

# PENAIR SCHOOL

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## End of Term letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to ensure that you are fully informed of our end of term arrangements and to also thank you for your support over the academic year which I know has been challenging for students, staff and parents. We have had an extremely busy end to the year at Penair.

Recent events and successes have included 35 Duke of Edinburgh students completing their silver expedition completing a 35-mile hike from Minehead to coombe Martin over Exmoor over three days with 2 nights camping. Earlier this year 51 students completed their bronze award. In addition, and probably more importantly collectively the students have undertaken 962 hours of volunteering in our local community.

Our new year 6 induction days took place this week with 246 new students joining the school and they were well supported by our excellent year 9 student guides.

Students in year 8 visited the Royal Cornwall show and year 10's visited Truro College to get a taste of lectures and the type of day that a further education establishment will provide. For both events we received much positive feedback about our students from both members of the public and staff in the respective organisations.

Our year 11's completed their exams and congratulations to them all in what has been a difficult and disrupted few years for them we look forward to celebrating their results in August.

Friday 8 July saw our first Prize Day since 2019 and it was wonderful to celebrate with parents and students alike. We are grateful to our guest of honour Mayor of Truro Steven Webb for his inspiring words of wisdom for our young people.

In addition, this week we are running a full school Sports Day the first time since 2019 we hope that this will allow the students to take part in sport in both a fun and competitive environment. All students must take part in at least one event and our fingers are crossed for good weather.

Term finishes with Curriculum Enrichment Week for year 7-9 and Work Experience for year 10. I would like to remind our students that they are ambassadors for our school during this week whilst out in the public eye. Our expectations of their conduct and behaviour are equally as high of them as they would be in a normal week in school.

## **Uniform**

With the summer holidays fast approaching, we are aware that a lot of parents buy new uniform for their child ready for our next academic year. All students including year 11 are expected to be in full school uniform for September.

Compulsory items: Penair Aspire Blazer/Suit matching Navy style Trousers and or Pleated skirt, Atlantic Blue Shirt, Penair School Tie, black socks with no logos, black leather formal shoes (no trainers, Vans style skate shoes and or canvas shoes). Please see our website for further details. [Uniform-Procedure-2022-1.pdf \(penair.cornwall.sch.uk\)](https://www.penair.cornwall.sch.uk/Uniform-Procedure-2022-1.pdf)

Optional item: Penair V-neck jumper, tights black or navy in colour.

All of the items can be purchased at Keywear, Church Walk, Truro, Cornwall TR1 1JH. Their website and online sales are at: <http://www.keywearuniforms.co.uk/>

PE kit is supplied by A-Game. Further information, including sizes, is available via the following link where orders can be made either on-line. [Penair School – AGAME Sports](#)

**Nails:** Nail varnish or nail extensions are not allowed in any year.

**Earrings and jewellery:** Jewellery including facial piercings are not allowed in school and does not form part of our dress code however, we do allow pupils to wear one stud in each ear.

I am sure that you understand the importance of both the school and home working together to help ensure that your child has a positive and productive time at Penair School. In order to promote a happy and healthy learning environment we must jointly uphold the standards that the school has set and expects from all of its students in preparation for life beyond Penair.

## **Staff Farewells**

We say goodbye to a number of members of staff this year who are either retiring, moving onto a new challenge at another school or indeed changing profession. We would like to wish them all well for the future and thank them for the huge contribution that they have made to shaping young people's lives both past and present. Thank you to Mrs Cook, Mr Craigs, Mrs Addey, Mr McDonagh, Mrs Miller, Mr Robins, Miss Whitbourn, Miss Nadaud Mrs Perryman, Mrs Binding, Miss England and Mr Carter.

## **New Staff**

We are also excited to welcome a number of new staff to our school who are looking forward to meeting our students and parents Mr Blackburn, Ms Evans and Mr Jessup who join Maths, Mrs McGuicken Head of MFL and Mr Rowe Teacher of MFL, Mr Buzza-Blackwell and Mr Jones joining English, Ms Hall Head of Science and Ms Laverock Science Teacher, Mr Abrahams and Dr Lucie Coley Humanities.

## **Start of Term Return Dates**

We are already preparing for next academic year and return to school in September. The first day back in school for year 7 is Monday 5 September. Year 8-11 will have an Academic Review Day on this day and parents will receive a separate letter detailing how you make an appointment with your child's tutor. All students return to a normal full school day from Tuesday 6 September.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents, staff and students for their support over the course of this academic year. I feel incredibly privileged to lead Penair School. We have a wonderful school with young people who amaze me with their gifts and talents on a daily basis. May I take this opportunity to wish all our families an enjoyable and safe summer break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Davidson', written in a cursive style.

**James Davidson**  
**Headteacher**