

Penketh High School Christmas Newsletter 2025



Christmas Card Competition

WINNER



Merry Christmas

*Congratulations to Tweety L for being
the winner of the 2025 Christmas Card
Competition!*



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Congratulations to Anita D, Poppy H and Amelia G for being the runners-up in the 2025 Christmas Card Competition!





Let's Hear From Your Head of Year!

As we approach the end of an incredible first term, I couldn't be prouder of our Year 7 students. From the excitement of transition week back in September to the festive celebrations this December, they have settled into high school life with enthusiasm and determination. It's been a joy to watch their personalities shine, friendships form, and confidence grow. Our Year 7s have embraced every challenge, both inside and outside the classroom, and are truly beginning to make their mark at Penketh High School.

The progress and personal growth I've witnessed this term have been deeply rewarding. Whether participating in enrichment activities, excelling in their studies, or supporting each other, the students have shown great resilience and kindness. As we close the term, I am incredibly proud of all they've achieved, and I look forward to seeing how they continue to grow in the months ahead.

Wishing everyone a restful break, and here's to another successful term in the new year!

Year 7's with top learning score 1s - Sophie.B (119), Penny.M (110), Caden.C (109)

Mrs Guignard
Head of Year 7





Let's Hear From Your Head of Year!

As we come to the end of the first term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what an incredible start it has been for our year group. From day one, pupils have demonstrated what a fantastic cohort they are—both in lessons and around the school community.

One of the most impressive achievements this term has been the sheer number of positive learning scores awarded: an outstanding 14,193 points, averaging 221 per day! This is a clear reflection of the hard work, resilience, and commitment to excellence shown by our students.

A particular mention to the following:

Joseph.A 142

Sonny.DM 132

Martha.P 121

Layton.W 117

Sean.H 115

Miles.McC 113

Evie.HB 112

Evan.D 111

Whether it's through focused effort in the classroom, supporting peers, or representing the school in wider activities, this year group has consistently set the standard. Their attitude and determination have not gone unnoticed, and I am incredibly proud of what they have accomplished so far.

As we look ahead to next term, let's continue to build on this success—maintaining high expectations, supporting one another, and striving to be the very best we can be.

Thank you to all pupils, parents, and staff for your ongoing support. Here's to an even stronger Term 2

Mr Venables
Head of Year 8



Let's Hear From Your Head of Year!

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians of year 9,

I can hardly believe another term has sleighed by! It feels like only yesterday we were welcoming Year 9 back in September, and now here we are wrapping up 2025. What a term it has been, and I couldn't be prouder of how much this year group has grown – not just in knowledge, but in motivation and attitude. Their commitment to learning has really shone (like festive lights), and the progress they've made is something to celebrate. Our learning scores have been strong, and I know this momentum will carry straight into 2026.

We've seen some incredible achievements this term. Congratulations to Ryan, Mason, Faye, Aidan, Ebony, Daniel, Bobby, Eden, Brianne and Grace for topping the league tables – your hard work and determination have set a brilliant example for everyone. A special festive cheer also goes to our Silver Award achievers: Ryan, Mason, Faye, Aidan, Daniel and Eden. What an amazing accomplishment! Alongside this, we've had some outstanding learning score averages from Arya, Molly, Alyssa, Hollie, Lewis, Alexia, Evie, Bea, Ella, Amelia, Nicky, Maisie, Summer and Libby – your consistency and effort have been exceptional.

Attendance has also been a real highlight, with a huge well done to those who achieved 100% attendance this term: Harley, Oliver, Thomas, Oliver, Marty, Beren, Ella, Lucas, Sam, Alyssa, Holly, Jordan, Charlie, Zac, Noah, Charlie, Ashton, Alexia, Marley, Liam, Ryan, Jess, Brianne, Ethan, Jessica, Daniel, Isabelle, Cameron, Connor, Louisa and Lucas. Your dedication is truly commendable.

It's also been a term full of creativity and talent. A huge thank you to all pupils involved in the TCAT concert last week – your performances were fantastic and really showcased the spirit of Year 9. Special mentions go to Evie, who received a callback for an audition with her theatre group; Izzy, Aria and Archie, who are all part of Cody's Productions; and Jess, who made it to the final of a voiceover audition and was only narrowly beaten by a professional actor – what an achievement!

Thank you for your continued support at home; it makes such a difference. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a restful winter break – see you in 2026!

Ms Lowe
Head of Year 9



Let's Hear From Your Head of Year!

What an incredible first term it has been to see Year 10 step up as role models within our school community. Their maturity, commitment, and determination have shone through in every aspect of school life, and it has been a privilege to witness their growth—not only as individuals but as a year group preparing for the challenges ahead.

This term, Year 10 has achieved outstanding success across so many areas. From academic excellence to sporting triumphs and creative achievements, their efforts have been inspiring. A huge congratulations to all pupils who have earned Learning Score 1s, postcards, and Golden Tickets this year. It has been fantastic to see so many celebrated for their hard work, resilience, and positive contributions.

I'd also like to celebrate those who have shown outstanding commitment through their attendance this term. Congratulations to the pupils who have maintained 100% attendance—you are setting the standard and showing the determination needed as we move closer to GCSE preparation.

Congratulations to Year 10 on a truly remarkable first term. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Christmas break, and I am excited to see what you will go on to achieve in the remainder of the academic year.

Keep striving for excellence—you have an exciting future ahead!

Miss Brocklehurst
Head of Year 10



Let's Hear From Your Head of Year!

As we move towards the conclusion of your child's final year of GCSEs, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on what has been a highly productive and encouraging year for our Year 11 cohort. Over the past year, pupils have shown real commitment to their studies and have approached this important stage of their education with increasing confidence and determination. I am incredibly proud of the young people they are becoming, and of the maturity, determination, and character they continue to show both in their learning and in the wider school community.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the year has been the way students prepared for their mock examinations. Many demonstrated excellent organisation, a willingness to engage meaningfully with revision, and an ever-growing sense and understanding of how to effectively prepare for controlled assessments. This positive approach has been reflected in their focus in lessons and their readiness to take responsibility for their own learning.

Alongside their academic efforts, the attitude to learning and personal development shown by the year group has been extremely encouraging. Pupils have displayed maturity, resilience, and respect for both staff and peers, contributing to a calm and purposeful atmosphere across the school. The support they show for one another continues to be a real strength of the cohort.

As we enter the Christmas period, it is important that pupils take time to rest, recharge, and reflect on everything they have achieved so far. They have worked hard and should feel proud of the progress they have made. However, this period also marks a natural pause before the next stage of their GCSE journey begins. From January, the focus will return firmly to the process of preparing for the summer examinations, and pupils will need to arrive refreshed, motivated, and ready to dig deep once again in order to fully capitalise on their potential.

Overall, this has been a very successful year, and the foundations pupils have built both academically and personally place them in a strong position as they continue towards their final GCSE exams.

Mr Billington
Head of Year 11

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