

## HEAD OF SCHOOL NOTICE

I hope you all had a relaxing half term break. We return to school refreshed, ready for the challenges that await us whilst recognising what we can do to support events taking place globally.

Year 11 have returned to school to start their second round of mock exams – when these have finished there will be 9 weeks left until the real GCSE exams in the summer. Attendance at after school intervention, as well as revision at home, is vital at this stage. Before half term we held a session for students and their parents looking at the changes which will be made for exams this summer. Look closely at the information on the student page of the school website to get more detail around topic lists from each of the exam boards.

Away from exams, Miss Cheale held the Book Mastermind competition in the

library last week. Congratulations to Ellie in Year 7 who will now have the opportunity to represent Pakefield aiming to retain the school's title at The Hold, a new venue on the University of Suffolk campus.

It was great to welcome Year 9 students and their parents and carers into school on Thursday for our Options Evening. Our options booklet, subject information, and the all-important options form can be found on our website – just look under the Teaching and Learning menu. I'm very happy with the changes we have made to our curriculum at Pakefield over the past two years. We have added an extra option block so students can now choose four subjects instead of three. We have also removed pathways, so any student can now pick any subject from

each block. This shows we are making sure our curriculum is inclusive, allowing all student to choose subjects they enjoy.

As a school community, it is important for us to take notice of global issues, particularly the awful events that are taking place in Ukraine right now. Student leaders fed ideas from form groups back to me last week around fundraising ideas to support the Save the Children Ukraine Appeal. Ryan in Year 10 has suggested a FIFA tournament, and several students suggested wearing a blue or yellow item as part of our uniform for the day. I look forward to working with student leaders to raise money for this very important fund.

Mr Bagshaw

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

*"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." — B.B. King*

## SAFEGUARDING

### Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment

Awareness of sexual violence and sexual harassment is a key national safeguarding priority. I wanted to take this opportunity to provide some clarity but also acknowledge the potential impact of this abuse on any person especially with the growing awareness on children and young people. It is important to acknowledge and address any concerns and to never pass off any linked case as merely a "rite of passage" associated with growing up.

Abuse isn't accepted anywhere; the school firmly supports a Zero Tolerance to abuse!

Sexual violence and harassment is not just perpetrated by teenage boys, it can involve children of all ages and of any sex. The fluid nature of relationships and the internet mean that it can happen anywhere, in school, outside of school or the home, face to face or online. The school's safeguarding and child protection policy has an updated section on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment as well as a specific policy for how the school manages any cases of Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment.

There are a lot of terms that fit into this safeguarding area that need to be explained.

### So, what do these two terms mean?

**Sexual Violence**—this refers to rape, assault by penetration or sexual assault (as defined by Sexual Offences Act 2003).

**Sexual Harassment**—'unwanted conduct of sexual nature' which intimidates, degrades, humiliates or creates a hostile environment.

**'Upskirting'** is a fairly new term that describes an offence that falls under Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment. Upskirting referring to the action of placing recording or photographic equipment, such as a camera or mobile phone beneath a person's clothing to take a voyeuristic photograph without permission. This is a criminal offence with the potential for offenders to face a 2 year prison sentence and being placed on the sex offenders register.

If a concern is raised in school we expect all students, staff and members of the community to follow our safeguarding procedures.

If you would like any further advice, please get in contact via [safe@pakefield.org.uk](mailto:safe@pakefield.org.uk) or visit <https://safeguarding.network>



# PAKEFIELD AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to the following students for their amazing achievements in lessons:



ENGLISH

**Daniel Shrimpton** for consistently achieving above his target grade on our last two assessments.

**Kai McQueen** for outstanding improvement in his book work throughout last half-term. He demonstrated excellent knowledge of the Hamlet text and regularly contributed to class discussion.

**Faith Nyarko** for always being helpful within the classroom and is making great strides to continue to improve her answers in preparation for GCSE exams.



DRAMA

**Imogen Brown, Maisey Willis, Akira Davis, and Sophie Grimmer** for improved focus and confidence in performance (no giggling!)

**Poppy James** for continued focus and creativity in lessons whilst supporting others with their learning.



MUSIC

**Samuel Harbord, Oliver Reed, Sam Supple, Ellie Buckenham and Elise Halliday** for being music maestros!



SCIENCE

**Katelyn Catchpole** for her fab homework for Biology!

**Stan Knowles** for superb flip learning in Chemistry!

**Sonnie Taylor** for his enthusiasm learning Statics in Physics!



MATHS

**Aimee Connell** for continuous high scores in chapter tests showing amazing understanding.

**Summa Upfold** for best result in the class for the recent expressions chapter test and achieved her target grade.

**Ryan Hart** for acing his Paper 3 and getting a grade 4.

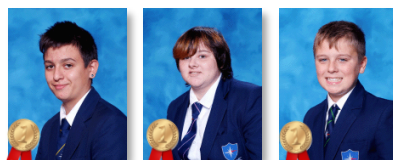
**Ella Payne** for working her socks off in maths!

**Tyler Copping** for excellent contributions and demonstrations on the board in lesson.

**Levi Bayes** for putting in extra effort.

**Coen Butcher** for being a superstar in lessons.

Special mention to **class 10Y2** for working so hard in preparation for their maths exam.



ART

**Jasmine Durrant and Madalyn Hewitt** for completing an extra task at home to an excellent standard.



## STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Extra-Curricular Club

Thursdays 2:45pm-3:45pm in SC7 with Miss Benton

Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 can benefit from a real-life experience of 'being' a scientist. It allows students to experience the project process; improving their enquiry, problem solving and communication skills.

Pupils work together in groups to complete projects in various different areas of science and engineering. Students will create a project and receive a Crest Award, a nationally recognised school science award.



*The week before half-term  
break we were spreading the  
love for Valentines Day in  
Crafty Tuesday club!*

**EXTRA-  
CURRICULAR**



## STUDENT VOICE

I decided that I wanted to be student leader and head student because I wanted to make the school a better place. I want to create a more engaging learning environment. I signed up for this because I believe that helping others is good in a community. I believe that I can encourage others to do the right thing.

When I became student leader and head student, I thought that I would make many mistakes but then I realized that making mistakes is good because you can learn from them and do better. I have a great attitude towards my learning and would like to help others enjoy their time at school so it's a safe, enjoyable learning environment. I show respect and politeness to others to make them feel that school is a nice place to be. I work hard to achieve my goals and I believe that if everyone shows kindness then everyone will be able to achieve their goals throughout the academic years through our school.

By the end of the academic year, I hope to look back and be satisfied by how much we've done to make our school blossom. Together we can make this school the best, the one everyone enjoys coming to.



**Karla Baker**  
Year 8



**Samuel Harbord**  
Year 7

On the week beginning the 7<sup>th</sup> February at Pakefield High School, Student Voice helped design a Mental Health Awareness Week, working to improve mental health and wellbeing at our school. Several events happened during the week including an excellent assembly on Monday from the Ormiston Families charity that work to support any families that could be affected by mental health issues. Ormiston are based at our school now, so we it was nice to have the opportunity to find out who they are, and what their services offer to our students. After the assembly, students from each year group were invited to attend a wellbeing workshop that was run throughout the day.

On Tuesday, the school had a full day of learning dedicated to understanding mental health for example in science students learnt about eating disorders, in maths we learnt about the importance of sleep, and in English we learnt about the symptoms of PTSD.

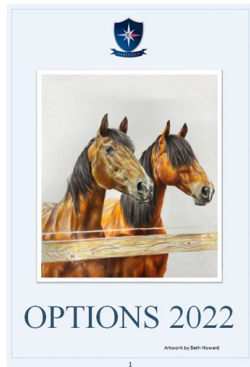
During the week green ribbon pins were sold by members of the student council, and the money raised by this as well as the money raised from a bake sale on Friday will go towards creating a project to support mental health in our school. The project will be chosen from entries to a competition where students have designed their own project.

Overall, it was a really successful week raising awareness and improving mental health at Pakefield High School.



## YEAR 9 OPTIONS

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March saw this year's highly anticipated year 9 options event; an event which seated over 170 people, both students and parents/carers. At such a crucial time in a young person's journey, it was fantastic to see such a high turn out with students seriously considering and wanting to think about the next steps of their journey at school.



Mr Bagshaw talked students and parents/carers through the options process with a detailed explanation of the options blocks and some helpful 'dos' and 'don'ts' when it comes to making the right choice. A reminder that the options form must be completed by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

A massive thank you to the students that ran our book shop as part of our World Book Day celebrations.

There's still time for students to swap their tokens, just head to the LRC; when they are gone, they are gone!



## HONOURABLE MENTION

Well done to Ellie Daws for winning the Book Mastermind challenge hosted by Miss Cheale in the LRC. Ellie will now have the opportunity to represent Pakefield and compete against other students across Suffolk at the County Final!



## Would you like to showcase your Science skills?

Create a Science project/display about what you love about any aspect of Science.

Celebrate British Science week with us and enter our whole school competition.

Entry deadline is **Thursday 17th March.**

Judging and Prizes on **Friday 18th March**

Any Questions – ask Mrs Trigg



15TH, 16TH, 17TH MARCH DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM PERFORMANCE STARTS 7PM! Concessions £5 Adults £7

PAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS....

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