



Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the highlights of each week is celebrating and rewarding our students. Each Friday, all students who have attended school for the full five days are entered into a draw, and two students from each year group are randomly selected to receive a **Free Main Meal and Jump the Queue** voucher. In addition, one student from each year group receives a **£5 Amazon voucher**, which is awarded the following Monday.

As a special celebration, **we will be doubling the number of vouchers next week**. This means four students from each year group will receive the Free Main Meal and Jump the Queue voucher on Friday, and two students from each year group will receive the £5 Amazon voucher on Monday.

It has also been a pleasure to see so many students taking part in the activities organised for **World Book Day** throughout the week. Their enthusiasm and engagement have been wonderful to witness.

Our **Year 11 students** continue to show exceptional resilience and focus during their mock examinations. Over the past two weeks, they have approached their tests with maturity and determination. Teachers will use the analysis of these papers to plan targeted revision and support to ensure all students are fully prepared for their summer exams. We are confident that this experience will serve them well in the months ahead.

In addition, our **Year 7 students** have been completing their inclass assessments this week. They have applied themselves well and demonstrated the knowledge they have gained so far this year.

Reports for both **Year 11 and Year 7** will be sent home and published on Go4Schools on **Thursday 26 March**.

Key Reminders

Uniform

Please ensure your child is 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

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.

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 for the winner.



Student of the Week

CONGRATULATIONS!

KS3 MATHS STUDENT OF THE WEEK

EDWARD

Always follows instructions first time polite and always working hard.

CONGRATULATIONS!

KS4 MATHS STUDENT OF THE WEEK

ROXANN

She is always willing to persevere with any task and does her work with gusto and aplomb.



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

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.

Community student of the week

Pakefield Community Spotlight

Bethany

Among the many of our hardworking pupils who dedicate lots of hours outside school to their sport is Bethany in Year 8. She dances most evenings and weekends, and travels the country to perform. This week we hear all about her dance experiences.

Bethany's story:
I do dance at Ayers Performing Arts. I began dancing when I was 4, going on 5. I do many genres of dance, such as: lyrical, contemporary, jazz, hip hop, tap and ballet. I also do acting and musical theatre.
I am on the competition teams and we go to many competitions a year: we have placed multiple times and I have travelled as far as Liverpool to compete.
The reason I dance is because it makes me happy and also it's a way to express myself; I generally enjoy it overall.



Year 9 Indoor Cricket

This term we were offered some girls cricket coaching sessions from Amy, a local cricket coach from Beccles CC and Suffolk Cricket.

These sessions took place fortnightly and our year 9 girls learned the correct techniques for bowling and batting as well as the rules for an indoor game.

We then took our skills to the annual tournament where we performed really well in two closely contested matches against Bungay and Leman. We saw excellent tactical play from all the girls, as well as some fabulous bowling from Freya and Charlotte. Our batting was also very consistent and saw some strong hits from Lily H.

The girls will get to hone their skills again in the outdoor cricket in the summer. In the meantime we hope some of the girls will try out the local cricket opportunities in the local area to keep improving their game.

Well done girls!





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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 Ms 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 Mrs 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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Extra Curricular Clubs February - March 2026

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 - Trampoline 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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📖 ✨ World Book Day Fun at PHS! ✨ 📖

We've had an amazing time celebrating **World Book Day** in the library!

Students enjoyed:

- Collecting their **World Book Day tokens** and picking up **£1 books**.
- Taking part in the **Literary Traitors** challenge.
- Hunting for hidden vouchers in **'Look for a Book'**.
- Getting creative in the **National Book Token design competition**.
- Baking and tasting delicious entries in **The Great Book Bake Off!**

A huge thank you to everyone who joined in – it was a week full of creativity, fun, and tasty treats! 🍰 🍪

📷 Check out the photos to see the highlights





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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	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.

- 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!

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!

READING FOR PLEASURE PRIZE DRAW

Win prizes just for reading!

BORROW a book TODAY

Reading=Rewards
 Any book. Any Genre.
 Your next read could win!

HOW IT WORKS

- READ: Finish a book of your choice (Any book counts)
- RECOMMEND: Fill in a PHS Recommends card. Hand it to Miss Cheale in the library
- COLLECT STAMPS: Miss Cheale will give you a stamp on your Reading for Pleasure Bookmark.

PRIZES
 Not a confident Reader? That's okay! Start with a short book. Read for just 10 minutes at a time. Get help choosing a book. Reading gets easier the more you practice.

Enter & WIN!
 A winner is chosen every two weeks!

READ. RECOMMEND. REWARD.



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



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Year 9 and 10: Festival of the Mind Workshop (18th March)

Featuring Steve Gaskin, renowned for his expertise in criminal psychology, law enforcement and events that surround forensic science. Steve is a former Detective Chief Inspector in the Metropolitan Police, New Scotland Yard, and his knowledge and expertise in this field is unparalleled.

This opportunity will enable students to explore the world of DNA fingerprinting and learn about groundbreaking new techniques in forensic science and crime scene analysis with Dr Mandy Hartley.

Students will also have the chance to experience Virtual Reality scenarios in East Norfolk Sixth Forms amazing new immersive room.

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Sixth Form College

18th & 19th March 2026

Festival of the Mind

An immersive experience focused on Psychology and Criminology
Don't miss this - Limited places available

What's going on:

- ✓ Steve Gaskin - Scotland Yard Rookie Fingerprint experience
- ✓ DNA extraction immersive workshop
- ✓ VR & Immersive experience
- ✓ Criminology & Psychology experience

This will be a really fantastic opportunity for students to explore the worlds of **psychology, criminology, and forensics**.

This workshop was extremely popular last year and there was a long waiting list for places. If you are interested, **please speak to Mrs Moore**.

You must have an interest in studying psychology, criminology, or forensic science at college, or be considering a career linked to these subjects.

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.



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

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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.

East Norfolk Sixth Form College

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Tuesday 10th March

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Year 10 and 11

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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.



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 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.



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
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