



PBA WEEKLY BULLETIN

A message from Mrs Linehan

It has been a positive week for all pupils. I am writing with genuine pride to share some highlights from the Academy, starting with our moving Remembrance services. Our students' attitude throughout the commemorations was exceptional; staff across the school commented on how incredibly respectful and mature they were, allowing for truly poignant services. I extend a special thank you to our Key Stage 2 participants—Tommy, April, and Millie, and our KS3/4 students Hayden, Willow, James, Rosita, Claudia and Mae, alongside the choir led by Mr Weed for their key contributions.

Our Year 6 students have enjoyed a fantastic trip to The Victorian School. It was a pleasure to greet each class every morning and admire their wonderful costumes—those who dressed up looked absolutely fantastic and fully embraced the immersion. The strict drills and traditional Victorian lessons provided a memorable experience that the children thoroughly enjoyed, bringing history, and their curriculum to life.

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Finally, as we begin our preparations for our festive celebrations, please note that the Christmas dinner letter was sent out this week. To ensure our canteen team can cater effectively for this event, please ensure that you have ordered your child's dinner via this link:

<https://forms.gle/JkESU5TbjYbgRWZy8>

Please be aware that no other hot options will be available that day, so students who do not pre-order the roast dinner will need to be provided with a packed lunch from home.

Thank you for your continued support as we make the most of this busy, engaging 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.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

You can design your Christmas card however you want - point, colour or collage. Whatever you like as long as it has a Christmasy feel about it. Your design can be A4 or A5 in size, landscape or portrait.

ES Amazon voucher prizes will be awarded to the best design in each of the following categories:

- Nurseries - Reception
- Years 1-4
- Years 5-8
- Years 9-13
- ...and a grand **Voucher Prize** for an overall winner!

Please remember to write your **NAME, ACADEMY/HURBURY** and **YEAR GROUP** on the back of your design.

Submit your entry via your school/library by **9am Monday 1st December**

THE NEED PROJECT
CHRISTIANS FIGHTING FOOD POVERTY

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 20TH 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.

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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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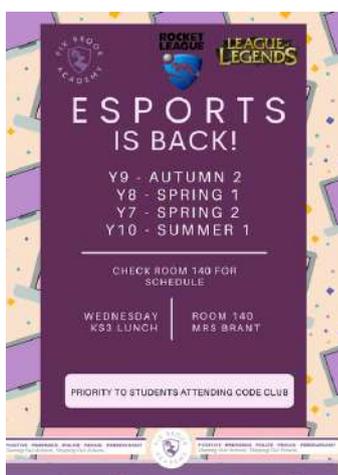
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NEW Computing Clubs

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



Book Fair - 26th November to 3rd December

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to PBA from the 26th November.

Payments for books can only be taken online - please see our school payment site:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1446382>

Every book bought gives back money to the school to purchase new books for the Library!



A huge thank you to everyone who submitted a design for the Book Fair poster! There were some absolutely beautiful designs!

The winners of the competition are: Islagh-Bell F, Charli B, Jessica M and Mia G. Congratulations!

PBA Award Winners

We are pleased to announce the winners of the new PBA League so far this term!

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Isaac B Mae C Emilia FR Claudia G Ava-Rose G Isabelle H	James L Millie M Darcey P Kairo S Zakary J
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PBA LEAGUE

Year 5 *Year 6*

Position	Player	Points	Position	Player	Points
1st	Alexander	1284	1st	Nashua	1187
2nd	Thomas	1147	2nd	Allyson	1179
3rd	Highland	1131	3rd	James	1141
4th	Parthiva	1078	4th	Shahar	1043
5th	Felix	1023	5th	Taluk	1018

PBA LEAGUE

Year 7 *Year 8*

Position	Player	Points	Position	Player	Points
1st	YAGZ	1243	1st	ACSO	1183
2nd	THZ	1227	2nd	BAUN	1172
3rd	SYBU	1209	3rd	LAKL	1163
4th	YKAO	1174	4th	ADP	1162
5th	YKRE	1089	5th	BKFN	1124
6th	YKAL	1088			

PBA LEAGUE

Year 9 *Year 10*

Position	Player	Points	Position	Player	Points
1st	SEPI	1207	1st	LSMR	1084
2nd	SYNL	1200	2nd	LSLJ	1097
3rd	SECN	1171	3rd	LSBM	1047
4th	SYNS	1120	4th	LSYK	1033
5th	YKAO	1070			
6th	YKMA	1023			

FIELD FRIDAY WINNERS

Year 8

TOP PRAISE POINT WINNERS KS4

1st: Aarushi K
2nd: Isabelle H
3rd: Claudia G

TOP PRAISE POINT WINNERS KS3

1st: Lyra B
2nd: Keira R
3rd: Sebastian C

TOP PRAISE POINT WINNERS KS2

1st: Darcey P
2nd: Emilia FR
3rd: Zakary J

Anti-Bullying Awareness Week

Just a quick reminder that we're asking students and teachers to wear odd socks on Monday in support of Anti-Bullying Awareness Week!

Odd Socks Day

We'll be wearing our odd socks this Odd Socks Day, will you?

Monday 17th November

#AntiBullyingWeek
#OddSocksDay

Monday 17th November - Wear odd socks to show support for Anti Bullying Week

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It's the Mo' Month 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.

This week, during their citizenship lesson, students took 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 they all got to make themselves a moustache at the end of the lesson - here's Mrs Poxson's form with their 'taches!

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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Y8 PGL

A space has come up for PGL in May. If you would like to take this space up please email Miss Kinnear to discuss further.

Hkinnear@bestacademies.org.uk

At the 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month...

This week saw us holding Remembrance Services for the KS2 and KS3 & 4 year groups.



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	178,726,766
2.	Blackman	126,715,090
3.	Attenborough	111,402,344
4.	Tolkien	74,974,061
5.	Turing	65,324,411
6.	Pankhurst	60,127,220
7.	Morpurgo	58,299,251
8.	Zephaniah	56,043,662
9.	Shakespeare	49,023,580
10.	Angelou	42,897,418

Top MathShed Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Morpurgo	23,482,887
2.	Austen	10,924,393
3.	Blackman	3,569,285
4.	Shakespeare	2,616,166
5.	Tolkien	2,069,754
6.	Nightingale	2,044,004
7.	Pankhurst	1,886,681
8.	Attenborough	1,815,125
9.	Turing	1,402,637
10.	Churchill	767,301

Year 6 Travel Back in Time

Our Year 6 classes have all been to visit the British Schools Museum in Hitchin this week.



This fantastic local museum provides hands-on experience of life as a Victorian school child, complete with Victorian PE lessons (preparation for a life taking orders), handwriting with a quill pen (surprisingly tricky), and a tour of the Headmaster's House (anyone up for a bath in the yard? Thought not).

Thank you so much to the [British Schools Museum](#) for hosting us.



Identity Challenge

This intriguing item features in the tour of the Headmaster's House. Do you know what it is?
Answer below



Some of our classes also learned about the Victorian fashion of making silhouettes. Check out these from Austen class!



Answer: a cherry stoner, for removing stones from cherries

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	A01 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 Interventions

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

We greatly value your support and encourage you to speak with your child about the importance of attending their intervention sessions and positively engaging with the reward card initiatives.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Prep (8.00-8.40)	English (SRS) 216 Geography (IPE) 231 Science (FCK) 251	English (SRS) 216 Maths (SPL) 233	English (SRS) 216 Geography (IPE) 231	Science (EAS) 250 Science (JHL) 201 Science (SHS) 224	Year 11 Assembly
Lunch (1.30-2.00)	Business Studies (NMN) 141 Maths (CSN) 239	French (VLS) 157 French (IPS) 039	History (CBN) 106	BTEC DIT (EBT) 140 Maths FSMQ (SPL) 233 Maths (DMN) 238	
Period 7 (3.05-4.00)	Art, Craft and Design (KPN) 126 PE (RNL) 204	Geography (EIP) 230	Compulsory triple science lesson (SHS) DT (WFY) 052 Food (HKR) 204	Staff Training	Drama (LJS) Drama Studio

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)

Food and Nutrition



This week has been a full week of Focaccia Art, Chicken Stir Fry and Food Science.

Year 10 have had an amazing week making their Focaccia with some excellent looking results! Monday special mentions go to Noah F and Milly M. Monday Star Bakers – Emily G and Darci S. Thursday special mentions go to Isabella P, Eleanor MM, Evelyn P, Jessica C and Toby P Thursday Star Bakers - Isabelle M and Phoebe VL.



Year 8 practiced their chopping skills and also handled raw meat for their stir fry practical. Learning and practicing good hygiene to prevent cross contamination is the main goal of the lesson and they managed this really well. Please do encourage your child to practice vegetable chopping at dinner time, as these skills will be used in a lot of future lessons and will aid their efficiency greatly. Practice makes perfect!

Year 11 have performed their food science experiments on enzymic browning this week too. All counting towards their final mark at the end of the GCSE!

Well done everyone!



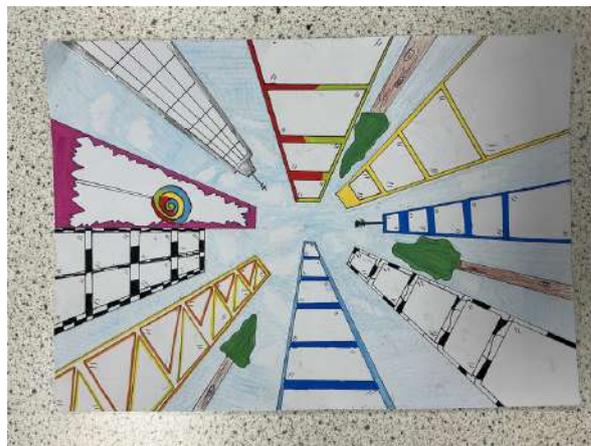
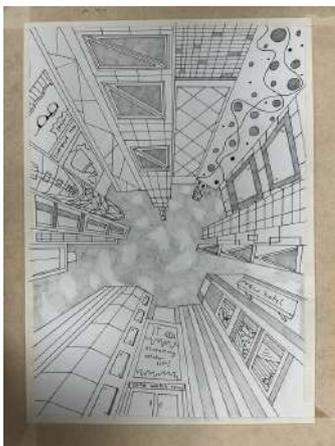
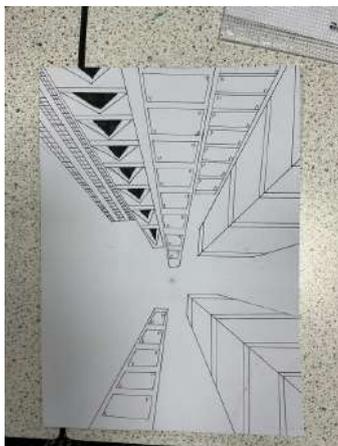
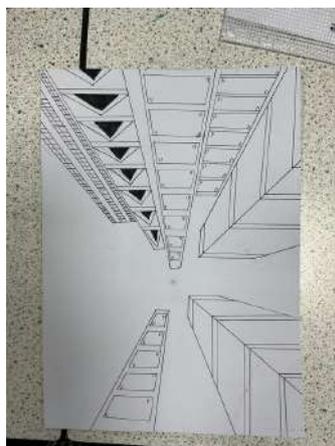
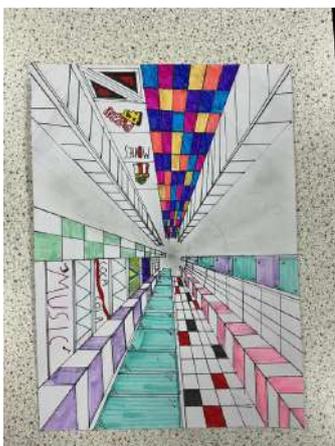
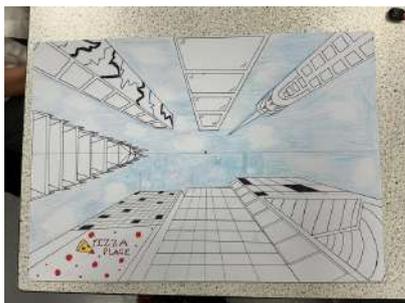
If you suspect your child has left a container for food lessons at school, we have an abundance of unnamed containers awaiting their rescue!

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.

Our Year 7s have recently been working on a textiles project called 'Ugly Monsters' - here are a few of the results!



And our Y9s have been learning about one point perspective drawings in their DT lessons.



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

Fixtures After Half Term



PE Department Update

With the Year 11 mock exams taking place in the Sports Hall and Dance Studio, our PE team has been busy adapting lessons and making the most of alternative indoor spaces. We're really proud of how brilliantly our students have responded to these changes — their flexibility and positive attitude have been outstanding!

A quick reminder that when lessons are timetabled to be outside, we will head outdoors unless the weather is unsafe or extremely poor. With this in mind, please ensure students are fully prepared with the correct PE kit, even if they are injured but able to change — this helps avoid students getting wet in their uniform before returning to class.

As the weather continues to change, students should have a Pix Brook PE jumper and bring both football boots and trainers so we can adapt to indoor or outdoor sessions as needed. Shin pads are essential for anyone taking part in football or hockey.

You can find the full PE kit list here: [Pix Brook Academy PE Kit List \(page 5\)](#).

KS2 Great Athlete Visit

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The sponsored circuit has been an incredible success — so much so that Great Athlete themselves have been amazed by the total raised. The sponsorship window closes on 14th November, and we'll share the final amount (and how KS2 students would like to use the funds) in next week's update.

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Fixtures And Matches

It's been a brilliant week for our Year 9 and 10 boys' football teams, both of whom secured victories against Samuel Whitbread Academy in the district league!

- Year 9: A dominant first half saw the team score some fantastic goals, including a hat-trick from Milan, two headers from Aaron, a brace from Carson, and an own goal, sealing an emphatic 8–4 win.
- Year 10: The comeback kings did it again! After going 2–0 down, the boys fought back superbly to win 3–2, securing a place in the district semi-final. An excellent goal from Coen and a brace from Charlie J sealed the victory. With one league match left against Henlow, we'll soon find out their next opponents.

District basketball leagues for Years 7, 8, 9, and U16 are also now underway and will run through to 17th December.

Please note that the PBA Sport extra-curricular timetable has been updated to reflect these competitions — the new version can be found in this week's bulletin, or you can view it here:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1d2o1EyjOYvINHNnNBD3MNOvPzreDLIB3/edit>

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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

Basketball & Rugby Clubs
cancelled due to fixtures

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)

Basketball Club cancelled
due to fixtures

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.



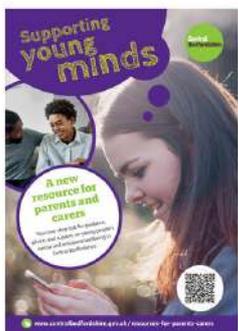
Shore Space

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

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



Mental Health Information



Please be aware...

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.

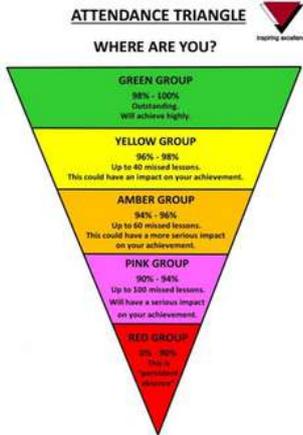
Panto Trip for Year 5

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.



Biggleswade Rugby Club looking for new members!



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

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	
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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		
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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.