



Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy – but short – half-term, filled with enriching opportunities and important milestones for our students. In just a few weeks we have welcomed our local MP, Jess Asato, along with representatives from Google and YouTube. Year 11 have been completing their Mock Exams, while Year 7 have worked through their In-Class Assessments. Beyond the classroom, Year 10 visited Lowestoft Sixth Form College for their Careers Fair, Year 8 travelled to the UEA for the UEA Live event, and Year 9 took part in the Festival of the Mind trip to East Norfolk Sixth Form College—and that's only a snapshot of everything that has been happening!

Internally, we have also taken this time to reflect on and review several key areas of our provision, including our Personal Development curriculum, SEND offer, and a Behaviour & Attitudes review. As you would expect, each review involved careful scrutiny of what we do, supported by student input to ensure their voices are central. I am pleased to share that these reviews highlighted the excellent work taking place across the school, while also providing clear guidance on how we can continue to refine and strengthen our practice.

Finally, a reminder that school resumes on Tuesday 14 April.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Mr P Dougherty
Head of School



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

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 PERFORMING ARTS
STUDENT OF THE WEEK**



TATE

For always having fun with his work by being creative in his ideas for storylines and the way that they are presented to an audience. Tate loves to become different characters and is especially brave when trying out various voices for each role, often to great amusement of the class! Well done Tate for being collaborative, creative & confident!

CONGRATULATIONS!

**KS4 PERFORMING ARTS
STUDENT OF THE WEEK**



FREYA

For making massive progress in focus, motivation & determination with her exam project. Freya is an extremely talented dancer and has been working incredibly hard with her partner Holly, to really challenge themselves with the choreography & the intentions behind it. Keep going Freya!



Community student of the week

Pakefield Community Spotlight

Charlotte

Charlotte in Year 9 is speaking to us about her experiences playing Hockey with the local East Coast Hockey Club.

Charlotte's story:

Hi my name is Charlotte and I play for my local hockey team. I've been playing hockey for a few years now and play in adult league games. I joined the club hoping to start something I had never tried before.

I wish to continue playing league games in the future and maybe make it to a higher level, such as playing for Suffolk, if I have the chance.

I find that this sport teaches you a lot of new skills. I would definitely recommend this to someone who enjoys playing a team game and would like to try something a little bit different to what you would normally expect.



♟️ Chess Trophy Presentation ♟️

Congratulations to **Noyal**, the Pakefield High School Chess Champion!

It was a great pleasure to celebrate this fantastic achievement in our Year 9 Reward Assembly today. This award truly reflects focus, skill and determination.

We are very proud of you!



UEA Live Reading and Writing Event



Students recently had a fantastic trip to the University of East Anglia for the UEA Live Reading and Writing event. It was a great chance for them to experience what learning on a university campus is like.

One of the highlights of the day was an author talk from Ashley Hickson-Lovence, who spoke about his book *Wild East* and shared his journey as a writer. Students really enjoyed hearing about his experiences and what inspired his work.

They also took part in a creative writing workshop led by a PhD student, where they explored new ideas and picked up some useful writing techniques.

The feedback from students was really positive. They described the day as inspiring and enjoyable, and said they loved being in a university setting. It's clear the visit has encouraged lots of them to keep reading and writing.



'Be Internet Citizens' event



YouTube and Parent Zone delivered a one-hour Be Internet Safe workshop to a group of Year 9 students. The session was designed to help students navigate online environments safely, build digital resilience, and recognise misinformation and disinformation. We were also pleased to welcome Jess Asato, Member of Parliament, who visited the school during the event.



The Library

LIBRARY

	Break	Lunch
M	Wk1 OPEN Wk2 OPEN	OPEN OPEN
T	Wk1 OPEN Wk2 OPEN	OPEN OPEN
W	Wk1 OPEN Wk2 OPEN	OPEN OPEN
T	Wk1 CLOSED Wk2 CLOSED	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.

- 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.



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 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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Fifth Pakefield Science fair

- Competition – Science fair prizes to be won...
Vouchers and cool science stuff.
- Speak to your science teachers for more information.
- Final entry due Monday 13th April.
- TROPHY !!!



This information was only received on Friday, but if you're interested the deadline to sign up is today. (Monday 16th)



Year 10/11



Schedule for the day:

Arrive by 9am at City College Norwich
Main Reception.

9.15am – Welcome

9.25am – Introduction to A Levels

9.30am – 10.10am – Session 1

10.20am – 11am – Session 2

11.10am – 11.50am – Session 3

12pm – 12.40pm – Session 4

Sixth Form Taster Day, happening next Saturday 21st March, from 9am-1pm.

Our Taster Day is open to Year 11 students still considering their options for this September, as well as Year 10s who want to get ahead for the following year.



STUDY GAME DESIGN

NEW FOR 2026

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New
Course
at East
Coast
College
for 2026

GAME DESIGN

Level 3

The Game Design course is designed for students who want to shape the look, feel, and creative direction of games. This programme blends artistic skill with core game design thinking, helping learners understand how visuals support gameplay, storytelling, and player experience.

Location
Lowestoft
Campus

Duration
2 Years

FT/PT
Full Time

Modules you will study:

- 1) Unit 1 Diagnostic Investigation in Art and Design
- 2) Unit 2 Specialist Practice in Art and Design

Why study with us?

- You will have access to a dedicated Apple Mac room with the latest Adobe software.
- You will be taught by skilled and industry professional staff.
- We have regular visits from local companies, guest speakers and alumni covering a range of topics, including sustainability and industry experiences.

APPLY TODAY
www.eastcoast.ac.uk/apply

2026/27

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE CAREERS DISCOVERY EVENT

Meet experts from health and social care professions to learn about career and pathway options.

BOOK Here!

**BURRAGE CENTRE
JAMES PAGET HOSPITAL
25 APRIL 2026
10:30AM - 12:30PM**

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE CAREERS DISCOVERY EVENT

Book Here

**18 APRIL 2026, 10:30 - 12:30
UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA
NORWICH**

**23 APRIL 2026, 17:00 - 19:00
QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL
KING'S LYNN**

**25 APRIL 2026, 10:30 - 12:30
BURRAGE CENTRE, JAMES
PAGET HOSPITAL, GORLESTON**

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.

Careers present at the events will include Allied Health Professions, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Healthcare Science.

Health and Social Care Careers Discovery Event.

Saturday
the 25th
April at
James Paget
Hospital
(10.30am-
12.30pm)

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STUDY APPLIED MEDICAL SCIENCE

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Students study a combination of Level 3 AAQs in Medical Science, Applied Science and Health Care, alongside the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). This blend provides a strong scientific foundation, advanced laboratory skills, and the opportunity to undertake a substantial research project aligned with medical and scientific themes.

Why study with us?

- Programme led and taught by an NHS doctor
- Purpose-built STEM laboratories with advanced equipment
- Clinically informed teaching and real-world case studies
- Strong academic and practical preparation for medical and healthcare degrees
- Extensive enrichment including seminars, research clubs and NHS engagement
- Excellent progression routes into university and higher apprenticeships
- Enrichment includes medical ethics forums, science Olympiads, CREST awards and personal statement support
- Students receive guidance for UCAT preparation and medical interview techniques

Entry Requirements

At least 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 5 in one sitting including: Maths, Science & English

An average GCSE score of 5.5 or more overall is preferred.

Level 3 - Full-Time - 2 Years
Great Yarmouth Campus

Want to find out more?
visit: www.eastcoast.ac.uk

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.

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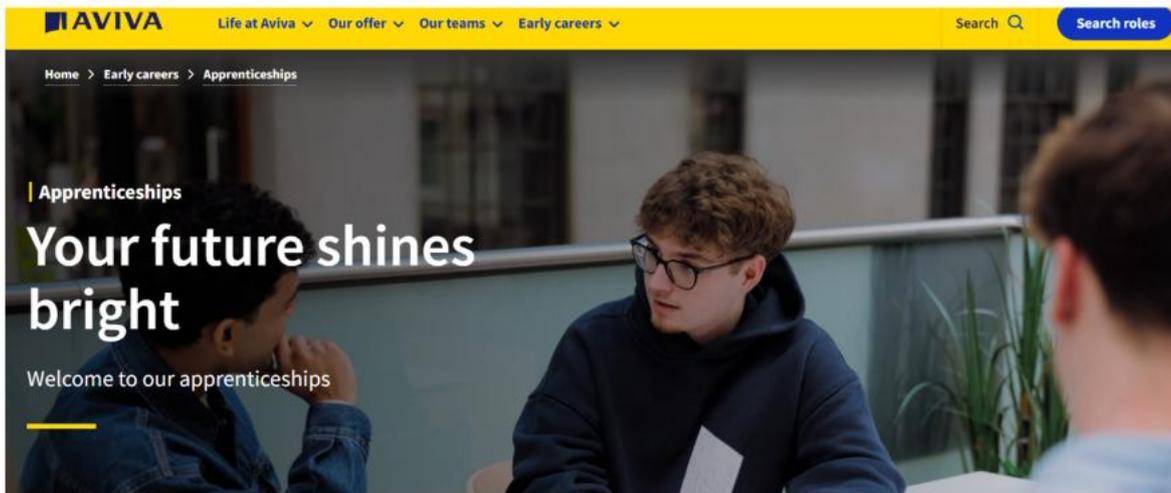
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Aviva Apprenticeships (Year 11)

There have been some Aviva Level 3 apprenticeships go live recently. Have a look if you are interested.



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

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.



Future Makers is back for 2026 to showcase talented young musicians from across the UK. Up to **8 acts** will be chosen to perform in front of a live primary school audience and a panel of industry professionals

The panel will provide constructive feedback and tips to all performers. One act will be selected to receive a tailored package of support from the Royal Albert Hall and industry partners.

Key Dates

- **Competition Entries open:** Monday 30 March 2026
- **Competition Entries close:** Friday 1 May 2026
- **Live audition dates:** Mon 29 or Tue 30 Jun 2026 (at the Royal Albert Hall)
- **Final performance date:** Wednesday 4 November 2026 (Royal Albert Hall main stage). Rehearsals start at **08:00**, and all performers must be available for the full day.

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.

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
13/04/2026	Staff PD Day	All students return to school at 08.25am		Year 11 GCSE Art Exam – All day	Year 11 GCSE Art Exam – All day
20/04/2026	Year 10 Exams	Year 10 Exams	Year 10 Exams Breast Cancer Awareness Workshops - Year 9	Year 10 Exams	Year 10 Exams
27/04/2026	Year 10 Exams	Year 10 Exams	Year 10 Exams	Year 10 Exams	Year 10 Exams
04/05/2026	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	Year 11 GCSE French Speaking Exam	Year 11 GCSE French Speaking Exam		GCSE Sports Studies Exam
11/05/2026	GCSE EXAMS	GCSE EXAMS	GCSE EXAMS	GCSE EXAMS Year 8 Parents Evening	GCSE EXAMS
18/05/2026	GCSE EXAMS	GCSE EXAMS	GCSE EXAMS	GCSE EXAMS	GCSE EXAMS Last day of term – school finishes at normal time of 3pm

Warm regards,
Mr P Dougherty
Head of School