

## Penair School Year 11 Information Evening Summary

Dear Parent/Carer,

Prior to half term, we held our Year 11 Information Evening on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October and we are pleased to share the key points discussed for those who were unable to attend or for those who would like a summary.

### The Year Ahead

#### Important Dates:

- **11th November 2024:** Year 11 Trial Exams (2 weeks)
- **10th February 2025:** Year 11 Trial Exams 2 (2 weeks)
- **12th May 2025:** Year 11 Exams start (106 school days until the exams)
- **Garden Party:** TBC
- **Leavers' Ball:** Provisionally booked Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July (further information below)

### Perform Better Together Series

These sessions are designed to support students' home learning in core subjects.

- **Mondays 6 - 7:30pm**
- **27th January 2025:** English
- **24th February 2025:** Science
- **31st March 2025:** Maths

**Note:** Pasties are provided. Please complete the form prior to attending the evening which will be released nearer the dates. This helps us to ensure the sports hall is prepared.

### Trial Exams

Thank you for your patience with the November trial exam series. There were changes to the organisation of this due to staff absences in the examination team which meant that exam timetables were delayed in being handed out.

#### Upcoming Trial Exams:

- **November Trial Exams:** 11th November 2024
- **February JCQ Trial Exams:** 10th February 2025

## Challenges Year 11 Students Face

Students may experience:

- Pressure to succeed.
- Uncertainty about how to revise.
- Lack of motivation.
- Difficulty balancing commitments and social life.
- Struggles with homework.

## How to Support Your Child at Home

- Remind them that exams and grades are important however, they are not all there is to life.
- Help organise their revision and balance school-home life by creating a timetable of their day to assist when they can complete their daily tasks.
- Ensure they have time to relax and take part in physical activity.
- Provide a supportive study space and ensure they have the equipment they need.
- Set clear next steps for Post-16 education and are aware of entry requirements to set clear end goals to motivate them.

## Revision Tips

- Understand what revising means and how to do it effectively.
- Identify subjects and topics that need focus on.
- Use various revision techniques and stay organised such as: practice questions, creating flash cards, mind maps, revision clocks, taking effective notes using the Cornell note taking method, teaching learnt material to other people to help storing the information into the long-term memory.
- Revise without distractions and not when they are tired.

## Next Steps

### College Applications:

- Mrs. Sherwood is conducting careers meetings to help with Post-16 education choices.
- Applications for colleges are open; gather information at open days before applying.
- Apprenticeship application support will start in January; students should have a college backup plan

### Research the colleges and their courses:

- **Truro College Website:** Visit the Truro College website to explore the courses offered, entry requirements, and open day information. This will help students make informed decisions about their applications.
- **Cornwall College Website:** Similarly, research the Cornwall College website to understand the different programs available, campus facilities, and support services. Comparing both colleges will provide a broader perspective on the options available.
- Have a back up plan if applying for apprenticeships as these are limited. Strong applications and grades are important to secure apprenticeships as there is high competition for the places.

### Levels and Routes:

It is important to research the different qualifications available at Post-16 and where each can lead your child afterwards.

- **GCSEs (Level 1/2)**

- **A Levels (Level 3)**
- **Diploma (Level 2 or 3)**
- **T Level (Level 3)**
- **University: Undergraduate Degree (Level 4-7)**

### **Year 11 Leavers' Ball**

The date is provisionally booked for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you for your patience regarding this, the Leavers' Ball committee are in contact with the venue to progress with information regarding prices for different aspects of the evening. When this is confirmed and the booking is a firm booking, you will be made aware so, that you receive a price for the ticket. The window for the Leavers' Ball is after the last exam at the end of June and prior to CEW which begins on 14<sup>th</sup> July. Good behaviour and attendance this year are key to attend the Leavers' Ball. We are looking to link rewards to the ball for Year 11.

We hope this summary provides you with the necessary information to support your child through this important year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



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