



24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the half-term break, it's hard to believe how quickly the first part of the academic year has passed. I'd like to remind everyone that school resumes on **Monday 3rd November**, and we expect all students to return in **full school uniform**, ready for a prompt start to the day.

For our Year 11 students, the first round of mock exams begins immediately after the break. These assessments are a key milestone in their journey toward the GCSEs, and I know you will continue to support them in their preparation.

This week, we've engaged in Student Voice sessions as part of our ongoing commitment to reflection and improvement. It was heartening to hear from students across all year groups about the positive changes they've experienced in their learning environments. Many spoke of increased focus and reduced disruption—clear signs that the routines introduced this term are having a meaningful impact.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this half term. I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable break.

Key Reminders

Uniform

Please ensure your child returns in full compliance with our uniform policy, which is available on our website. In summary, students should wear:

- School blazer or jumper with the school logo
- White shirt or blouse
- School gold tie
- One of the following:
 - Plain dark grey or black trousers (formal, loose fit, ankle-length)
 - Plain dark grey or black shorts (formal, loose fit)
 - Pleated Pakefield knee-length grey school skirt
- Polishable or patent formal black shoes
- Jewellery should be discreet and appropriate for school. Students may wear:
 - One set of plain studs or small sleepers in pierced ears
 - One small nose stud
 - One watch, necklace, bracelet, or ring



Equipment

All students are expected to arrive fully equipped for learning. This includes:

- A school bag
- Stationery: black or blue pen, green pen, pencil, ruler
- Calculator (Casio FX-83 or FX-85 preferred)
- PE kit (when applicable)
- Optional: colouring pencils, highlighters, paper glue

Attendance

Excellent attendance is a key priority. We ask for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day and arrives on time.

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.

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](#)



Student of the Week

CONGRATULATIONS!
KS3 PE STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**LILY-ANNE
NEWMAN**

Lily-Anne has shown exceptional dedication and commitment within PE this year, serving as a true role model to her peers. She is always the first to offer help and guidance to others, and her positive influence has been greatly valued by both students and staff.

Lily-Anne approaches every activity with enthusiasm and a strong work ethic, even in sports that are not her personal favourites. Her willingness to learn and her consistent 100% effort are a credit to her character. She has been ever-present at netball club and has already represented the school at various events, demonstrating her teamwork, determination, and pride in representing the school community. Lily-Anne also represented the PE department superbly during the school's open evening, where her professionalism and support were greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS!
KS4 PE STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**ZACH
MEADOWS**

Zach has demonstrated an outstanding attitude throughout the year. He has been a fantastic ambassador for the PE department, actively supporting primary school events and consistently receiving exemplary feedback from both staff and parents. Within Sport Studies, Zach has shown a genuine enthusiasm for learning, particularly in the leadership and performance units, where he has developed a strong theoretical understanding.

Zach has also made an excellent start in building his knowledge of the exam unit topics. As a teammate, he is supportive, reliable, and displays excellent social skills. One of the highlights of the year was Zach's leadership of a dance session for his peers, which was delivered brilliantly and received superb feedback from observing staff. Outside of school, Zach has also performed to a high standard with his dance company and is clearly destined for a bright and successful future.



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	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 & 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!



BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS - ONLINE ORDERING ONLY

The Scholastic Book Club is up and running this term! Your child will come home with a leaflet this week showing a selection of the books available. To browse even more of the latest books and to order online go to:

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/pakefield-nr33/digital-book-club>

For every £1 you spend on the Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic rewards. It is a great way to raise funds for the school.

Please place your order online by Sunday 16th November, 2025. Please do not return the leaflet to school with money – **you can only order online.** We will let you know during the second half of the autumn term, via email, when the books are being sent home.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS? If you are ordering Christmas presents please email me jac@pakefield.org.uk to let me know so that we will not send your order home with your child but will contact you to collect.



Homework Club



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



Year 8 – Find my Future STEM Event

- On Thursday 27th November 2025, the John Innes Centre is hosting a unique 1-day conference for Year 8 students, designed to inspire the next generation of STEM professionals.
- Students will hear from and meet inspirational speakers through taking part in interactive workshops and networking sessions.
- Places are limited to 12 students.

STEM jobs are careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics that require technical, analytical, and problem-solving skills.

Examples of STEM jobs:

Science: Forensic scientist, neuroscientist, ecologist.

Technology: Software developer, web developer, IT manager, database administrator.

Engineering: Mechanical engineer, biomedical engineer, aerospace engineer, civil engineer, environmental engineer.

Mathematics: Actuary, statistician, cost estimator.

Other: Psychologist, physiotherapist, medical roles, and finance sector roles.



Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.



If you have an interest in any of these areas and would like to attend this event, please see Mrs Moore by Friday 24th October. There are only 12 spaces available.



School Nurse

New School Nurse: Sonia Southgate

Changes: Sonia will be in school fortnightly on a Tuesday lunch time.

Venue: Meeting Room 2

Times:

Year 7, 9 and 11: 1.00pm-1.30pm

Years 8 and 10: 1.30pm-2.00pm

Dates:

Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 4th November 2025

Tuesday 18th November 2025

Tuesday 2nd December 2025

Tuesday 16th December 2025



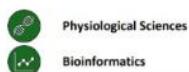
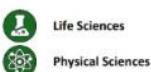
(Age 13 and over) - Healthcare Science Virtual Work Experience?



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



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.

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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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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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School Events

Week Beginning	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
03/11/2025	Year 11 Mocks Whole school returns at 08.30am	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		Year 8 UEA Workshops	
24/11/2025				Year 8 STEM Event - UEA	
01/12/2025		Flu Vaccine Mop Up			

Warm regards,
Mr P Dougherty
Head of School