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19 May 2021

Dear student (and parent/carer),

We would like to start by thanking you for the mature approach you have all taken towards your studies and assessments this term. We are aware that this year has been an experience like no other exam year, and you have risen to the challenge it has presented; we are all extremely proud of you.

This letter contains information about arrangements for the next two weeks, as well as information about the assessment process that has been undertaken, including an outline of the appeals process. We will provide more detail about the appeals process when your results are released to you on the 12<sup>th</sup> August.

I apologise that this letter is so lengthy but ask that you take the time to read it through carefully.

### **Announcement from Ofqual about your assessment and appeals process:**

Attached with this letter is a document published by Ofqual that outlines the approach to assessment that schools have been asked to undertake. You can also find this information by using the following link: [Student guide to awarding: summer 2021 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Any queries about this process should be sent to: [results2021@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:results2021@penair.cornwall.sch.uk) **not** to your teachers.

### **Results day 2021:**

Your results will be available for collection from school on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021** from 10-12. Only **you (the student)** can collect your results from school in person. If you are unable to attend on the day, your results will be posted first class to you that afternoon. If you wish to nominate someone else to collect your results on your behalf, we need your permission **in writing** either by letter or from **your** email address (personal or school) , stating that you give permission for a named person to collect your results on your behalf. These requests should be emailed to: [results2021@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:results2021@penair.cornwall.sch.uk) or letters should be handed to Miss Stephens (exams officer) as soon as possible.

To collect your results you will need to book a collection time via the parents evening booking platform. More details will follow about how this is organised in due course.

### **The final week of half term (wb 24.05.21):**

We are keen to make sure that you have an enjoyable last week with us and that includes learning experiences and celebrations that will set you up for your time beyond Penair. We have included in your final week:

- a PSHE day that will cover critical life information that we have been unable to take you through in the virtual learning environment. Please see the detail below about the content of the PSHE day.
- A house sports afternoon.
- Opportunity to celebrate as a tutor group and a year group (within the Covid19 guidelines).

Specific arrangements for the week will be shared through tutorial on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

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## **PSHE day content:**

Our life skills day will be delivered by a combination of trained outside speakers and Penair staff. The topics addressed are designed to consider some of the aspects of Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) that pupils will have missed due to the pandemic. These are both sensitive and important issues and will include ideas around consent, sexting and pornography, as well as a signposting session for information about contraception. These sessions will cover the following aspects of the DfE directed RSE curriculum:

- the characteristics of positive and healthy friendships (in all contexts, including online): trust, respect, honesty, kindness, generosity, boundaries, privacy, consent and the management of conflict, reconciliation and ending relationships. This includes different (non-sexual) types of relationship.
- how people can actively communicate and recognise consent from others, including sexual consent, and how and when consent can be withdrawn (in all contexts, including online).

Consent: This will be led by our PSHE teachers. The aim of this session is to understand the grey areas of consent, to discuss how consent can be misunderstood and consider how and why people remember scenarios in different ways. This lesson aims to challenge the ambiguity of consent and encourages debates and discussions following viewing the film 'Keep Breathing'.

Pornography: Naked Truth Education will be delivering on pornography, with the support of Penair staff. You can view information about this organisation here: <https://www.ntruth.education/#home>. The session will be delivered remotely and will cover the following themes:

Online Media	The impact of viewing harmful content. Understanding that pornography presents a distorted picture of sexual behaviours, can damage the way people see themselves, and negatively affect how they behave towards sexual partners.
Internet Safety and Harms	The benefits of rationing time spent online and the risks of excessive time spent on electronic devices impacting negatively on mental and physical wellbeing. How to consider the effects of their online actions on others. Where to report concerns and get support with issues online.
Being Safe	The concepts of sexual consent, exploitation, abuse, grooming, coercion, harassment, and rape. The psychological and physical consequences of porn addiction

This is an interactive session and pupils will be asked to use their phones to enable them to participate in polling questions and allow for anonymous questions. This will be facilitated through the use of mentimeter which does not require anything to be downloaded. A mentimeter web address and passcode will be given to students to enable them to access this functionality of the session. This is not compulsory, and no data will be kept on students as a result of interacting with mentimeter, but pupils may wish to ensure that they have sufficient data allowance to enable participation.

Sexting and the law: Delivered by our local community support police officer, PC Andy Filkins.

Signposting: Led by the local Brook team providing details of how and where contraception and advice can be sought by young people.

Throughout the day there will be staff on hand to support students with these difficult topics and provide clear signposting to further support and guidance should it be needed. Should you have any queries about the content of this day, please contact Mrs Davies via email:

[tdavies@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:tdavies@penair.cornwall.sch.uk).

## Lessons in the last week of term:

Staff will continue to deliver subject specific content in all lessons. This content will support students in gaining full course coverage even though these strands will not be part of the assessment. They will also deliver content essential to those who are intending to further their studies in these subjects post 16. We ask that all students support their peers by ensuring these lessons can be delivered to the highest standard.

## Last day of year 11 – Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>

Timing/Lesson	Activity
Registration	Attend morning tutorial as normal
Period 1	Remain with tutor.  We are in the process of finalising the farewell and celebration activities for the class of 2021. More details will follow next week about these arrangements.
Period 2	
Break & into period 3	
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Depart the site.</b> Should your son/daughter be unable to be collected or make their own way home, we will make arrangements for them onsite. Please return the slip below by <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b> confirming that you give consent for your son/daughter to leave the site at 11:30 or contact Mr McDonagh via email <a href="mailto:cmcdonagh@penair.cornwall.sch.uk">cmcdonagh@penair.cornwall.sch.uk</a> if your son/daughter will need to remain on school site for the duration of the school day.

We politely remind students that the rest of school will still be in session and that this event is for year 11 only and a celebration of their time at Penair.

### Traditional shirt and leavers book signing:

Historically, students have bought in a school shirt, leavers book or both for signing. Students are welcome to undertake this tradition but must have a shirt they are not wearing for signing. Students are asked to restrict this activity to the final morning and must remain in their own classes and the library when undertaking this event.

We also ask that students are mindful of what they write or sign on each other's shirts; these serve as a lasting memento of their time at Penair and colourful language and images may seem humorous at the time but will leave a bitter taste in years to come.

### **Year 11 Celebration Event:**

Traditionally, we have held a Year 11 Prom as an official wrap up and send off for the year group. Covid-19 restrictions have made this a difficult event to plan for but with the government starting to ease restrictions, we are in the process of exploring whether such an event could be organised. To help with this process, we would like an indication of how many students would be interested in attending. Please respond to the survey via the link below or by using the QR code by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May.



<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=b2I7yOXzNkeaA4AbL6uiYvEBpW4sB8tLqLS2kDE5gaBUQTdNV1UxR1EySDIwQVZSUjBSV0hKUDhKOS4u>

### **Preparation for Post 16 Studies:**

A number of students have expressed concern about how they best prepare for their studies next September in light of the disruption they have experience in their final 2 years with us.

With no examination period this year for Year 11 students, Truro and Penwith College and Callywith College have again, in response to demand, produced a selection of self-study materials in preparation for intended College courses this September. These will be particularly useful in providing some foundation subject knowledge together with a gentle progression from GCSE to the chosen course at College. The study materials are varied and introduce the content of the course, providing an opportunity to continue academic studying whilst at home or understand key concepts and skills for a chosen vocational area. The materials include a variety of approaches including research, reading, completing tasks and extension of current skills and knowledge. Those students expecting to undertake work experience as part of their course should also explore the preparation booklet for placements which can be found alongside their main course area.

Details of how to register to access the digital campus are attached to this letter.

Finally, thank you for taking the time to read this long letter and we wish you an enjoyable last two weeks with us here at Penair.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Eastburn-Cutts**

**Mrs Miller**

**Mr McDonagh**

# PENAIR SCHOOL

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Group \_\_\_\_\_

- I recognise that **May 28<sup>th</sup>** will be an **early finish (11:30)** for students following the morning of celebration activities.
- I accept the school's expectations around shirt signing and conduct as my son/daughter leaves the site.
- I will contact Mr McDonagh [cmcdonagh@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:cmcdonagh@penair.cornwall.sch.uk) should I need to arrange for my son/daughter to remain on school site beyond 11:30am

Pasty option for leavers celebration (please circle)

Steak

Cheese & Onion

<b>Name (Please Print)</b>		<b>Date</b>
<b>Signed</b>		

This form must be returned via the form tutor by **Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> 2021**

