



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week. It has certainly been a busy and productive one here at school. It has been pleasing to see how smartly students returned to their full school uniform on Monday following last week's heatwave. As always, we continue to monitor temperatures closely and will make any necessary adjustments to ensure students remain comfortable and able to learn effectively.

With the Men's Football World Cup continuing, it was great that England's previous match was played at a time that allowed many families to enjoy watching it together. Unfortunately, the next round fixture, taking place on Sunday night into Monday morning, is less convenient. Please be aware that the Government has made it clear that students are expected to attend school as normal on Monday, and usual attendance procedures will apply for any lateness or absence. I hope for a strong England performance and look forward to welcoming all students into school, ready for an 8.30am start on Monday morning.

I am also writing to inform you of an important change to our mobile phone policy. As you may be aware, Department for Education (DfE) guidance requires schools to maintain mobile phone-free learning environments. In line with this expectation, Pakefield High School will become a **mobile phone-free school from September 2026**.

This change has been introduced to support learning, improve student wellbeing, reduce distractions and encourage positive social interaction throughout the school day.

Students may still bring a mobile phone to school to support safe travel to and from the site. However, upon arrival, **phones must be switched off and handed in** for secure storage until the end of the school day.

We recognise that some students need access to a mobile device for medical, safeguarding or other specific reasons. In these circumstances, arrangements will continue to be considered and managed on an individual basis.

We are also looking forward to next week as we welcome our incoming Year 6 students for their Transition Week. This is always an exciting time for both students and staff, providing an opportunity for our new starters to become familiar with the school, meet key members of staff, and begin building friendships ahead of September. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them into the Pakefield High School community and helping them make a positive start to the next stage of their education.



Finally, here at Pakefield High School, our current values are Connect, Achieve and Nurture. As we continue to develop our school culture, we are exploring whether a more descriptive and simpler set of values might help us communicate our expectations and ethos more clearly to students, staff and families.

One option we are considering is:

Work Hard. Show Respect. Take Part.

We feel these statements capture our aspirations for every young person:

Work Hard – giving their best in lessons and striving to achieve their potential.

Show Respect – showing respect, empathy and consideration for others.

Take Part – getting involved in school life, opportunities and the wider community.

Before making any decisions, we would really value your views. Do you feel these statements reflect the values and culture you would like to see at Pakefield High School? Are there other words or phrases that you feel better capture what our school stands for?

[Pakefield High School – School Values Consultation – Fill in form](#)

Your feedback is important and will help shape our thinking as we consider the future direction of the school.

Thank you for your continued support.



Extra-Curricular Clubs (Summer Term 2)

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday
Weird and Wacky History (KS3) Miss Bethell Venue: Humanities 5 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Basketball (KS3/KS4) Miss Jones Venue: Sportshall Time: 3pm-3.45pm	Bicycle Mechanics Mr Tate Venue: Humanities 2 Time: 3pm-3.45pm	KS4 Basketball Mr Herbert Venue: Sportshall Time: 3.40pm-4.15pm	Chess Club Miss Cheale Venue: Library Time: Lunchtime	KS4 Morning Badminton Mr Herbert Venue: Sportshall Time: 8am-8.25am
Mindfulness Colouring Mrs Brewer Venue: Science 6 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Summer Showcase Miss Simons/Mr Wilson Venue: Performance Time: 3pm-3.35pm	French Singing Mr Agyapong Venue: MFL 1 Time: 3pm-3.45pm	SEND Homework Miss Harvey Venue: Street Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Art and Boardgames Mr Osborne Venue: Art 2 Time: 3pm-4pm	Badminton/Basketball/Football (Year 8/Year 9) Venue: Sportshall/MUGA Time: Lunchtime
Retro Games (Week 1) Mr Clarke Venue: Maths 1 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Year 10 (D of E) - Silver Miss Saunders Venue: Humanities 4 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Cooking Buddies (KS3) Mr Agyapong Venue: MFL 1 Time: 3pm-3.45pm	Mindfulness Colouring Mrs Isgrove Venue: English 5 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Bedrock Mrs Fitzgerald/Ms Barrow Venue: English 6/English 1 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Friday
Chess Club Ms Dack/Mrs Cheale Venue: Library Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Yr 11 English Revision Mrs Fitzgerald/Ms Barrow Venue: English 6/English 1 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Rounders Miss Shank Venue: Field Time: 3pm-3.45pm	Badminton/Basketball/Football (Year 8/Year 9) Venue: Sportshall/MUGA Time: Lunchtime	Dance Miss Bethell/Miss Dunnell Venue: Sportshall Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Dr Who Mrs Trigg Venue: Science 7 Time: 3pm-4pm
Pride Miss Grice Venue: MFL 2 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Yr 11 Further Maths Mr Bligh Venue: Maths 4 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Comic Book Club Mr Gurney Venue: Science 5 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Wednesday	D of E (Drop in) Miss Grice Venue: MFL 2 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Yr 10 Further Maths Mr Bligh Venue: Maths 4 Time: 3pm-3.35pm
SFX Makeup Miss McHugh Venue: English 2 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Yr 10 Business Support Mrs Miles Venue: IT1 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Summer Showcase Miss Simons Venue: Performance Time: 3pm-3.35pm	VX Rock-it-ball Mr Gibbons Venue: Sportshall Time: 3pm-4pm	First Light Festival Miss Simons/Mr Wilson Venue: Performance Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Colouring Miss Tuttle Venue: Maths 2 Time: 3pm-3.35pm
CSI Detectives (KS4) Mr Osborne Venue: Science 3 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	11SC4/5 Science Mr Gurney Venue: Science 5 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Origami Mr Wilson Venue: Music Room Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Retro Games Mr Hill Venue: Maths 6 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Science Homework Miss Eagle Venue: Science 4 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	GCSE Maths Booster Mr Clarke Venue: Maths 1 Time: 3pm-3.35pm
Science Ambassadors Mrs Trigg Venue: Science 7 Time: 3pm-4pm	Yr 11 Science Miss Dunnell Venue: Science 2 Time: 3pm-4pm	Flag Football Mr Herbert Venue: Field Time: 3pm-3.45pm	Lexia Miss Harvey Venue: Library Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Creative Writing Miss Dack Venue: English 3 Time: 3pm-3.35pm	Triple Chemistry Support Miss Eagle Venue: Science 4 Time: 3pm-3.35pm
Games Club Miss Cheale Venue: Library Time: Lunchtime	Badminton/Basketball/Football (Year 7/Year 10) Venue: Sportshall/MUGA Time: Lunchtime	Crafts Miss Cheale Venue: Library Time: Lunchtime	Badminton/Basketball/Football (Year 7) Lunch 1 Venue: Sportshall/MUGA Time: Lunchtime	Badminton/Basketball/Football (Year 10) Lunch 2 Venue: Sportshall/MUGA Time: Lunchtime	Latin Dr Bernthal Venue: Maths 5 Time: 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.



Student of the Week

CONGRATULATIONS!
KS3 MATHS
STUDENT OF THE WEEK



ALFRED

An unwavering determination and resilience towards his learning, attending year 11 GCSE extracurricular clubs and showing an incredible understanding of the foundation GCSE syllabus during these sessions. Always polite, keen and eager to do his best – a fantastic pupil.

CONGRATULATIONS!
KS4 MATHS
STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRACIE

Extremely positive attitude to maths, clearly wants to better her understanding, is always polite, respectful, and willing to give everything a go.



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**

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

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Win prizes just for reading!

BORROW a book TODAY

Reading=Rewards
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 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
- COLLECT STAMPS: Hand it to Miss Cheale in the library
- 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.



The Carnegies 2026: Battle of the Books



Our Year 9 students had a fantastic time taking part in this year's *Carnegies 2026: Battle of the Books* event, a brilliant day celebrating books, reading, and literary knowledge.

This year, we entered two teams who competed in four exciting rounds: *Which Book?*, *True or False*, a video round, and an author knowledge round. Students put their reading skills to the test and showed great enthusiasm throughout the competition.

They also watched the livestream of the prestigious Carnegie Medals awards ceremony and enjoyed a Q&A session with Kate Rolfe, winner of the 2026 Carnegie Medal for Illustration, who shared insights into her creative process and work as an illustrator.

As an added treat, students were able to choose a new read from the fabulous pop-up bookshop provided by Halesworth Bookshop, ensuring everyone left with even more inspiration to keep reading.

It was a wonderful celebration of books, reading, and shared enthusiasm. Well done to all of our students for representing the school so brilliantly!





Inspiring Author Visit from Ashley Hickson-Lovence



On Monday, we were delighted to welcome award-winning author Ashley Hickson-Lovence to Pakefield High School for a fantastic day celebrating reading and creative writing.

Ashley delivered inspiring talks to our Year 7, 8 and 9 students, sharing his journey to becoming an author, the inspiration behind his books, and how real-life experiences can be transformed into powerful stories. His sessions encouraged students to embrace their own experiences, think creatively and have confidence in their writing.

A group of students also enjoyed a hands-on creative writing workshop led by Ashley. Through a series of engaging activities—including fast-paced freewriting and using images and poetry as inspiration—students challenged themselves to think creatively, write with confidence and discover new ways to bring their ideas to life. Ashley was incredibly impressed by the standard of writing produced, commenting that it was some of the best work he had seen from students this year.

During break, Halesworth Bookshop joined us for a book signing, giving students the opportunity to purchase signed copies of Ashley's books, chat with him and browse a selection of other titles.

A huge thank you to Ashley Hickson-Lovence for spending the day with us and inspiring our students, and to Halesworth Bookshop for supporting the event. We hope the visit has inspired many of our students to continue reading, writing and telling their own stories.





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transforming our community through the arts

We have a series of 3 x FREE print workshops for children and young people coming up at the Seagull Theatre.

https://theseagull.co.uk/seagull_shows/pocket-zine-a-print-making-course-for-young-people-aged-11-16/

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Your guide to applying for medical school.

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https://www.uea.ac.uk/study/information-for-young-people/applying-for-medical-school?utm_medium=email&utm_source=outlook&utm_campaign=outreach_newsletter&utm_content=pre16_summer3

Please speak to Mrs Moore if you would like to be sent the link.

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Terms & Conditions

- The competition is open to all Suffolk children **aged up to 14 years old**.
- Entries should not exceed A4 in size (210mm x 297mm).
- Artwork can be any medium from the following list; drawing (e.g. pencil, pen, crayon, pastel, etc), painting, print-making, collage.
- All artwork must be the original idea and creation of the entrant and must not infringe anyone else's copyright.
- All entries must be received no later than 5pm on 1 July 2026. Entries submitted after this date will not be accepted. Suffolk Constabulary is not responsible for lost or late entries.
- The winner will be chosen by a panel of judges from Suffolk Constabulary. The winning design will be made into a poster and displayed online. A visit to the Suffolk Constabulary police headquarters will be arranged for the winner at a later date, subject to policing demands.
- By submitting artwork, all competition entrants give their consent for Suffolk Constabulary to use the artwork for any publicity and / or promotional material.
- The winner may be asked to participate in promotional activity (such as publicity and photography).

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Year 8/9/10 - Women in Tech Seminar 2026.

On the 7th July, East Norfolk Sixth Form College will be hosting a Women in Tech Seminar designed to inspire and inform students about careers within the technology sector. The event will feature presentations from industry-leading speakers, who will share insights into their career journeys, current roles, and the wide range of opportunities available within technology.

In addition, students will take part in an interactive carousel of cyber security activities, providing hands-on experience and the chance to develop practical skills while exploring real-world applications of technology.

This seminar aims to encourage greater participation and confidence in technology-focused pathways and to highlight the vital role women play within the tech industry.

Please see Mrs Moore if you are interested.



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The Health and Care Academy App

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Once downloaded, search and select "N&W Health and Care Academy"

Or scan the QR Code

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



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
06/07/2026	Year 6 Transition	Year 6 Transition	Year 6 Transition	Year 6 Transition Year 11 PROM	Year 6 Transition
13/07/2026	Year 10 Work Experience Charities Day	Year 10 Work Experience Sports Day	Year 10 Work Experience Activities Day	Year 10 Work Experience Activities Day Year 7,8 & 9 Reports	Year 10 Work Experience Rewards & Recognition Assemblies

Warm regards,
Mr P Dougherty
Head of School