



9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the spring term!

I hope you all enjoyed a restful and happy break with your families. As we return to school, I'm excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Our students have already demonstrated great commitment and resilience, and I look forward to building on the strong foundations we've established together.

This term brings some important events, including the **Year 9 Options Evening on Thursday 22 January**, followed by the **Year 9 Parents' Evening on Thursday 5 February**.

We also have upcoming assessments: **Year 9 in-class assessments begin next week**, with **Year 8 assessments starting the following week**. Please see the schedule below for details. These will be followed by reports before half term.

I'm confident that, working together as a school community, we will continue to support every student in achieving their very best.

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.

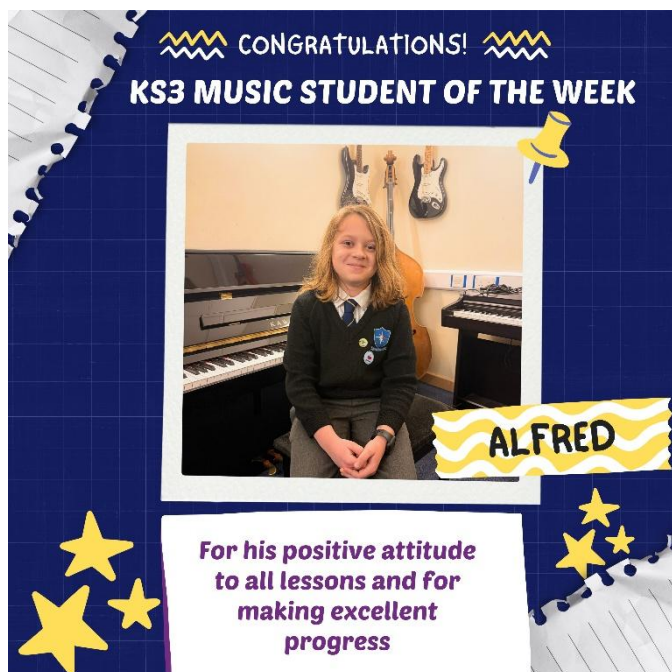
Children who have received free school meals since 1 April 2018 will continue to receive them until the end of the 2025/2026 school year, regardless of changes in income.

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





Community student of the week

Pakefield Community Spotlight

Brodie

One of our Sports Studies students, Brodie, is speaking to us about his successes in trampolining this week

Brodie's story:
 Brodie began trampolining at the age of 12 when he tried it at a school club. He then looked at local clubs and currently trains at Waveney Gymnastics. Brodie is now an accomplished trampolinist and has mastered a range of advanced skills. He has recently undergone trials to compete in Regional competitions for U16s. He is presently working on mastering his straight barani and a back tuck somersault to seat drop. We wish Brodie the best of luck in all his upcoming competitions!

Extra Curricular Clubs January - February 2026				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	THURSDAY
Mr Bligh Further Maths	Mr Agyapong French Book Club	Mr Dowson Fixtures/Competitions	Dr Bernthal Latin Club	Mr Herbert KS4 Badminton (Before School)
Mr Bond Dungeons and Dragons	Mr Dowson Darts	Ms Grice D of E (Enrolled students only)	Mr Bligh Further Maths (Invite Only)	SLT Independent Revision IT3
Mr Clarke Retro Games Club (Week 1 only)	Miss Eagle Seneca	Mr Herbert Fixtures/Competitions	Mr Osbourne KS3 Art Club (Limited Spaces)	
Ms Grice Pride	Mr Gibbons Fitness/Circuits (Gym)	Miss Saunders D of E (Enrolled students only)	Mrs Trigg Dr Who	
Mr Rowe Fantasy Premier League	Mr Hill Fantasy NFL	Miss Shank Basketball	Mrs Warren Y11 Art Intervention	
Mr Tate Y11 History	Miss Shank Netball	Miss Simons Drama/Showcase		
Mrs Trigg Science Ambassadors	Mr Wilson BTEC Music (3pm to 4pm)	Mr Wilson Origami Club		
	Mrs Tuttle UNO/Card Games			

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Miss Cheale will give you a stamp on your Reading for Pleasure Bookmark.

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A winner is chosen every two weeks!

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Year 10 Work Experience Information

East Suffolk Council Work Experience Opportunity

We're excited to announce that East Suffolk Council is offering work experience placements at their Riverside office in Lowestoft for the final week of the Summer term.

Last year, three of our students completed their placements there and had a fantastic experience!

This week-long event provides a unique opportunity for students to explore the wide range of work carried out by East Suffolk Council. Unlike traditional work experience, this program offers a chance to develop essential workplace skills, such as professional conduct and communication. Students will also participate in a series of interactive sessions with different teams, giving them insight into potential career paths and the opportunity to learn from experienced professionals.

If you're interested in applying for this valuable experience, please speak to Mrs Moore for more details and to collect an application form.

James Paget University Hospital

Unfortunately, the work experience placement dates at the James Paget Hospital do not align with ours, so it won't be an option this summer. However, if you're still looking for a healthcare-related placement or need help finding an alternative, please feel free to book an appointment with Mrs Bray (Careers Advisor). She will be happy to assist you with exploring other opportunities.



**James Paget
University Hospitals**
NHS Foundation Trust

School Nurse

New School Nurse: Sonia Southgate

Changes: Sonia is 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:

(Spring Term 1)

- Tuesday 13th January 2026.
- Tuesday 27th January 2026
- Tuesday 10th February 2026



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The Health and Care Academy App

The app brings together clear, up-to-date information about local opportunities across Norfolk and Waveney, including:

- Apprenticeships, work experience opportunities, career pathways into health and social care, and resources from local health and social care organisations.

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We have a few quick questions before you get started:

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Email:

Area of Residence:

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For more information, contact healthandcareacademy@jpaget.nhs.uk



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		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	

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.

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

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.

School Events

Week Beginning	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
12/01/2026					
19/01/2026	Year 11 Group photo	Criminal Exploitation workshops		Year 9 Options evening	
26/01/2026		Year 7 & 8 UEA Workshops			Year 8 HPV Vaccines
02/02/2026				Year 9 Parents Evening	Year 10 Earth Science Day EN6FC
09/02/2026	SEND Parent Evening - Online				

Warm regards,
Mr P Dougherty
Head of School