Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break with your families. It's been wonderful to see our students return refreshed, energised, and ready to dive back into their learning. The atmosphere around school this week has been incredibly positive, and it's clear that the time away has done everyone good. Our Year 11 students have now begun their mock examinations, and I'm pleased to report that they've approached this important milestone with maturity and focus. Their attitude and commitment have been commendable, and we're proud of the way they are rising to the challenge.

This weekend marks **Remembrance Sunday**, a time for reflection and gratitude. I will be joined by our Head Students at the war memorial on Royal Plain, where they will lay a wreath on behalf of our school community. It's always a moving occasion, and I'm looking forward to seeing so many of our students representing their organisations with pride, honouring the sacrifices made by others for the freedoms we enjoy today.

On Wednesday 11th November, **Armistice Day**, we will observe a two-minute silence across the school to pay our respects. We would be honoured if students who are members of organisations such as the cadets, scouts, or similar groups would **attend school in their cadet uniform** for the day, as a visible sign of remembrance and respect.

As part of our ongoing commitment to remembrance and community support, we are collecting donations for the **Poppy Appeal** during break and lunch times. Every donation, big or small, helps support veterans and their families through the Royal British Legion. Thank you for your continued support in helping our students engage with this important cause.

The Annual Parent Carer Survey, which collects vital insight from SEND families and carers in Suffolk, is now live.

Through the survey, the Local Area SEND Partnership uses feedback to assist the local authority and its partners to improve existing and future services. The partnership is asking for everyone's support in sharing this important survey to make sure it reaches as many parents and carers as possible.

The Annual Parent Carer Survey will remain open until **11 December 2026**

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Children In Need

Next week, we will be supporting **Children in Need** with a **non-school uniform day** and a **bake sale**.
Key information:
Students may come to school in non-school uniform on **Friday 13th November 2026** but a **donation is required to take part**.

Clothing choices should be suitable for a school environment – outfits should be modest and practical (no midriffs, low-cut tops, short shorts, or sleepwear). We are encouraging both students and staff to wear something yellow or spotty as part of their non-school uniform.

We will also be holding a **bake sale at breaktime**, with all proceeds going to Children in Need. Students are welcome to bring some money to purchase cakes and treats.

Donations of baked goods are very welcome – please bring them to school on **Friday 13th November or before, please drop these off to the school office.** All donations need a full ingredient list, and no product can contain nuts.

Thank you for helping us support such a worthwhile cause!



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Student of the Week





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Poetry Workshops with Luke Wright

We were delighted to welcome poet Luke Wright to Pakefield for two poetry workshops with some of our Year 7 and Year 8 students, organised through the National Literacy Trust.

Luke encouraged students to explore their own experiences, memories and the things that make them who they are, using these as inspiration to create their own poems. Every student produced a poem, and some bravely shared their work with the group at the end of the sessions. We were really impressed by the creativity and ideas on show!

A big thank you to Luke Wright and Faye Smith from the National Literacy Trust for making the day possible.



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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.

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Lowestoft Sixth Form College Careers Hub (Drop in service)

All Year Groups

Hollie Bartram from Lowestoft Sixth Form College will be available in Science 6 every Monday lunchtime for any students wishing to drop in and have an informal conversation or ask questions about their future plans. Students can seek support and guidance with:

- Careers advice and exploration
- College and post-16 options
- Application guidance
- Course information and discussions
- Progression pathways
- Future education, training and career planning



No appointment is necessary. Students are welcome to attend at any point during lunchtime to access advice and support tailored to their individual aspirations and next steps.

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.

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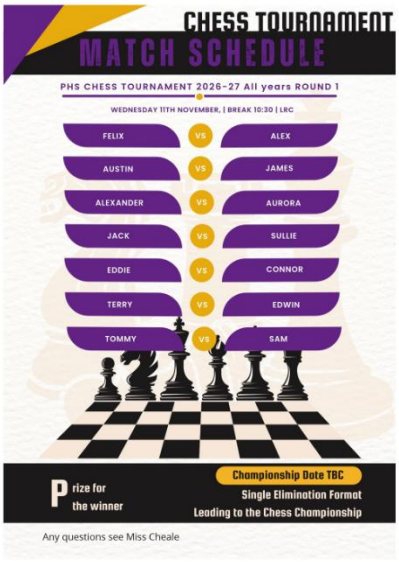
PHS Chess Tournament

Our PHS Chess Tournament gets underway next Wednesday! Students from across all year groups will compete in a series of 20-minute matches during Wednesday morning break in the LRC, with the first round of matches now drawn.

The tournament will run over four rounds, with the winners of the final round progressing to the Chess Championship.

Good luck to all our players!

MATCHES ARE 20 MIN EACH AND WILL START PROMPTLY AT THE BEGINNING OF BREAK!



THE FINAL ROUND WINNERS WILL GO THROUGH TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP - DATE AND TIME TBC



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The School Nurse Drop-In Service.



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

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

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Saturday 3rd – Medicine
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DISCOVER OUR OPEN EVENTS.

LOWESTOFT SIXTH FORM

OPEN DAY:
3rd October
10:00am-12:00pm

OPEN EVENING:
11th November
5:00pm-7:00pm

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East Coast College Open Events 2026





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

Lowestoft Campus
Rotterdam Rd, Lowestoft NR32 2PP

Sat 03	October 3rd, 10:00-12:00
Wed 11	November 11th, 17:00-19:00

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

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(Year 11) KLM UK Engineering – Level 3 Aircraft Maintenance Apprenticeship

Do you want a direct route into a high-flying career in aviation? Look no further. This apprenticeship is your first-class ticket into an exciting, varied role at a leading UK-based Maintenance Repair Organisation (MRO).



About KLM UK Engineering

KLM UK Engineering Limited, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of KLM, operating from Norwich International Airport. We provide Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) services for various aircraft types, specializing in narrow bodies and regional fleets in our six fully equipped maintenance bays.

The Apprenticeship

We have a very exciting opportunity for Apprentices to join us on a Level 3 Aircraft Maintenance apprenticeship. This role is based at our site at Norwich Airport. Our apprentices will join the KLM UK Engineering team in supporting customers from around the globe and learning in the International Aviation Academy Norwich – a world-class training centre and the first of its kind – which hosts a live Boeing 737 aircraft.
You will learn the required practical and theoretical skills to become a qualified aircraft maintenance professional and gain a recognised level 3 qualification.

Please speak to Mrs Moore if you would like the link to the application form.

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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



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.

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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

As a result of changes to Free School Meal eligibility introduced in September 2026, there have been changes to eligibility for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme.
Children and young people receiving Targeted Free School Meals are automatically eligible to access HAF-funded activities during the Easter, Summer and Winter school holidays.
We recognise that some families who have previously accessed HAF may no longer be automatically eligible under the new criteria. However, discretionary support may be available for families experiencing hardship.
Families who are not automatically eligible but feel they require support, or professionals who are concerned about a family, can request a Professional Referral Form by contacting the HAF team at HAFenquiries@suffolk.gov.uk. They may require the school to complete this for them.

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Working Together to Keep Our Children Safe Online

As a school, we recognise that mobile phones, social media and online communication are an important part of young people's everyday lives. However, we also recognise the safeguarding risks that come with increased access to the internet and social media.

We would like to encourage all parents and carers to take an active role in monitoring their child's phone use, including the websites they visit, apps they use, people they communicate with and images they access or share.

Please take some time to sit with your child and talk openly about their online activity. Check the applications installed on their phones, review privacy settings, explore parental controls and discuss the potential consequences of sharing images or personal information online.

We particularly want to raise awareness of the risks associated with sharing inappropriate images. Young people need to understand that forwarding, saving or sharing an image of another person without consent can have serious consequences and cause significant emotional harm.

Please remind your child that:

- They should never feel pressured into sending photographs or videos.
- They should never forward inappropriate images of another young person.
- They should be careful about who they communicate with online.
- They should tell a trusted adult if they receive something that makes them uncomfortable, worried or frightened.
- They can always ask for help, even if they feel they have made a mistake.

Useful websites and resources for parents/carers

The following trusted organisations provide practical advice and guidance:

- **UK Safer Internet Centre** - Advice on mobile phones, social media, parental controls and online safety. https://saferinternet.org.uk/
- **NSPCC** - Guidance for parents on keeping children safe online. https://www.nspcc.org.uk/
- **Childline – Report Remove** - Helps under-18s report nude or sexual images of themselves online and seek support. https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove/
- **Internet Matters** - Step-by-step parental control guides for different phones, devices and apps. https://www.internetmatters.org/

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- **CEOP Education** - Information about online grooming, exploitation and reporting concerns. https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/
- **Ofcom** - Advice about mobile phone parental controls and online safety. https://www.ofcom.org.uk/

Keeping children safe online is a shared responsibility. We ask all parents and carers to work alongside us to ensure our young people are making safe, responsible and informed choices when using their mobile phones.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in keeping our children safe.

Week Beginning	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
09/11/2026	Year 11 Mocks	Year 11 Mocks	Year 11 Mocks	Year 11 Mocks	Year 11 Mocks
16/11/2026		Year 11 Geography Field Trip - Norwich		Year 7 Parents Evening – Meet the Tutor	
23/11/2026				SEND Parents Day	
30/11/2026	GCSE Certificate collection 4pm-6pm	Flu Vaccine			
07/12/2026	Christmas Lunch	Christmas Lunch	Christmas Lunch	Christmas Lunch	Christmas Lunch
14/12/2026	Christmas Performance			Year 10 Parents Evening	Last Day of Term

Warm regards,
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