



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break with your families. It has been wonderful to see our students return refreshed, energised, and ready to dive back into their learning. The atmosphere around school this week has been incredibly positive, and it is clear that the time away has done everyone good.

Our Year 11 students have now begun their mock examinations, and I am pleased to report that they have approached this important milestone with maturity and focus. Their attitude and commitment have been commendable, and we are very proud of the way they are rising to the challenge. Results will be shared with students during a Mock Results Day on **Thursday 26 March**, which coincides with the **Year 11 Parents' Evening**.

We were also delighted to welcome back the students and staff who travelled to Paris over the break for the highly successful Media Trip. The group had a fantastic time, and students have been thrilled to talk about their experiences and the learning opportunities the visit provided.

Looking ahead, our Year 7 students will begin their in-class assessments next week. These assessments will give us a valuable snapshot of progress so far, and we will be reporting home on **Thursday 26 March**.

Although this half term is only five weeks long, it promises to be a busy and exciting one. There is a great deal happening across the school, and we look forward to keeping you updated as the term progresses.

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.



Every Day Counts: Supporting Your Child's Attendance

We wanted to take a moment to remind you of the vital importance of regular school attendance. Research consistently shows that good attendance is one of the strongest predictors of academic success and future opportunities for young people.

Why attendance matters

When students attend school regularly, they:

- Keep up with their learning and don't fall behind their peers
- Build strong relationships with teachers and classmates
- Develop important life skills like punctuality and commitment
- Have better chances of achieving their full potential in exams and beyond

What good attendance looks like

We expect all students to maintain above 95% attendance. This means missing no more than approximately 7-8 days across the entire school year. Even absences that seem small can add up quickly and impact your child's learning.

How you can help

- **Ensure your child attends every day** unless they are genuinely too ill to do so
- **Arrange medical and dental appointments** outside of school hours wherever possible
- **Contact the school on the first day** of any absence before 9am to explain the reason
- **Talk to us early** if your child is finding it difficult to attend school – we're here to support you

When to keep your child at home

Your child should only miss school if they are genuinely too unwell to attend. Minor colds, headaches or feeling 'a bit under the weather' are not usually reasons to stay home. If you're unsure, please send them in and we can contact you if needed.

Need support?

If your family is experiencing difficulties with attendance, please don't hesitate to contact us. We can work together to identify any barriers and put support in place to help your child return to regular attendance. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child makes the most of their education.

Student of the Week



CONGRATULATIONS!

KS3 PE STUDENT OF THE WEEK



PAIGE-ASHALA

Paige has worked incredibly hard within PE this term. Paige has really excelled in Basketball unit of work and shows a really competitive and positive attitude when performing in the lesson. Paige's confidence has certainly developed this year and she has been a pleasure to have in the class. Well done.

CONGRATULATIONS!

KS4 SPORT STUDIES STUDENT OF THE WEEK



HARLEY

Harley has produced some excellent work this term, especially during the leadership and performance unit. Harley has been able to design activities with progressive practices in great detail. Harley has displayed excellent leadership within Sport Studies and has assisted his peers when they needed support. Well done.



Extra Curricular Clubs February - March 2026

MONDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mr Bligh Y10 Further Maths Mr Clarke Richard Allington Retro Games Club (Week 1 only) Miss Barrow Year 11 English Revision Miss Dack Year 11 English Revision Miss Dunnell Year 11 Biology Revision Mrs Fitzgerald Year 11 English Revision Ms Grice Pride Mrs Isgrove Year 11 English Revision	Miss M McHugh Year 11 English Revision Mr Rowe Fantasy Premier League Miss Saunders Year 11 Geography Mr Trigg Science Ambassadors Mrs Warren KS4 Art Intervention Ms Marshall Year 11 Food Intervention Mr Tate Year 11 History	Mrs McHugh Mrs Hastings KS3 Photoshop Club Mr Hill Retro Games (Week 2) Miss Harvey SEND Homework Club Miss Shank KS3 Netball Miss Simons Drama/Showcase Mrs Tuttle Colouring Club Mr Wilson Origami Mr Agyapong Young Interpreter Scheme Mr Bligh Y11 Maths Booster Mr Dowson Darts Mr Gibbons Gym Club	Miss Barrow KS3 Homework Club LRC Miss Bethell Miss Dunell Dance Club Mr Bligh Y11 Maths Booster Mr Bond Dungeons and Dragons Miss Dack Creative Writing Miss Eagle Mr Gurney KS3 Science Support /SENECA Mrs Fitzgerald KS3 Bedrock Club LRC

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WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Ms Grice Miss Saunders D of E (Enrolled students only) Mrs Isgrove Mindful Colouring Club Miss M McHugh KS3 English Homework Club LRC Mr Osbourne KS3 Art Club Board Games Miss Harvey KS3 LEXIA	Miss Shank Week 1 - Cheer leading Week 2 - Trampolineing Mrs Irving-Spink Week 2 - Fitness (Fitness Suite)	Mr Herbert KS4 Badminton (Before School) Mrs Trigg Y11 Triple Science Biology Revision	Dr Bernthal Latin Club Mr Bligh Further Maths Mr Clarke Y11 GCSE Maths Revision (Invite Only) Mrs Trigg Dr Who Mrs Warren KS4 Art Intervention Mr Wilson Piano Practice (Invite Only)

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Community student of the week

Pakefield Community Spotlight

Freya and Laura

This week we look to some of our talented performing arts students in the school. We will hear from Laura in Year 7 and Freya in Year 8, who have both recently performed in the Kessingland Community Players pantomime: *Sleeping Beauty*. Well done girls!

Laura:
In the latest pantomime I performed as the lead fairy godmother "Fairy Lilac". I joined the panto because my older sisters were in it and that encouraged me to try it. The things I love about being in the panto is acting, having a laugh and spending time with family friends and the cast.

Freya:
I enjoy panto because you can socialise and interact with people you haven't met. Also you can make someone's day better by entertaining them! I started panto because my cousin did it and wanted to join; it really inspires people. My recent character was the fairy godmother "Magenta", also I was Princess One who had to interact with the audience lots!



Year 8 Netball

This week our year 8 netball team played Leman. Due to the girls commitment to training weekly it was clear to see an improvement in the girls footwork and defensive skills. Although Leman won overall, we progressed throughout the match and had a very strong second half. Well done to Gracie who had excellent movement around the court on the attacking end and to Lily-Anne who had some great defensive interceptions.

We have one more match left in the season. Good luck girls!

A reminder that there are plenty of local clubs for students wanting to pursue their netball outside school; see the local clubs board in the PE area or check online for local clubs.



The Library

Reading for Pleasure

READING FOR PLEASURE PRIZE DRAW

Win prizes just for reading!

How to Take Part:

- 1 Finish a book of your choice
- 2 Fill in a **PHS Recommends Card**
- 3 Hand it to Miss Cheale & get a stamp on your bookmark.
- 4 Collect stamps → enter the **fortnightly prize draw**

✨ **Read. Recommend. Reward.**

Your next book could be your favourite — or prize-winning!



LIBRARY

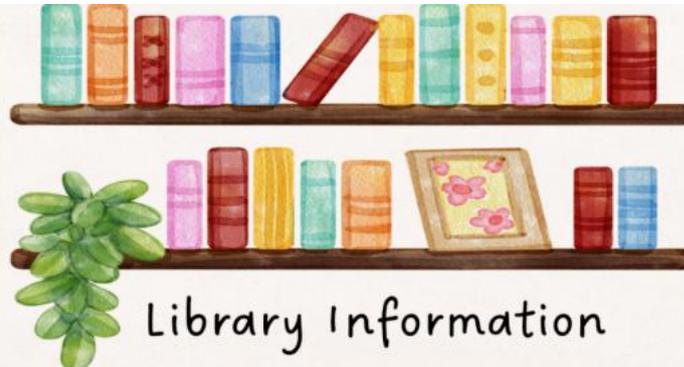
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Library Clubs

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.
- ➔ You must sign up at break if you want to use a computer at lunch.
- 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!



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR
JUNIOR BAKE OFF
Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
We'd love to hear from you!

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

Junior Bake Off

Applications for the 12th series of Junior Bake off, a Channel 4 competition series celebrating Britain's young baking talent are now open!

Filming would take place from July 2026, but our **applications close on Sunday 15th March 2026.**

For more information, please see Mrs Marshall.

School Nurse

New School Nurse: Rebekah Felgate

Changes: Rebekah 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:

(Spring Term 2)

- Tuesday 3rd March 2026
- Tuesday 17th March 2026





Year 9/10 – Engineering Careers Experience

We have arranged an exciting engineering careers experience as part of an initiative called 'Casting My Future'.

- **Online Engineering Careers session:** A 45 minute online Engineering session, which also includes an innovative Virtual Reality Factory Tour Experience showcasing local employers and career pathways, followed by a Q&A session to track session learning.
- **Factory Visits:** this can then be followed up with in person factory visit to local Cast Metal Engineering companies organised by Next Gen Makers.



Please see Mrs Moore if you are interested.

East Norfolk Sixth Form College

EN Open Evening

 Tuesday 10th March

 4pm - 7pm

 Consistently good for over 4 decades

 100% pass rate in 40 subjects

 Offer over 90 subjects to choose from

 Applications still open!



Year 10 and 11

East Norfolk Sixth Form College Open Evening.

Book tickets now and discover your future



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Women in Maritime: Charting a Course for the Future

20 May 2026, 11am – 12pm (Online)

Set sail on an inspiring virtual journey celebrating **Women in Maritime!** This exciting session invites secondary and college students to meet incredible women shaping the future of the maritime industry - from marine engineers and naval architects to ship captains and sustainability specialists.

Discover how these trailblazers are breaking waves and barriers, proving that the ocean has no limits when it comes to ambition and opportunity. Whether you're passionate about science, technology, the environment, or global trade, the maritime world has a place for you. Get ready to be inspired, challenge stereotypes, and explore the possibilities of a career on - and beyond - the water!



Please see Mrs Moore if you would like to sign up.

Year 10 Work Experience: Primary School

Phoenix St Peter Academy have now sent us the application forms for work experience.

Students need to have an interest in a career in one of the following:

- . Health & Social
- . P.E.
- . Construction
- . Business

If you are interested, please see Mrs Moore for an application form.





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



FREE WATER SPORTS ACTIVITIES !

Oulton Broad Water Sports Centre has received funding from the **Lentonbrook Foundation** to provide **FREE** places for local pupils aged between 8 and 18 receiving free school meals, to take part in our Spring activities below.

These activities will take place between April and May 2026 during half term and the Spring (Whitsun) holidays.

Allocation of places will be on a first come, first served basis.

All equipment, wet suits and ppe will be provided. (Food is not included)

All activities will be fully supervised by our trained staff.

We would be grateful if you could circulate this offer to all qualifying parents and guardians **as soon as possible please**.

Those who are interested should email us their details and preferences to enquiries@obwsc.co.uk quoting "Free Spring Activities" by **16th March**.

Further **PAID places** for other pupils will be available and will shortly be advertised and bookable on our website www.obwsc.co.uk

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Request for Uniform Donations

We are reaching out to ask for your support with our school uniform provision at Pakefield High School. We want to ensure that all our students have access to the correct uniform options when in school. By collecting pre-loved uniform items, we can help families who may be finding uniform costs challenging or who needs a temporary loan of some uniform

What we need

We would be grateful for donations of any clean, good-quality uniform items that your child has outgrown, including:

- School blazers
- School Jumpers
- Trousers/School skirts
- PE kit
- Ties

How to donate

Please send any donations into school with your child, who can hand them to their Year Lead. Alternatively, you can drop items off at the Main School Office.

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
02/03/2026	Year 11 Mocks Year 7 In Class Assessments	Year 11 Mocks Year 7 In Class Assessments			
09/03/2026					
16/03/2026					Year 10 Careers Fair - L6FC
23/03/2026				Year 11 - Parents Evening Year 11 - Mock Results	

Warm regards,
Mr P Dougherty
Head of School