



28th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank so many parents in your input over the last two weeks in shaping the future of our school through completing the recent parental survey; if you have not yet completed this, [the link to the survey is here and closes at 6pm today \(Friday 28th November\)](#).

This week our Year 10 students have been completing their assessments in class to check on their progress since they started their GCSE courses. It has been a pleasure to see the maturity shown by our students in their approach and attitudes to these tests. The outcomes of these will be in the Year 10 Reports which come home on Thursday 18 December. Our Year 10 Parents Evening on Thursday 11 December where parents and carers will be able to meet with the class teachers to discuss their academic progress.

We are nearly in December with our plans for our whole-school Christmas Dinners during the week beginning 8th December. As I wrote about last week, this year, **all students will enjoy a sit-down Christmas Dinner** with their year group on the following days:

Year 11 – Monday 8th December

Year 10 – Tuesday 9th December

Year 9 – Wednesday 10th December

Year 8 – Thursday 11th December

Year 7 – Friday 12th December

We will cover the cost of the Christmas Dinner for all students on their allocated day, while other year groups will have normal access to the canteen. For students who receive Free School Meals, this Christmas Dinner will count as their allocation for that day.

Although we are providing the meal for all students, if you would like to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost, there is an option to do so via Wisepay.

Our end of term Reward Assemblies will take place during the week beginning 15th December with the **End of Term on Friday 19th December. On the last day of term, school will finish for students at 1.00pm.** We will have a canteen service for break and lunch that day.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Student of the Week



CONGRATULATIONS!

KS3 PERFORMING ARTS STUDENT OF THE WEEK



JEM HUNT

Jem is always contributing to lessons, both in discussions and volunteering for improvisations. He whole-heartedly gives 100% to everything he does and shows fantastic independence in his focus, creativity & confidence.

CONGRATULATIONS!

KS4 PERFORMING ARTS STUDENT OF THE WEEK



OLLIE RITCHIE

Ollie Ritchie, for continued focus, determination and constant creativity in his work. Ollie demonstrates a positive attitude, and shows resilience to achieve his best. He is creative, particularly talented when creating characters and has a great sense of self-belief to continuously develop both performance & academic skills.



CONGRATULATIONS!

CELEBRATING OUR PERFORMING
ARTS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

**OLLIE
RITCHIE
(YEAR 11)**




**JEM
HUNT
(YEAR 9)**

Community student of the week




Pakefield Community Spotlight



Olivia Garner

Olivia Garner in Year 8 has been horse riding since age 6. She attends at Pakefield Riding School and is sharing her experiences of equestrian with us this week.

This is what Olivia had to say:
My horse is called Zara, you can see her here in the photos.
Horse riding keeps me very busy: I go to the yard and clean out the stables and lead on foot hacks for an hour a time. I make sure there is clean water for the horses, tack up lead in the school and put rugs on the horses at night.
In the future I hope to work with horses and maybe teach riding. I also aspire to compete in show jumping when I am 18.



PE Fixtures



Y8 Netball:

After weeks of consistently attending netball club our Year 8 girls had their first netball fixture of the year, a friendly against EPA. It was a fantastic match which was largely tied for the first two quarters then EPA pulled away for a 6-3 win eventually. Our girls showed excellent teamwork and communication. Our Captain Lily-Anne Newman and Jess Nottage were both a strong defensive presence making some excellent interceptions, backed up with dominant goal keeping by Ellie Hill. Our vice captain Gracie Bellward was our top scorer and was excellent at moving into space. Chance Reynolds also put in a solid performance at the wing position with some excellent passing.

Well done to the whole team. This was an excellent first match to begin our preparation for the local schools annual tournament in the spring term.



Year 9 Badminton: Our Year 9 boys badminton team showed terrific teamwork and resilience, growing in confidence with every match. They pushed opponents to long, competitive rallies, served bravely under pressure, and finished strongly. The squad represented the school brilliantly with outstanding sportsmanship—plenty to be proud of and a strong platform to build on.

Extra Curricular Clubs November - December 2025			
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
Miss Barrow Debate Club (Invite Only) Mr Bligh Further Maths Mr Bond Dungeons and Dragons Ms Grice Pride Mr Osborne CSI: Classroom Science Investigators (Limited Spaces) Mr Rowe Fantasy Premier League Miss Simons Drama Showcase Mrs Trigg Science Ambassadors	Ms Dack Creative Writing Mrs Hastings Film & TV Series Club Mr Goude SK Running Club Mrs Hastings Photography Club Miss Shank Soccer Miss Simons Drama/Showcase Mr Wilson Origami Club Mr Anderson Badminton Mrs McGovern KS3 Send Homework Club	Miss Bethell Dance Club Mr Dowson Fixtures/Competitions Miss Dunnell Dance Club Mrs Fitzgerald Bedrock KS3 (IT3) Mr Gibbons Football Ms Grice Golf (Enrolled students only) Mr Herbert Fixtures/Competitions Mrs Isgrove Shakespeare Club Ms Shank Basketball Mrs McGovern KS3 Send Homework Club Mrs Irving-Spink Fitness (Fitness Suite)	Mr Osborne Art Club Mrs Trigg Dr Who Mrs Warren Art Club
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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.



Event Details:

Location: Lowestoft Sixth Form

Date: Thursday 11th December

Time: 2:00pm – 7:00pm





KS4 – Prosthetics and Orthotics

Careers in Prosthetics and Orthotics are a fascinating blend of engineering, science and both physical and psychological patient care but are generally a lesser known area of healthcare.

What is prosthetics and orthotics?

Prosthetics and Orthotics is a medical and engineering based healthcare profession. Prosthetists and Orthotists are Allied Health Professionals and are registered as autonomous clinicians under their membership of the Health and Social Care Professionals Council, (hscpc-uk.org)

What do Prosthetists/Orthotists do?

Prosthetists and Orthotists assess, diagnose and treat people who require external medical devices. People seen include those with lifelong conditions such as diabetes, cerebral palsy and arthritis; and those whom may be recovering from a health event such as a stroke or after a knee operation or injury. The work is often varied and no two people are ever the same. They work as autonomous practitioners as well as part of a wider healthcare team to help manage the rehabilitation of anyone requiring treatment for a variety of conditions.

Do Prosthetists/Orthotists do the same thing?

Fundamental theories underpinning prosthetics and orthotics are similar which is why they are taught as one degree, and clinicians have a dual title, however the jobs can be very different. In general Prosthetists deal with patients who have a limb absence, whereas Orthotists deal with patients who may have limbs that do not work correctly, need extra support or require pain relief.

Most people after their degree choose to specialise in either prosthetics or orthotics; however there are a few centres in the UK where you can work as a dual practitioner.

Please see Mrs Moore if you would like a copy of 'A career guide to Prosthetics and Orthotics.'



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](#)



Fearless -

Fearless is the dedicated youth service of the independent charity Crimestoppers. We give young people the power to report crime 100% anonymously.

You can give information to us using our [online form](#) or by calling our freephone number, 0800 555 111.

They cannot track your IP address or your phone number and have no way of knowing who has contacted them.

After receiving your completed form or your call, they create a report, ensuring it doesn't contain any info that could identify you, and your report is then sent on to the relevant authority with the legal responsibility to investigate.

They are not the police - they are a charity. You will not be contacted by the police after passing information on to Fearless as the police have no way of knowing who the information has come from.

Reporting a crime at Fearless - a video on how it works - <https://youtu.be/ssXIZ51f5nI>

Busting the myths around knife crime

Below are some key facts around knife crime to help bust the myths: (crime stoppers – fearless) (ELLIOT, they have a social media page that we could recommend as well on X - @Fearlessorg)

MYTH	OR	FACTS
Carrying a knife provides a person with protection		It has been proven that if you carry a knife, you are more likely to be hurt or threatened by someone else. People are often wounded by their own knife they were carrying, putting them at greater risk.
Most young people carry knives		Actually, 99% of young people DO NOT carry knives. Sometimes it may feel like more people carry knives because of stories they've heard, or what they have seen online, on social media or in the news.
If it is illegal to carry a knife, then other sharp objects can be carried for protection		Any sharp object that is being carried with the intention of using it in a threatening way could be classed as an offensive weapon.
There are safe places on the body to stab someone		Any stab wound could be fatal for a number of reasons. For example, major arteries run across the whole body. If a major artery is severed, that person will bleed very quickly and it could be fatal within 5 minutes.



Week Beginning	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
01/12/2025		Flu Vaccine Mop Up			
08/12/2025	Christmas Dinner – Yr11	Christmas Dinner- Yr10	Christmas Dinner – Yr9	Christmas Dinner – Yr8 Year 10 – Parents Evening	Christmas Dinner – Yr7
15/12/2025	Rewards assemblies	Rewards assemblies	Rewards assemblies	Rewards assemblies	Rewards assemblies School will finish at 1pm after lunch for all students.

Warm regards,
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