



PBA WEEKLY BULLETIN

A message from Mrs Linehan

A very warm welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term! It has been wonderful to see all our pupils return to the Academy this week. They have arrived prepared and energised, eagerly sharing their half-term activities and stories with staff and peers. We are ready for a focused and productive few weeks, combined with some fantastic extra-curricular activities.

This week saw some brilliant health related activities for our KS2 pupils as they participated in a fitness circuit with Olympic cyclist Alice Sharpe. This is the first time we have run this initiative and sponsorship opportunity and KS2 will vote on how to spend the funds raised and the charity they wish to donate to. There is still a few days left to gather sponsors should you wish. It was a privilege earlier this week to meet a number of performers who participated in The Drama Monologue competition. Events such as these provide our students a fantastic platform to showcase their creativity, performance skills, and passion for the arts.

This half term is packed with significant personal development activities and trips over the next three weeks underscoring our commitment to educating socially responsible citizens. We have important whole-school activities scheduled, including our Movember and The Need Project fundraising and awareness drive; the whole school Remembrance Service; Anti-Bullying Week activities, and opportunities to explore democracy and British values during UK Parliament Week.

As the evenings are drawing in quickly, we ask for your partnership in keeping our students safe. Please ensure that any student cycling or scooting to school has working lights on their bike or scooter and wears reflective clothing to remain highly visible to traffic. In addition, we are working closely with Central Bedfordshire Council regarding existing road crossing arrangements in the area and improvements to both the roads and local cycle paths, as well as the existing 97 Bus service. If you have any concerns, or can provide specific information about the 97 Bus falling short of expectation, please send these to Councillor Jodie Chillery, Jodie.Chillery@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to a successful and engaging half term!

BEST Christmas Card Competition

BEST have launched their annual Christmas Card design competition! Please submit all designs to Mrs Coulthard, in the Library, by 1st December.



THE NEED PROJECT, BASED IN STOTFOLD, IS A CHARITABLE ORGANISATION DEDICATED TO ALLEVIATING POVERTY AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA. IT ACHIEVES THIS PRIMARILY BY PROVIDING FOOD PARCELS AND OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS.

THEY ARE RUNNING THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SELECTION BOX APPEAL THIS NOVEMBER AND ARE SEEKING THE SUPPORT OF LOCAL SCHOOLS.

PIX BROOK WILL BE COLLECTING CHOCOLATE SELECTION BOXES BETWEEN THE 10TH AND 28TH NOVEMBER.

WE ARE SEEKING YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE A SELECTION BOX OVER THE COMING WEEKS WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL.

STUDENTS SHOULD HAND THESE IN TO THEIR TUTOR.



NEED Project Christmas Appeal

We are pleased to be taking part in this year's NEED Project Christmas Appeal. If you'd like to support this amazing local charity, please bring your Selection Box donations to the school before 28th November.

Name Labels - It's a Sticky Subject

We all know it's important to keep your child's items safe, and the best way to do this is by naming them. Have you tried STIKINS? These are personalised sticky labels that are perfect for uniform, lunch boxes, bottles, even shoes!

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Perfect Name Labels Sent Out Same Day



NEW Computing Clubs

We are pleased to announce new Computing Clubs for KS2 and KS3 will be starting soon. Watch this space for more details!



It's the Mo' Month

Throughout November, Pix Brook Academy will be taking part in Movember — a global movement raising awareness and funds for men's health issues, including mental health, suicide prevention, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer.

A group of our fantastic staff members have taken the plunge with a fresh shave and are now growing their moustaches throughout the month to help spark conversations and raise funds. You can follow their progress on our social media channels and through our official fundraising page:

<https://movember.com/t/pix-brook-academy?mc=1>

Mr. Wood, who is organising this year's events, has arranged a series of fun and meaningful activities taking place each Friday in November.

Next week, during their citizenship lesson, students will take part in an interactive lesson exploring what Movember is all about — learning about the charity's cause areas and the importance of speaking up, supporting one another, and looking after yourself - and there's a fun activity planned for the end of the lesson.

If your son or daughter would like to take part in any of the upcoming Movember activities, they can simply bring in some spare change to donate. Every contribution, will go directly to this incredible cause.

Thank you for your support and for helping us make a difference this Movember!

MOVEMBER



Join Our Staff in Supporting Men's Health

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At PBA

MOVEMBER®

Join us this Movember! Grow a Mo, donate, or just start a conversation. Let's make a difference together.
Fundraising dates:

- Friday 7th November - Bake sale
- Friday 14th November - Vs Staff Penalties
- Friday 21st November - Darts
- Friday 28th November - Vs Staff Netball

50p a go
3 for £1

Movember is about more than just growing a moustache. It's about sparking conversations, raising awareness, and funding vital research for men's health issues.

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Support our staff and raise funds for men's health issues

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Principal's Awards

This week's Principal's Award winners are:

Joshua C, Oliver I, Jessica M, James L, Iris DT, Lucas HW, Mylo G, Brooke W, Sophia P, Charlie J, Sarah I, Charlie H, Islagh-Belle F, Georgia F, Henry T, Harvey B, Darcey P, Eleanor MM, Sophie C, Sophie L, Max C, Thomas L, Emily P, Isabella M, Nicole H

Well done, everyone!



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.	Austen	252,511,172
2.	Blackman	137,717,001
3.	Turing	71,385,477
4.	Morpurgo	58,320,804
5.	Shakespeare	54,272,940
6.	Pankhurst	38,947,364
7.	Churchill	31,470,803
8.	Nightingale	24,241,041
9.	Attenborough	19,280,400
10.	Tolkien	17,022,990

Top MathShed Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Morpurgo	23,991,022
2.	Austen	22,549,760
3.	Pankhurst	4,257,288
4.	Tolkien	3,890,197
5.	Blackman	3,657,543
6.	Churchill	2,004,421
7.	Nightingale	1,790,824
8.	Shakespeare	1,299,300
9.	Turing	1,109,519
10.	Angelou	644,615

Churchill Class See The Light

This week, Churchill class got creative and used the light from the windows to trace pictures of frogs for step 1 of their oil pastel frog drawings!



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 Know it All Ninja 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 11 GCSE Subject Masterclasses

To support our Year 11 pupils prepare for their mock exams after half term, subject masterclasses will be running on the dates shown below.

All pupils are invited to attend if they study that particular subject. For sessions running online, the invitational link will be published on google classroom and the presentation will be recorded.

Date	Subject	Staff	Time	Location
Tuesday 4 November	French	Ms Lewis Miss Pearce	15:10-16:10	157 039
Tuesday 4 November	English Literature	Mrs Richards	17:30-18:30	Google Meet
Thursday 6 November	Science	Mrs Adams	08:00-08:30	251
Friday 7 November	Maths	Mrs Powell Mr Stevenson Mrs Mannion Mr Mannion	08:00-08:20	233 239 238/236 237
Sunday 9 November	English Literature	Mrs Richards	17:30-18:30	Google Meet
Monday 10 November	PE	Mr Nicholl	07:50-08:20	145
Monday 10 November	Geography	Mrs Pearce	15:00-15:30	231
Tuesday 11 November	Science	Mrs Adams	08:00-08:30	251
Wednesday 12 November	Maths	Mrs Powell Mr Stevenson Mrs Mannion Mr Mannion	08:00-08:20	233 239 238/236 237
Wednesday 12 November	Maths	Mrs Powell Mr Stevenson Mrs Mannion Mr Mannion	08:00-08:20	233 239 238/236 237
Friday 14 November	Science	Dr Hills	08:00-08:30	223

Post-16 Options for Year 11

Our Year 11s have been very lucky to have sat in on a presentation by Mr Huckle Head of Sixth form and Mrs Hoad Assistant Head of Sixth Form at Samuel Whitbread Academy.

The sixth form team informed our students of their exciting courses and enrichment activities they could be part of should they choose Samuel Whitbread for 6th form.

Some further links that may be helpful are:

1. SWA Sixth Form Open Evening: <https://www.samuelwhitbread.org.uk/page/?title=Sixth+Form&pid=10>
2. Sixth Form applications and admissions: <https://www.samuelwhitbread.org.uk/page/?title=Applications+%26amp%3B+Admissions&pid=59>
3. KS5 Curriculum and courses: <https://www.samuelwhitbread.org.uk/page/?title=KS5+Curriculum+%26amp%3B+Courses&pid=231>
4. More about SWA Sixth Form: <https://www.samuelwhitbread.org.uk/page/?title=More+about+us&pid=217>

Key Open Evening Dates

- 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)

Year 10 - Geography Ambassador

Students from Year 10 are invited to apply for the role of Geography Ambassador. Please contact Mrs Ip for further information.

Geography Ambassadors wanted!

The Geography Department is looking for committed Year 10 students to become Geography Subject Ambassadors.

This is an exciting opportunity to take on a role of academic responsibility within the school. You will be able to share your **passion** for Geography, help **promote** the subject within school and contribute to the **progression** of teaching and learning within the department.

As a Geography Subject Ambassador, your **responsibilities** may include:

- Supporting during school events such as Options and Open Evenings
- Supporting learning through lunchtime clubs and revision sessions
- Mentoring small groups of younger students
- Meeting with department teachers to discuss any concerns/issues
- Feeding back ideas from other students
- Training on fieldwork equipment and data collections to take a leadership role on the geography fieldwork trip

What **personal qualities** are needed to be a Geography Ambassador?

- Outstanding attendance
- On track to achieving target grade
- Passionate about the subject
- Good role model
- Responsible
- Strong organisational skills
- Confidence to interact with a wide range of individuals
- Ability to work on own initiative
- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to manage a small group of fellow students
- Ability to work in a mature and professional manner

All training will be provided. The posts are for one year only. To apply, please complete the Google form that has been attached to your Google Classroom. The deadline is 3pm Monday 3rd November. For more information, please speak to your Geography teacher. We look forward to receiving your application. Thank you!

Food and Nutrition



This week has seen our Year 10 students continue their bread making. They successfully made their dough, proved and baked. Along with some standard dinner rolls, we saw some great examples of dough braiding and shaping for some more interesting looking rolls too! Star Bakers: Sarah I and Madeleine F.



Year 9 have continued their work with handling raw meat, cementing their knowledge regarding cross contamination. They made some very tasty looking chicken fajitas!



Another lovely aroma emanating down our corridors was Year 7's Flapjacks. Using the hob to melt their sugar and syrup and thoroughly mixing their wet ingredients with the dry allows them to perfect their mixing techniques to ensure everything is coated perfectly ready for the bake!

Well done everyone!

If you suspect your child has left a container for food lessons at school, we have an abundance of unnamed containers awaiting their rescue!

As I'm sure you'll understand these can become difficult to store with limited space! If they are still with us over the next couple of weeks we will begin to allow other pupils to use them to take food home in, or donate them to a local charity.

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

Fixtures After Half Term



Year 10 Football at Top of League

Our year 10 boys' football team have had a great season so far, unbeaten in 3 league games and recently came back from 3-0 down in the county cup to draw 3-3 and go on to win in penalties. They went to Samuel Whitbread in a must-win game and have come away the winners with a 4-3 score.

We are very proud of their achievements and in the way they have conducted themselves.

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

Y5/6 Badminton
Sportshall (AJK)

Tuesday

Wednesday

Y9/10 Badminton
Sportshall (RNL)

Thursday

Friday

Y9/10/11 Gymnastics /
Dance Dance Studio
(PSU)

Lunchtime 1:12.40-13.10

Monday

Tuesday

Y5/6 Table Tennis
Dance Studio (SLY)

KS2 Coding Club
140 (EBT)

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Lunchtime 2: 13.30-14.00

Monday

Y9 Basketball Training
RNL

KS3 Code Club
140 (EBT)

Tuesday

Y7 Basketball
Sports Hall (RNL)

Y10/11 Table Tennis
Dance Studio (JSK)

Wednesday

Y9 Futsal
Sportshall (JSK)

Y11 Course Work Drop In
Rm206 (RNL)

KS3 eSports
140 (EBT)
Starting
November 2025

Thursday

Y10/11 GCSE
Table Tennis
Dance Studio (MDN)

Y8 Basketball
Sportshall (RNL)

Friday

Y7/8 - Table Tennis
Dance Studio (MDN)

Y8 Futsal
Sports Hall (WRB)

Y10 & 11 GCSE Art Club
127 (MYG)

After School

Monday

Y5/6/7/9/10 Girls Netball
Training PSU/AJK

Y5/6 Boys Football
Training (SPE/SLY)

Y10 Boys Football
Training (MDN)

Y11 - GCSE PE
Intervention (RNL)

Y10 & 11 GCSE Art Club
126 KPN

Tuesday

Y10 Basketball
(RNL)

Y7/8 Boys & Girls Rugby
Training (MDN)

Y7/8/9/10 Girls Football
Training (AJK)

Y9/10 Football Fixtures

Y7 Boys Basketball Fixtures

KS3/4 Drama Club
(Pix Brook Players) Main
Hall (LJS)

Year 5 Homework Club
Year 5 classrooms

Wednesday

Y9 Boys Football
Training (RNL)

Y7/8/9/10 Girls Basketball
(AJK)

Y5/6 Boys & Girls Rugby
Training (OCL)

Y8/9/10 Strength &
Conditioning (MDN)

Y7 Netball Fixtures

Y8 Girls Basketball Fixtures

Young Voices (KS2 only)
Main Hall. (MWE/TWD)

Year 6 Homework Club
Year 6 classrooms

Year 7 Homework Club
Room 206

Thursday

Y6 Football Fixtures

Y8 Boys Basketball
Fixtures

Whole school choir
(TWD)

Staff Meetings

Friday

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



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

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, 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)

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

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.

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 0306 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 to chat confidentially and get crucial advice.



Mental Health Information

Workshops

- 01. RESILIENCE**
Teen Edge Workshop: This workshop is for Years 10-11. It focuses on building resilience and coping strategies for young people.
- 02. EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN CHILDREN**
Parent Stop: This workshop is for parents of children aged 10-11. It focuses on understanding and supporting their child's emotional development.
- 03. PARENT ANXIETY WORKSHOPS**
This workshop is for parents of children aged 10-11. It focuses on understanding and managing parental anxiety.
- 04. MENTAL HEALTH AND STIGMA WORKSHOPS**
This workshop is for young people aged 10-11. It focuses on understanding mental health and reducing stigma.

NOT MY CHILD

CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS
JOIN US FOR AN EVENT AIMED AT RAISING AWARENESS AND EQUIPPING YOU WITH THE KNOWLEDGE TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM EXPLOITATION, KNIFE CRIME, & COUNTY LINES

5:45PM - 9:15PM
WEDS 19 NOVEMBER 2025
CEDARS UPPER SCHOOL
LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Supporting vulnerable children

Check for vulnerability needs on admission. This resource offers a space for teenagers to chat confidentially and get crucial advice.

Conversation starters

- How do you feel about...?
- What are your thoughts on...?
- How do you think...?

Quick strategies to support children's media literacy

- Ask your child to explain...
- Encourage your child to...
- Discuss the impact of...
- Encourage your child to...
- Discuss the impact of...
- Encourage your child to...

Talking to Your Teenager

Getting teenagers to talk opens up what's really going on for them. This infographic provides tips on how to communicate effectively with teenagers.

RESILIENCE WORKSHOPS

Resilience Workshop: This workshop is for young people aged 10-11. It focuses on building resilience and coping strategies.

SELF-ESTEEM WORKSHOPS

Self-Esteem Workshop: This workshop is for young people aged 10-11. It focuses on building self-esteem and confidence.

Social media tips

Free-checking tools: This infographic provides tips on how to check social media for safety and security.

Platforms' responsibilities

This infographic discusses the responsibilities of social media platforms in protecting users.

Try the quiz!

Take a quiz to test your knowledge on social media safety.

Helping children spot fake news and misinformation

A practical guide for parents. This infographic provides tips on how to help children identify and avoid fake news.

Why this matters

Understanding why fake news is a problem and how it affects children.

How fake news impacts children

The potential consequences of fake news on children's mental health and well-being.

Age-specific tips

Age-specific tips to support children's media literacy. This infographic provides tailored advice for different age groups.

2025

November

Monday 3rdMonday 3rdTuesday 4thWednesday 5thWednesday 5th - Friday 14thWC Monday 10thWC Monday 10thWC Monday 17thWC Monday 17thMonday 24thWednesday 26th**Term begins for All Years**

Vaccinations: DTP/Men ACWY for Year 9

Great Athletes Event for KS2

Wicked - Year 10

Mock Examinations for Year 11

End of Term Assessments begin for Years 7 & 8

Victorian Museum Trip for Year 6

Faith Tours for Year 7

End of Term Assessments begin for Years 9 & 10

Cadbury's World Trip for Year 5

Scholastic Book Fair All Years

December

Wednesday 1stWednesday 10th & Thursday 11thThursday 11thThursday 11thTuesday 16thThursday 18th**Friday 19th**

Christmas Concert

Subject Progress Event for Year 6

Subject Progress Event for Year 8

School closes for y7-11 at 1.10pm. Y5 & 6 onsite to 3pm.

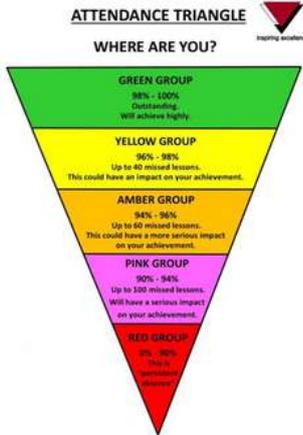
Panto Trip for Year 5

Winter Disco for Years 5 & 6

Careers Fair/ Subject Progress Event for Year 11

End of Term for All Years**School closes at 1.10pm. No PBA Extra**

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 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 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**

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.

Stotfold Town Council's post

Stotfold Town Council
9 Oct

Every Saturday, the library is running Warhammer workshops – a chance to get hands-on with this hugely popular tabletop hobby. It's all a... see more

Central Bedfordshire Council Libraries
9 Oct

Come along and enjoy the new Warhammer Club at Stotfold Library this Saturday... see more

Warhammer Club Stotfold Library
Saturday 11 October 1pm

Come along and enjoy our new Warhammer Club!



PLAY FOR £1 TRY U12S RUGBY
AT BIGGLESWADE RUGBY CLUB

HALLOWEEN SPONSOR'S MEMBERSHIP OFFER: STAYING OVER U12S TRYOUTS

The 2024/2025 season offers the opportunity to play for a Biggleswade Rugby Club.

The Club will be for players between 10th January into February / Sep 2024 to 31 August 2025.

There will be an initial Biggleswade 'Welcome' £1 'tryout' date 'The Day 2' evening.

£ EVERYONE PLAYS
£ EVERYONE TRIES
£ ENJOYMENT

Message 07522 888428 for details.

Biggleswade Rugby Club looking for new members!

Meet father christmas church farm Ardeley
Selected dates in December

Festive Farm Entry includes
Christmas Activity Pack + Festive Woodland
Walk the farm & see the farm animals

Meet Father Christmas
Father Christmas in his outside grotto (includes a quality toy)
Meet the Elves
Write a letter to Father Christmas
Write a wish for the Wish Tree
Bag up reindeer food & carrot to take home to Rudolph

Additional Activities
Santa Paws – bring your beloved pooches to meet Father Christmas (include treat & toy)
Harvest your Own Christmas Tree
Festive Tractor & Trailer Ride
Feed the farm animals

Book online www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk

This is an outdoor event so plenty of fresh air. Wrap up warm & wear wellies!

CHURCH FARM ARDELEY
A Free Range Experience

Come and enjoy Warhammer Club at Stotfold Library every Saturday afternoon from 1pm!

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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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: 1st September 2025, 2nd September 2025, 5th January 2026 and 13th April 2026. Training day 5 will be made up of several twilight sessions determined by individual schools.