is to listen to students. Finding out what our students think and experience in any capacity, whether it’s with our student leadership groups, standing in the canteen queue, or sitting next to them in their lessons. These important interactions tell us what we’re doing right and set our priorities. After all, it’s the reason we came into this profession!

I hope this information pack will give you a good overview of the position and working at our School. There is a strong community spirit here, and all our staff, whatever their role, play an important part in our success. If you have any questions please do contact us, we are more than happy to help.

Warm regards,

Claire Croxall

About Our School - Vision, Mission & Ethos

Penryn College is a lively, thriving school, and we pride ourselves on our local and national reputation for educational excellence. We work in partnership with national research-led teaching and learning initiatives such as the Arts Council Creativity Collaborative and we are an award-winning Cyber Award School and UNICEF Rights Respecting School. We cater for children and young people aged 11-16 who live in Penryn and the surrounding villages of Constantine, Flushing, Mabe, Mawnan Smith, Mylor, Perranwell and Ponsanooth. Students also join us from Falmouth and other outlying villages and towns.

Originally, Penryn College opened in Falmouth in 1957, and was moved to its present site in 1961. Since that time, there has been a programme of continuous improvement and updating of buildings/classrooms. Our biggest development was the opening of our £24 million College building in 2008. Our PAN for each year group is 210, but the occupational capacity is slightly different for each one. Currently, we are oversubscribed in all year groups.

We want the children of Penryn College to be the best they can be and do the very best they can, whoever they are, wherever they are from, whatever their starting point and wherever they are headed. We want them to be able to meet the challenges of the future. We want them to be flexible, to solve problems, to be resilient and to think for themselves. Most of all, we want them to achieve their dreams.

“Achievement through Challenge” is a tangible part of the life and work of the College. Children have inspiring learning opportunities because teachers open new worlds. The range of rich opportunities in a wide and exciting curriculum, using Cornwall’s natural environment to the full, gives students a thirst to know more, understand more and do more. Building upon their achievements at primary school, students develop purposeful learning habits, including being competent in reading, writing and numbers. They are able to talk openly and confidently about themselves, their progress, their aspirations and their opinions. They learn to understand, value and uphold people’s right to be treated equally. They leave us with a broad range of qualifications which give them knowledge and skills they need for their future, whatever that future might be, and as self-assured, well rounded young citizens, understanding the responsibilities, challenges and opportunities of life in modern Britain and the wider world. They value people for who they are and know that each one of us has a responsibility to give something back. They know where they are headed and how to achieve their dreams.

Penryn College's ethos centers on nurturing happy, resilient, and aspirational students through challenge, aiming for them to reach their full potential in a supportive, inclusive environment that values individuality, mutual respect, and community, underpinned by their motto "Achieving through Challenge" and a commitment to developing well-rounded individuals with strong academic and personal skills.

At Penryn College, we believe that everyone's voice matters. We listen carefully to students, families, staff, and our wider community to help shape the future of our school. This shared approach ensures we create a supportive, inclusive environment where every learner can thrive.



01 What parents say ...

"Both of my children are very happy at the school and we're very grateful to have a fantastic school on our doorstep. They are given many extra-curricular opportunities which enable them to grow in confidence and feel part of the school community."



02 What students say ...

"There's a great team spirit here. We all get on well with each other and the teachers. We feel safe, and the facilities are amazing!"

"The changes that have been made by all of us have been listened to and have happened thanks to the school staff."



03 What staff say ...

"The school does a fantastic job... it enables our young people to thrive and be valued"

"This is a great school to work in... there is a strong sense of community."



04 What OFSTED say ...

"Penryn College is a happy and welcoming school."

"Pupils follow an exciting curriculum with a broad range of different opportunities. Leaders are ambitious for pupils and there is an ethos of 'having a go', without fear of failure."



Working with Us

THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS

- 1. Application:** To apply for a staff vacancy, please visit our website [here](#) and [complete an Application Form](#) and Personal Statement of Suitability (no longer than two sides A4). Demonstrate clearly how you meet the criteria outlined in the Person Specification, providing specific, relevant examples to support your evidence. Please email completed applications by the closing date to vacancies@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk
- 2. Shortlisted applicants** will be invited by email to attend an interview. References will be taken up after shortlisting unless you have indicated otherwise.
- 3. Interview Process:** The selection process will include a formal panel interview and a practical assessment designed to evaluate the knowledge, skills, and abilities outlined in the Person Specification. Full details will be provided to shortlisted candidates prior to interview.
- 4. Feedback:** Unsuccessful applicants will be provided with professional feedback
- 5. Taking up post:** The start date is subject to completion of all Safer Recruitment checks
- 6. Additional Information:** For further information, please contact Becky Withers, HR Manager. If you require any reasonable adjustments in order to attend or participate fully in the interview process, please let us know at your earliest convenience so that appropriate arrangements can be made
- 7. Safeguarding:** Penryn College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced DBS and barred list check.

We reserve the right to interview early should an exceptional candidate apply

Closing date: Wednesday 13 May

Interview date: Week beginning 18 May

[Please note that we are unable to process applications without a fully completed application form.](#)

Please return your completed application form and covering letter to Helene Zeat-Kane, HR Officer at

vacancies@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk

Thank you again for your interest in joining our team. We look forward to receiving your application.

“The School has a great culture - one that supports staff and the development of teams. I love being part of the team!” Staff Survey 2025

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Teacher of PE and Lifeskills
Grade:	Main Scale/UPS
Hours:	Full time, permanent from September 2026
Reporting to:	Head of Faculty / Second in Department / Head of Lifeskills

Main Purpose of Role

Responsible for the provision of a full learning experience and support for students. Liaising with the Head Teacher, Senior Leadership Team, teaching/support staff, LEA representatives, external agencies and parents. To uphold the school ethos. To work effectively with the Lifestyle Department by contributing to the department vision. To make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school.

Key Responsibilities

- Plan and teach high-quality PE and Lifeskills lessons across all age ranges from Year 7 to Year 11 in order to improve student attainment, progress, and outcomes.
- Teach primary-age students when required.
- Teach within the context of the school's development plans, curriculum, and schemes of work.
- Assess, record, and report on the learning needs, progress, and achievement of students that you teach.
- Set and mark work, providing constructive feedback.
- Assist with examination arrangements, supervision, and reporting where required.
- Contribute to departmental planning, resources, and displays.
- Contribute fully to the extensive extra-curricular programme from both a participation and performance perspective.
- Engage positively with current developments in PE, Lifeskills, and NGBs.
- Create a safe, positive, and purposeful learning environment with clear routines and strong behaviour management.
- Promote the highest standards of health and safety and safeguarding in all teaching and out-of-classroom environments.
- Maintain good discipline in accordance with school policies and communicate regularly with tutors and Heads of Year.
- Support the organisation and delivery of fixtures and tournaments.
- Promote high standards of sportsmanship, teamwork, and student conduct.
- Act as a form tutor, monitoring student attendance and punctuality, identifying patterns of concern, and working with pastoral staff and parents to support improved attendance and student engagement.

Health and Safety and Professional Development

- Promote the safety and well-being of students in accordance with the school's Child Protection and other relevant policies.
- Be aware of any subject-specific health and safety requirements and ensure that they are implemented appropriately at all times.
- Participate in arrangements for further training and professional development.
- Take part in the school's professional review procedure of your own performance.
- donations management, risk management and business continuity.
- Maximise the schools' assets, including resources, plants, and facilities. Prepare and submit bids and generate income through other business opportunities, including through lettings.
- Develop relationships with external funding partners so that we are in a good position as and when future opportunities arise.
- Fulfill the role of Data Protection Officer ensuring correct procedures are in place for Data Protection.
- Ensure co-ordination of E Safety and Policy updates with the E-safety Officer.

Date Prepared: 29 April 2026

Prepared by: HR Officer/ Head of PE & Lifestyle

PERSON SPECIFICATION

ATTRIBUTES	ESSENTIAL
<p><u>Qualifications and Experience</u></p>	<p>To hold Qualified Teacher Status (or be working towards QTS).</p> <p>To have obtained a good Honours Degree in Physical Education or a related discipline.</p> <p>To be committed to ongoing professional development.</p> <p>To have the skills to deliver KS3 and KS4 core and examination PE, as well as Lifeskills (PSHE).</p> <p>To have the ability to contribute to the Personal Development curriculum.</p> <p>To have the ability to drive a minibus, where appropriately licensed and trained</p>
<p><u>Skills and Knowledge</u></p>	<p>To inspire and motivate students of all abilities in PE and Lifeskills.</p> <p>To ensure progress and improvement for all students.</p> <p>To be committed to the important role of Form Tutor.</p> <p>To have knowledge of statutory responsibilities, including safeguarding.</p> <p>To maintain excellent working relationships with students, parents, and staff.</p> <p>To communicate effectively.</p> <p>To have excellent organisational and time management skills.</p> <p>To contribute to the expertise of our department and collaborate in professional practice.</p> <p>To fully support the extensive extra-curricular programme, with a desire and willingness to oversee a particular activity within our provision.</p> <p>To have strong ICT skills, making appropriate use of technology as a teaching and learning tool.</p>
<p><u>Personal Qualities</u></p>	<p>To be willing to actively support and contribute to the school's ethos.</p> <p>To have a commitment to supporting student achievement.</p> <p>To be approachable.</p> <p>To be an energetic and committed professional.</p> <p>To be a positive and resilient individual with drive and a solution-focused disposition.</p> <p>To have a commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.</p>



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Thank you for your interest in Penryn College. We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

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