

HEAD OF SCHOOL NOTICE

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. It was great to welcome students back to school on Monday all looking refreshed and recharged for the term ahead.

In my welcome back assembly this week I focused on learning behaviours that will ensure success through the busy summer term, with resilience being the key to success.

Year 11 begin their GCSE exams on 16th May, and resilience for all students throughout the next few weeks will be rewarded on results day in August. I am pleased that so many of our Year 11s were able to take advantage of the Easter sessions run by staff, and would like

to pass my thanks on to all of the teachers who came into school during the holidays.

Students in Year 9 have now been informed of their option choices and now need to display resilience over the course of their GCSE studies. I am pleased to report that 96% of the cohort were given their first choices. Our next parents' evening for year 9 is next Thursday, 5th May, and I encourage you to make appointments with option subject teachers. As usual, appointments can be made online.

Finally, in a staffing update, I can inform you that Miss Payne has now left Pakefield High School. She has

asked the following message to be shared with the school community - "I have made the decision to leave Pakefield High School, to enable me to spend more time supporting my family. I enjoyed working at Pakefield and will miss both staff and students. To my classes - I am sad that I haven't said goodbye to you, but I wish you all the best. Always believe in yourselves and know that you are capable of amazing things."

I am pleased to welcome Mr Adady and Dr Rodriguez to the school this term - they will be taking over MFL teaching across Key Stages 3 and 4.

Mr Bagshaw

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"EVERYBODY IS A GENIUS. BUT IF YOU JUDGE A FISH BY ITS ABILITY TO CLIMB A TREE, IT WILL LIVE ITS WHOLE LIFE BELIEVING THAT IT IS STUPID." — ALBERT EINSTEIN

SAFEGUARDING—CONSENT



It is important that we all understand what is meant by 'consent'.

You always have a right to say no to any form of sex or sexual activity -

and/or to withdraw your consent - at any time.

Sometimes people don't really understand what consent means in different situations. Here are some common myths about sex and consent.

"If two people have had sex before, or are in a relationship, it's always OK to have sex again"

Consent isn't given automatically. It is always up to you if you want to have sex and consent must be sought and given every time.

Similarly, even if you have previously consented, or change your mind in the middle of a sexual activity, you can withdraw consent and stop.

"You only need to consent when it comes to penetrative sex"

There are many different ways to have sex with someone, many of which don't involve penetration. You need consent for all types of sex.

"Men/boys can't be sexually assaulted"

Men can and are victims of rape and sexual assault—Safeline states that 1 in 6 men are victims of sexual violence in the UK. Just because it is not as common as sexual assault on women does not mean it is any less important.

"Women/girls can't rape anyone because they don't have a penis"

In law, rape is defined as non-consensual penetration with a penis. Non-consensual penetration with anything other than a

penis is defined as 'sexual assault by penetration'. This means a woman can sexually assault someone even if it is not legally under the definition of rape.

However, lots of people use the word 'rape' to apply to most forms of sexual assault, usually any form of assault by penetration, and non-consensual vaginal or anal sex.

"People who flirt and wear revealing clothes are 'asking for it'"

There is NO excuse for sexual violence, and it is never the survivor's fault. Whether or not someone is flirting, looking attractive, laughing at jokes or being friendly, that does not mean they consent to having sex.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to someone regarding a safeguarding concern, please contact us via our confidential email address:

safe@pakefield.org.uk

PAKEFIELD AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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



ENGLISH

Caitlin-Leigh Waters for great progress from November - March mocks. Caitlin increased her Literature grade by two levels, achieving above her target grade!

Adam Ruickbie for sustained progress in English throughout the course of this academic year, always achieving well above his target grade.

Mason Jessup for developed confidence in his reading, demonstrated as we have explored written texts in class.

Owen Baldry for an amazing speech in the Politics and Influence unit, where he achieved a few grades higher than his target grade—outstanding effort and performance!



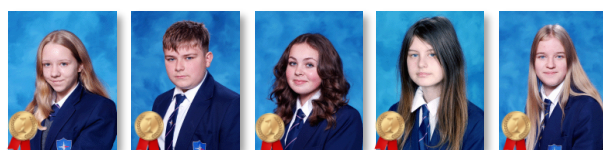
DRAMA

Evie Jefferies, Alex MacIntyre, Leah Jackson, Pippa Van Kroonenberg, Trinity Brown, and Libby Burnett for fantastic demonstration of a challenging performance style & taking time to understand the intentions behind a difficult performance technique.



MUSIC

Erin Child, Jamie Aldred, Emily Downes, Grace Munro, and Elise Halliday for being marvelous at music!



SCIENCE

Isabelle Leeder for being a brilliant biologist!

Sam Warren for being a clever chemist!

Marika Ksel for being a fantastic physicist!



MATHS

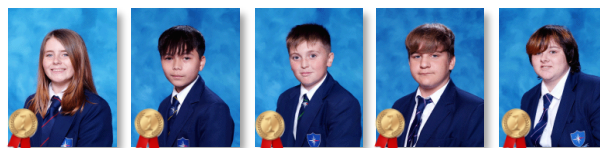
Ellen McAnally for being a great substitute teacher.

Cruz Nunez for contributing well in maths lessons and modelling work on the board.

Max Springall for always being positive in class and making maths lessons fun.

Toby Stammers for always being calm under pressure and getting the job done in maths.

Levi Bayes for working hard outside of lessons.



SPORT

Angel Atkinson for helping to assist with a primary event which saw over 170 girls taking part in football games on the field. Angel received special praise from one of the local primary schools, sharing how excellent she was with the students.



HUMANITIES

Finn McClure for consistently working about his target grade in GCSE Geography.

Kally Bebbington for her fantastic verbal contributions in History lessons.



MR DOUGAN'S SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Once again, it's time to prove your science knowledge with the chance to win prizes and esteem!

This edition's challenge is:

Launched in 1977, Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 are the furthest travelled man-made satellites. Voyager 1 even passed Pluto in 1990!

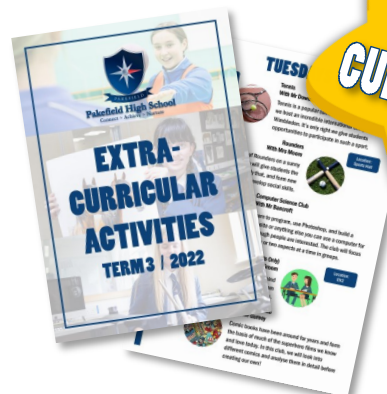
My question is: how far in miles has Voyager 1 travelled?



Email your answers to Mr Dougan at cdo@pakefield.org.uk

A winner will be selected from each year group, with the chance to win more prizes throughout the rest of the year.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR



Term 3 has kicked off with some brand new and improved extra-curricular clubs! Students will receive a booklet to take home and an electronic version is available on the school website.

STUDENT VOICE



Thank you everyone for donating money for our Support for Ukraine Day. Altogether, we have raised £648.17 for Ukrainian refugees!! This is an awesome total that we should all be so proud of.

To raise the money, Student Voice arranged several sports activities such as:

- The student versus student football match, where one team wore blue bibs, and one team wore yellow bibs.
- A very cool colour dash where we raised money through a sponsorship form to take part, and as we ran we were splattered with yellow and blue paint!
- A teacher versus student basketball match where students donated money to watch the game – shout out to Miss Shervington, Miss Willingham, Mrs Hastings, Mr Gurney and Mr Herbert for getting involved!
- Finally, we had a FIFA Tournament where students paid £3 to enter. Well done to Ryan Thacker in Year 10 who won!

Our fundraising events were very successful and we have raised a huge amount to help Ukraine.

In Student Voice, we also worked hard to raise money for Comic Relief. Each year group were given the task of designing a market stall in the Street during break and lunch times.

- ◇ Year 7 had a coconut shy.
- ◇ Year 8 had a card game.
- ◇ Year 9 did a joke competition.
- ◇ Year 10 did 'guess the name of the octopus'. Well done to Jake Smith in Year 8 for guessing right!
- ◇ Year 11 did 'Pie the Teacher!' – this event took place after school, where we got to see Miss Wright, Mr Cloves and Mr Dennis get hit with a load of squirry cream!

It was a great day, and we ended up raising £217.86!



Karla Baker
Year 8

PAKEFIELD EGG HATCH

Egg hatch is coming back! Chicken eggs are currently incubated in the science department, and the wait will be on to see the chicks hatching.

Chickens will be available for adoption, however a written note from parents will need to be provided.

More details will be shared with students nearer the time. If you would like any further information in the meantime, please speak to Mrs Trigg!



GCSE POD REVISION

Calling all Year 10 and 11 students!

Please remember to access your GCSE Pod account to help revise for your subjects, particularly in light of upcoming Year 11 exams.

You can login here: <https://www.gcsepod.com/> with your username and password or your Office365 details.

If you need help signing in, please email Mrs Shervington jsh@pakefield.org.uk

Watch Pods, create playlists and challenge yourself with check and challenge tasks, which auto create playlists for you! The ways of revision are endless with GCSE Pod!



EASTER INTERVENTION

Well done to the Year 11 students who attended Easter revision sessions, and a big thank you to the staff who came in and ran the sessions. We had eight different sessions running over the two week period from a variety of subjects including English, Maths and Science. Students worked through carefully planned tasks designed to fill gaps in knowledge before the GCSE exams start. They also got to enjoy a mid-morning snack and a slice of pizza for lunch.



HONOURABLE MENTION

Well done to the students that attended Mrs McHugh's media/photography intervention during Easter, and took these amazing photos. There were so many positive moments, with students working collaboratively to create some wonderful pieces of work!

