



17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final week of this half term, I would like to take a moment to thank our students - and you, their parents and carers - for the tremendous support shown throughout these opening weeks of the school year. It has been a genuine privilege to step into the role of Head of School and to be welcomed so warmly by our school community.

This term, we've continued to welcome a number of visitors through our Community Tours, including prospective students and their families. Their feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on the calm, purposeful atmosphere and the high-quality learning taking place across our classrooms. It's a real testament to the dedication of our staff and the engagement of our students.

A quick reminder that we have a full week of school ahead before we break for half term at the end of the day on Friday. Students are expected to attend every day next week, and we appreciate your continued support in ensuring strong attendance.

Looking ahead, our Year 11 students will begin their first round of mock exams after the break. We're eager to see how they are progressing in preparation for their GCSEs and know they will approach this important milestone with focus and determination.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. I wish you and your families a refreshing and enjoyable weekend.

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 bance Club	
Mr Clarke Retro Games Club	Mr Hill Fantasy NFL	Mr Gibbons Football	
Ms Grice Fride	Mrs S McHugh Photoshop Club	Miss Saunders D of E (Enrolled students only)	
	Mr Osbourne Urban Sketching	Ms Shank Squash	
	Miss Shank Netball	Miss Simons Drama/Showcase	
	Miss Simons Drama/Showcase	Mrs Trigg Dr Who	
	Mr Wilson Origami Club	Mr Vaughan-Evans Chess	
	Mr Anderson Badminton	Mrs McGovern KS3 Send Homework Club	
	Mrs Tuttle UNO/Card Games		
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Student of the Week



CONGRATULATIONS!

KS4 HISTORY STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**SKYE
BROMLEY**

Skye has made an outstanding start to GCSE History. Skye's bookwork is always immaculate, ensuring that she has an excellent resource to revise from. In addition, Skye has been working hard on her exam technique, always seeking out and acting on teacher feedback, to ensure that she will be able to demonstrate her impressive amount of knowledge at exam time.

Skye has particularly enjoyed the 'Medicine through time' topic that students have been studying in year 10, and has found the development of medical knowledge in England through the Medieval and Renaissance periods to be a fascinating topic of study.

CONGRATULATIONS!

KS3 HISTORY STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**JOSHUA
GIDDINS**

During this half-term, Joshua has been working on the topic of 'British Empire'. Joshua has worked hard throughout all of his lessons, exploring challenging and thought-provoking topics such as the 'Scramble for Africa' and the Partition of India. Joshua fully engages with lessons and often contributes excellent answers and ideas to the group. A great few weeks of history, well done!



The Library

LIBRARY			
		Break	Lunch
M	Wk1	OPEN	OPEN
	Wk2	OPEN	OPEN
T	Wk1	OPEN	OPEN
	Wk2	OPEN	OPEN
W	Wk1	OPEN	OPEN
	Wk2	OPEN	OPEN
T	Wk1	CLOSED	CLOSED
	Wk2	CLOSED	CLOSED
F		CLOSED	

You can come to borrow and return books whenever the Library is open.

Library Clubs
 Mon Games Club
 Tue Crafty Tuesday
 Wed Chess Club
 Curious to know more? Check out our clubs posters or ask in the Library.

Library Information

Library & Clubs Update

- *You can borrow and return books anytime the library is open.
- *Books can also be returned in the Returns box outside the library.
- *If you borrowed any books before the summer, please return them as soon as possible.

Computer Access
 Computers are available every lunchtime the library is open for homework/schoolwork only.

Library Clubs
 Library clubs run every week!
 Important: You must sign up at break before lunch on the day of the club.

No sign-up = No club!

Homework Club



KS3 SEND HOMEWORK CLUB
EVERY TUESDAY
With Mrs McGovern
IT2
3PM-3:35PM





Weekly 100% Attendance Rewards



Every Monday, one student from each year group with 100% attendance in the previous week will be randomly selected to receive a £5 Amazon voucher.



Every Friday, two students from each year group with 100% attendance for the entire week will also be randomly selected to receive a golden ticket, and a jump the queue pass for themselves and a friend. This pass also entitles the winner to a complimentary meal deal.

Year 11 - Are you interested in Healthcare Sciences?



Are you interested in finding out more about the Healthcare Sciences?

There are over fifty thousand healthcare scientists working in the NHS and public health services. They form a scientific backbone for the work of the NHS, leading a wide range of innovative work from world class healthcare research to improved patient outcomes.

If you are passionate about science and technology, and about helping others, a career in healthcare science could be the perfect match for you.

Find out more about becoming a healthcare scientist here:

www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/healthcare-science

How do I become a healthcare scientist?

There are a variety of training and education routes into healthcare science at all levels. You could join the workforce directly as a healthcare science assistant or explore a healthcare science apprenticeship. Undergraduate degree and degree apprenticeships are available, or you could apply for the NHS Scientist Training Programme, a paid graduate scheme for STEM graduates. Learn about the different routes into registration:

www.assclinsci.org/applicants/my-route-to-registration/



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE CAREERS DISCOVERY EVENT

Book Here! 

HEALTH & CARE ACADEMY

11 NOVEMBER 2025, 17:30 - 19:30
THE PLACE, GREAT YARMOUTH

15 NOVEMBER 2025, 10 - 12
COLLEGE OF WEST ANGLIA,
KING'S LYNN

18 NOVEMBER 2025, 17:30 - 19:30
UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA,
NORWICH

Parents/carers and students are welcome to attend and meet Health & Social care professionals to hear about a variety of career pathways, real-life experiences of working in the Health & Social Care sector, and learn about early career opportunities such as Apprenticeships and Work Experience.



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HEALTH & CARE ACADEMY

Meet experts from health and social care professions to learn about career and pathway options.

Book Here! 

THE PLACE, GREAT YARMOUTH
11 NOVEMBER 2025
5:30PM - 7:30PM



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(Age 13 and over) - Healthcare Science Virtual Work Experience?



Healthcare Science virtual work experience programme

There are over fifty thousand healthcare scientists working in the NHS and public health services. They operate at the cutting edge of innovation, supporting the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of disease. If you are passionate about science and technology, and about helping others, a career in healthcare science could be the perfect match for you.

Healthcare scientists work in over fifty specialisms which can be categorised into four groups:



NHS England have just introduced an exciting new Healthcare Science Virtual Work Experience opportunity, in collaboration with Springpod, which can be accessed on an unlimited basis by anyone over the age of thirteen, across the UK.

The programme aims to break down barriers to traditional work experience and provide more accessible and inclusive options for young people to explore careers in the Healthcare Sciences. It contains a variety of content including quizzes, videos, activities and pre-recorded webinars/Q&As, as well as an opportunity to live chat with a healthcare science ambassador. Modules cover an introduction to healthcare science, details of different specialisms, entry routes, career planning, and employability skills. You can start straight away and complete the course at your own pace.

How do I sign up?

- **Visit:** www.nhse.springpod.com/#Experiences
- **Sign up:** registration is quick, and free
- **Start learning:** access expert-led modules
- **Get certified:** gain a completion certificate and skills chart when you have completed the course. This can be a useful resource for UCAS applications and future interviews.

For more information about the healthcare sciences, visit:
www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/healthcare-science

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Year 11- WS Training

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engaging, memorable, effective

OPEN DAYS

WS Training offers a Study Programme for young people aged 16–18, and up to 25 for those with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).



Ipswich
14th October
4-7pm



Lowestoft
22nd October
4-7pm



Haverhill
20th October
2-5:30pm

Join us!
01473 604260
APPLICATIONS@WSTRAINING.CO.UK

Join us on our Open Day and discover how WS Training can help shape your future!

About us

Learning is always at the heart of what we do, your future is our business. We are an independent training provider based in Suffolk. We offer training across government-funded provisions, including study programmes (including Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and apprenticeships, as well as providing an extensive range of commercial training courses.)

We understand the importance of high-quality training, which is why we offer a comprehensive range of courses designed to equip learners with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed.

CALLING ALL FILMMAKERS IN THE EAST

SUNRISE FILM FESTIVAL

We Want To See Your Work To Promote Homegrown Talent

SUBMIT FOR FREE To Student Short Film & East Coast Short Film categories

Submit via Filmfreeway
Regular Deadline October 30
sunrisefilmfestival.co.uk

BIFA QUALIFYING FESTIVAL

As part of our plans for next year's 5th Sunrise Film Festival, we are planning on going big in many ways to celebrate this special milestone, and focusing on what makes us magic, which includes our homegrown talent.

Whether it's a zero-budget, student project, or a local filmmaker who's not shy to making films, or has never had the chance to have a film shown at a festival or cinema setting. We don't want to exclude anyone and want to shape a screening to promote local talent, whatever the budget or circumstances of how it was made.

Our programming next year will include expanded strands for films made by students and filmmakers of any age from the East of England.

Submissions for the Student Short Film & East Coast Short Film categories are entirely free to encourage a wider array of submitted films (the East Coast Short Film category is limited to those filmmakers in the East of England only, and our Student Short Film is open for students across the UK).

Find out more by visiting our <https://filmfreeway.com/SunriseFilmFestivalUK>.



Chess Tournament 2025

The Chess Championship is coming...

Sign-up has officially begun!

✓ All years welcome
🏆 Ladder format leading to the Grand Final

🎁 Prize for the winner!

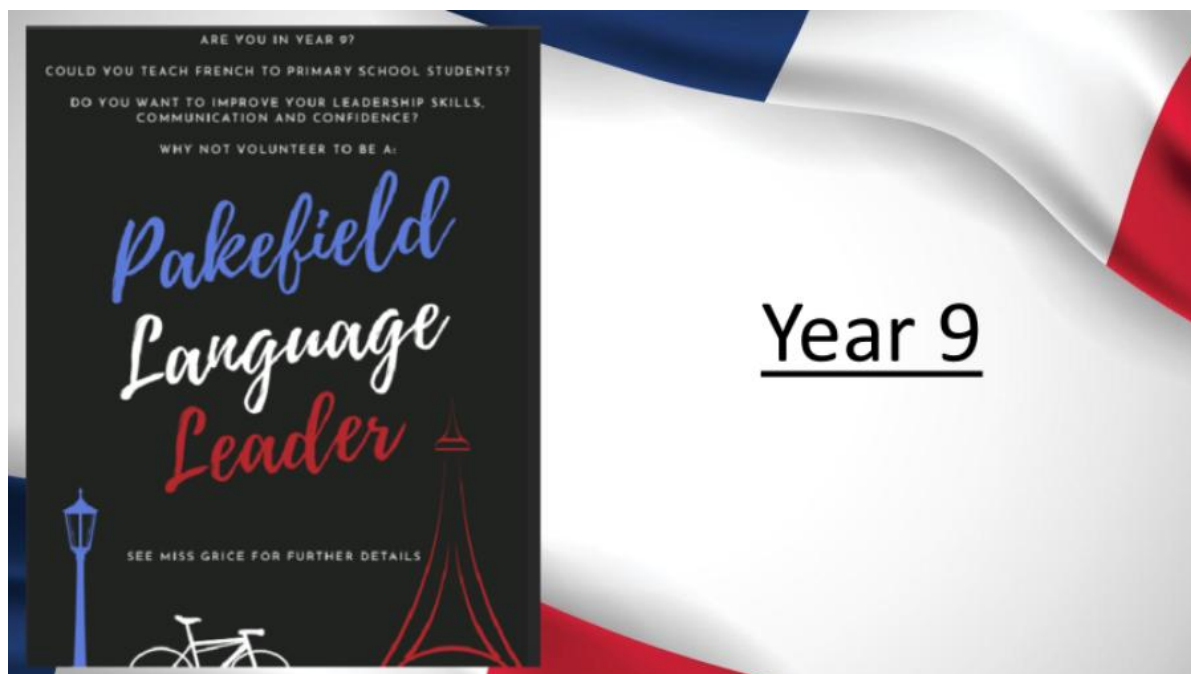
📅 Registration closes: Wednesday 22nd October

See Miss Cheale for more info or to sign up.

Who will take the title?!

👤 Don't Forget - Chess Club! 👤

Join us every Wednesday lunchtime to brush up on your chess skills and get tournament-ready!



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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](#)

School Events

Week Beginning	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
20/10/2025	School photos Year 10 Raising achievement evening 5.45pm				End of school day 3pm – start of half term
27/10/2025	Half term week	Half term week	Half term week	Half term week	Half term week
03/11/2025	All students to return to school at 08.30am Year 11 Mocks	Year 11 Mocks	Year 11 Mocks	Year 11 Mocks	Year 11 Mocks
10/11/2025	Year 11 Mocks	Year 11 Mocks	Year 11 Mocks	Year 11 Mocks Year 7 Parent Evening – Meet the Tutor	Year 11 Mocks
17/11/2025		Year 11 Geography Field Trip			

Warm regards,
Mr P Dougherty
Head of School