

# PENAIR SCHOOL

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Dear year 11 students and parents,

Welcome back! It has already been a busy start to the new academic year, but, like me, I am sure that you are starting to get back into the rhythm of school life as you re-adjust from the holidays.

I am pleased to write that the vast majority of year 11 students have returned with the enthusiasm and sense of purpose required in their final year. They have been issued their distinguished year 11 ties and they are wearing them with the pride we expect of our most senior students. On that subject, the prefect application process has opened, and I hope to be inundated by students wanting to take on this invaluable leadership responsibility. The deadline for application by formal letter is Friday 17th September at 3pm. Letters should be addressed to Mrs Miller.

Not only am I delighted to be working solely with year 11 as their Personal Development Leader (PDL) to ensure that they leave with pride, I have a fantastic team of tutors and staff supporting the year group, as follows:

11P: Miss Maxted [amaxted@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:amaxted@penair.cornwall.sch.uk) Mr Kelly  
[jkelly@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:jkelly@penair.cornwall.sch.uk)

11E: Mr Cross [gcross@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:gcross@penair.cornwall.sch.uk)

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11C: Mrs Trevennen [etrevennen@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:etrevennen@penair.cornwall.sch.uk) Mr Kelly  
[jkelly@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:jkelly@penair.cornwall.sch.uk)

In Autumn 1, we also have 3 further tutor groups created to provide morning interventions in Maths, English and Science:

11H: Mrs Stephens [sstephens@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:sstephens@penair.cornwall.sch.uk) Mrs Cook  
[ecook@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:ecook@penair.cornwall.sch.uk)

11O: Mr Harling [gharling@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:gharling@penair.cornwall.sch.uk)

11T: Mr Burnett [aburnett@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:aburnett@penair.cornwall.sch.uk) Mrs Eaves  
[aeaves@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:aeaves@penair.cornwall.sch.uk)

Mainly, the form tutor will be your first port of call as they are the day-to-day contact for your child.

For matters relating to welfare, attendance and academic progress, please contact:  
[Year2022@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:Year2022@penair.cornwall.sch.uk)

### **Dates for the diary:**

Year 11 parents' evening:	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Trial examinations #1:	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Y11 Perform Better Together:	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January

### **Attendance:**

I cannot stress enough the importance of high attendance in year 11. Historically, we are the year group that dip in comparison to whole school figures, which is surprising, considering the significance of this culminating year for students. The message that we want to emphasise is for students to get to school, even if they are feeling a little under the weather. The form tutor will be able to offer TLC during registration and we will ask key staff to check-in on that child during the day to see how they are doing. In most cases, once the child is in school and the day starts, they feel better for seeing friends and the momentum of the day carries them through.

### **After school Revision:**

After school revision for Maths, English and Science starts in earnest this week, as follows:

Monday:	Maths	2.45-3.45pm in C53
Tuesday:	English	2.45-3.45pm in C84 (for students aiming for a grade 4)
Wednesday	Science	2.45-3.45pm in L70
Thursday	English	4.00-5.00pm on Teams

We hope that students will take the opportunity to attend these sessions. There is no need to sign up; just join in on the day. Classcharts points will be issued for every revision session attended.

### **Guest speaker: revision workshops**

I am delighted to be able to share with you a fantastic opportunity for students and parents. Renowned revision expert and motivational speaker, Dr van der Spoel, who has worked with Penair students for nearly a decade, is hosting a series of 8 live virtual workshops across the year. The purpose of these workshops is to help students to get the most out of their revision. They are not designed around a particular subject, per se.

Instead, the workshops will teach you the psychology of how to study and revise effectively.

Details of the study skills workshops are as follows:

Session 1: Focus	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September
Session 2: Memory – little and often	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Session 3: Organisation	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November
Session 4: Target setting and planning	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January
Session 5: Procrastination	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Session 6: Memory 'perseverance'	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March
Session 7: Stress management	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April
Session 8: Tips for exam time	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May

All sessions start at 5pm via Zoom.

Duration: 35 minutes

Students will be muted with the chat function disabled. However, there will be a chance to ask questions at the end.

Participants will receive a summary worksheet of the main content of each session and a follow up activity will be issued with practical tips to embed learning.

We have secured **50 places** on the study skills workshops. If you are interested, I require you to commit to all 8 workshops. You have the option of accessing each workshop at home, in school, or a combination of the two. If you choose to access a session from school, I would extend the length of the session to run to 1 hour by adding in additional embedding activities to the end of the workshop. For every workshop attended, students will be entered into a prize raffle which will be drawn after the last workshop.

If you are interested in the study skills workshops, please respond below by **Wednesday 15th September**.

Let's work together to make leavers 2022 the best year yet!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lauren Miller

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Please return to Mrs Lauren Miller by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September

I am interested in attending the 8 live virtual study skills workshops led by Dr van der Spoel.

Name:

Form:

Please specify below where you intend to access each workshop:

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