



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the autumn term, it has been wonderful to see the school community thriving. Our Open Evening this week was a tremendous success, and it was a pleasure to welcome so many prospective students and their families to the school. The building was buzzing with activity throughout the evening, showcasing the enthusiasm, talent and opportunities that make our school such a special place.

A huge thank you must go to the many students who took part by supporting the event across departments and around the school. They represented our community exceptionally well, speaking confidently with visitors, sharing their experiences and helping to ensure the evening ran smoothly. Their maturity, showing respect to our visitors, pride and commitment were truly outstanding, and they were a credit to the school.



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This week also saw the conclusion of our Head Student selection process. Following a highly competitive application and interview process, I was delighted to meet with and appoint our new student leaders. Congratulations to our Deputy Head Students, Rhys Cable and Lily Hatton, and to our new Head Student, Charlotte Reynolds. I am confident they will be excellent ambassadors for the school and role models for their peers throughout the year ahead.



Head Student

Charlotte Reynolds



Deputy Head Student

Rhys Cable



Deputy Head Student

Lily Hatton

Finally, one of the highlights of my week has been visiting lessons across the school. It has been fantastic to see the high-quality work taking place in classrooms and to speak with students about their learning who are working hard. The progress being made is evident, and I continue to be impressed by the positive attitudes, engagement and determination shown by our students every day.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
- Weird and Wacky History Miss Bethell - HU2 - Retro Games Club Mr Clarke - MA1 - Chess Club Miss Dack - Library - Darts Mr Dowson - PE - Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze and Silver Miss Grice - MFL 2 - Film Club Mrs Hastings - IT2 - Knitting Mrs Marshall - Food Room - Make-Up Club Miss McHugh - EN2 - Mindful Colouring Mrs Miles - IT1 - Photography Mrs McHugh - Media Room - Premier League Roundup. Mr Rowe - HU3 - David Attenborough Club. Miss Saunders - HU4 - Crochet Club Miss Teasdale - Tech 2 Spax Homework Club (Maths) Mr Vaughn - Evans - MA3 - Show Singing Mr Wilson - Music Room - Year 11 English Support Miss Barrow - EN1 - Year 11 Further Maths Mr Bligh - MA4 - Year 11 Science Revision Miss Dunnell - SC2 - Year 11 English Support Mrs Fitzgerald - EN6 - Year 11 Science Revision. Mr Gurney - SC5 - Games Club (Lunch Time) Mrs Cheale - Library - SEND Support SEND Team - IT3	- Young Interpreters Mr Agyapong - MFL 1 Spax Homework Club (Science) Miss Eagle - SC3 - Photoshop (Yr 7 and 9) (Lunch Time) Mrs McHugh - Media Room - KS4 Media Catch up (Lunch Time) Mrs McHugh - Media Room - Crafty Tuesday (Lunch Time) Mrs Cheale - Library - SEND Support SEND Team - IT3	- Marionette Puppet Making Mr Osborne - Tech 1 - Arts and Crafts Mrs Brewer - SC4 - Girls in STEM Mrs Trigg - SC7 - Year 11 Media Catch up (Lunch Time) Mrs McHugh - Media Room - Chess Club (Lunch Time) Mrs Cheale - Library	- Make and Create Miss Chapman - HU5 - Hockey Miss Childs - MUGA - Art Club (KS3/4) Mrs Dougherty - ART 2 Pokemon and Trading Card Games Mr Gurney - SC5 - Football Mr Herbert - Field - Girls Football Miss Rushmere - Field - Drama Club Miss Simons - Performance Space - Pro Cycling Fans Mr Tate - HU1 - Dr Who Mrs Trigg - SC7 - Aiming for a 4 (Year 11 Maths) Miss Tuttle - MA2 - Flight Club Mr Wilson - Music Room - Aiming for a 5 (Yr 11 Maths) Dr Bernthal - MA5 - Higher Year 11 Maths Revision Mr Hill - MA6 - Embroidery Club Mrs Isgrove - EN5 - Year 11 Media Catch up (Lunch Time) Mrs McHugh - Media Room	- Latin Dr Bernthal - MA5 - Art Intervention (KS4) Mrs Warren - Art 1 - Piano Club (invite only) Mr Wilson - Music Room

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GL Assessments

As mentioned last week, we are completing the GL Assessment Progress Tests in Year 7 to help us track and understand how well our pupils are progressing in key subjects: English, Maths and Science. All these assessments will be completed in classes.

Progress Tests are nationally standardised assessments that measure your child's attainment and progress in:

English – including reading comprehension and writing skills

Maths – covering number, shape, space, and problem-solving

Science – exploring scientific knowledge and understanding

They are designed to give teachers a clear picture of how each child is doing compared to other children of the same age across the UK. This will give us the opportunity to identify strengths and areas for support as well as help teachers tailor learning to meet individual needs and provide a national benchmark for achievement.

How Can You Support at Home?

Talk about learning – ask your child what they're enjoying or finding tricky

Encourage reading and problem-solving – these skills support all subjects

If you have any questions about the Progress Tests, please don't hesitate to contact the school. We will report to you your child's standardised scores in the report due this half term.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body and would encourage any parent or carer who is interested in supporting the strategic development of the school to consider applying; if you would like to stand for election, please contact the school via the main office or email HeadsPA@pakefield.org.uk for further information and an application form.

Apply for free school meals

Find out if your child is eligible for free school meals and how to apply.

You can apply online for free school meals. You'll get an immediate response and confirmation email after you've completed your application.

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](#)

Scientific Calculators

Scientific calculators are available to be purchased from our Maths department via Wisepay.



Student of the Week

CONGRATULATIONS!

KS3 ART STUDENT OF THE WEEK



NOBLE

Congratulations, Noble, on being our KS3 Art Student of the Week!
Noble always enthusiastically tries his best in art. His can-do attitude has helped him produce some lovely pieces of work this year. We particularly loved his coloured-pencil fish and frog.

CONGRATULATIONS!

KS4 ART STUDENT OF THE WEEK



TIA

Congratulations, Tia, on being our KS4 Art Student of the Week!
Tia has worked really hard this year, and her detailed drawing of a blue jay is amazing. We especially love the texture and detail she has achieved through the use of multiple layers of coloured pencil. A fantastic piece of work!



Boys Under 16 Football

The U16 Boys' Football Team progressed confidently into the next round of the County Cup following an impressive 7–0 victory over Benjamin Britten last week.

The boys were excellent throughout the match, producing a strong team performance from the first whistle to the last. Alongside the quality of their football, the team demonstrated an outstanding attitude, work ethic and determination to succeed.

Most importantly, the boys represented the school superbly throughout the fixture, both on and off the pitch. Their conduct was an excellent reflection of our school values: Work Hard, Show Respect and Take Part.

Toby Miller led the scoring with an excellent hat-trick, with Tom Butler, Rex Batchelor, Lennie Twomlow and Levi Boyce also finding the net to complete a convincing 7–0 victory.

A fantastic performance from the whole squad and a thoroughly deserved place in the next round of the County Cup. Well done to everyone involved!





Taking Photos of Others: Respect, Privacy and Safeguarding

We would like to remind parents and carers about the importance of teaching children to respect other people's privacy when using mobile phones, tablets and other devices.

Children may sometimes take photographs or videos of friends, classmates or members of the school community without thinking about how the person might feel. Although this may seem harmless, taking or sharing an image without someone's permission can cause embarrassment, distress or upset. Once an image has been shared online, it can also be difficult to control who sees or saves it.

Please remind your child/children to:

- Always ask before taking someone's photograph or video.
- Respect the answer if someone says no or asks for an image to be deleted.
- Never take photographs or videos in private or sensitive situations, including toilets, changing rooms or anywhere someone would reasonably expect privacy.
- Never share, post or forward an image of someone without considering whether they have agreed to it being shared.
- Think before posting: once something is online, it can be copied, saved and shared beyond the intended audience.
- Never use photographs or videos to embarrass, tease, threaten or bully another person.
- Speak to a trusted adult if they receive or come across an image that makes them or someone else feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

A useful rule to reinforce at home is:

"If it isn't your image, ask before you take it, and ask before you share it."

Please also encourage children to speak to a trusted adult if they are worried about an image they have taken, received or seen online.



Attendance Tickets



Introducing Our New Extra-Curricular Attendance Tokens!

We are excited to launch our new Extra-Curricular Attendance Tokens, which have now replaced the loyalty card system.

Students will receive one token every time they attend an after-school extra-curricular club. Simply write your name and form on the token and place it straight into the Extra-Curricular Prize Draw post box. (Outside Mr Gibbons Office)

At the end of Autumn Term 1, winning tokens will be drawn and students will have the chance to win a range of exciting prizes!

- 📌 Attend a club = Earn a token
- 📌 Post your token in the prize box
- 📌 Be entered into the prize draw
- ★ The more clubs you attend, the more tokens you earn and the greater your chance of winning!



The Three Pillars Challenge

Students will earn between 0 and 5 points based on their position within their year group for:

- ✓ Behaviour
- ✓ Attendance
- ✓ Extra-Curricular Attendance

Points from each category will contribute to their form group's overall score. At the end of each half term, prizes and rewards will be awarded to the highest-scoring form in each year group in recognition of their commitment, participation, and achievement.

This board is located in the middle of the street and will be updated with points every Monday Morning.



New Reward Tokens

Introducing Pakefield Reward Tokens!



These new tokens will replace Amazon vouchers and give students even more choice in their rewards. Every week, students with 100% attendance will be entered into a draw, with lucky winners receiving a reward token.

Students who take part in extra-curricular activities can also win tokens through the Extra-Curricular Post-box draw each half term.

Once you have earned a Pakefield Reward Token, bring it to Mrs Moore to choose and collect your prize. Tokens can be exchanged for a range of rewards, including footballs, stationery, games, and other exciting items.

Week Beginning	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
21/09/2026					
28/09/2026				Flu Vaccine	
05/10/2026				Year 10 Raising Achievement Evening	
12/10/2026			Flu Vaccine	Year 11 Parents Evening	
19/10/2026	School Photos				PD Day No students in school

Warm regards,
Mr P Dougherty
Head of School