

# PENAIR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been great to welcome the Year 11 students back at Penair School as they are eager to begin their last year at Penair School. I am proud to say that Year 11 have already been noted for their positive start. The students enjoyed their work experience at the end of last year and being in the workplace was a big step in their journey for many. The students last year showed great commitment to extra revision and the Perform Better Together evening. This is positive in building towards success this year. This year, we will have a series of Perform Better Together evenings which you will soon receive information on. I wish all the students in Year 11 good luck for their last year at Penair School.

Now we are the oldest in school, younger students look up to the year group and it is important they all set a good example with uniform and behaviour. Many students have been selected for the role of Prefects to assist students in a variety of roles in the school and they will also be positive examples for others. Thank you for your support in ensuring the students have black leather school shoes. Do remind your children to continually get the basics right and ensure shirts are tucked in, skirts are worn correctly (*'no higher than a credit card's width above the knee'*) and students have black unbranded socks. Some students have been seen wearing jewelry, our policy on jewelry is that only one pair of studs are permitted. Hooped earrings, rings, bracelets and facial piercings are not part of the uniform at Penair School. As a reminder, nail varnish, nail extensions and acrylic nails are not allowed ([Penair Uniform Procedure 2024](#)). Failure to comply with these expectations will result in a 2-point detention on the first occasion.

Attendance to all lessons becomes ever more critical in Key Stage 4 and evidence shows that attendance is highly related to better outcomes for your child. Students in Year 10 last year who had attendance above 96% were on average 1.1 grade higher across all subjects compared to those under 96% and 2.1 grades higher than those who had attendance lower than 90%. Any missed learning from absences is difficult to catch up on and subjects that complete Non-Exam Assessments complete sections of work each lesson. If you are unsure whether your child is well enough to come to school please see guidance from this NHS ([Is my child too ill for school?](#)). The guidance states that children with minor coughs and colds are well enough to attend school. However, if your child is too ill to attend, please continue to report this through Study Bugs. Please see below from the Department for Education regarding leave of absence.

***If you decide to take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who as the issuing officer will may decide to take legal action against you. A penalty notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a penalty notice for each parent of £80 if paid within 28 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days. Fines are issued per parent/carer, per child. Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and/or custodial sentences. Please refer to our Attendance Policy on our website.***

For pastoral issues throughout the year, your child's form tutor is best placed to first offer support as they see your child daily and we have a great team who are here to help support your child. Mrs A Toms, remains the Student Welfare Officer for the year group. This year, we will be running an appointment system for SWO support to assist the efficient

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use of our SWOs and ensure that students can see Mrs Toms without interruption from other students. This also prevents missed learning opportunities from students being out of lessons. At school, your child will need to discuss any issues with their form tutor prior to arranging an appointment with Mrs Toms or, make their form tutor aware they request an appointment. We no longer have an attendance intervention monitor (AIM) but, we do have support from our new Home School Attendance Officer (HSAO) Ms M Ebury [mebury@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:mebury@penair.cornwall.sch.uk).

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### Parents' evening information

We will continue to use <https://www.parents-booking.co.uk/penair> which allows you to choose the times of your virtual appointment times with subject teachers. Should you wish to make any changes after your appointments have been made of it you do not have access to the internet then please contact our School Information Officer, Ms Vingoe ([mvingoe@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:mvingoe@penair.cornwall.sch.uk)), who will be happy to help. We encourage attendance to work in partnership with the school to ensure your child reach's their full potential.

While the 5-minute virtual meeting is helpful for parents and carers who are balancing work/other commitments, we also recognise that the small period of time of 5 minutes for an appointment slot may not be sufficient for parents to have a clear picture of their child's individual subject progress while being able to probe a little deeper with some 'specifics'. We encourage parents/carers to contact subject teachers at any point during the year to discuss individual subject issues as opposed to facing the disappointment of not being able to have a 5-minute appointment slot at the annual parents' evening. By adhering to this latter strategy helps parents/carers to:

1. Have any questions answered at any time during the year by subject teachers for clarification.
2. Find further ways to support your child's progress in their learning at home based on subject teacher feedback.
3. Prioritise appointments with subject teachers for the parents' evening so that not all subject teachers need to be booked for an appointment (this avoids any potential disappointment for parents/carers).

### Key Dates

26.9.24 – Inset Day 2	16.12.24 – Year 11 Trial results sent home
21.10.24 Year 11 Data Report	10.2.25 – Year 11 Trial Exams 2 (two weeks)
Term 1 Dates TBC – Perform Better Together evenings	25.2.25 – Year 11 Data Report
23.10.24 – Year 11 Parents' Evening	23.4.25 – Art, Graphics & Photography exams
11.11.24 – Year 11 Trial Exams (two weeks)	12.5.25 – Year 11 Exams Start

Yours faithfully,



**Mr R Edworthy**  
**Year 11 Personal Development Leader**