

Focused and positive start to their learning.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we settle into this term, I'm pleased to share that our students have made a focused and positive start to their learning. Lessons have been purposeful and engaging, and it's been encouraging to see students applying themselves with maturity and enthusiasm.

I always want to praise students and have been encouraging them to show off their positive achievements, so it is a pleasure to share with you our current league table of Golden Tickets:

Year Group	Number of Golden Tickets			
7	372			
8	329			
9	353			
10	297			
11	284			

Congratulations Year 7 – what an amazing start to the year so far!

As I wrote to you about last week, we've also begun our GL Assessments, and students have approached them with commendable focus and effort. The outcomes of these assessments will be shared in the end-of-term reports.

ClassCharts

Remember you can download the ClassCharts app and keep an eye on your child's **Positive Points** and **Golden Tickets**.

GL Assessments

The GL Assessments are continuing next week in with Progress Tests in English, Maths and Science. Students in Year 7 will complete tests in all three subjects, whilst students in Years 8 and 9 will complete these in English and Maths. All these assessments will be completed in classes.

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Progress Tests are nationally standardised assessments that measure your child's attainment and progress in:

English – including reading comprehension and writing skills

Maths – covering number, shape, space, and problem-solving

Science – exploring scientific knowledge and understanding

Alongside this, we are also giving all students in years 7 to 10 the GL Assessment New Group Reading Test (NGRT) to help us understand how well our pupils are developing their reading skills. The NGRT is a nationally standardised reading assessment that measures:

- Reading comprehension
- · Word recognition and decoding
- Vocabulary knowledge

It adapts to each child's ability, ensuring the questions are appropriate for their reading level.

Year 7 Dodgeball



Our Year 7s performed excellently at the annual dodgeball festival hosted at EPA this week. They all showed excellent teamwork, resilience as well as great sporting skills. Our golden ticket winners for great leadership and performance went to Ted Jeeves and Kaya Hudson. Well done to all students who attended!

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Join Our Governing Board - Make a Difference in Our School Community

We currently have a vacancy on our school's governing board and are inviting expressions of interest from parents or members of the wider community who are passionate about education and committed to supporting our school's continued success.

Being a governor is a rewarding role that offers the opportunity to contribute to strategic decision-making, support school leadership, and help shape the future of our pupils. No prior experience is necessary - just a willingness to learn, collaborate, and make a positive impact.

If you're interested in applying or would like to learn more about what the role involves, please contact HeadsPA@pakefield.org.uk

Extra-Curricular Activities and Club



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The Library

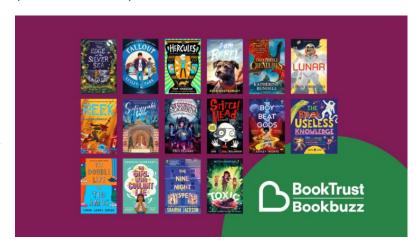
Exciting news! The Bookbuzz pack has arrived!

All Year 7 students will soon enjoy a special Library lesson where they can browse the collection and choose a free

book to keep! A big thank you to @BookTrust for making this possible! Once everyone has made their choice, we'll be ordering their selected titles. We can't wait to see our Year 7s buzzing with excitement when their books arrive!

In the meantime, students can explore quizzes, competitions, and blogs from the *Bookbuzz* authors to dive even deeper into their reading adventures.

#MyBookBuzz #LoveReading #LibraryFun #ReadingForPleasure



Free School Meals - Check Your Eligibility

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, you can apply online and receive an immediate response and confirmation email.

Children who have received free school meals since 1 April 2018 will continue to receive them until the end of the 2025/2026 school year, regardless of changes in income.

Use this link to check and Apply for free school meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll also qualify for the Holiday Activity and Food Programme. More information from Suffolk County Council is available here

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Year 10 - Healthcare Workshop

Interested in a Career in Healthcare?

Are you thinking about a future in nursing, midwifery, Para medicine, or other exciting healthcare careers?

East Norfolk Sixth Form College would like to offer you a taste of studying healthcare with our **Health and Social Care (AAQ)** and **T Level Health** outreach session on Tuesday 30th September.

- Get hands-on with clinical practical work.
- Explore real course content.
- Discover how these courses can kick-start your journey into the healthcare world.
- Whether you're curious or committed, this is your chance to step into the shoes of a future healthcare professional.

Please see Mrs Moore if you would like more information/would like to take part.

Year 10



Are you interested in becoming Pakefield High Schools Head Student?

Would you like to:

- Be a positive role model for other students?
- Represent the student voice and share ideas with staff?
- > Help organise and lead school events and activities?
- Support and mentor younger students?
- ➤ Develop leadership, communication, and teamwork skills?
- ➤ Challenge yourself and grow in confidence and responsibility?
- Enhance your future opportunities in education and beyond?
- ➤ Give back to the school community?



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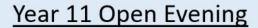
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We're excited to invite your students to our upcoming Open Evening, where they'll have the opportunity to explore career pathways in accountancy. This event is designed to give students a real insight into the world of work, our trainee programmes, and the qualifications we offer - including Level 4 and Level 7 apprenticeships.

Event Details:

- Norwich Office Anglia House, 6 Central Avenue St Andrews Business Park, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich, Norfolk, United Kingdom, NR7 0HR
- Tuesday 23 September
- 6pm 7.30pm

During the evening, students will:

- Meet current trainees and professionals
- Learn about our Early Careers programmes
- Discover the application process and what we look for
- Ask questions in a relaxed, informal setting



Year 11



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Year 10 and 11

Lowestoft Sixth Form College and East Coast College will be leading assemblies on the below dates. Have a think about any questions that you might have for them.

Monday 22nd September – Year 11 (East Coast College) Tuesday 23rd September – Year 10 (East Coast College)

Monday 29th September – Year 11 (Lowestoft Sixth Form College) Tuesday 30th September – Year 10 (Lowestoft Sixth Form College)

Monday 13th October - Year 11 (University Technical College Norfolk.)







Year 10 and 11

University Technical College Norfolk (UTCN) will be expanding its A Level offer from September 2026.

In addition to it's existing subjects, UTCN will also be introducing:

- A Level Psychology
- A Level Art.

The current academic offer includes:





- A Levels in: Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Engineering, Computer Science and Maths.
- T Levels in Science or Engineering.

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School Events

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Beginning					
22/09/2025				Year 9 Men ACWY	
				Vaccines 08.30 –	
				15.00	
29/09/2025				Flu Vaccine 08.30	
' '				- 15.00	
				Year 11 – Parents	
				Evening (1)	
				Year 11 Reports	
06/10/2025				Year 6 Open	
				Evening 18.00 -	
				20.30	
13/10/2025	SEND Parents	Flu Vaccine 08.30			
,,	Evening - ONLINE	– 15.00			
20/10/2025	School photos			Years 7,8,9 & 10	
20/ 10/ 2023				reports	
	Year 10 Raising			. 50 51 65	
	achievement				
	evening				

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It has been a busy and productive week at Pakefield High School. I hope you have a great weekend, look forward to another excellent week!

Warm regards, Mr P Dougherty Head of School

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