



19th September 2025

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.



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!

Ms Shank



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

Extra Curricular Clubs September - October 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Mr Allington Retro Games Club	Mr Agyapong French Book Club	Miss Bethell Dance Club	Dr Bernthal Latin Club
Mr Bligh Further Maths (Invite Only)	Mrs Hastings Film & TV Series Club	Mr Dowson Golf	Mrs Warren Art Club (Commencing Sept. 20th)
Mr Bond Dungeons and Dragons	Mr Herbert Darts	Miss Dunnell Dance Club	
Mr Clarke Retro Games Club	Mr Hill Fantasy NFL	Mr Gibbons Football	
Ms Grice Pride	Mrs S McHugh Photoshop Club	Miss Saunders D of E (Enrolled students only)	
	Mr Osbourne Urban Sketching	Ms Shank Basketball	
	Miss Shank Netball	Miss Simons Drama/Showcase	
	Miss Simons Drama/Showcase	Mrs Trigg Dr Who	
	Mr Wilson Origami Club	Mr Vaughan-Evans STEM	
	Mr Anderson Badminton	Mrs McGovern KS3 Send Homework Club	
	Mrs Tuttle UNO/Card Games		
	Mrs McGovern KS3 Send Homework 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](#)



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?





Year 11 Open Evening

pb Price Bailey
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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



EAST NORFOLK
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Open Events

Open Saturday	Open Evening
 Saturday 20th September	 Thursday 9th October
 9am - midday	 4pm - 7pm

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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 its 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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Saturday 11 October
The Battery, London Road North, Lowestoft
12:00 - 20:00

Tournaments. Talks. Free Play

From Fifa face-offs to Mario Kart matches, this is the place to come for gamers come to battle, chill, and level up IRL.

What's going down:

- Esports tournaments
- Live talks from makers and players
- Play the hottest games + retro throwbacks

Sunday 12 October
East Point Pavilion, Royal Plain, Lowestoft
10:00 - 16:00

Step into a World of Adventure

Gather your party and prepare for a weekend of role-playing, storytelling, and epic battles. Whether you're rolling dice, building characters, or diving into immersive worlds, this is the day when legends are born.

What awaits you:

- D&D sessions
- Live sessions with game masters & creators
- World-building & character design
- Tournaments - open to all ages
- POKEMON

For more information visit www.gamelowestoft.com

FREE ENTRY

School Events

Week Beginning	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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 Evening - ONLINE	Flu Vaccine 08.30 – 15.00			
20/10/2025	School photos Year 10 Raising achievement evening			Years 7,8,9 & 10 reports	

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

Warm regards,
Mr P Dougherty
Head of School