



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to continue welcoming Year 6 students and their parents into school for tours. These visits provide a wonderful opportunity to see our school community in action, and I have been delighted by the positive comments about the purposeful atmosphere around the school and the excellent engagement of our students in lessons.

We are also looking forward to welcoming Year 10 parents and carers to our Raising Achievement Evening on Thursday 8 October. This event will provide valuable information about how we can work together to support students as they begin their GCSE journey and help them achieve their full potential. If you have not confirmed your place, please do so here [Pakefield High School Year 10 Raising Achievement Information Evening](#).

Over the past few weeks, we have hosted a number of post-16 providers who have delivered assemblies and talks to our students. It is fantastic to see our young people engaging with these opportunities and gathering the information they need to make informed decisions about their future education and career pathways.

A reminder that students are set homework each week, and parents can view all assignments and due dates through ClassCharts. We also encourage families of students in Years 7 to 9 to support the development of literacy skills at home. Each week, students participate in a Bedrock Literacy session during Tutor Time, and the programme can also be accessed from home via the Bedrock Learning website: <https://app.bedrocklearning.org/>. This is an excellent resource for building vocabulary, reading comprehension and literacy confidence.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday morning.

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.



Student of the Week

CONGRATULATIONS!

KS3 HISTORY STUDENT OF THE WEEK



RUBY

Ruby has made an excellent start to History this year. In lessons, she exemplifies the Pakefield values of working hard, showing respect and talking part. Ruby always pushes herself to make the most of time in lessons and maximise the opportunities to learn. She shows respect for herself and others by focusing on the lesson, and she always takes part by offering interesting ideas and asking thoughtful questions.

CONGRATULATIONS!

KS4 HISTORY STUDENT OF THE WEEK



FLO

Flo has made an outstanding start to Year 11 history. Her effort in class is excellent, and she regularly contributes interesting questions and thoughts to lessons. Flo is able to get a grasp on tricky historical concepts with little explanation needed. All of this combines to make Flo an exceptional historian.
Well done Flo!



Library

Looking for your next read?

Our new "If you liked... Check these out!" display has book recommendations for Years 7, 8 and 9, based on the books they've just finished reading in class. Students can find the recommended books on the shelves in the Library and choose their next read. 





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.

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!



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.

Find my Future STEM Event (Year 8)



Find My Future is a unique 1-day conference for Year 8 students on Thursday the 26th November 2026

Hosted at the John Innes Centre, designed to inspire the next generation of STEM professionals.

Students will hear from and meet inspirational speakers across UEA, the Norwich Research Park and STEM businesses, through taking part in interactive workshops and networking sessions.

There are only 12 places available. If you are interested, please see Mrs Moore





Game Lowestoft (Year 7,8,9)

Are you interested in attending Game Lowestoft 2026? Taking place on **Friday 13th November 2026**.

Game Lowestoft 2026 is an exciting festival celebrating gaming, creativity, technology and the people behind the industry. Students will have the opportunity to explore careers in gaming and digital technology, meet industry professionals, experience interactive exhibits and discover the skills required for future employment in this rapidly growing sector.

 **PLAY** - Get hands-on with games and challenges.

 **DISCOVER** - Try out and explore ideas in creative workshops with industry professionals.

 **BE INSPIRED** - Meet people working in the games and creative industries.

 **CONNECT** - A chance for students to meet other young people and share their interests.



MORE THAN JUST GAMING

Game Lowestoft helps young people see the **skills, creativity and career opportunities** behind the games they love.

Please see Mrs Moore if you are interested.



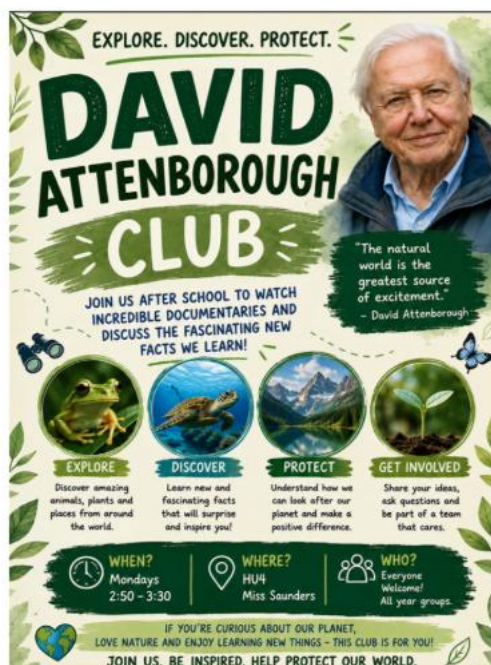
LUNCH TIME SPORTS
MUGA & SPORTSHALL
GET ACTIVE. HAVE FUN. BE YOUR BEST.

DAY	FIRST LUNCH (Y7, Y9, Y11)	SECOND LUNCH (Y8, Y10)
MONDAY	YEAR 7	YEAR 8
TUESDAY	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
WEDNESDAY	YEAR 11	YEAR 8
THURSDAY	YEAR 7	YEAR 10
FRIDAY	YEAR GROUP WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE	YEAR GROUP WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE

OUR VALUES

-  **WORK HARD**
-  **SHOW RESPECT**
-  **TAKE PART**

BE ACTIVE. BE POSITIVE. BE PROUD.



EXPLORE. DISCOVER. PROTECT.

DAVID ATTENBOROUGH CLUB

JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL TO WATCH INCREDIBLE DOCUMENTARIES AND DISCUSS THE FASCINATING NEW FACTS WE LEARN!

"The natural world is the greatest source of excitement."
- David Attenborough

- EXPLORE**
Discover amazing animals, plants and places from around the world.
- DISCOVER**
Learn new and fascinating facts that will surprise and inspire you!
- PROTECT**
Understand how we can look after our planet and make a positive difference.
- GET INVOLVED**
Share your ideas, ask questions and be part of a team that cares.

WHEN? Mondays 2:50 - 3:30
WHERE? HU4 Miss Saunders
WHO? Everyone Welcome! All year groups.

IF YOU'RE CURIOUS ABOUT OUR PLANET, LOVE NATURE AND ENJOY LEARNING NEW THINGS - THIS CLUB IS FOR YOU!
JOIN US. BE INSPIRED. HELP PROTECT OUR WORLD.

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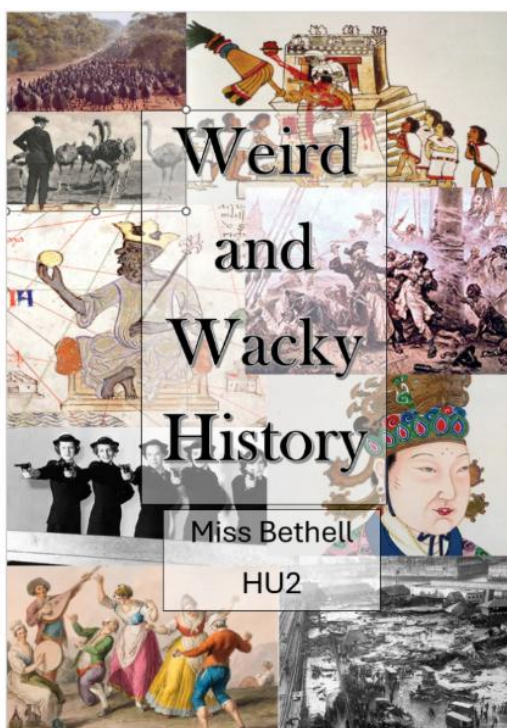

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Extra-Curricular Clubs







SCHOOL NURSE Drop-in

EVERY TUESDAY

LUNCHTIME

SIMPLY TURN UP AND GET ADVICE AND SUPPORT

MEETING ROOM 2

We're here to help!

The School Nurse Drop-In Service will start on Tuesday the 15th September and is available to all students in the school.



School Nurse: Rebekah Felgate

Venue: Meeting Room 2 (See photo above)

Times:

Year 7, 9 and 11: 12.50pm-1.20pm

Years 8 and 10: 1.20pm-1.50pm

Virtual Work Experience for students aged 14+

WORK EXPERIENCE (WEX)

If you're a student with aspirations of becoming a doctor, then the Medic Mentor Virtual Work Experience Programme is an incredible opportunity that you won't want to miss. Developed in partnership with the University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust, this programme provides a comprehensive and immersive virtual experience that will give you a real insight into the world of medicine.

All you need to do is attend a Get Into Medicine conference to start accessing the Virtual Work Experience straight away!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

[SPEAK TO DOCTORS](#)



NHS
University Hospitals
Birmingham
NHS Foundation Trust

Please see Mrs Moore for more information.

<https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

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Inspire: Innovate – Engineering Community Event

East Norfolk College in collaboration with Saxon Air, are hosting the Inspire: Innovate - Engineering Community Event which will enable students to explore careers, skills and opportunities within the engineering sectors.

The event is aimed at **Year 8 pupils and above**, and they can attend with their families.



Suffolk Academy – Rugby (All Years)

Over the past three seasons, Advantage Rugby Academy (ARA) has grown significantly, now providing coaching, playing opportunities and additional rugby experiences to around 250 state-school players each year.

Our fundamental aim is simple: to give players who receive little or no rugby at school the opportunity to continue developing and experiencing rugby at a level that more closely reflects the opportunities available within the independent sector.

The Academy is open to club players from across the county and has developed a programme that combines high-quality coaching with regular playing opportunities, specialist support and access to experiences that many state-school players would otherwise struggle to access.



Career Days: Age 13-18

Designed for students aged 13–18, Career Days provides one-day immersive online experiences across a range of professions — including medicine, law, psychology, business, performing arts, veterinary medicine and more. Each event is carefully structured to give you genuine insight into life in your chosen field.



Sessions cost approximately £79

October

Saturday 3rd – Medicine
Sunday 4th – Dentistry
Saturday 10th – Veterinary Medicine
Saturday 17th – Computer Science
Sunday 18th – Performing Arts
Saturday 24th – Midwifery
Saturday 31st – Psychology

November

Saturday 7th – Architecture
Saturday 21st – Engineering
Saturday 28th – Law

December

Saturday 5th – Business



Army Cadets

The first ever National Cadets Week is taking place from the 5-8 October 2026. The week will celebrate the UK's cadet community – one of the country's most effective youth organisations – and the tens of thousands of young people and adult volunteers who make the cadets a success.

Throughout the week, cadet units across the UK will open their doors to schools, families, and local communities. The Suffolk Army Cadets will be opening the Pakefield detachment on the 6th October at 19:00pm and would like to welcome all students and their families to showcase what they do and what they can offer.

The detachment address is: Cadet Hut, London Road,
Lowestoft, NR33 7BG

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VISIT OUR

OPEN EVENTS
at Paston Sixth Form College

Thursday 24th September, 4pm - 7pm
Saturday 10th October, 10am - 1pm

Book your place: www.paston.ac.uk

Applications for September 2027 entry **open on the 1st October 2026**.

We encourage students to apply early, as offers are made in application date order, subject to eligibility and course requirements. On making an application, students will be asked to create an account on the college portal, which will then give them access to book their own interview slots and receive notifications about their application status.



Join us at our OPEN EVENTS

City College Norwich
Friday 2nd October, 4pm - 7pm
Saturday 3rd October, 10am - 1pm
www.ccn.ac.uk

Easton College
Friday 9th October, 5pm - 7.30pm
Saturday 10th October, 10am - 1pm
www.easton.ac.uk

Paston Sixth Form College
Thursday 24th September, 4pm - 7pm
Saturday 10th October, 10am - 1pm
www.paston.ac.uk



OPEN EVENTS

October & November 2026 | Great Yarmouth Campus | Lowestoft Campus

Attend our open events, explore our facilities, chat to our tutors and browse our courses.

Reserve your space now. [Scan me!](#)



East Coast College Open Events 2026

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE.

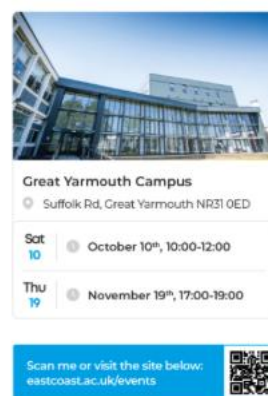


Great Yarmouth Campus
Suffolk Rd, Great Yarmouth NR31 0ED

Lowestoft Campus
Rotterdam Rd, Lowestoft NR32 2PJ

Sat 03 | October 3rd, 10:00-12:00

Wed 11 | November 11th, 17:00-19:00



Great Yarmouth Campus
Suffolk Rd, Great Yarmouth NR31 0ED

Sat 10 | October 10th, 10:00-12:00

Thu 19 | November 19th, 17:00-19:00

Scan me or visit the site below: eastcoast.ac.uk/events

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East Norfolk Sixth Form College

EN Open Evening

Year 10 & 11

 **Thursday 8th October**

 **4pm - 7pm**

 **Consistently good for over 4 decades**

 **100% pass rate in 40 subjects**

 **Offer over 90 subjects to choose from**

 **2027 Applications open soon!**

Book tickets now and discover your future



Year 10 and 11

This poster is also up outside Main Reception.

If you have any questions or need support with booking your free tickets, please see Mrs Moore.

ENSFC will be in school to deliver assemblies to Year 10 and 11 on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd September.

Safeguarding Update: Keeping Your Child's Records Up to Date

As part of our ongoing safeguarding responsibilities, we ask parents and carers to ensure that the information we hold about their child is accurate and up to date.

Having current contact and personal information enables us to communicate with you promptly and, most importantly, helps us to safeguard your child effectively while they are in school.

Please check that we have the correct:

- Parent/carer names and contact details, including telephone numbers and email addresses
- Home address
- Emergency contact details
- Information about who has parental responsibility
- Medical or health information that may be relevant to your child's wellbeing and safety
- Details of any changes to family circumstances that the school needs to be aware of for safeguarding purposes
- Information about any restrictions or arrangements relating to who is permitted to collect your child, where applicable

If any of your circumstances or contact details have changed, please update the school as soon as possible.

We appreciate that family circumstances can change, and we encourage parents and carers to keep us informed. Sharing relevant information helps us work together to provide the safest possible environment for all our students.



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](#)

Week Beginning	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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



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