



## PBA WEEKLY BULLETIN

### A message from Mrs Linehan

What a truly fantastic week we've had at the Academy! The energy, dedication, and positive spirit across our school community have been inspirational. I have had the pleasure of spending time with both our youngest and oldest students this week, and their achievements made me incredibly proud. Earlier this week, I visited Miss Parsons' Year 5 class and was thoroughly impressed by their Principal's Acorn homework. The creativity on show was fabulous, and I am proudly displaying a sample collection on my office window ledge!

Then, just yesterday, I spent time with our Year 11 Food and Nutrition students as we welcomed brilliant guest chef, Patti Sloley. Patti shared her passion for spices and successfully upskilled our young people on techniques like portioning a whole chicken. This kind of experiential learning shows how perseverant our students are in tackling complex, real-world skills. The resulting dishes were certainly delicious!

Tuesday Evening saw over 100 families attend our Year 8 curriculum evening. It is always great to welcome parents and carers through our doors and share our plans and exciting developments. If students have any questions please encourage them to speak with their tutor and Miss Kinnear. As we grow, our curriculum offer is becoming more and more exciting, and next term we will begin preparing for the Year 9 Options process.

Next Thursday marks our first non-uniform day of the academic year. This is a crucial fundraising effort for some upcoming KS2 projects. Please remember to make your contributions via ParentMail. We value your support in helping us create these new opportunities. We will be closing early on Thursday to prepare the entire school for our annual Open Evening. We have so many pupils volunteering as helpers, and I cannot wait for them to showcase their hard work and act as polite and knowledgeable ambassadors for the school to prospective families.

Thank you for your support and have a wonderful weekend!



## 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 13th October	Tuesday 14th October	Wednesday 15th October	Thursday 16th October	Friday 17th October
Drawing to Music KS2 and KS3/4 lunchtimes  Room 126 (Art)		'Live' drawing during KS2 and KS3 lunchtimes around the school.	Staff art club 1-2pm Room 126 (Art).	Deadline for Comic Strip competition. Entries to Mrs Poxson by the end of the day.



## Pix Brook PTA

We are in the early stages of setting up Pix Brook's first ever Parent Teacher association (PTA) with the aim to support the school through fundraising as well as other areas of school life.

At this stage we are just looking for expressions of interest either as a volunteer or in one of our essential statutory roles: Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

This is an entirely voluntary organisation where no prior experience is necessary – just your enthusiasm and time.

If this does interest you please email Mr Scott and he will be in touch with further information in due course.

[AScott@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:AScott@bestacademies.org.uk)

## A Message from Bedfordshire Police

Bedfordshire Police have asked us to share the following information to help protect students personal belongings and improve the chances of recovering lost or stolen items:

### Register Your Child's Mobile Phone – Immobilise

This free service helps police identify and return lost or stolen phones and other valuables. By registering your child's device, you're helping protect their property and increasing the chances of recovery if it goes missing. The website also offers helpful advice on keeping devices safe and secure. It only takes a few minutes to register, and it's completely free—please take a moment to do this and help keep your child's phone safe.

[www.immobilise.com/help/registermobilephone](http://www.immobilise.com/help/registermobilephone)

### Lost Property – Report My Loss

This free service allows you to register lost items, which can then be accessed by police and other agencies to help recover them. You'll also receive a reference number that can be used for insurance claims or replacement processes.

[www.reportmyloss.com/uk](http://www.reportmyloss.com/uk).

## A Message from Mrs Linehan

Congratulations to our nominees for Employee of the Month!

The nominees were:

- Miss Ford: Thank you for a really good start as our SWO. You are so proactive and helpful, and always there to support.
- Mrs Murphy: A great start as HOY. Thank you for your on-going dedication and commitment to your new role, and always going above and beyond.
- Miss Fordham: An amazing start to the year navigating your new role and supporting colleagues. You are always there to help if there is an issue.



### Winner:

Mrs Hough: For the deep and considered planning around school examinations; a successful first inspection for vocational qualifications this half term, and a completed mock timetable. Thank you for always doing your best and for your infectious positive energy.

## Cian Makes a Splash

Cian M, Year 9, has successfully trialled for the East Region Water Polo Talent Centre and has been selected to join their programme for 2025–2026.

Well done, Cian, and good luck!



## 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.	Morpurgo	293,182,638
2.	Blackman	222,676,961
3.	Tolkien	220,884,575
4.	Austen	167,282,644
5.	Attenborough	106,820,784
6.	Shakespeare	93,937,234
7.	Turing	74,980,700
8.	Pankhurst	63,171,356
9.	Zephaniah	58,998,860
10.	Churchill	55,688,955

### Top MathShed Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Blackman	17,747,155
2.	Austen	12,662,874
3.	Zephaniah	10,993,907
4.	Tolkien	8,072,672
5.	Morpurgo	6,530,661
6.	Angelou	5,507,560
7.	Turing	4,386,901
8.	Churchill	707,792
9.	Shakespeare	291,346
10.	Pankhurst	41,299

## Pankhurst Fly High

Pankhurst Class learned this week about flight in Science. They created paper helicopters, and then adapted their designs them to keep them flying for longer!

Further fun with flight was had when the class released their butterflies.



## 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 10C- Tues	10B- Thurs 10C- 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	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
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

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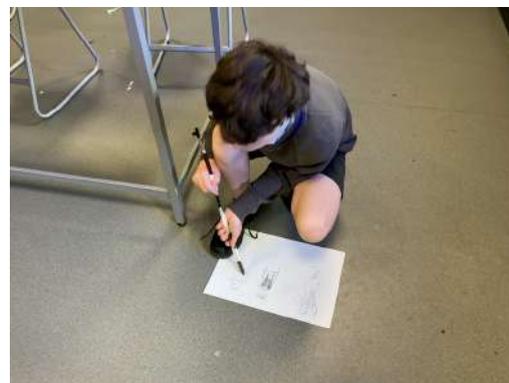
Subject	Teachers	Set	Due	Homework Tasks	Duration
English	SRS, MCL, RSN, EDN, CCN	Monday	Monday	Revision and consolidation tasks to prepare for mocks and GCSEs.	2 Hours
Maths	SPL, CSN, DMN, JMN	Friday	Friday	Sparx Maths	1hour
Science	EAS, JHL, FCK, SHS, HCK, CAY	Monday	Monday	Various tasks - Knowledge 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



## GCSE Art

Year 10 had the chance to explore 'expressive drawing techniques' in their Art lesson this week, and we started by thinking about the statement "Drawing what you feel and how a subject moves, rather than what it looks like."

It was a great break from the sustained observational work that they have been working so hard on since the start of term, and there were some really exciting results and a lot of laughter!



## Post-16 Options Assemblies

Post 16 options assemblies

On Thursday, we welcomed Etonbury Academy Sixth form to our Citizenship lesson.

Mrs Young, Principal, and Mrs Dowden, Head of Sixth Form, talked to Year 11 about 6th form life over at Etonbury and all the exciting opportunities they could have during their two years there.

Both Mrs Young and Mrs Dowden informed our students of the extensive list of subjects they could study as well as showcasing the fantastic sixth form only facilities and spaces.

We thank Mrs Young and Mrs Dowden for their time today and for the information they provided our Year 11's allowing them to gain insightful information about post 16 pathways in our local area and within the BEST family.

Etonbury Academy Sixth form open evening is being held on Thursday 6th November 2025, with presentations at 5.30pm and 6.15pm, you can register your interest online by following this link <https://www.etonbury.org.uk/sixth-form/open-evening-event>

In the following weeks we will be welcoming;

- Samuel Whitbread 6th form
- North Herts College
- Bedford College



Our Careers Advisor Emma Fuller is in full swing meeting with our Year 11's for their 1to1 careers interviews, where she will be discussing post 16 options and pathways and supporting students with personal statements and applications.

## Post-16 Options

This Saturday sees the beginning of the college open events.

Oaklands College is based at Welwyn Garden City and St Albans.

WGC campus is home to areas such as Engineering, Music and Performing Arts amongst many other vocational areas.

Their event is this Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. St Albans site is home to Animal Care, Equine studies and A-Levels amongst many other areas. Their open event on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>. Its advisable to register your interest here <https://www.oaklands.ac.uk/news-events/open-events/> Further information regarding 6<sup>th</sup> form and North Herts College events to follow.



## Key Open 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)

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

## Fixtures This Week



## Sports Update

We are excited to announce that observations for our MCC Foundation Hubs in Bedford, Luton and Peterborough will take place this November. This programme is separate from our current County Phase One observations and is designed to create additional opportunities for state school cricketers to train and play.

The MCC Foundation runs a national network of Hubs providing free-to-access training and match play for 5,500 state-educated young cricketers at 164 sites across the UK. The Hubs focus on talent: helping players develop hard-ball skills and access formal pathways. They also have a transformational impact beyond cricket—boosting confidence, happiness, and focus, which can support performance at school and in life.

This year, players from state schools who are selected for County Age Group training squads can also be considered for MCC Foundation Hubs through the observation process. Selection for a County squad does not guarantee a place in a Hub, as selectors consider a range of factors and select across multiple year groups.

We will run a Boys' Under 15 and a Girls' Under 17 Hub in each location: Bedford, Luton and Peterborough. To be eligible, players must attend a state school. We particularly encourage boys in school years 9–10 and girls in school years 9–12 to apply.

Due to anticipated demand, players will be directed to the Hub closest to their home address and/or club.

Here are the booking links for the MCCF observations:

[Peterborough Girls](#)

[Peterborough Boys](#)

[Bedford Girls](#)

[Bedford Boys](#)

[Luton Girls](#)

[Luton Boys](#)

**MCC FOUNDATION GIRLS TRIALS**

**For U15's!**  
School Years 9, 10, 11 & 12

**PETERBOROUGH**  
Venue: Peterborough School  
Dates: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Time: 1:30pm-3:00pm

**BEDFORD**  
Venue: Bedford Modern School  
Dates: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm

**LUTON**  
Venue: Stockwood Park Academy  
Dates: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Time: 12:00pm-1:30pm

For more info contact  
Suraj Karavindra - MCCF Hub Manager  
suraj.karavindra@cricketeast.co.uk

Open to State School Pupils: Club & County Players Included

**MCC FOUNDATION BOYS TRIALS**

**For U15's!**  
School Years 9 & 10

**PETERBOROUGH**  
Venue: Peterborough School  
Dates: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm

**BEDFORD**  
Venue: Bedford Modern School  
Dates: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Time: 2:30pm-4:00pm

**LUTON**  
Venue: Stockwood Park Academy  
Dates: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Time: 1:30pm-3:00pm

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## Year 7 Boys: Unbeaten Streak Maintained in Dominant Display

The winning machine that is the Year 7 Boys Football team rolled on this week, securing another dominant performance to defeat Henlow Academy 5-0 and keep their unbeaten season alive.

Facing a challenging and difficult pitch, the boys showed immense maturity and professionalism, adapting quickly to the conditions to play some excellent, controlled football. The most impressive aspect of the evening was the team's consistently amazing attitude and relentless effort from the first whistle to the last.

Our goalscorers were on fire:

- Lenny T claimed a hat-trick of 3 goals—though we suspect the 'Dubious Goals Panel' may be reviewing one of those after consulting the replay footage!
- Cassien secured his goal with a wonderfully calm finish, slotting the ball home under pressure.
- Jake capped off a superb night with a goal and was deservedly named Man of the Match. Jake displayed a wonderful exhibition of skill and flair throughout the game, controlling the midfield and driving the team forward.

With just two league games remaining, the challenge now is to maintain this fantastic run of form and finish the season on a high!

## Year 10 Boys: Resilience and Brilliance Seal Thrilling Away Win

The Year 10 squad travelled away to Wootton for a highly anticipated fixture, greeted by a beautiful playing surface that promised a game of quality. Despite conceding an early goal following a slow start, the lads showed true character to turn the match around and secure a gutsy 3-2 victory.

Once we settled, the quality of our play shone through. Zak began to assert his dominance in midfield, winning the physical battles and dictating play with superb distribution. His ability to find space allowed him to feed excellent through-balls to our pacey wingers, Dan and Charlie.

The quality of our goals was exceptional:

- The equaliser came from Charlie J, whose effort—a mix of a cheeky lob and a perfect cross—caught the goalkeeper out beautifully to level the score.
- Dan then scored two fantastic goals to secure the win. The first was a brilliant free kick that found the top corner, and the second was a moment of pure class, finishing off an unbelievable 40-yard, defence-splitting pass from Zak.

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This was another excellent win for the group, showing that the team possesses not only the skill to play attractive football but also the resilience and fighting spirit to overcome adversity on the road. Well done to the entire squad.

## Year 6 Football - Pix Brook 2-3 Alameda

It was a gut wrenching defeat for the boys as we conceded from a corner in the final minute of the game against Alameda to lose 3-2 in a real gutsy performance.

the boys defended really well in the first half with Charlie L, George C and Aiden comfortably dealing with their attacks. Oliver gave us the lead after firing in from 30 yards after their keeper came out of his box to clear the ball. Unfortunately, Alameda scored almost immediately as a well worked free kick led to an equaliser. 1-1 at half time.

Noah had to make a number of saves early in the second half but Alameda took the lead at the 40 minute work with a great finish from the left hand side of the box. 2-1.

Walter made a positive impact off the bench and did well to set up a chance for Mylo but his powerful effort went over the bar. We did level moments later though as Leo M latched onto a through ball, ran powerfully from the half way line and finished well. 2-2.

with a minute to go, Alameda whipped in a dangerous corner which fell to one of their players a few yards out and he couldn't miss... 3-2.

Mr Prue's POTM - Leo M. Made a great impact when he came on by closing down the opposition and holding the ball up. Scored an equaliser through sheer perseverance and determination.

Mr Lindley's POTM - Charlie L. Cannot believe this lad is a Year 5 with how good his performances have been so far this year. A fantastic defender.

## Year 8 Netball - Match Report

The Year 8 Netball squad delivered a superb performance on Wednesday afternoon, clinching a comprehensive 20-7 victory against a determined Henlow Academy side. The win was a fantastic demonstration of the team's relentless effort, excellent court structure, and clinical shooting.



## Sports Reminders

Can we please remind all students that the before school and lunch time clubs are open for all students but it is only available to those who are participating in the activity - no spectators are allowed. Trainers must be worn in the sports hall otherwise students will not be allowed to enter.

Due to fixtures, the following clubs will be cancelled next week - Y9/10 Boys Rugby.

## 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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## Mental Health Information

## CBC Families Bulletin



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

## School Safeguarding Team

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

## Shore Space

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

This resource offers a space for teenagers to chat confidentially and get crucial advice.



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

## Parents' and carers' mental health support



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

## 2025

### October

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>

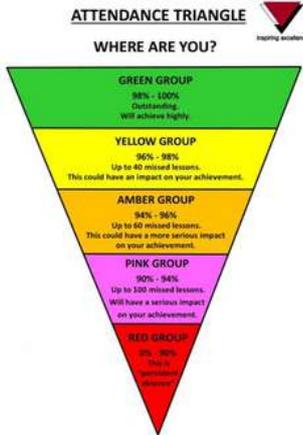
### November

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

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**Advice and guidance**  
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.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.

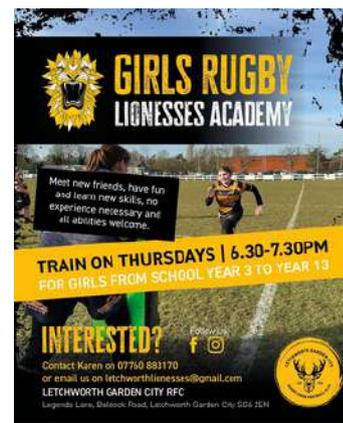
## Road Safety

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						
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					
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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.