



13th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of term, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been an incredibly busy and rewarding few months at Pakefield.

First, I would like to commend our Year 11 students, who have demonstrated remarkable focus and determination throughout their mock exams over the past few weeks. Their hard work and dedication to their studies have been evident, and we are confident this will set a strong foundation for their final exams later in the year.

For parents of Year 10 students, a reminder that their mock exams are scheduled to begin shortly after our return to school in January. This is an important opportunity for them to experience the structure of exam conditions and to identify areas for improvement ahead of their GCSEs. Please encourage your child to make use of the holiday period to prepare while also ensuring they get some well-deserved rest.

This term has also brought exciting opportunities to showcase the innovative practices taking place at our school. Mr. Moore and I were honoured to present at a conference at the University of East Anglia this week, focusing on boys' achievement. Being invited to share the excellent work happening at Pakefield was a privilege, and it was inspiring to discuss strategies that are making a tangible difference for our students.

I want to take a moment to thank all of our staff for their tireless efforts this term. Their dedication to supporting our students both academically and personally continues to drive the success of our school community.

Regrettably, I must share an update regarding our free daily breakfast. Due to budget constraints, we will not be able to continue running this provision in January. This decision has not been taken lightly, and we deeply regret any inconvenience it may cause. We are exploring alternative ways to support students and families and will keep you informed of any developments.

A quick reminder that the final day of term, Friday 20th December, is a half day, with students finishing at 12.20 pm. Before that, we have our Year 8 parents' and carer's evening on Wednesday 18th from 4pm. Thank you to those who completed my survey from my last message – there was an overwhelming preference to keep these events as face to face rather than move them online.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a joyful and restful Christmas holiday. We will return to school on Monday 6th January, ready for another productive term ahead.

With best wishes

Mr Dan Bagshaw
Head of School