



# PBA WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Message from Mrs Linehan

I hope you and your family had a wonderful and restful summer break. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome all our students back to school this week. Despite the unpredictable British weather, it was fantastic to see them looking so smart in their uniform, truly embodying our value of **Pride**. They approached their first few days with huge smiles and a fantastic, **positive** attitude.

In our first assembly of the year, I spoke to students about the importance of getting the "little things" right and starting each day with a sense of achievement. I suggested that "making your bed" every morning is a great first step—a simple habit that can set a positive tone for the whole day. I hope some of your children, if they don't already, will take me up on this challenge. I felt privileged to receive a photo Thursday evening from a parent of a year 6 child, who had made themselves a 'Make Your Bed' reminder poster to display in their bedroom.

This September, we are delighted to welcome nineteen new staff members to our team in a number of valuable roles. Their expertise will be vital as we continue to grow and prepare to be at full capacity. Over the summer, we also made several improvements around the building, including a full library makeover, new graphic design work in the Sports Hall and new signage. Work has also begun on repairing the Eco Hub. We want our students to be proud of their learning environment as well as their uniform, and we hope these improvements motivate them and show how much we care about their experience with us.

Despite being back for only a couple of days, we have already welcomed our first guest speaker of the year, James Bull, Group Commander from Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue. He shared his personal journey of **Perseverance**, offering a truly inspiring and valuable message to our first Year 11 cohort. I'd like to thank James and I look forward to seeing our Year 11s put his words of wisdom in to action over the course of this year.

Our extracurricular sports clubs and activities will begin on Monday, and I hope your child engages and participates in our vibrant offer. On the note of extracurricular, please do send any successes your child is having outside of school to Cathy Coulthard, our Librarian ([ccoulthard@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:ccoulthard@bestacademies.org.uk)). It is really important to me that we share and celebrate how amazing our students are. If you do have social media, please follow us as this is one way we share key information, but also promote your child's achievements.

Finally, a note on safety and consideration for our local area. As we welcome a number of new students, we ask for your patience and support during pick-up times. Please ensure you leave ample space at our main gate for all students to exit safely and please refrain from using the school car park. We appreciate the challenging weather this week, and we thank you for your consideration.

Wishing you all a restful weekend, and I look forward to a full and inspiring week with your children next week.

## 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](mailto: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.

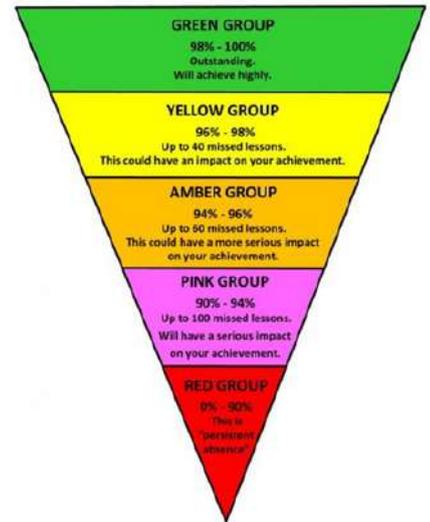
Children need to be collected by a nominated adult from reception.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Reminder

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

Please note that 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.



## Family Information Events

A message from Mr Szwajbak

Parents/carers will receive invitations for the upcoming family information events:

Year 11 – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, presentations at 4.15pm and 5.15pm

Year 10 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, presentations at 4.15pm and 5.15pm

Year 11 GCSE Intervention – starting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Further details are on the KS3/4 pages.



## Coding

A Message from Mrs Brandt

We all know how important it is for our children to master reading, writing, and maths, but in today's digital world, coding is just as vital.

Learning to code isn't just about becoming a computer programmer; it's about developing essential life skills. It teaches children to think logically, to solve problems creatively, and to persevere when faced with a challenge. It gives them the confidence to build something from scratch and see their ideas come to life on screen.



At our school, we are embedding these skills across year groups. Our Year 8 and Year 9 students will be starting their coding journey in the autumn term, while Year 7 will begin in the summer term. In our younger year groups, Years 5 and 6 will cover coding as a part of their different topics throughout the year.

By understanding how the technology around them works, our students can become creators and innovators, not just passive consumers. To help your child on their coding journey, here are some fantastic websites they can explore:

Compute it

<https://compute-it.toxicode.fr/>

Blockly (by Google)

<https://blockly.games/>

Hour of Code (lots of options)

<https://hourofcode.com/uk>

Code Combat

<https://codecombat.com/>

Puzzlers World

<https://puzzlersworld.com/>

Bebras

<https://www.bebras.uk/>



## Double World Champion

Huge congratulations to Freya West, who had a stunning weekend at the 2025 World Championships in Barcelona! Freya claimed:

- Junior Female 1st Degree Patterns World Champion
- Junior Female Lightweight Sparring World Champion
- Overall Junior Female World Champion

She also picked up medals in the team events! A truly outstanding performance

## Double Firsts for PBA Sisters

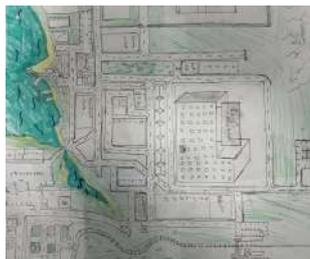
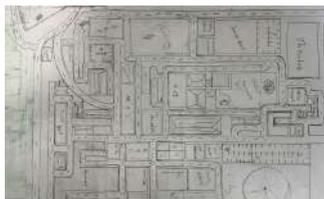
Isla H, year 6, and Ella H, year 7, both took part in the Parkfield goldmine archery competition last week.

Isla H came 1st place in the under 11's barebow competition and Ella came 1st place in the under 14 barebow competition. Ella also received a trophy for the highest barebow score across all ages and genders. Well done to both of you!



## Ethan's Marvellous Map

Over the summer, Ethan T from year 9 has been busy creating an enormous map. It's truly spectacular. Well done, Ethan!



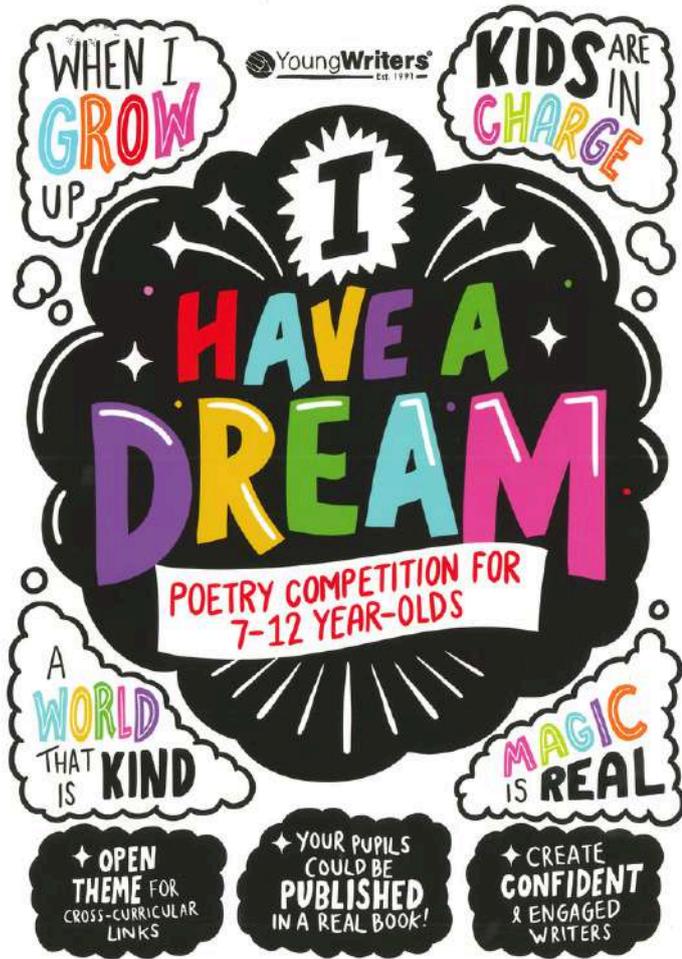
## Spartan Ultra Challenge

Mr Hulbert, a member of our fabulous IT Support team, is participating in a Spartan Ultra Marathon in October - a race of 50km and 60 obstacles! He is raising money for two charities:

<https://crohnsandcolitis.org.uk>

<https://www.thecalmzone.net>

If you'd like to support him, please visit his [fundraising page](#).



## KS2 Poetry Competition

Students from years 5 and 6 are invited to write a poem on the theme of "Dreams" for a national poetry competition.

Entry forms can be collected from the Library at break and lunchtime.

Please find below the Homework Timetable for our KS3 students.

## Year 7 Homework

Year 7 Homework Timetable					
Subject	Teachers	Set	Due	Homework Tasks	Duration
English	Mr Campbell Mr Collins Miss Luck Mrs Howe Mrs Richards Mrs Clark Miss Kinnear	Monday	Monday	Tasks to complete on Seneca or Read Theory	30-50 minutes
Maths	Mrs Bryant Mrs Mannion Mrs Josan Mr Mannion Mrs Powell	Friday	Friday	Homework will be set on Spax weekly. Please see letter from Mrs Bryant for details.	30-60 mins
Science	Mrs Adams Mr Hill Dr Hills Mr Cook Mrs Crighton-Rook	Tuesday	Monday	Every topic of the 12 topics has 3 homeworks 1) knowledge organiser. 2) creative task 3) Google form quiz	30 - 60 min
History	Mr Brooks Ms Burgin	Friday every two weeks	Friday	Tasks shall involve pre learning tasks for next lesson or confirmation or extension of knowledge	30-60 min
Geography	Mrs Pearce Mrs Ip	Set in your geography lesson	Every 2 weeks-week to complete	Every homework will be set on google classroom. The homework will be a mix of creative homework, online quiz and research	30-60 mins
French	Miss Hallauer Mr Scheid	Varies depending on when each class has French in the week	1 week to complete	Homework will be set on google classroom. Quizlet, Google form quiz and/or worksheets	30-60 mins
DT/Food Rotation	Mr Fleckney Miss Kinnear	Set in your lesson	Specified by your teacher	Range of tasks based on the current DT project (e.g. research a particular process / material). A mixture of paper based tasks and tasks set on Google classroom. Food- Sensory Evaluations to be completed after each practical lesson.	30 - 60 min
Art	Mrs Posson	Day of Art lesson.	1 week to complete.	Homework will be set on Google Classroom and may be a practical or written task. Most homework tasks will see students given a physical worksheet to complete and this will need to be handed in at the start of their next lesson.	30 - 60 mins

## Year 8 Homework

Year 8 Homework Timetable					
Subject	Teachers	Set	Due	Homework Tasks	Duration
English	Mr Campbell Mr Collins Miss Luck Mrs Howe Mrs Richards Mrs Clark	Monday	Monday	Tasks to complete on Seneca or Read Theory	30-50 minutes
Maths	Mrs Bryant Mrs Mannion Mrs Josan Mr Mannion Mrs Powell	Friday	Friday	Homework will be set on Spax weekly. Please see letter from Mrs Bryant for details.	40-60 mins
Science	Mrs Adams Mr Hill Dr Hills Mr Cook Mrs Crighton-Rook	Tuesday	Monday	Every topic of the 12 topics has 3 homeworks 1) knowledge organiser. 2) creative task 3) Google form quiz	30 - 60 min
History	Mr Brooks Ms Burgin	Friday every two weeks	Friday	Tasks shall involve pre learning tasks for next lesson or confirmation or extension of knowledge	30-60 min
Geography	Mrs Pearce Mrs Ip	Set in your geography lesson	Every 2 weeks-week to complete	Every homework will be set on google classroom. The homework will be a mix of creative homework, online quiz and research	30-60 mins
French	Miss Hallauer Mr Scheid	Varies depending on when each class has French in the week	1 week to complete	Homework will be set on google classroom. Quizlet, Google form quiz and/or worksheets	30-60 mins
DT/Food Rotation	Mr Fleckney Mr Scott Miss Kinnear	Set in your lesson	Specified by your teacher	DT- Range of tasks based on the current DT project (e.g. research a particular process / material). A mixture of paper based tasks and tasks set on Google classroom. Food- Sensory Evaluations to be completed after each practical lesson.	30 - 60 min
Art	Mrs Posson	Day of Art lesson.	1 week to complete.	Homework will be set on Google Classroom and may be a practical or written task. Most homework tasks will see students given a physical worksheet to complete and this will need to be handed in at the start of their next lesson.	30 - 60 mins

## Year 9 Homework

Year 9 Homework Timetable							
Subject	Teachers	Homework set on	Week	Homework due on	Week	Homework Tasks	Duration
English	Mr Campbell Miss Luck Mrs Clark Mrs Howe	Monday	Weekly	Monday	Weekly	Homework will be set via google classroom and will be a combination of SENeca tasks and tasks which link to the learning in lessons.	40-60mins
Maths	Mrs Powell Mrs Bryant Mrs Mannion Mrs Josan	Friday Friday Friday	Every week	Friday Friday Friday	Every week	Homework will be set on Spax weekly. Please see letter from Mrs Bryant for details.	60 mins
Science	Mrs Adams Dr Hills Mrs Crighton-Rook Mr Hill Mr Cook	Tuesday	Weekly	Monday	Weekly	variety of tasks on google classroom	30-60 minutes
History	Mr Brooks Mrs Burgin	Friday	Every two weeks	Friday	Every two weeks	Set on google classroom, a mix of tasks from revision to practice / application of knowledge	80 min
Geography	Mrs Pearce Mrs Ip	Set in class by the teacher, every other week- the day of the week is set by the teacher	Every other week	1 week to complete	As per the homework timetable on the display board	Set on Google classroom, tasks to support the use of their geography skills	30 to 60 mins
French	Ms Hallauer Mr Scheid Mrs Lewis/Miss Power	Varies depending on when each class has French in the week	Weekly	1 week to complete	Weekly	Homework will be set on google classroom. Quizlet, Google form quiz and/or worksheets	30-60 mins
Art	Mrs Posson	Day of Art lessons.	Once per half term.	1 week to complete		Homework will be set on Google Classroom and may be a practical or written task. Most homework tasks will see students given a physical worksheet to complete and this will need to be handed in at the start of their next lesson.	30 - 60 mins
IT & Computing	Mrs Brant Mr Seahoon	Set on day of lesson by teacher.	Max 4 homeworks per topic (5 topics per year)	Before next lesson		Set on google classroom.	Max 45 mins

## Homework Clubs



**Year 7 homework club** will run from 3pm-4pm. Pupils are welcome to attend but they **MUST communicate with yourselves at home** that they are attending and make the **necessary arrangements to go home at 4pm.**

Students from Year 10 are invited to attend our **GCSE Homework Club** with Mr Fleckney, running every Wednesday from 3-4.00pm in room 141.

## Family Information Events

A message from Mr Swajbak

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Year 11 – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, presentations at 4.30 and 5.30 pm

Year 10 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, presentations at 4.30 and 5.30 pm

Pix Brook Academy GCSE Intervention Programme

Academic Year 2025-26

Year 11 GCSE Intervention – starting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Year Group: 11

Subject: Autumn 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Prep (8.00-8.40)	English (SRS) 216 Geography (IPE) 231	English (SRS) 216 Maths (SPL) Higher Paper 233	English (SRS) 216 Geography (IPE) 231 Maths (SPL) Foundation Paper 233	Science (EAS) 250 Science (JHL) 201 Science (FCK) 251	Year 11 Assembly
Lunch (1.30-2.00)	Business Studies (NMN) 141	French (VLS) 157 French (IPS) 138	History (CBN) 106	BTEC DIT (EBT) 140 Maths FSMQ (SPL) 233	
Period 7 (3.05-4.00)	Art, Craft and Design (KPN) 126 PE (RNL) 204	Geography (EIP) 230	Compulsory triple science lesson (SHS) DT (WFY) 052	Staff Training	Drama (LJS) Drama Studio

Year 11 pupils have received their intervention card with their personalised timetables. Intervention sessions will start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September where students can start collecting stamps for their attendance. More information on the Year 11 rewards cards will be presented during the Year 11 Family Information Event on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

## GCSE Art Club

Students from Years 10 and 11 are invited to join the GCSE Art Club.



GCSE ART CLUB - Y10 AND Y11

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL 3:10 - 4:30  
ROOM 126 MRS POXSON  
FRIDAY LUNCH 1:20 - 1:50  
ROOM 127 MRS YOUNG

## KS3 and KS4 Poetry Competition



Students from years 7 to 11 are invited to write a poem on the theme of "Dreams" for a national poetry competition. Entry forms can be collected from the Library at break and lunchtime.

## Drum Lessons

Drum Lessons are available every Monday and Tuesday to students of all ages and abilities! Whether you would like to pursue grades or achieve your own personal goals.

Becca Robinson – [beccadrums@gmail.com](mailto:beccadrums@gmail.com)



## Singing Lessons



I have more than 15 years experience teaching children of all ages in a wide range of musical styles. My style is fun and friendly with many of my pupils taking public exams and successfully auditioning for singing courses at a range of reputable post-school institutions. For further details, please speak to Mr Weed via school or contact me direct on 07905 225825 or [eleanorpugsley@gmail.com](mailto:eleanorpugsley@gmail.com)

## Piano Lessons

### Piano Lessons

Boris Peck is a classically-trained conductor, violinist and pianist offering in-school piano lessons.

Spaces are currently available for new students. Weekly lessons (20 or 30 minute sessions) will be taught on one of the keyboards in school.

Please contact Boris via email at [boris\\_peck@hotmail.com](mailto:boris_peck@hotmail.com), or phone 07884 057278 for more information.



## Brass and Wind Lessons

### BRASS & WIND LESSONS

Learning to play an instrument opens up a world of musical-expression and creativity. It offers a unique way to develop musical skills while improving focus, discipline, and teamwork.

At Pix Brook, we currently offer lessons on Drums, guitar, piano, violin, and voice. In our efforts to expand this provision, we would like to start offering brass and woodwind lessons. At this point we are looking to see if there is enough interest within the school to facilitate a teacher coming in.

**The instruments to choose from would be:**

- Brass:
  - horn,
  - trombone,
  - trumpet,
  - tuba.

- Woodwind:
  - bassoon,
  - clarinet,
  - flute,
  - oboe,
  - saxophone.

The cost of the lessons ranges from **£11 per lesson to £24** depending on the length of lesson and whether it is taught individually or as part of a group.

**If your child is interested in starting lessons, please let me know by email** ([tweed@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:tweed@bestacademies.org.uk))

If there is enough interest, we will look to set this up in the near future.

Thank you for considering this exciting opportunity.

We are excited to be looking at offering lessons in brass and wind instruments in school. If you would be interested in signing your child up for lessons, please contact Mr Weed: [tweed@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:tweed@bestacademies.org.uk)

Date	Year Group	Event
<b>2025</b>		
<b>September</b>		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11	Vaccinations: HPV/DTP/Men ACWY
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11	Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	5	Meet the Tutor Evening
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	5, 7, 9, 11	School Photos
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7	Meet the Tutor Evening
<b>October</b>		
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Flu Vaccination
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8	Curriculum Information Evening
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Open Evening. <b>School closes at 12.20</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School	Flu Vaccination
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
<b>November</b>		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Whole School	Term begins
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9	Vaccinations: DTP/Men ACWY
WC Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11	Mock GCSEs begin
WC Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7, 8	End of Term Assessments begin
WC Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9, 10	End of Term Assessments begin
<b>December</b>		
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6	c
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8	Subject Progress Event. <b>School closes for y7-11 at 1.10pm. Y5&amp;6 onsite to 3pm.</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9	Vaccinations: DTP/Men ACWY
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11	Subject Progress Event.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	<b>End of Term.</b> <b>School closes at 1.10pm. No PBA Extra</b>
<b>2026</b>		
<b>January</b>		
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Terms Begins
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9 & 10	Vaccinations: DTP/Men ACWY (catch up)
<b>February</b>		
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9	Options and Progress Event
WC Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	11	Mock GCSEs (English, Maths, Science)
WC Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7, 8, 9, 10	End of Term Assessments begin
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8	Vaccinations: HPV (main session)
<b>March</b>		
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7	Y8 subject progress event. <b>School closes for y7-11 at 1.10pm. Y5&amp;6 onsite to 3pm.</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	6	Subject Progress Event - focus on English and Maths
<b>April</b>		
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5	Subject Progress Event
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5	Subject Progress Event
<b>May</b>		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> onwards	11	GCSE Exams begin
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8, 9, 10	Vaccinations: HPV (catch up)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	6	SATs
<b>June</b>		
WC Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7, 8, 9	End of Term Assessments begin
Date TBC	10	Mock Exams
<b>July</b>		
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	6	Transition to Year 7 event

## Pix Brook Academy Safeguarding Team We are here to keep you safe

### Who can you speak to if you feel worried?

You can speak to **any adult** that works in our school about **anything** that is worrying you or making you feel upset at any time.

The **Designated Safeguarding Lead** and **Deputy Safeguarding Leads** are teachers who have the really special job of keeping you safe.

Their special job is to listen, support and help you at any time of the school day.

**If you feel unsafe or you have any worries/concerns that you feel you cannot speak to a member of staff about, you can send an email to [pba-safe@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:pba-safe@bestacademies.org.uk).**

### You can speak to us:

- If you feel upset or worried about anything at all (even if you think it's not important)
- If someone has hurt you physically, emotionally or mentally
- If you are being threatened or forced to do things
- If someone has done something to you without your permission
- If you feel unsafe in school, at home or when you are out and about
- If you feel uncomfortable in any way
- If you know of another pupil who is worried, upset or being hurt (even if they have told you to keep it secret)
- If you are scared or worried about going home

If you are concerned about the safety and well-being of a young person, please contact Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 3008585



## School Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns, please contact our Safeguarding Team.

## Online Safeguarding Resources



Safeguarding aims to protect children from harm and exploitation when using the internet and digital technologies.

**Check back regularly for new suggestions!**

There are a lot of stories online with false or misleading information. Here is a short video on sorting fact from fiction online:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/everydaydigital/disinformation>

## Home-Start Help

Home-Start is a charity offering mental health and wellbeing support to families with children under the age of nine.

Right now, a family with young children in your community struggles alone with sickness, disability, mental ill-health, isolation, bereavement, and more. You can make a lasting difference in their lives. You don't need any special qualifications, just real-life experience caring for children. You just need a couple of hours available on a week day, once a week. The time is flexible to suit you.

Our local volunteers are parents, grandparents, and caregivers from all walks of life who want to help others. Join us today because childhood can't wait. Visit [www.home-startbedfordshire.org.uk](http://www.home-startbedfordshire.org.uk) and get in touch. We would love to speak to you



## CBC Families Bulletin

[Please click here to access the latest copy of the Ivel Valley Parents Bulletin.](#)



## Reporting an Absence

If your child is absent from school, please report the absence **daily by 8am** by either leaving a message on the absence line

**01462 416243** or by emailing

**[PBA-Absence@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:PBA-Absence@bestacademies.org.uk)**

This is also the system for informing the school about **appointments.**

## Contacting School

A reminder that **all queries** with regard to Pix Brook Academy students should be emailed to [pixbrook@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:pixbrook@bestacademies.org.uk) or call the office on **01462 416243.**

**Please do not use** our Social Media platforms to request information about or contribute to conversations with regard to our students.

If you need to get a message to your child/children during the school day, please contact Reception.

Teachers are unable to pass on messages during the school day. Our Reception team will take the message and deliver it to the pupil(s) involved. **Please call or email the office on 01462 416243 or [pixbrook@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:pixbrook@bestacademies.org.uk)**



## NHS Guide to childhood illness

UK Health Security Agency

NHS

### Should I keep my **child off school?**

#### Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

#### No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

#### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.

## No Footballs at PBA



Please remind your child/children that we have a strict rule that **football-related games may not be played at break and lunch times.** Footballs brought into school will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

## Medication in School



If your child needs to have medication in school please ensure that you bring it to the main office and fill out the required forms. **Children are not permitted to carry medication around the school.**

Medication may include: Calpol, Paracetamol, Antihistamine

## Drop Off and Collection Time Parking

We ask parents to avoid **parking next to the carpark entrance or on the road junction near the football club** during morning drop off and afternoon collection time.

This junction is particularly busy during school pick-up, and parked cars create hazards for both children and drivers. We would also remind you **not to use the Staff Car Park** when dropping off or collecting children.

Thank you for your understanding.



## No Nuts, Please!

Please be reminded that we are a **nut free school**: please do not include nut products in your child/children's snack or packed lunch. This includes Nutella.

Thank you.

## Body Sprays and Perfumes

We would like to remind you that **body sprays and perfumes are not permitted** in school, as the use of the sprays can affect people suffering with asthma. Please send your child/children in with roll on deodorant **only**.



## Use of the Cycle Paths

The foot- and cycle-paths near the school get very busy before and after school. Please remind your children that the paths are shared with members of the public, and that the children should be courteous towards others when travelling to and from school.



## Road Safety

Please be aware that the new bus stop, Etonbury and Pix Brook, is on a narrow stretch of pavement which is often busy during the school run. Please remind your children **not to sit with their feet in the road**, when waiting at the bus stop, as this is a safety issue.



PBA are proud to be part of Stotfold's community - [check out our community page](#) for details about local clubs, camps, classes, societies and events happening around the area.

Stotfold Jrs are looking for new players



## Girls Football

PLAYERS WANTED

Stotfold Juniors FC U12's clubs are seeking new players for 2025/26. Come along for a free taster session.

Training is held at Hertfordshire FA HQ in Letchworth.

1st of September 2025. Parents will be contacted from school with form 7. Contact: Andy Clarke 07452 867597 for further details.

## FREE Sports Clubs



Free-to-attend sports clubs for children.

# BEST CALENDAR

### BEST Academic Calendar 2025/2026

School Holiday ■

Bank Holiday ■

Pupil Day ■

Training Day ■



September 2025					October 2025					November 2025					December 2025						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24	Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	Tue	7	14	21	28	Tue	4	11	18	25	Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed	5	12	19	26	Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thu	4	11	18	25	Thu	2	9	16	23	30	Thu	6	13	20	27	Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	Fri	3	10	17	24	31	Fri	7	14	21	28	Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	Sat	4	11	18	25	Sat	1	8	15	22	29	Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	5	12	19	26	Sun	2	9	16	23	30	Sun	7	14	21	28	

January 2026					February 2026					March 2026					April 2026						
Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon	2	9	16	23	Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27
Tue		6	13	20	27	Tue	3	10	17	24	Tue	3	10	17	24	31	Tue	7	14	21	28
Wed		7	14	21	28	Wed	4	11	18	25	Wed	4	11	18	25	Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	Thu	5	12	19	26	Thu	5	12	19	26	Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri	6	13	20	27	Fri	6	13	20	27	Fri	3	10	17	24	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat	7	14	21	28	Sat	7	14	21	28	Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	4	11	18	25	Sun	1	8	15	22	Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26	

May 2026					June 2026					July 2026					August 2026							
Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24	31
Tue		5	12	19	26	Tue	2	9	16	23	30	Tue	7	14	21	28	Tue	4	11	18	25	
Wed		6	13	20	27	Wed	3	10	17	24	Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thu		7	14	21	28	Thu	4	11	18	25	Thu	2	9	16	23	30	Thu	6	13	20	27	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	Fri	5	12	19	26	Fri	3	10	17	24	31	Fri	7	14	21	28	
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Sun	3	10	17	24	31	Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	5	12	19	26	Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

Term 1 – 75 days. Term 2 – 55 days. Term 3 – 65 days. = 195.

Pupil contact will amount to 190 of the 195 days. Schools will be closed on 5 of the 195 days. In accordance with Teachers' Conditions of Service, five days will be used to enable teacher training to take place.

Training days set are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Training day 5 will be made up of several twilight sessions determined by individual schools.