

SUMMER TERM 2025

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A round-up of this term's news and events

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Message from Mrs Linehan

As the academic year draws to a close, my final message of this academic year must celebrate a fantastic Summer Term! We've seen an incredible volume of trips, events, and experiences enrich our students' learning and personal growth. From exciting educational visits to vibrant in-house activities, it's been wonderful to provide so many opportunities that extend beyond the classroom.

This week has been a particularly busy and joyful one as we've celebrated our PBA league winners and individual award recipients in our final assemblies. A personal highlight this week was being invited to the KS2 puppet show in our library, where our brilliant students performed an original script in a fantastic Punch and Judy style, complete with handmade puppets, theatre, and props. It was a lovely and creative way to bring this amazing summer term to an end.

As you prepare for the summer break, please remember a few key things:

- Year 5 Bikeability: A quick reminder to all current Year 5 families to complete the Level 2 Bikeability expression of interest form from Mr. Prue if you haven't already.
- End of Term Letter: The end of term letter sent earlier this week contains important information regarding the start of the new academic year. Please do take the time to read this carefully.
- Canteen Changes: You will also receive a separate letter detailing changes to our canteen services from September.

It is important to end this academic year's bulletin with a final message to Mr Adams. I am sure you all join me in wishing him a happy retirement and offer our thanks and appreciation for his leadership of Pix Brook Academy over the years. As a staff body we said our farewells and thank yous last night, coming together as a school community to share stories and fond memories. We wish him all the very best in his retirement.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Have a safe, enjoyable, and restful summer break! We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year at Pix Brook Academy.

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News and Updates

A Final Message from Mr Adams

As we finish another year at PBA, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved in the school during the course of this year and the last six years. I was given a wonderful opportunity in 2018 and while I had often imagined what starting a school might be like I could not have imagined the level of support, kindness and enthusiasm I was going to receive from the community of Stotfold and Arlesey. To everyone involved in the growth of this school over the last few years I would like to share my heartfelt appreciation and thanks.

The responsibility of educating children is a significant one. It requires a concerted effort on behalf of everyone involved. The work undertaken by the staff at PBA is truly humbling and when this is combined with support from home the outcomes for children can be extraordinary. I would like to thank you for that support and know that the staff at PBA will continue to do everything possible to help the pupils have a great experience in all aspects of their education.

Our school is a product of the individuals who work together to achieve great things: pupils; parents and staff. There is no short cut to success, it is simply about relentless hard work and an eye on the prize: well educated, socially responsible citizens who will safeguard our future. It is a noble prize and one worth working for. I have loved that work but recognise that it is now time for someone (younger and more energetic) to take over.

Enjoy the summer break, take time to be together, to relax and laugh and come back in September re-energised ready to start that work all over again.

Mr Adams
Principal (retired)



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NEWS FROM SCHOOL

News and Updates

Absence and Attendance

A Message from Mrs Baker

Absences need to be reported daily by 8am either by phone or email

If you have an appointment booked, please **send supporting evidence** to PBA-Absence@bestacademies.org.uk and confirm the time of collection.

On the day of the appointment you will need to provide your child with a signed letter in order for them to leave the class to meet you in reception.

We will no longer be issuing collection passes.

Children need to be collected by a nominated adult from reception.

The Attendance Officer can be contacted on

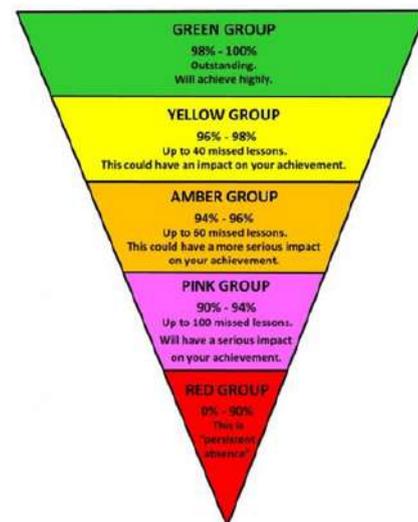
01562 416 243 option 1 (please leave a message if before 10.30am) or

PBA-Absence@bestacademies.org.uk.

ATTENDANCE TRIANGLE



WHERE ARE YOU?



Requests for Leave of Absence

A leave in term time request should be completed and submitted, by email, at least 2 weeks prior to the absence to PBA-Absence@bestacademies.org.uk. We will send our response to you via Edulink.

The school gate closes promptly at 8.20 am. If your child is going to be late for any reason other than an appointment, please phone and leave a message.

Detentions will be given out if a child is late. Detentions are for Key stage 3 and 4 only.

Uniform from September Onwards

A Message from Mrs Daplyn

At Pix Brook, we want all students to represent the school and our core values. One of these is being proud to be a PBA student. One way students show their pride in their school is through their uniform.

The uniform policy has been updated over the summer term to make it clearer and more explicit. The uniform policy can be found on our [school website](#).

Please note that from September, students must wear polishable school shoes or a low smart boot. Students are not permitted to wear sports branded leather trainers (such as Nike Air and Adidas). Students must wear skirts just above the knee. If your child is unable to wear an item of uniform due to a medical reason, please provide medical evidence to your child's head of year or the SENDCo.



Please contact your child's head of year or tutor if you have any questions.

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YEAR 5

News and Updates

A Message from Mrs White

As we wrap up this academic year, we want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly special and memorable first year for our year 5 students at Pix Brook Academy.

From the very beginning, your children have shown incredible adaptability, enthusiasm, and kindness. Although they joined us from a variety of different schools, it now feels as though they've always been part of the Pix Brook family. They've formed new friendships, embraced new routines, and grown into a confident, united year group.

This year has been packed with exciting learning and enriching experiences. Our curriculum has taken us on journeys through time and across the globe – from the Tudors, World War II, and the Mayans, to exploring rainforests, coasts, and weather patterns. In science, we've investigated forces, living things, animals, properties of materials, and even ventured into earth and space.



End of year assembly award winners



Decoding messages for Turing Day

Beyond the classroom, students have enjoyed a variety of trips and visits that brought learning to life – including a magical trip to the pantomime, a sweet adventure at Cadbury World, and inspiring visits from the planetarium, Mad Science, and several authors.

A major milestone this year was the launch of our first-ever Student Parliament, with elected councillors in each class and the introduction of our Head of School roles. We're incredibly proud of the leadership and initiative our students have shown, and we can't wait to see the positive changes they'll bring to our school community next year.

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It has been a genuine pleasure getting to know your children this year as their Head of Year. Watching them mature, grow, and thrive has been a joy, and I know that Mrs Murphy will feel the same pride and excitement as she takes over next year.

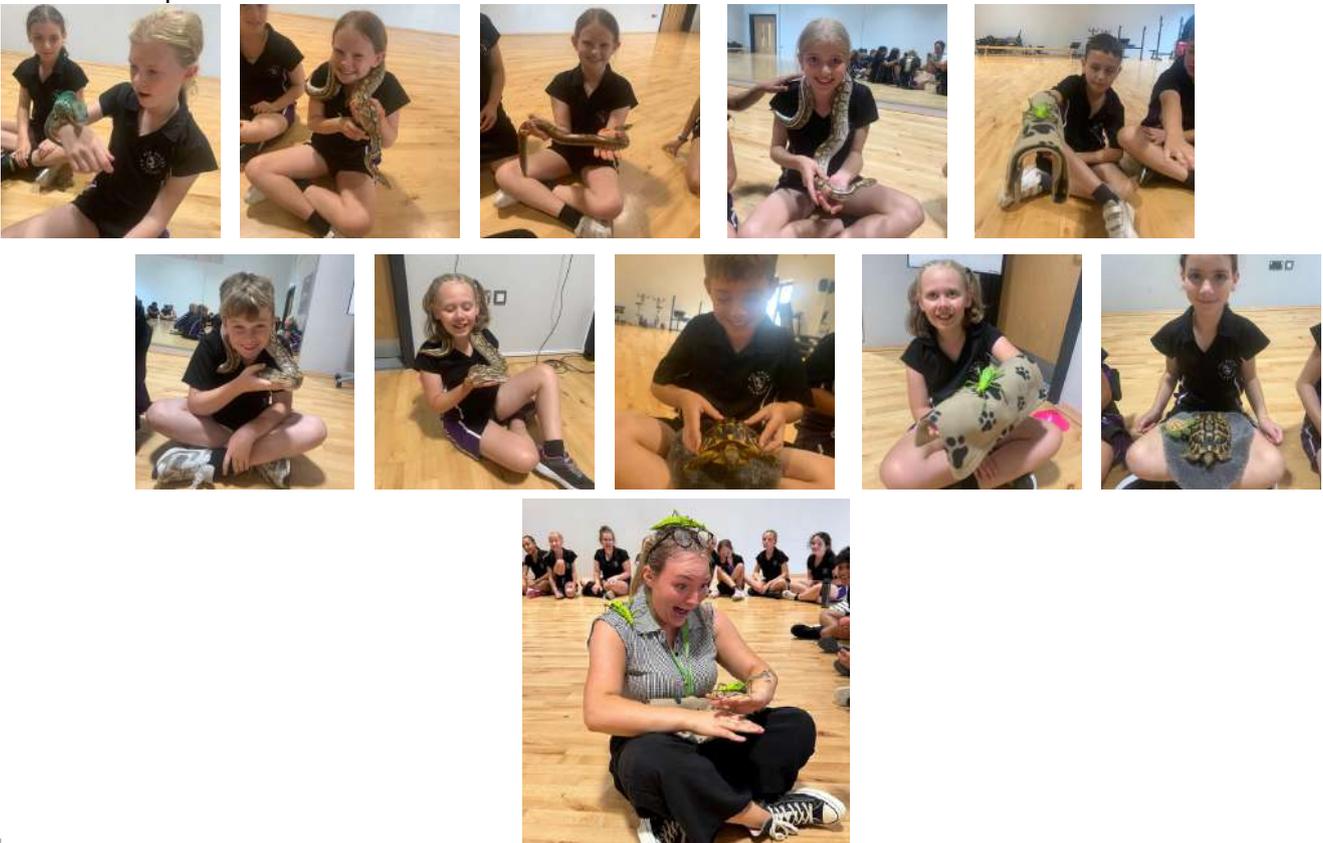
We look forward to welcoming them back in Year 6, ready to begin their final year of primary education with confidence and curiosity.

Wishing you all a restful and happy summer break!

Year 5 Activity Day

On Wednesday 16th July, our Year 5s enjoyed their End of Term treat – an activity day filled with fun things to do!

They enjoyed a visit from Safar Stu, some sports activities on the field, a fun quiz and created powerpoints on the school computers.



A Message from Mrs Stevenson

It has been another excellent term for year 6 – as we come to the end of their primary education, I am incredibly proud of all that our wonderful students have achieved.

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Last week, the majority of year 6 went to Gullivers Land for the day – we had a brilliant day (despite the exhausting heat, Mrs Murphy getting stung by a wasp, and Miss Binks unending endurance on the log flume) and the students behaviour was nothing short of impeccable. I am so incredibly proud of everything year 6 have achieved this year and can't wait to see what they do next year!

I hope all students and their families have a lovely summer!

Year 6 Puppet Show

The Year 6 Puppeteers have been at it again, this time with their summer show "Summer Swept Away".

Once again, the team wowed their audiences with hilarious jokes and comic mishaps (on and off the stage), and were even able to perform for Mrs Linehan.

Well done team!



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YEAR 6

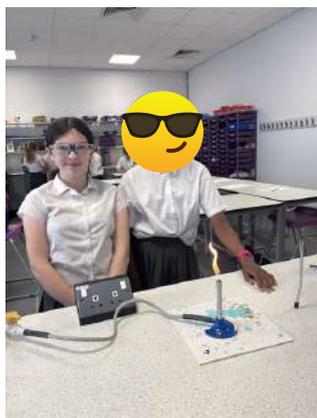
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Year 6 Science

Our Year 6s have been having an exciting time in their Science classes recently.

Not only have they learned to use a microscope for the first time, they have also earned their Bunsen Burner licenses!

Well done, guys!



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YEAR 6

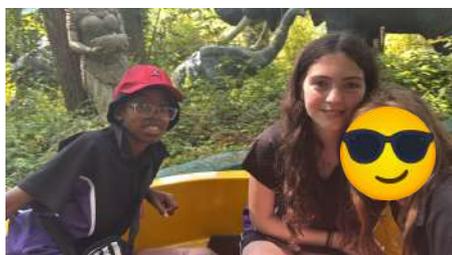
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End of Year Trip - Gulliver's Land

Our Year 6 cohort were treated to a special end-of-year celebration: a trip to Gulliver's Land!

Accompanied by the Year 6 teaching staff, including the new form tutors for next year, and some of our dedicated TAs, the year group enjoyed a day full of sunshine and fun.

Here are just a few photos for you to enjoy!



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YEAR 7

News and Updates

A Message from Ms Kinnear

Congratulations Year 7 on a truly successful year!

This year, as I am sure you will agree has flown by so quickly. It literally only feels like a few weeks ago I was welcoming the students as a new Head of Year into Year 7 and key stage 3. The year group settled into Secondary school life quickly taking up many of the opportunities available to them. The transition into key stage 3 is never an easy one but they have done this so well and a credit to the school.



The year group have gone on the Faith Trip, worked with Wilmott Dixon Group (the company who built PBA) and when visiting lessons, the engagement is high. It has been wonderful to see so many participate in school events which cover so many of the curriculum areas. We have a huge amount of talent within the group, whether it is sporting, drama, music or art, the pupils never cease to amaze me in the vast array of skills/talents they display inside and outside of school. Participation levels in events like the school drama productions, open evening, sports day and activity day was magnificent! Attendance to clubs has also been high- most students have attended one club at least this year, something I would like to challenge all students to do again next year too.



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YEAR 7

News and Updates



A highlight for me was Sports Day, every member of the year group participated in a sport and really bought into the atmosphere of the day by wearing their form 'colour'. There was cheering for everyone participating across the various events and encouragement towards each other as well as their own form. I was immensely proud of both our Sports Captains who gave speeches and the Dance group who all performed in front of the entire school- they did themselves and the year group proud- well done!

Delivering the awards assembly and presenting awards to so many members is one of my favourite parts of the term as I am able to celebrate the successes of the year group of which I am so very proud. I have enjoyed getting to know each and every student in the year group, seeing their growth as an individual, member of a form and as the entire year group. As I take them into Year 8, I look forward to seeing them develop further and take on more opportunities that will come their way as well as the exciting PGL residential next May.

Congratulations on a successful and positive year. Have a restful and relaxing summer, see you in September as Year 8.

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IT'S A KNOCKOUT!

News and Updates



Thursday last week saw 'KNOCKOUT CHALLENGE' arrive at PBA for Y7 and Y10's activity day.

Students would not know or remember the TV show 'It's a Knockout' as I am sure some parents/grandparents would!

The fun day activities ran along the same theme: team games where they needed to complete small challenges on inflatables to win points. Team work was most definitely on show throughout the day, as was the competitive nature of our students!

On a very warm day, the water/soap games were welcomed by all and the day was filled with smiles and laughter. Well done to all students who took part and listened so well to the instructions given for the games, playing them in the spirit of day.

PBA staff helping to run events were impressed by the behaviour of our students and I am sure deep down; they wanted to join in! Well done Y7 and Y10 for a thoroughly enjoyable day.



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YEAR 8

News and Updates

A Message from Mr Cook

As the academic year draws to a close, it's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared with our Year 8 students. It has been a year packed with learning, growth, and countless memorable moments.

A firm highlight of the year was our exhilarating trip to PGL took place in May, where students embraced new challenges, built stronger bonds, and showcased fantastic teamwork. The spirit of adventure continued with our much-anticipated Activities Day, offering a diverse range of engaging experiences that allowed everyone to discover new talents and interests.

Our annual Sports Day was, as always, a highlight, demonstrating the outstanding athleticism and sportsmanship within the year group. It was fantastic to see so many students participating with such enthusiasm and cheering on their peers. Academically, the year has been equally stimulating. Our visit to the planetarium provided a truly immersive and awe-inspiring experience, sparking curiosity about the cosmos. Beyond these organised events, our classrooms have been buzzing with fun lessons, where innovative teaching and a vibrant learning environment have made every day an exciting discovery.

This year, we also saw some changes within our dedicated Year 8 team. We bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Bryant as she embarked on new adventures, wishing her all the very best. We were, however, delighted to welcome Mr. Roula, who has proven to be a fantastic addition to an already strong and supportive team, bringing fresh energy and expertise. As we look ahead to the summer, we will also be saying "see you soon" to Miss Hallauer, who is taking a year out to travel the world. We wish her safe and exciting travels and eagerly anticipate her return when our current Year 8s are in Year 10!

It has been a privilege to lead such a vibrant and talented group of young people this year. We are incredibly proud of their achievements, resilience, and positive attitudes. We wish all our Year 8 students a restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to seeing them thrive as they move into Year 9 (something I cannot quite believe as still remember them all barrelling through the doors on their first day of Year 5!).

Finally, to the few students who are moving on to new schools, we wish you the very best of luck in your new environments. We know you will continue to achieve great things, and we hope you carry the positive memories of Year 8 with you.

Year 8 Food Tech

Just before the end of term, the Year 8s learned how to make cheesecake in their DT Food Tech lessons. Those of you who were lucky enough to try them at home will agree: they were delicious, and well worth the tidying up (apparently, some of the berries rolled quite a long way in the food tech room). Here are some of the results!



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YEAR 9

News and Updates

A Message from Mrs Mannion

As the summer term draws to a close, we reflect on a truly pivotal and exciting period for our Year 9 students, who are now poised to embark on their GCSE journeys in Year 10! It's been a term packed with significant milestones, demonstrating their growing maturity and readiness for the challenges ahead.

This term, our students embraced the responsibility of owning their actions by confirming their GCSE options. This crucial step marks the beginning of shaping their future as they choose subjects that align with their interests and aspirations. We commend them for the thoughtful decisions made during this important process.

Beyond the classroom, Year 9 has shown incredible spirit and engagement. The much-anticipated trip to Thorpe Park was a fantastic opportunity for them to unwind, build camaraderie, and celebrate their hard work. Their energy and positive attitudes throughout the day were a testament to their vibrant character.

Sports Day saw an impressive display of athleticism, teamwork, and perseverance. It was wonderful to witness so many students giving their all, supporting their peers, and demonstrating a truly proud and positive approach to competition.

We were also delighted to see many Year 9 students step up to leadership roles, participating in the Student Council elections. Their willingness to represent their peers and contribute to the school community showcases their developing sense of responsibility and politeness.

There has indeed been so much to celebrate this term, and even more to look forward to as they prepare for their GCSEs. The transition to Year 10 is a significant one, and we are confident that our students will continue to embody the values of being proud, positive, prepared, polite, and perseverant as they embrace the new academic year.

We wish all our Year 9 students a restful and enjoyable summer break, and we eagerly anticipate welcoming them back in September, ready to excel in Year 10!

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YEAR 10

News and Updates

A Message from Mr Fleckney

6 years down, 1 more year to go for our Year 10 cohort. It has hard to imagine that this time next year our amazing year 10 students will no longer be a part of life at PBA. It has been an incredible journey for the students over the six years, of which they only have 155 days left.

It has been a pleasure witnessing each student mature throughout their time at PBA and they continue to do so throughout their GCSE's. This term started with the Year 10 cohort completing the first set of GCSE Mocks, and indeed any exams at PBA after missing their Year 6 SATs due to COVID. The student's behaviour was exemplary throughout the process and all must be commended on their positive approach to the exams. Off the back of these GCSE Mocks it has been amazing to see so many of our students attending the GCSE intervention sessions over the last few weeks, these sessions are a real benefit in supporting academic progress.

As the students begin Year 11 in September it is vital that the bar is raised even higher, there is an expectation on the students to attend school, have a positive approach to learning, complete homework and not to disrupt the learning of others. The expectations of raising the standards of uniform across the cohort has also been addressed, a reminder that all students will be expected to be in their full uniform on the first day back in September. This includes blazer, tie and polishable school shoes.

There has been much packed into this term. Firstly, a massive congratulations to James L, Rosita R, Oisín B and Claudia G on being elected as the first Head/Assistant Head of school. It is also important to recognise all the students that were part of the process: they all must be commended on their amazing speeches and interviews with both Mrs Linehan and Mrs Daplyn. I would also like to congratulate those students that have been elected as school prefects from Year 10; having been involved in the interview process, all students excelled.

Yesterday the Year 10 had their end of term awards assembly - just two more of these to go. I would like to say well done to all the students that won awards across the year group. As always it is always a personal pleasure of mine to celebrate academic success with the students.

Over the last couple of weeks, the Year 10 have been involved in their last ever sports day at PBA and also the end of year activity day. As always, a big thank you for the amazing job by the PE department on the organisation of sports day, the year 10 students displayed strong competition throughout the day which resulted in 10IP as the overall winners.

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YEAR 10

News and Updates

As many are aware the Year 11 Prom is now booked for next year. The prom will be held at The Cloisters, Letchworth on Thursday 2nd July 2026. I look forward to sharing further updates and details with you all next academic year.

It would only be right to conclude the summary in wishing Mr Adams a happy retirement. On a personal note it has been incredible to work with such a dedicated and welcoming Head Teacher. Mr Adams has been an integral part of our Year 10 student's life since the day PBA opened and it was great to recognise this in yesterday's awards assembly.

Wishing everyone a relaxed and happy summer holidays, I look forward to welcoming students back into Year 11 in September.



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ENGLISH

News and Updates

A Message from Mrs Richards

At the end of a successful year for English at PBA I would like to say how incredibly proud we are of all our students in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 English. They have responded positively to challenging texts and have consistently displayed perseverance and maturity in their studies.

Year 7 have been studying 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' and have shown great maturity in engaging with the themes and topics explored in the novel. Year 8 have been exploring 'Refugee Boy' alongside the poetry of Benjamin Zephaniah, developing their understanding of identity, culture, and social justice. Year 9 have begun their journey towards GCSE by studying Language Paper 1, building essential analytical and creative writing skills. Year 10 have finished their first year of GCSE English by studying Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' and recently enjoyed a successful trip to Milton Keynes Theatre to see a live performance of 'An Inspector Calls'.

Summer tasks have been added to Google Classroom for all Year 9 and Year 10 students. These tasks are designed to help prepare them for the next stage of their GCSE journey and ensure they return in September ready to build on their progress.

On behalf of the English department I would like to wish you all a restful summer break.

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ART

News and updates from our Art Department

A Message from Mrs Poxon

It's been a lively year in the art department once again, with students across all year groups and key stages exploring a wide range of media, processes and techniques.

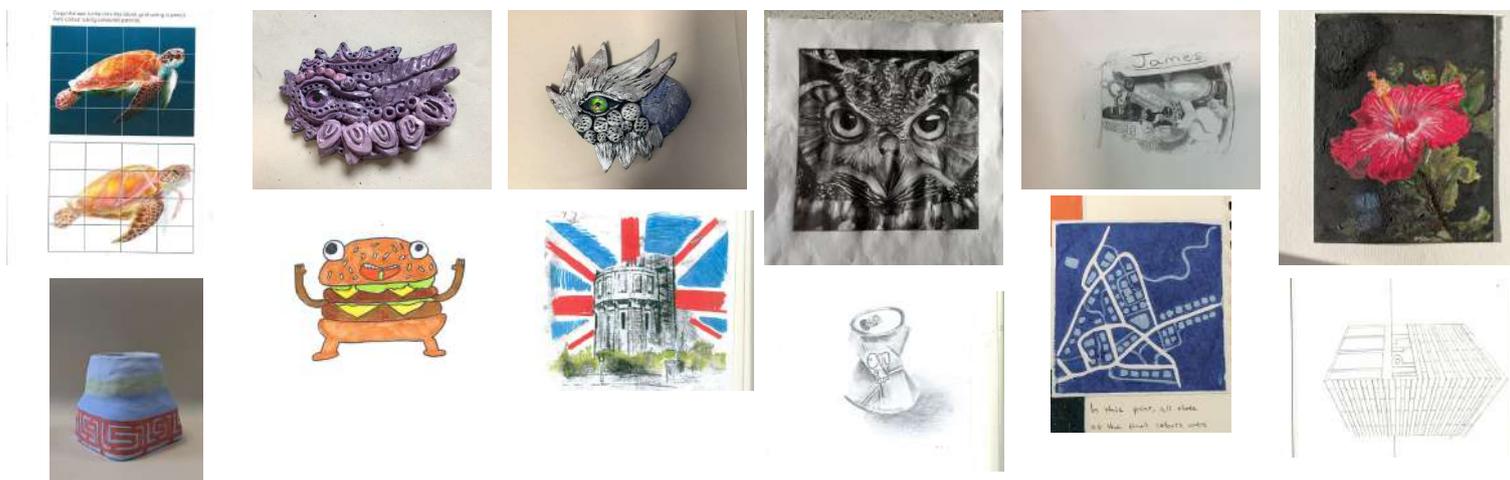
KS2 have continued to impress me with their skilful and imaginative work, and it's so wonderful to hear such positive feedback from them about how much they enjoy their art lessons (a big thank you to the staff who so enthusiastically teach KS2 art!)

KS3 have had many opportunities to develop their core 2D and 3D skills in art and design, and have also been able to start creating art work that is more personal to them and which has meaning.

Pix Brook's first GCSE Art group have been creating some really personal and exciting work, and I am very much looking forward to seeing how all of their ideas develop into a final piece for their coursework in the Autumn Term. We enjoyed a trip to the Tate Modern in London at the start of the year, and I am looking forward to exploring other galleries and exhibitions with our wonderful students in the future.

There have been a wide range of extracurricular activities; KS3 manga club was a huge success and some of the Year 6 students helped to produce some artwork and decorations for the Lunar New Year celebrations. I was also so lucky to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic group of students to help me with the props and set design for our school production of 'She Kills Monsters'. It was so exciting to see our collaborative vision come to life during the two outstanding performances!

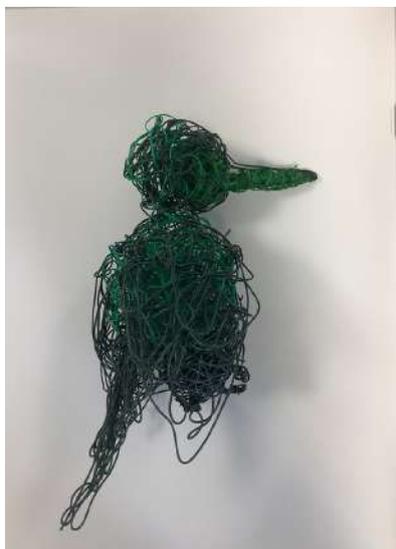
I feel very privileged to work with such creative students, and very much look forward to a brand new school year



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ART

News and updates from our Art Department



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DRAMA

News and updates from our Drama Department

A Message from Mrs Jones

Head of Drama

It has been a very busy, but productive term in the Drama department.

All Key Stage 3 classes have completed their text study; an opportunity to study a play text in depth, looking at the contexts, characters and playwright's intentions. Year 7 have been studying a play about bullying, Year 8 have explored a play about a missing boy and Year 9 have looked at some Verbatim Theatre. Classes have produced some fantastic practical work around their explorations of their texts, it has been enlightening to watch. Our first GCSE Drama exam took place in June, with students performing in the hall to a small audience of prospective GCSE Drama students – these went very well and produced some fabulous enthusiasm for next year from the Year 9s.

I can't round this term up without mentioning the school's second Creative Arts Festival! This was a fantastic celebration of all that is creative at Pix Brook; we had some beautiful pieces of art work and a plethora of pieces from the dance, drama and music worlds. We had more students perform than last year and also created our very first student Tech Team, which will give students even more to get involved in next year; speaking of which, keep your eyes peeled for information on our next production: Do We Ever See Grace? And our brand new Drama competition: Monologue Slam.

Have a restful holiday!



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DT - FOOD TECH

News and updates from our DT Department

A Message from Ms Kinnear and Mrs Brooker

This term we have seen our students learn and display many skills in their Food Tech lessons.

Our GCSE - Food and Nutrition cohort have tackled; rough puff pastry for sausage rolls, meringue nests/lemon meringue pie, choux pastry for profiteroles and even Strawberry Mousse, with some great successes! Star Bakers recently were: Josh T and Ollie W for their Sausage Rolls. Hollie W and Tia H for their brilliant profiteroles and this past week was Macey LR and Liv MP for some beautiful Strawberry Mousse!

In KS2, , our year 6s have practised their safe knife handling and chopping skills by making some fruit kebabs!

In KS3, years 7, 8 and 9 have made dishes such as apple crumble, stir fry, pizza bases and sauces, flatbreads, scones and biscuits to name a few!

These dishes have seen them perform skills including; knife skills, kneading, handling raw meat, chopping, stewing/reducing down and the rubbing in method. All great techniques to equip them for making meals and treats for you at home!

Well done to all students! Have a great summer!





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PE ROUND UP

News and updates from our PE Department

A Message from Mr Szwajbak

It has been another fantastic year in PE!

We have retained our **Gold School Sports Games** award for the fourth consecutive year! This is a fantastic achievement, and - if we can achieve the same next year - means we can apply for Platinum Status

As a department, the addition of Miss Darnell to the team has advanced our trampolining and gymnastics provision at the school, while Ms Kinnear's first year at PBA has enabled hockey at the academy to grow. Mr Prue has taken full advantage of our new gym equipment, running strength and conditioning sessions, and we are looking to invest further in fitness resources next year. Miss Sidhu has continued to deliver the **TAG Team programme of Sports Captains**, who have developed their leadership skills by organising festivals for the lower school, while Miss Jack has broadened our connections with our feeder schools by **hosting tournaments to support Year 4 pupil transition** to the academy. Meanwhile, Mr Dawson has delivered our first year of GCSE PE, which has proven to be a popular course among the KS4 students. We look forward to welcoming Mr Nicholl from Samuel Whitbread as our new Head of PE next year as we look to continue to offer a high quality PE provision to pupils and build our sporting reputation in the local community.

Year 9/10 athletics round up

The summer term saw an outstanding display of talent, determination, and school spirit as our Year 9 and Year 10 students took to the track and field for their athletics fixtures. From sprint finishes to long-distance grit, every event showcased the dedication and teamwork of our young athletes.

Across both year groups, performances were fantastic. Whether it was on the track in the 100m sprints, battling it out in the relays, or delivering impressive distances in the long jump and javelin, our students consistently demonstrated brilliant effort and sportsmanship throughout the fixtures.

A special congratulations goes to the five students who qualified for the District Finals – a tremendous achievement in itself, reflecting their hard work and commitment to training. Even more impressively, two of these athletes have gone on to qualify for the County Finals, representing the school at an even higher level.



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PE ROUND UP

News and updates from our PE Department

Year 7-9 cricket round up

Pix Brook have had another great year across the year groups in cricket, and it continues to be one of the sports which is becoming stronger and stronger.

The year 7 team started their first year in hardball cricket, with the students already playing this at club level. A strong showing has seen 2/3 games go to the wire with only single digit runs the difference between games; we are looking forward to watching this team progress into year 8.

The Year 8s continued to dominate the district competition by reaching yet another district final. Unfortunately this year they came unstuck against an experienced team, Woodlands, so no county final this year, but we look forward to the upper school competition next year.

Finally, the Year 9 cricket team has incredible individual talent, which has been evident throughout the season. Although the mental aspect of the game occasionally holds them back, there's no denying that they rank among the top cricketers in the school. We're aiming for a strong push into the Year 10 competition next year, and with the right mindset and preparation, they have every chance to make a big impact.

KS2 athletics team

What a fantastic athletics season it's been for our Key Stage 2 students! They all competed across four competitive fixtures, their hard work meant they were able to attend the finals at Bedford International Athletics Stadium.

Every single student who participated did amazingly well, demonstrating incredible perseverance, determination and they should all be so proud of themselves. We saw some truly inspiring performances across all events.

A massive congratulations for those students who not only competed with such dedication but also won their events across the fixtures! Your victories are a testament to your hard work and skill.

Well done to all our KS2 athletes – you've made us incredibly proud!



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Sports Clubs

We are thrilled to share the fantastic engagement in our sports clubs at Pix Brook Academy this year!

Our students have shown incredible enthusiasm across a wide range of activities, including **football, rugby, netball, hockey, tennis, cricket, rounders, athletics, table tennis, badminton, trampolining, gymnastics, basketball, boccia, and strength and conditioning.**

We've seen strong participation levels, with many students trying new sports such as hockey being introduced and developing their skills, fostering both competitive spirit and a love for physical activity. It's been wonderful to witness their dedication and teamwork throughout the year, highlighting our commitment to providing diverse opportunities for health, wellbeing, and sporting excellence.

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Sports Day - Special Edition

What an incredible sports day we had—packed with outstanding competition, camaraderie, and an unbeatable team spirit!

The day was a fantastic celebration of athleticism and teamwork, showcasing the determination and enthusiasm of every participant.

It was delightful to see the year groups cheering each other on with genuine enthusiasm—celebrating not just their teammates, but opponents too. The unity and encouragement on display truly embodied the spirit of sportsmanship.

Congratulations to all the competitors and the winning teams!



Pankhurst - Capture the Flag



Angelou - Capture the Flag



7RDL - Capture the Flag



8FCK - Capture the Flag



9MJN - Capture the Flag



10MDN - Capture the Flag

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PE ROUND UP

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Football - Shakespeare



Football - Angelou



Football - 7DSD



Football - 8FCK



Football - 9MJN



Football - 10IPE



Boccia - Pankhurst



Boccia - - Zephaniah



Boccia - 7JHL



Boccia - 8EHR

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Netball - Pankhurst



Netball - Angelou



Football - 7RDL



Netball - 8EIP



Netball - 9LJS



Netball - 10IPE



Netball - Pankhurst



Netball - Angelou



Football - 7RDL



Netball - 8EIP



Netball - 9LJS



Netball - 10IPE

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Sports Day - Special Edition - Year 5 Winners



75m Sprint



150m



600m



Boys Relay



Girls Relay



Javelin



Shotput



Winning Form - Pankhurst

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PE ROUND UP

News and updates from our PE Department

Sports Day - Special Edition - Year 6 Winners



75m Sprint



150m



600m



Boys Relay



Girls Relay



Javelin



Shotput



Winning Form - Angelou

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PE ROUND UP

News and updates from our PE Department

Sports Day - Special Edition - Year 7 Winners



100m Sprint



200m



800m



Boys Relay



Girls Relay



Javelin



Shotput



Winning Form - 7RDL

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PE ROUND UP

News and updates from our PE Department

Sports Day - Special Edition - Year 8 Winners



100m Sprint



200m



800m



Boys Relay



Girls Relay



Javelin



Shotput



Winning Form - 8FCK

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PE ROUND UP

News and updates from our PE Department

Sports Day - Special Edition - Year 9 Winners



100m Sprint



200m



800m



Boys Relay



Girls Relay



Javelin



Shotput



Winning Form -

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PE ROUND UP

News and updates from our PE Department

Sports Day - Special Edition - Year 10 Winners



100m Sprint



200m



800m



Boys Relay



Girls Relay



Javelin



Shotput



Winning Form - 10IPE



Special Award for Sporting Excellence - Alim A

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News and updates from our PE Department

Sports Day - Special Edition Photos from the Day



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GEOGRAPHY

News and updates from our Geography Department

A Year of Adventures and Achievement

What an exciting year it's been in the Geography department! We've been consistently impressed by the dynamic learning taking place across all year groups.

Our Key Stage 2 students have truly grasped the core concepts of geography, applying the SPICISS framework (Space, Place, Interconnections, Environment, Scale, and Sustainability) to their learning. It's fantastic to see them building such a strong foundational understanding.



Year 7s have delved into both human and physical geography, exploring the fascinating world of economy and understanding the intricate systems of rivers.

Meanwhile, Year 8s have been busy putting their conceptual knowledge into practice, tackling insightful case studies on biomes, economy, and the development of countries in Africa.

For our Year 9s, the journey towards GCSE has begun with a strong start on the Hazardous Earth topic. They'll be moving on to Development Dynamics in September, further preparing them for their upcoming exams.

Our Year 10s have been working incredibly hard, honing both their exam skills and deepening their knowledge of the GCSE topics.



We are incredibly proud of the dedication and hard work our students have demonstrated throughout the year. A special shout-out goes to all students who participated in the geography fieldwork trip – your enthusiasm and effort were truly commendable!

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GEOGRAPHY

News and updates from our Geography Department

Year 9: The Atmosphere and Hazardous Earth



Year 9 students are preparing for their upcoming Hazardous Earth topic by studying how the atmosphere works. This foundational knowledge is key as they will soon be exploring the causes and effects of natural disasters like volcanoes, earthquakes, and storms. The class has shown great enthusiasm for understanding the complex layers of the atmosphere and how they relate to environmental hazards, and we're excited to see their studies progress.

Year 10: UK Physical Landscape and Fieldwork Preparation

Finally, Year 10 students have been busy studying the UK's physical landscape, exploring everything from mountains to rivers and everything in between. They are now preparing for an exciting fieldwork opportunity, which will involve a visit to the seaside. The hands-on experience of studying the coastal environment in person will allow students to put their classroom knowledge into practice. The preparation for fieldwork has been a highlight of the term, with students taking part in discussions about data collection and analysis techniques that will be used during their trip.



Departmental Reflection

As a department, we are incredibly impressed by the dedication and enthusiasm shown by the majority of students this term. Their hard work and eagerness to learn have made this term in Geography both productive and enjoyable. We look forward to watching our students continue to grow and develop as they progress through their geography journey.

It's been a fantastic term of learning, and we can't wait to see what the next term brings!

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HISTORY

News and updates from our History Department

A Message from Ms Burgin

It has been another busy summer term and academic year in the History department.

As we end the year we have welcomed our new enthusiastic History teacher, Miss Burge. We're also excited to welcome our 2 classes of new year 10 intake in September, hoping they are as excited as us for the next 2 years of GCSE History!

As year 10 come to the end of their first GCSE year, there has been no break as we work through content and skills practice. We are also gearing up for their trip to the Globe Theatre in September, to cover content within their environmental site study for Paper 2.

KS3 have many successes to celebrate as well...Year 7 produced fantastic Local History projects at the end of the Autumn term, many of which were displayed in the library. Some of year 7 have ended the year with interesting plans of attack and siege for a Norman castle, showing a flare for practical planning and creativity.

Year 8 produced some outstanding EOTs at the end of the term on the British Empire. As well as presenting well researched, interesting and engaging Industrial Revolution projects, based on measuring the significance of a chosen individual.

Year 9 have been studying 20th Century ideas and History during the Spring and Summer terms, engaging with political concepts and ideologies, including the Cold War and conflict in the Middle East. They have finished the year with a project on the Kaiserreich, as preparation for GCSE (the first topic we start in September), they have been presenting their projects, producing some insightful views on Germany before World War 1.

Finally, well done to all our Year 10 Historians on the month this year, they have all shown consistent focus throughout the year and fully deserved their prizes! We hope all our PBA historians have a fantastic and restful summer break!

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ICT

News and updates from our ICT Department

KS2 ICT Lessons

Looking back at the past year, I am thrilled to reflect on a period of significant achievement and growth within the IT & Computing department.

Firstly, we successfully achieved 'I Belong' status, a proud recognition of PBA's commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for all students within our community. This term also saw the successful launch of our Girls' Coding Club, which was a true highlight for me, driven by a passion to address the underrepresentation of women in the tech industry – a field where the very first computer programmers were in fact female. The club is proving to be a fantastic success, with participants enthusiastically programming creative digital art. Furthermore, we officially joined the TEALS program, a partnership that brought tech industry volunteers to team-teach computer science to our Year 8's, significantly enhancing our curriculum and student experience. Finally, we made substantial progress in our bid to secure the prestigious Computing Quality Mark, a testament to our dedication to becoming one of the leading Computing schools nationally.

Our Year 10 BTEC Digital IT students demonstrated exceptional dedication in completing their initial set of internally assessed assignments. We are immensely proud of the high standard of work produced and eagerly anticipate sharing their official grades for these units in September.

Year 9 students have solidified their enthusiasm for the subject, and I am looking forward to welcoming a significant number of them into BTEC Digital IT next year. Their commendable work in App Development, Digital Design, and Spreadsheets has established a strong foundation, poised for excellent outcomes in their forthcoming internally assessed units. Furthermore, some classes benefited from an insightful visit from Raspberry Pi, which introduced them to valuable new Artificial Intelligence resources.

Year 8 students actively participated in an IT careers afternoon, where they acquired invaluable hands-on experience exploring the multifaceted nature of computing science. This led on to a topic delving into the layers of computing; gaining comprehensive understanding of computer hardware components, and the principles of internal communication within systems.

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Year 7 students refined their skills in Google applications, including Docs, Sheets, and Slides. Their learning encompassed essential email etiquette and extended to creative exploration of digital media messaging, branding, and logo design, alongside foundational studies in data modelling and programming.

Year 6 commenced the academic year by exploring internet communication, progressing to programming within gaming contexts, meticulous event planning using spreadsheets, and innovative practical applications with Micro: bits, including the creation of digital compasses, pedometers, and name badges.

Finally, our Year 5 students have achieved remarkable progress in their computing skills, now adept at interrogating databases, crafting vector diagrams, programming Crumble microcontrollers, and designing and developing functional websites.

Myself and Mr Williams wish all the students a refreshing and well-deserved summer break. And we encourage them to continue their intellectual curiosity by exploring the wealth of engaging Computing literature and programming platforms (such as Scratch) available during the break or on a rainy day.

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SOCIAL MEDIA & ACHIEVEMENTS

News and stories from our students

A quick round up of our social media posts and achievements this term



Grade 6 Violin For Kelly



Long Distance Swim for Penny



County Win for Hayden



Eoin Swims to Success



Thank a Teacher Day 18th June 2025



Music Exams
Congratulations to
Mollie W
for a Grade 1 Merit result in her singing exam!



Duke of Edinburgh Expedition - 21st June



Students go head-to-head for Head of School



Sisters Succeed in TKD



Piano Exam Results
Olivia C - Grade 5 Merit
Kayleigh C - Grade 5 Merit
Ozitt - Grade 3 Pass
Felix K - Grade 1 Pass

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Pix Brook Academy Student Leadership Team 2025-26

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Pix Brook Academy Heads & Deputies of School

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WELLBEING & COMMUNITY

Signposting help, support & local interest



Summer Youth Programme

Join us for our **free** summer activity programme for young people in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Northants and surrounding areas.



Scan the QR code or visit: amplus.co.uk/YouthProgramme to find the latest schedule of what's on and where.

 Amplus amplus.co.uk

Parent Zone Holiday Courses

Online safety group ParentZone are running a series of helpful courses over the summer. For more details see the links below:

Online Prevent training;

[Course 1 - Awareness course](#)

[Course 2 - Referrals course](#)

[Course 3 - Channel or Prevent Multi-Agency Panel \(PMAP\) course](#)

[Refresher awareness course](#)



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DIARY AND DATES

Useful to know!

Date	Year Group	Event
2025		
September		
Monday 1st	Whole School	Inset Day
Tuesday 2nd	Whole School	Inset Day
Wednesday 3rd	5, 7, 11	Term Begins - Years 5, 7, 11
Thursday 4th	6, 8, 9, 10	Term Begins - Remaining Years
Tuesday 16th	11	Vaccinations: HPV/DTP/Men ACWY
Friday 19th	5, 7, 9, 11	School Photos
October		
Tuesday 7th	Whole School	Flu Vaccination
Tuesday 21st	Whole School	Flu Vaccination
November		
Monday 3rd	9	Vaccinations: DTP/Men ACWY
2026		
January		
Monday 12th	9 & 10	Vaccinations: DTP/Men ACWY (catch up)
February		
Wednesday 25th	8	Vaccinations: HPV (main session)
May		
Thursday 7th	8, 9, 10	Vaccinations: HPV (catch up)