

# PENAIR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

We have had an extremely busy end to the year at Penair. On 4 and 5 July we welcomed our new Year 7 students. It was a fantastic couple of days and it was great to meet and talk to so many new students. I saw lots of smiles throughout the day and the students were able to sample what it will be like when they join Penair in September.

On the 7 July we welcomed parents and carers who joined us for our annual Prize evening celebrating the gifts, talents and hard work of Penair students over the course of the year. Our guest speaker was Miss Katie Jones ex-student of Penair. Katie graduated from Plymouth University in 2013 with a first class honours degree in Chemistry and now studying for her PHD in Nuclear Physical Chemistry. Well done to all of the winners and thank you to Katie for inspiring our students to realise how fortunate they are and what can be achieved with hard work and dedication.

Wednesday 12 July was our annual school Sports Day. It was a marvellous day in terms of organisation, the brilliant sporting performances and the wonderful atmosphere with students supporting one another to do their very best. A big thank you to all of the staff but in Particular the Sport and Health Faculty.

Next week will be Curriculum Enrichment Week (CEW) for Years 7, 8 and 9 and work experience for Year 10. I know how excited both students and staff are about taking part in activities both locally, nationally and internationally I would like to remind students that this week is a privilege and an opportunity to develop learning and skills outside the classroom. I am sure the students will all be excellent ambassadors for Penair School.

Some members of staff are leaving us at the end of this term. We wish them all good luck in their new roles and adventures. A special mention for Mrs Edgeler our Director of Inclusion who has been with Penair in various roles for 14 years and also to Diane Ashton Teaching Assistant who has given the last 20 years to supporting students at Penair.

September 2017 see's the introduction of our new uniform for all year groups (see attached flyer for details). Please can you remind your child of the standards of behaviour and dress for the start of school in September. If a child arrives in September without the required uniform parents will be contacted and asked to collect them until the uniform policy is adhered to.

Finally, students will finish this term on Friday 21 July at 3.05pm as normal. All CEW activities will return in order for students to travel home on school transport unless parents have otherwise been notified. Students who are undertaking work experience placements will be informed of their finish time by their employer.

Details for the new term are:

**Monday 4 September – 8:30am First day for year 7 settling in normal timetable for year 11, school is closed to years 8,9,10.**

**Tuesday 5 September at 8.30am – Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 start - all students follow normal timetabled lessons.**

We would like to wish all the students a lovely summer break and hopefully the sun will continue to shine as it has this week. We are looking forward to the new year and staff at Penair are already planning hard for the new GCSE courses creating exciting, enjoyable and challenging lessons.

Yours sincerely,

James Davidson

