



## PBA WEEKLY BULLETIN

### A message from Mrs Linehan

The academy has been filled with **positive energy this week**, and I want to celebrate the fantastic attitude our students have shown across all key stages. Our clubs, especially Young Voices, are proving very popular. I was particularly impressed by my **own Year 10 Food and Nutrition superstars** this week, who demonstrated incredible maturity and skill during their soup practical—the results, many tell me, were absolutely delicious!

You may recall that toward the end of the Summer Term, we ran a non-uniform day to raise funds for a new study space. This week, we were thrilled to celebrate the **grand opening of The Brook Room!** Complete with vibrant new wall graphics, dedicated revision support materials, and access to computers for coursework and homework. This room is already a wonderful asset, and we couldn't be more pleased to offer our older students a safe, comfortable, and focused space to learn and prepare for their upcoming mock exams.

Our attention now turns to our younger pupils, and we are excited to **announce plans for fundraising specifically for Key Stage 2.** We will be running a KS2 Winter Disco in December and hope to reinvest all profit into a project or projects voted on by the pupils themselves. More details will follow after the half-term break.

As many of you will know from my letter this week, our upcoming **Open Evening** is an incredibly important event for our community. We will be inviting a large number of students to support us, and I can't thank them enough for the enthusiasm they have already shown. They truly are our best ambassadors.

With the rise of flu-like viruses, diarrhoea and sickness, and discussions locally regarding a new strain of COVID, I wanted to share the Government's most recent advice, which is children should attend school if they are well enough to do so; there is no explicit COVID related isolation period. The Department for Education and Public Health recommend 48 hours at home with regards to vomiting or diarrhoea. We encourage you to use your own parental discretion as you know your child best, please make an informed decision and consider ways to reduce the spread across the school through positive hand hygiene messaging and the use of tissues to catch and dispose of germs.

Finally, I'd like to end by celebrating this week's **Principal's Award winners.** Congratulations go to all the pupils who led on last week's assembly for their outstanding confidence and commitment to our sustainability education: Riva E, Islagh-Belle F, Jacob W, Kirsten C and Evie H. We also congratulate Luca G for their incredible work in Geography; Sarah I for her amazing attitude and support, and Georgia F for the pride and revision she is undertaking ahead of her geography mock. Their dedication to living our school values is truly inspiring

Wishing you all a restful weekend!

THIS OCTOBER, PIX BROOK ARE PROUD TO BE TAKING PART IN...

# THE BIG DRAW!

LOOK OUT FOR POSTERS AT SCHOOL AND CHECK THE BULLETIN FOR MORE INFORMATION!

## A Message from Mrs Poxson

This October, we are proud to be taking part in the global event 'The Big Draw'. Throughout the month, students and staff will have the opportunity to take part in a range of drawing activities in their lessons and/or at social times. Activities include: - 'Draw with Rob'. - 'Live' drawing. - Drawing to music. - Inktober - Collaborative artwork

## What's on this week?

Monday 6th October	Tuesday 7th October	Wednesday 8th October	Thursday 9th October	Friday 10th October
<i>ALL WEEK - Please continue drawing on your 'Inktober' calendars in your form groups!</i>				
<p>KS2 Year 5 'The Dot' drawing activity in art lessons this week.</p> <p>All years Draw a comic strip competition</p>		<p>KS4 Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE Art lessons today - expressive drawing and mark making.</p>	<p>KS3 Drawing art club - portraiture (P5b KS3 lunch).</p> <p>Room 126 (Art).</p>	

## COMIC STRIP COMPETITION

open to all year groups!

Winners from each key stage will be chosen by local comic book artist, Karl Brown!

Hand in your comic strip to Mrs Poxson by 3pm on Friday 17th October.

### RULES

- YOUR COMIC STRIP MUST BE HAND DRAWN
- YOU CAN USE ANY COLOURS OR ART MATERIALS TO CREATE YOUR COMIC STRIP.
- YOUR COMIC STRIP MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST 3 PANELS, BUT CAN BE AS LONG AS YOU LIKE!
- THE CONTENT OF YOUR COMIC MUST BE SUITABLE FOR PIX BROOK AGE STUDENTS OR YOUNGER. NO VIOLENT IMAGERY PLEASE.

## KS3 PORTRAIT DRAWING

KS3 LUNCHTIME 1:20 - 1:50  
THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER  
THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER  
ROOM 126

## Drawing to Music

COME ALONG AND LISTEN TO SOME MUSIC AND PAINT THE COLOURS, SHAPES, LINES AND PATTERNS THAT YOU HEAR!

STAFF ARE WELCOME TOO!

KS2 AND KS3 LUNCHTIMES  
MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER  
MRS POXSON'S ART ROOM - 126

## A Message from Mrs Linehan

Congratulations to our Principal's Award winners this week.

Islagh-Belle F, Riva E, Kirsten C, Jacob W, and Evie H all took part in the Sustainability Assembly last week, Sarah I was recognised for her amazing support in the Library, and Luca G and Georgia F both received awards for their outstanding efforts in Geography.

Well done to all of them!



## Miss Turner Runs Half Marathon

One of our fabulous TAs, Miss Turner, is running a half marathon on Saturday 4th October in Victoria Park. She is raising money for Alzheimer's - please [click here](#) if you'd like to support her!



## A Message from Mrs Jones

Thank you to all the students who have signed up for the Pix Brook Players this term. The club is now full.



## EdShed Results

Well done to everyone who completed their EdShed homework this week!

Here are the ten highest-scoring classes!

### Top Spelling Shed Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Tolkien	246,344,535
2.	Blackman	210,934,084
3.	Churchill	130,330,491
4.	Turing	112,219,743
5.	Shakespeare	80,811,604
6.	Austen	67,608,726
7.	Pankhurst	67,163,830
8.	Attenborough	64,447,412
9.	Zephaniah	46,964,228

### Top MathShed Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Morpurgo	34,480,257
2.	Zephaniah	16,056,475
3.	Austen	15,024,358
4.	Blackman	14,444,386
5.	Tolkien	10,814,833
6.	Angelou	9,054,499
7.	Shakespeare	6,054,532
8.	Churchill	2,322,444
9.	Turina	1,487,569

## A Message from Mr Cresswell

Year Five have shown great perseverance this week whilst conducting our first set of formal assessments at Pix Brook. The children have all remained positive and I am proud of all their efforts during the assessments this week.

The caterpillars in Turing Class have entered the chrysalis stage of their transformation and the children are very excited to see them become butterflies over the coming weeks.



## The Very Hungry Caterpillars

Our Year 5 classes have been caring diligently for their hungry caterpillars, and very excitingly some of them have gone through their metamorphosis and have emerged as butterflies!

Here are Attenborough's butterflies as they emerge. [Click here](#) to watch a video!



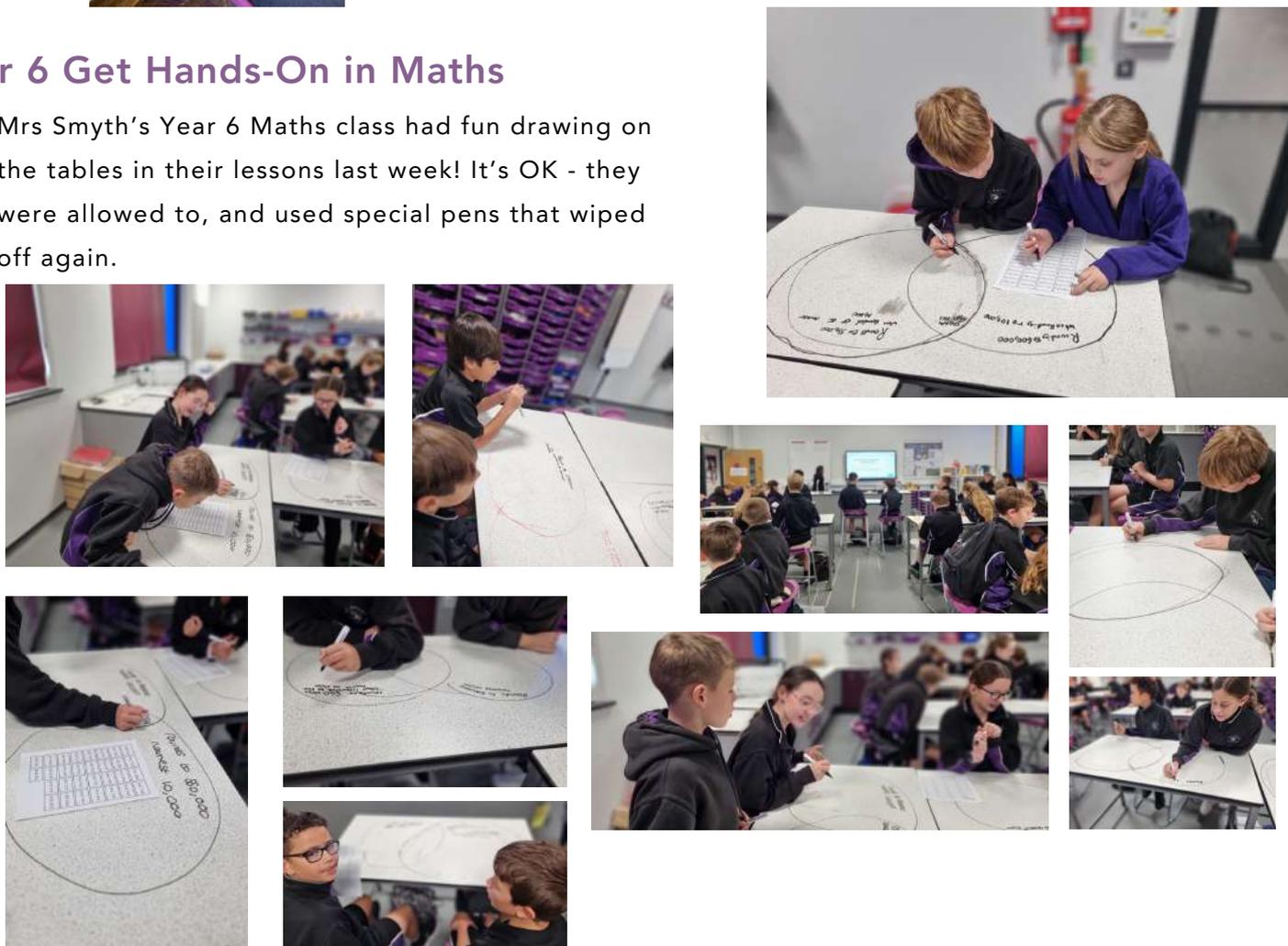
## Nightingale Learn Some String Theory!

Nightingale Class (year 5) have been using string in their art lessons this week to create some beautiful pieces!



## Year 6 Get Hands-On in Maths

Mrs Smyth's Year 6 Maths class had fun drawing on the tables in their lessons last week! It's OK - they were allowed to, and used special pens that wiped off again.



## Homework - Years 7 & 8

### Year 7 Homework Timetable

Subject	Teachers	Set	Due	Homework Tasks	Duration
English	MCL, CCN, SCS, HHE, LMN, NLE	Monday	Monday	Various - pre reading and research on topics which we are studying. Some SENeca tasks.	1 hour PW
Maths	SPL, CSN, OCE, DMN, JMN, NRA, RJN	Friday	Friday	Sparx maths	30 mins - 1hour
Science	EAS, JHL, FCK, SHS, HCK, CAY, JSK	Monday	Monday	Various tasks - Knowledge organiser, creative task or google form revision quiz for each topic	30 minutes - 1hour
History	EBE, CBN, SBS	Once a fortnight	1 week to complete	tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom	30 mins
Geography	IPE, EIP, SBS	Once a fortnight	1 week to complete	Various tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom	30 mins
French	DSD, IPS	Once per week	1 week to complete	Various tasks: eg. Quizlet, learning vocabulary, answering questions, worksheets, quizzes	30-40 mins
DT/Food Rotation	Miss Kinnear	Any lesson on the rotation	1 week to complete	Food- Sensory evaluation	20 minutes
Art	Mrs Poxson Mrs Young Mrs White	Once per half term	1 week to complete	Practical art tasks connected to the current project.	30 minutes
Computing	Mrs Brant & Miss McGuigan	All	1 week to complete	Two mandatory homeworks per unit in Computing (6 units per year) Optional homeworks for challenge.	20 minutes
Drama	Mrs Jones	Once per half term	1 week to complete	Key term quizzes	10 minutes

### Year 8 Homework Timetable

Subject	Teachers	Set	Due	Homework Tasks	Duration
English	SRS, MCL, RSN, CCN, LMN, SCS, HHE	Monday	Monday	Pre- reading & research into topics which we will be studying. Some SENeca tasks. Consolidation of learning.	1 hour
Maths	SPL, CSN, OCE, DMN, JMN, NRA	Friday	Friday	Sparx maths	30 mins - 1hour
Science	EAS, JHL, FCK, SHS, HCK, CAY, JSK	Monday	Monday	Various tasks - Knowledge organiser, creative task or google form revision quiz for each topic.	30 minutes - 1hour
History	EBE, CBN, SBS	Once a fortnight	1 week to complete	tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom.	30 mins
Geography	IPE, EIP	Once a fortnight	1 week to complete	Various tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom.	30 mins to an hour
French	DSD, IPS	Once per week	1 week to complete	Various tasks eg: Quizlet, learning vocabulary, answering questions, worksheets, quizzes.	30-40 mins
DT/Food Rotation	Miss Kinnear	Food rotation	1 week to complete	Food- Sensory evaluation.	20 minutes
Art	Mrs Poxson Mrs Young Mrs White	Once per half term	1 week to complete	Practical art tasks connected to the current project.	30 minutes
Computing	Mrs Brant	All	1 week to complete	Two mandatory homeworks per unit in Computing (6 units per year) Optional homeworks for challenge.	20 minutes
Drama	Mrs Jones	Once per half term	1 week to complete	Key term quizzes	10 minutes

## Homework - Years 9 & 10

### Year 9 Homework Timetable

Subject	Teachers	Set	Due	Homework Tasks	Duration
English	SRS, MCL, SCS, RSN, CCN, HHE	Monday	Monday	Pre-reading & research into topics which we will be studying. Some SENeca tasks. Consolidation of learning.	1 hour
Maths	SPL, CSN, OCE, DMN, JMN, NRA	Friday	Friday	Sparx maths	30 mins - 1 hour
Science	EAS, JHL, FCK, SHS, HCK, CAY	Monday	Monday	Various tasks - Knowledge organiser, h/w sheet, exam questions, revision cards, Seneca.	30 minutes - 1 hour
History	EBE, CBN, SBS	Once a fortnight	1 week to complete	Tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom.	30 mins
Geography	IPE, EIP	Once a fortnight	1 week to complete	Various tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom.	30 mins to an hour
French	DSD, IPS	Once per week	1 week to complete	Various tasks: Quizlet, learning vocabulary, answering questions, worksheets, quizzes.	45 mins
DT/Food Rotation	Miss Kinnear	Food Rotation	1 week to complete	Food- Sensory evaluation.	20 minutes
Art	Mrs Poxson Mrs Young	Once per half term	1 week to complete	Practical art tasks connected to the current project.	30 minutes
Computing	Mrs Brant	All	1 week to complete	Two mandatory homeworks per unit in Computing (6 units per year) Optional homeworks for challenge.	20 minutes
Drama	Mrs Jones	Once per half term	1 week to complete	Key term quizzes.	10 minutes

### Year 10 Homework Timetable

Subject	Teachers	Set	Due	Homework Tasks	Duration
English	SRS, MCL, RSN, SCS, CCN, EDN	Monday	Monday	Researching topics which we will be learning about. Revision tasks to prepare for mock exams and consolidate learning.	1 hour
Maths	SPL, CSN, OCE, DMN, JMN, NRA	Friday	Friday	Sparx maths	30 mins - 1 hour
Science	EAS, JHL, FCK, SHS, HCK, CAY	Monday	Monday	Various tasks - Knowledge organiser, h/w sheet, exam questions, revision cards Seneca.	30 minutes - 1 hour
History	EBE, CBN, SBS	Weekly	1 week to complete	Tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom.	30 mins - 1hr
Geography	IPE, EIP	Once a fortnight	1 week to complete	Various tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom. Including revision and practice exam questions.	1-2 hours
French	DSD, IPS, VLS	Once per week	1 week to complete	Various tasks: Quizlet, learning vocabulary, answering questions, worksheets, quizzes, revision, exam practice.	1 hour
DT	Mr Fleckney	When required	1 week after setting	Tasks to support the learning in class. Exam question practice. Research and design tasks for practical lessons.	30-60 mins
Art	Mrs Poxson Mrs Young	Every week	1 week to complete	Tasks to support the development of the students' coursework portfolios, for example preparing for lessons e.g. taking photos, artist research etc., working on artworks that have been started in class and presenting work into sketchbooks.	1-2 hours
Business	Miss McGuigan	10B- Thurs 10D- Tues	10B- Thurs 10D- Tues	Business context research task building a bank of mini case studies of businesses of their choice).	20mins
Philosophy	Mr Collins	Monday	Monday	Propello task + similar revision activity.	30 Mins
BTEC IT	Mrs Brant	10A/IT	1 week to complete	Weekly Know It All Ninja learning and quiz.	20 mins
Food	Miss Kinnear	10A Mon/Thurs 10B Weds/Thurs	1 week to complete	Food- Sensory evaluation for practical. Theory based exam style questions.	20 minutes 30 minutes
GCSE PE	Mr Dawson	Friday	1 week to complete	AQ1 content - recap of learning within class, 6-9 mark exam style questions, case studies linked to current issues in sport.	30 minutes - 1 hour
Drama	Mrs Jones	When required	1 week to complete	Learning lines, key term quizzes, set text knowledge tasks, group rehearsals.	10 minutes to 1 hour
Music	Tim Weed	Monday	Monday	Practice Journal, Listening questions.	

## Homework - Year 11

### Year 11 Homework

Subject	Teachers	Set	Due	Homework Tasks	Duration
English	SRS, MCL, RSN, EDN, CCN	Monday	Monday	Revision and consolidation tasks to prepare for mocks and GCSEs.	2 Hours
Maths	SPL, CSN, DMN, JMN	Friday	Friday	Sparx Maths	1hour
Science	EAS, JHL, FCK, SHS, HCK, CAY	Monday	Monday	Various tasks - Knowledge organiser, h/w sheet, exam questions, revision cards, seneca.	30 minutes - 1hour
History	EBE CBN, SBS	weekly	1 week to complete	Tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom.	30 mins -1hr
Geography	IPE, EIP	Once a fortnight	1 week to complete	Various tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom. Including revision and practice exam questions.	1-2 hours
French	IPS, VLS	Once per week	1 week to complete	Various tasks eg: Quizlet, learning vocabulary, answering questions, worksheets, quizzes, revision, exam practice	1 hour
DT	Mr Fleckney	Every Week	1 week after setting	To continue with the NEA design folder. Completing pages from the lessons and acting on teacher feedback to support the work. GCSE Mock paper practice prior to scheduled mock exams.	1-2 hours
Art	Mrs Poxson	Every week	1 week to complete	Tasks to support the development of the students' coursework/exam portfolios, for example preparing for lessons e.g. taking photos, artist research etc., working on artworks that have been started in class and presenting work into sketchbooks.	1-2 hours
Drama	Mrs Jones	When required	1 week	Learning lines, key term quizzes, set text knowledge tasks, group rehearsals.	10 minutes to 1 hour
Business	Miss McGuigan	11A / 11D Weds	11A / 11D Weds	Business context research task (building a bank of mini case studies of businesses of their choice).	20mins
BTEC IT	Mrs Brant	11B/IT	1 week to complete	Weekly <b>Know it All Ninja</b> learning and quiz. Revision tasks.	20-40 mins
Food	Miss Kinnear	11C Mon/ Thurs 11D Tues/ Weds	1 week to complete	Food- Sensory evaluation for practicals Theory based exam style questions COURSEWORK also will have homework attached to it.	20 minutes 30 minutes Time limit will be set in lesson
GCSE PE	Mr Nicholl	Friday	1 week to complete	AO1 content - recap of learning within class, 6-9 mark exam style questions, case studies linked to current issues in sport.	30 minutes - 1 hour



## Year 10 & 11 Family Information Evenings

Thank you to everyone from Years 10 and 11 who attended our events in September.

[Click here](#) to access the Year 10 Family presentation

[Click here](#) for the Year 10 Subject booklet

[Click here](#) to access the Year 11 Family presentation

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## Year 8 Options Information

Students and their families in Year 8 are invited to our Options Information Event on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

This will include a presentation and the opportunity to talk with our Senior Leadership Team and Ms Kinnear (Head of Year).

The presentation will take place at 4.15 and 5.15.

We look forward to welcoming you to PBA.



## Year 9 - Duke of Edinburgh

A friendly reminder that the enrolment for our **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award** closes on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Please ensure enrolment forms are sent to:

[tpower@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:tpower@bestacademies.org.uk) or a physical copy is left on Miss Power's desk (Room 008).



## Post-16 Options Assemblies

This week we welcomed Ms Thompson, Assistant Head of Sixth Form at The Knights Templar School, to our Year 11 Citizenship lesson.

Ms Thompson ran an exciting presentation on 6th form life at KTS, highlighting the subjects and wider curriculum they have on offer as well as an insight in the extra curricular activities and events that 6th formers can experience during their time at KTS.



We thank Ms Thompson for her time today and for the information she provided our Year 11's allowing them to gain insightful information about post 16 pathways in our local area.

The Knights Templar School 6th form open evening is Thursday 23rd October from 6.30pm, further information about KTS 6th form and their open evening can be found here <https://sixthform.kts.school/>

In the following weeks we will be welcoming:

- Etonbury 6th form
- Samuel Whitbread 6th form
- The Priory 6th form
- North Herts College
- Bedford College

Our Careers Advisor Emma Fuller is in full swing meeting with our Year 11s for their 1-to-1 careers interviews, where she will be discussing post 16 options and pathways and supporting students with personal statements and applications.

## Key Opening Evening Dates

- The Knights Templar School - Thursday 23rd October from 6.30pm
- Etonbury - Thursday 6th November from 5.30pm
- Samuel Whitbread - Thursday 13th November from 3.30pm
- North Herts College - 11th and 12th November (please see <https://www.nhc.ac.uk/openevents/> to register interest)
- Bedford College -Tresham College Wellingborough Campus 16th October from 5pm, Shuttleworth College Open Day 18th October from 9.30am and National College for Motorsport 21st October from 5pm
- The Priory School - 24th November (TBC)

## Food & Nutrition - Last Week

Year 7 have completed and baked their Apple Crumbles. Using the 'rubbing in method' to create their crumble layer, and safe oven use to bake it. Hopefully they may enjoy making this at home now Apple season is here and the cooler weather is closing in!



Year 8 have been fine tuning their 'bridge' and 'claw' chopping techniques by making a fruit salad in lesson this week. We saw some very tidy working, neat chopping boards and a very efficient clean up.

Year 9 made a beautifully fragrant Thai Green Curry, which always gets a lot of staff commenting on the delicious aroma travelling through the corridors! Learning to handle and cook raw meat safely and practicing good hygiene was high on the agenda. All students came away with a lovely dish to bring home and enjoy.

## Food & Nutrition - This Week

Year 8 have made their pizza sauces this week in preparation for their pizza dough making in a couple of weeks time! Their sauces are frozen at school and will be defrosted ready to spread on their freshly made dough, cheese to add and bake in the oven. Making their own sauce saw them using the hob, careful fine chopping of fresh garlic and basil and combining their ingredients to make a reduction sauce.



Year 10 have experienced hand/stick blenders this week for their soup making lesson. We continued with their chopping skills and knife safety and introduced some kitchen machinery. After the safety talk they all blended their soups well. An easy make with some important skills!

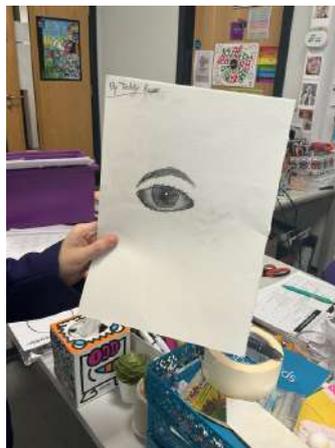
**Star Bakers this week are: Edie H, Jess C and Blue B.**



**REMINDER** Please view the [Food Tech timetable](#) with your child to see if they are cooking over the next couple of weeks and make sure they organise a suitable container to bring their food home on the day!

## Art

One of our activities as part of 'The Big Draw' was a Portrait Club, held during KS3 lunchtime. Here are some of the results.



Please note: all long hair should be tied back for PE lessons, and piercings should be covered or removed

## Fixtures This Week



## Sports Update

All students have made a really positive start to the year in PE. Not only have they shown great effort and determination in lessons, but the level of participation in our extra-curricular clubs has been excellent. Although teams are now beginning to be selected for fixtures, clubs remain open to all students and we encourage everyone to get involved.

Our TAG (Talented and Gifted) programme will be launching in the coming weeks, providing even more opportunities and additional support from our young leaders. This group will receive ongoing training as they assist at clubs and help support local school sports events. Information has already been shared via form tutors and the PE team, and a sign-up sheet can be found outside the PE office.

We are also delighted to share that our PE screen outside the office has been a big hit. Students have enjoyed checking in for team sheets, upcoming fixtures, curriculum plans, photos, and celebrations of our PBA Sport successes. This will be updated regularly, and we would love to highlight sporting achievements from the wider community too. Please share any success stories with us by emailing [rnicholl@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:rnicholl@bestacademies.org.uk).

## Sporting Highlights

- District & County Competitions are now underway, and our students are already making us proud.
- The Year 8 Boys Football Team remain unbeaten with one win and one draw.
- The Year 7 Boys Football Team began their league campaign with a 2–1 victory against Parkfields. A fine headed goal from Jake E (assisted by Joseph S's superb corner) and an excellent solo strike by James T sealed the win. Man of the Match was Lenny T, who was described as a colossus at the back – very Van Dijk-like! It was a fantastic all-round team performance, and we are excited for the matches ahead.
- Congratulations to Ellie T and Nathan F, our PBA Sport KS4 Performers of the Week. Both have shown excellent commitment in GCSE PE, particularly in achieving AO3 marks by linking their answers to sporting examples.

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Year 7 Football Team -Lenny T, Joseph S, James T, Christopher F, Jake E, Henry M-P, Cassien S, Riley T, Josh B, Ethan J

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## Match Reports

### PBA v Woodlands for Year 8

The year 8 boys football team had a trip to formidable opponents Woodlands Middle, a team that had enjoyed a 5-2 victory over close rivals Robert Bloomfield the week prior. Pix Brook knew this would be a tough game, but the mentality had to be the same as the week before; work hard and earn the right to play.

The performance was one of the best the year 8 team have produced as a playing group since they formed in year 5. The skill, passing and precision of movements all played into a highly skilled and competitive game. With 5 minutes to go, Pix Brook led 3-4 just needing to shut out the game. Alas, Pix Brook conceded late on, rueing earlier missed opportunities to put the game to bed. With the last attack of the game Jaiden broke free onto a through ball, 1vs1 with the keeper. Jaiden couldn't quite find the back of the net, after a great save by the goalkeeper. The game ended 4-4, which felt like a loss rather than a draw. The performance was excellent, with the team moving onto play Robert Bloomfield next week.

Player of the game: Luca F

### PBA v Arnold for Year 5

Once again the boys fought back from behind to earn a well deserved point against Arnold Academy.

Asher went close to opening the scoring within a couple of minutes as he latched onto Oliver's throw but his shot was well saved.

Arnold took the lead around 20 minutes when their MK Dons academy CB stepped forward and fired one in the top corner from fully 25 yards. Rocket to be fair. Milo nearly responded moments later but his looping shot was well saved.

We spoke at half time about taking more risks and the boys did exactly that with a dominant second half performance. Asher went close immediately and then Walter was found by Milo but his one on one shot was hit straight at the keeper. Then, milo rinsed their left back and cut the ball back but Leo's shot was turned away for a corner.

Our moment of the game came from the resulting corner when the corner was cleared to Eddie who found Milo on the edge of the box and he thundered one past their keeper into the top corner.

We had two further chances to win - Oliver's powerful shot from Asher's cut back was well saved and then Asher got onto the end of one of George's long throws, chipped the keeper but it went agonisingly over the bar.

Mr Prue's POTM - Milo. A combination of excellent feet and desire caused Arnold plenty of problems and did not look out of place playing a year up. Beast. Great goal too.

Mr Lindley's POTM - Leo M. Played the second half in goal tremendously well. Good communication and great range on his goal kicks. Very solid display.

Captain's POTM - Asher. Always a driving force in midfield, Asher dominated the second half and was unlucky to see multiple shots in the game find the hands of the goalkeeper. Got through plenty of hard work defensively too.

A home encounter with current district champions Alameda awaits next week...

## Clubs and Societies

Our sports clubs and societies aim to give the pupils a range of activities and interests to enjoy.

**Please note: the Sports Clubs are likely to change termly, and are usually linked to the current competition schedule.**

### Before School 7.45-8.15

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5/6 Badminton Sportshall (AJK)	Y5/6 Netball Sportshall (PSU)	Y7/8 Badminton Sportshall (RNL)	Y10/11 Badminton Sportshall (RNL)	Y9/10/11 Gymnastics / Dance Dance Studio (PSU)

### Lunchtime 1:12.40-13.10

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Y5/6 Table Tennis Dance Studio (SLY)		Y10/11 Boys & Girls Badminton Sportshall (RNL)	Y9/10/11 Gymnastics /Dance Dance Studio (PSU)
	KS2 Coding Club 140 (EBT)			Y10/11 Boys & Girls Basketball Sportshall (RNL)

### Lunchtime 2: 13.30-14.00

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y9/10 - Handball / Tchoukball Sportshall (RNL)	Y10 Futsal Sportshall (RNL)	Y8/9/10/Y11 - Strength & Conditioning Dance Studio (RNL)	Y10/11 - GCSE Table Tennis Dance Studio (MDN)	Y7/8 - Table Tennis Dance Studio (MDN)
KS3 Code Club 140 (EBT)	Y10/11 Table Tennis Dance Studio (JSK)	Y11 Futsal Sportshall (RNL)	Y8/9 - Basketball Sportshall (RNL)	Y10 & 11 GCSE Art Club 127 (MYG)
		KS3 eSports 140 (EBT) Starting November 2025		

### After School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5/6 Boys & Girls Trampolining (AJK)	Y10/11 Boys & Girls S&C (MDN)	Y8/9 Boys Football Training (RNL/MDN)	Y6 Football Fixtures (Team selection)	GCSE Rock Climbing - Off-site (RNL/AJK)
Y7/8/9/10 Girls Netball Training (PSU)	Y7 Boys Football Training (RNL)	Y9/10 Trampolining (AJK)	Whole school choir (TWD)	
Y5/6 Boys Football Training (SPE/SLY)	Y7/8 Girls Basketball Training (AJK)	Y5/6 Boys & Girls Rugby Training (OCL)		
Y9/10 Boys & Girls Rugby Training (MDN)	Yr 8 Football Fixtures (Team selection)	Y7/8 Netball Fixtures (Team selection)	Staff Meetings	
Y11 - GCSE PE Intervention (RNL)	KS3/4 Drama Club (Pix Brook Players) Main Hall (LJS)	Y7 Football Fixtures (Team selection)		
Y10 & 11 GCSE Art Club 126 KPN	Year 5 Homework Club Year 5 classrooms	Young Voices (KS2 only) Main Hall. (MWE/TWD)		
		Year 6 Homework Club Year 6 classrooms		
		Year 7 Homework Club Room 206		

## 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)

## 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



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## School Safeguarding Team

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

## Online Safeguarding



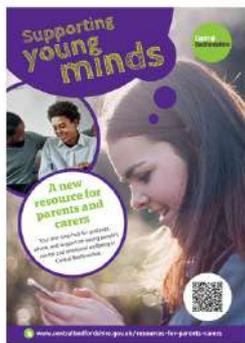
## Shore Space

<https://shorespace.org.uk/>

This resource offers a space for teenagers worried about the sexual behaviour of others, or their own thoughts and actions, to chat confidentiality and get crucial advice.



## Mental Health Information



## Parents' and carers' mental health support



## CBC Families Bulletin

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

Please [click here](#) to access the the CBC calendar of events for parent support.



## 2025

### October

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccination for All Years
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	KS4 Options At PBA for Year 8 Families Only
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening. <b>School closes at 12.20 for All Years</b> <b>No PBA Extra</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Flu Vaccination for All Years
WC Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Half Term Holiday for All Years</b>

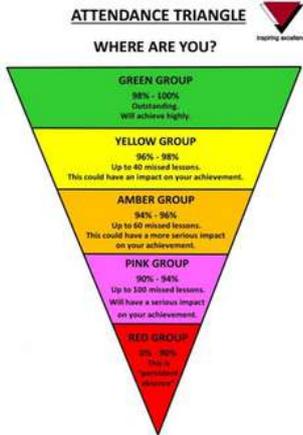
### November

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Term begins for All Years
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vaccinations: DTP/Men ACWY for Year 9
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Great Athletes Event for KS2
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wicked - Year 10
WC Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mock Examinations begin for Year 11
WC Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term Assessments begin for Years 7 & 8
WC Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Victorian Museum Trip for Year 6
WC Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Faith Tours for Year 7
WC Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term Assessments begin for Years 9 & 10
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Cadbury's World Trip for Year 5
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair All Years

### December

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Concert
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Subject Progress Event for Year 6
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Subject Progress Event for Year 8 <b>School closes for y7-11 at 1.10pm. Y5 &amp; 6 onsite to 3pm.</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Panto Trip for Year 5
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Disco for Years 5 & 6
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Careers Fair/ Subject Progress Event for Year 11
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>End of Term for All Years</b> <b>School closes at 1.10pm. No PBA Extra</b>

# Reporting an Absence



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.

## 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

### 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://qrca.de/minfoc>.

## 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

## Menus



Our lunchtime menus are available to view on our website:

<https://www.pixbrookacademy.co.uk/page/?title=Our+Food+Provision&pid=40>

## 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.

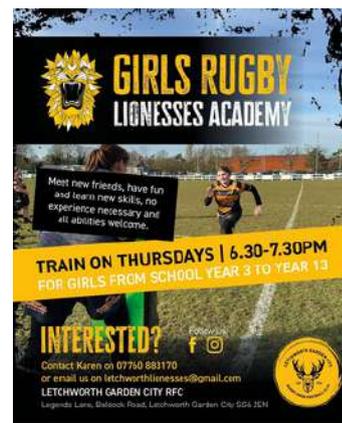
## Road Safety

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.

## 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						
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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					
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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.