



PBA WEEKLY BULLETIN

A message from Mrs Linehan

What an incredibly positive and vibrant week it has been here at Pix Brook Academy! We began the week with huge success thanks to your wonderful support of our Odd Socks Day for the launch of Anti-Bullying Week. It was truly lovely to see the corridors filled with so many colourful and unique socks, with our young people fully embracing this initiative. Our students have engaged brilliantly with a number of activities throughout the week, including a powerful assembly delivered by our guest speaker, Chris Baker.

Beyond our focus on positive citizenship, other key events have enriched the curriculum. Our Year 7 students were fantastic ambassadors for the Academy during their Faith Tour, where they demonstrated respect and asked pertinent, thoughtful questions showing curiosity and engagement. Our Year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition students benefited greatly from a visit by the Royal Navy, who delivered an careers talk specifically linked to catering and hospitality roles within the forces

We ended the week with a spirited staff vs. student penalty shoot-out, which successfully raised an impressive £90 for the Movember fund—a huge thanks to all who participated! Special recognition goes to Mr. Mannion, who made some truly great saves and will likely be feeling the effort tomorrow!

For KS2, the week concluded this afternoon with a dose of festive cheer as Santa himself officially launched our KS2 challenge, encouraging healthy and active travel to school in order to collect "virtual miles" on our mission to reach Lapland. We are counting any "park and stride" journeys, so if you feel comfortable dropping pupils at the football club, please do so. The afternoon excitement perfectly sets the stage for the festive weeks ahead! This initiative coincides nicely with our The Need Project chocolate selection box appeal, staff and students ordering their Christmas lunch, and the welcome arrival of our beautiful Christmas tree next week.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that we are hosting **PBA's first ever Careers Fair on Thursday, December 18th, from 3:00 PM**. We are actively seeking local businesses and companies to run a stand and engage with our students, but we are also happy to look further afield. If you or your company can support this event, please contact Mrs. McGuigan directly - nmcguigan@bestacademies.org.uk

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

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 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.

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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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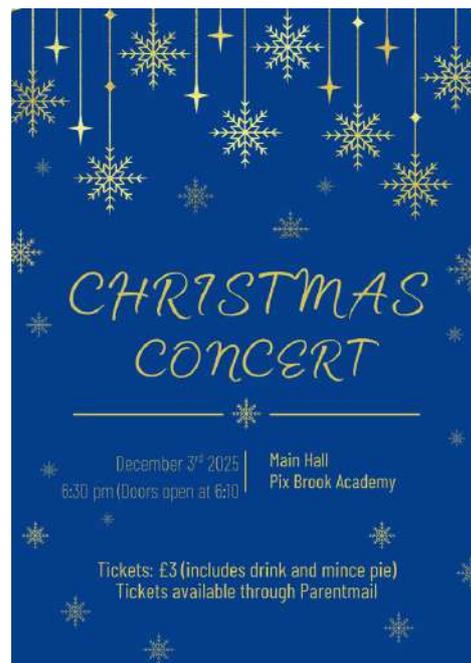
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Perfect Name Labels Sent Out Same Day

Christmas is Coming...

We are delighted to announce details of our Christmas Concert this year, to be held on **Wednesday December 3rd in the Main Hall.**

Tickets will be available via ParentMail shortly.



At PBA

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.

MOVEMBER®

We are hosting another bake sale next week on:

**Friday 28th November
At Break and Lunch!!**



Donations of 50p - £1

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Movember Bake Sale

The Movember team will be hosting another Bake Sale on 28th November at break and lunchtime - buy a tasty treat and support Movember!

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!



Roadwork Notices



Please be aware that there are a number of light-controlled roadworks planned in the area over the next few weeks. Details are below:

High Street, Arlesey
 Traffic control (multi-way signals)
 Anglian Water works permit period covers
 Nov 18, 10:18 AM - Nov 20, 11:59 PM GMT

Stotfold Road, Arlesey
 Traffic control (multi-way signals)
 Rising main works on behalf of Miller Homes
 Sep 3, 10:30 AM - Nov 23, 11:59 PM

Arlesey Road, Stotfold
 Traffic control (two-way signals)
 New entrance to building site on behalf of Cala Homes
 Nov 17 - Nov 28

Hitchin Road, Stotfold
 Traffic control (multi-way signals)
 U PN Emergency maintenance
 Nov 17, 11:57 AM - Nov 21, 11:57 AM

Hitchin Road, Farifield
 Traffic control (multi-way signals)
 Openreach emergency works
 Nov 17, 9:30 AM - Nov 21, 11:59 PM

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!

26th November
 - 3rd December
 In the Hall

Follow the QR code or visit the website for payments

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

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>

MOVEMBER



Join Our Staff in Supporting Men's Health

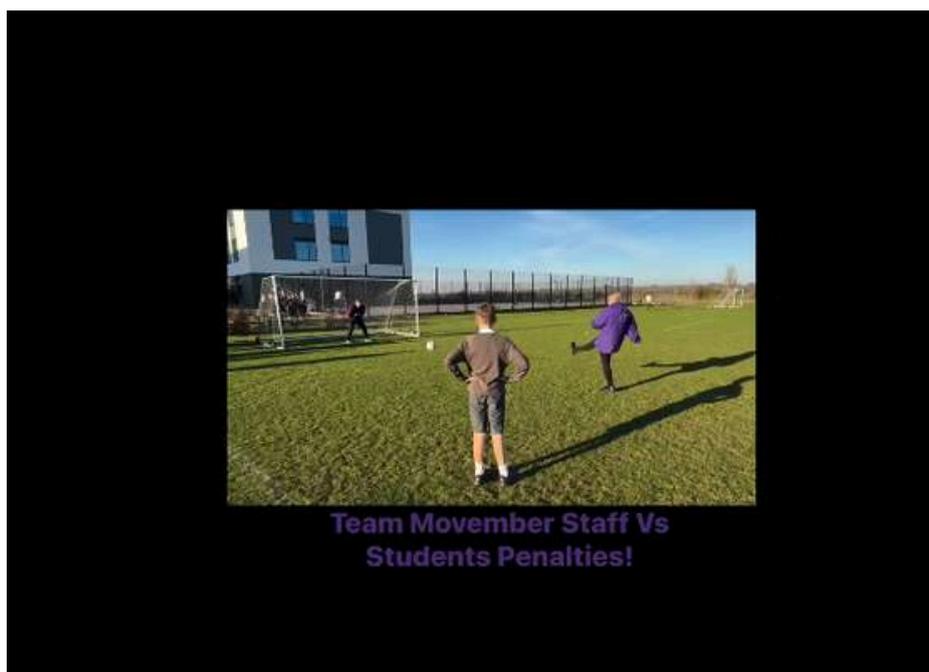
This Week's News

Team Movember hosted our lunchtime **Staff Vs Student penalties** and it was a huge success raising £90. The students were amazing and Mr Mannion represented PBA with pride. Thank you!

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!

Click here to watch the PBA Penalties Shootout: <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/17WbayDDEp/>



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	116,977,192
2.	Shakespeare	83,220,381
3.	Morpurgo	77,367,983
4.	Pankhurst	64,873,624
5.	Blackman	59,170,646
6.	Attenborough	51,152,277
7.	Churchill	48,055,966
8.	Angelou	42,130,122
9.	Zephaniah	36,919,608
10.	Turing	33,032,975

Top MathShed Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Austen	2,692,556
2.	Attenborough	939,677
3.	Shakespeare	900,100
4.	Nightingale	690,030
5.	Pankhurst	682,987
6.	Morpurgo	408,947
7.	Churchill	286,004
8.	Blackman	108,682
9.	Tolkien	32,360
10.	Turing	0



Dodeca-heavens!

Over the past few maths lessons, students have been working diligently on a complex and creative project: constructing Dodecahedrons (12-sided shapes) and filling them with their knowledge of fractions.

Here is Austen class celebrating their completed shapes!

Festive Workshop

Mrs Poxson would like to invite pupils from Years 5 & 6 to take part in a Festive Bunting Workshop on Thursday lunchtimes - pop along to Room 127 to see what's going on!

Festive bunting workshop
 Year 5 and 6 Textiles Club
 Thursday lunchtimes 12:40 in room 127
 starting Thursday 24th November.

design - print - sew - make!

Year 5 Hop To It In Art

Nightingale class have recently completed some lovely oil pastel wax-resist frogs.

They've had a great time in class, adding watercolour to their pictures and seeing how the wax and water resist each other.



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 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)

Year 7 Art

Mrs Poxson would like to invite students from Year 7 to come and make their own Christmas cards. Pop along to Room 126 on Friday lunchtimes to find out more!



**YEAR 7 ART CLUB
FESTIVE
GREETING CARDS**

**STARTS
ON FRIDAY
25/11 IN
ROOM 126
AT 1:30PM**

**COME AND DESIGN A FESTIVE
BLOCK PRINT AND CREATE
YOUR OWN SET OF CARDS!**

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

Fixtures After Half Term

Please see the Clubs and Societies page for a list of Clubs that are cancelled this week, owing to fixtures.



Sports Report

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 \(page 5\)](#).

Photos from the Great Athlete Visit

All the students enjoyed their visit from Olympic Athlete Alice Sharpe. More photos to follow in in future weeks!



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

Narrow Loss in League Opener, but Future is Bright!

This week, the Year 7 Basketball team travelled to Etonbury for their very first league fixture, playing a fast-paced and tightly contested match that ended in an 8-6 loss.

While the result was not the victory we hoped for, we could not be prouder of the team's conduct and performance. The commitment and sportsmanship shown by every player were exemplary throughout the game.



The key takeaway from the match was the team's exceptional passing and teamwork. The opposition coach even commented on how well we moved the ball to create scoring opportunities, a true testament to the focus we have placed on ball movement in training. We scored three brilliant baskets: two scored by the dynamic Christopher, and one by Joshua. Both players had an excellent all-round game, contributing equally on offense and defence.

This game has shown us the immense potential within this squad. However, it also highlighted a few crucial areas for development:

- **Attacking the Basket:** We need to improve our decision-making on when and how to execute a lay-up when under pressure from an opponent.
- **Off-Ball Movement:** We will continue to work on creating more space for teammates to receive the ball and score.

We are incredibly excited about the talent on display and are already looking forward to our next fixture next week. Thank you to all the players for their hard work and positive attitude!

Y10 NBetballers Score Against Wixams



Pix Brook Academy's Year 10 Netball squad secured an exciting 23-12 victory against a strong side Wixams Academy, but the final scoreline doesn't tell the story of a fiercely contested match that required a stunning second-half turnaround.

The game started as a tight, nail-biting affair, with both teams trading goals throughout the first half. Wixams showed strong early pressure, forcing Pix Brook to fight for every pass. The scoreboard reflected this competitive start: Wixams edged the first quarter 6-5 and maintained a slim lead through the second, going into the break 9-8 up. Wixams' defensive pressure made every shot a challenge, but Pix Brook's shooters showed resilience to keep the score close.

The momentum, however, shifted dramatically after the hal-way mark Pix Brook returned to the court with renewed focus, energy, and precision. The mid-court link-up was sharper, and the defence tightened its hold on Wixams' attacking circle, starving them of possession. This strategic dominance led to an overwhelming third quarter where Pix Brook began to pull away.

The final two quarters were a masterclass in consistent netball, showcasing Pix Brook's fitness and tactical discipline. The team extended their lead with a fantastic run of goals, ultimately securing a well-deserved victory with the final score standing at 23-12 to Pix Brook Academy.

Player Awards: The Player's Player award was split between two outstanding performers whose efforts underpinned both the comeback and the win:

Attack Player's Player: Maisie

Defence Player's Player: Lauren

Congratulations to the entire Year 10 squad for demonstrating phenomenal grit and teamwork to turn the match around! I look forward to seeing you progress in the rest of the season!

Y8 Basketball Team Show Excellent Promise

The Year 8 Basketball team kicked off their league season with a spirited performance in their first fixture. It was a solid collective effort against a competitive side, and despite the early nerves, the boys showed great character throughout the match. The team grew into the game significantly as the quarters progressed.



After a steady start, confidence began to build, and we started to identify and exploit gaps in the opposition's defence.

One of the standout offensive improvements was our ability to drive to the basket. Harry L was instrumental in this regard, executing some excellent lay-ups that kept the scoreboard ticking over. Equally important was the work done off the ball; Dylan C showed great awareness, consistently moving opponents out of position to create vital space for his teammates to operate.

While the effort was commendable, there are clear areas to focus on in training. Moving forward, we need to look for the pass earlier rather than dribbling into crowded areas, which resulted in a few turnovers. Additionally, we need to work on "reading the shot" defensively—anticipating where the ball will land to secure more rebounds and control possession.

Overall, it was a promising start with plenty of positives to build on. We look forward to our next fixture next week.

Clubs and Societies

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

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

Before School 7.45-8.15

Monday

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

Netball cancelled due to
fixture

Y5/6 Boys Football
Training (SPE/SLY)

Football cancelled due to
fixture

Y11 - GCSE PE
Intervention (RNL)

Y10 & 11 GCSE Art Club
126 KPN

Tuesday

Basketball cancelled due
to fixture

Rugby cancelled due to
fixture

Football cancelled due to
fixture

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

Football cancelled due to
fixture

Basketball cancelled due
to fixture

Y5/6 Boys & Girls Rugby
Training (OCL)

S&C cancelled due to
fixture

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

6 Football Fixtures

8 Boys Basketball
Fixtures

Whole school choir
(TWD)

taff 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



School Safeguarding Team

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



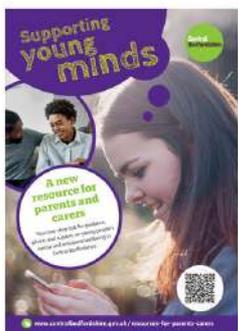
SENDIASS Survey

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1983718765746157&ref=sharing>

SENDIASS are asking for feedback on their service. Please visit the link to leave your comments.



Mental Health Information



Please be aware...

OFF ROAD OFF LIMITS E-SCOOTERS & E-BIKES

Bedfordshire Police is taking firm action against the illegal use of e-scooters and other e-vehicles in public places.

THINK BEFORE YOU BUY

These vehicles are not road legal unless part of an approved rental scheme - **there is currently no such scheme active in Bedfordshire.**

Privately owned e-scooters and e-bikes cannot be insured, making their use in public spaces illegal.

If you are caught riding an e-scooter, e-bike or any other offroad vehicle in a public road or any other public space, **your vehicle may be seized and destroyed.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO REPORT NUISANCE VEHICLES, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.BEDS.POLICE.UK

2025

November

Monday 24th Cadbury's World Trip for Year 5
 Wednesday 26th Scholastic Book Fair All Years

December

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

January

Monday 5th Inset Day for All Years
 Tuesday 6th Back to School for All Years

ACHIEVEMENTS

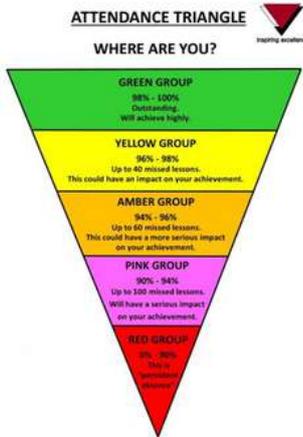
Street Dance Creds for Paige

Congratulations to Paige W, year 7, who recently competed in the Freestyle Street Dance Competition at the Super Weekender at NEC Birmingham

Paige competed against 70 dancers in her age category, placing 5th in u12 Solos. Great job, Paige!



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

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:

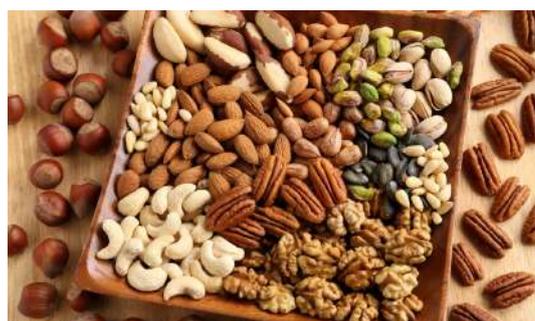
<https://www.pixbrookacademy.co.uk/page/?title=Our+Food+Provision&pid=40>

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
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!



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

PLAY FOR £1 TRY U12S RUGBY
AT BIGGLESWADE RUGBY CLUB

HALF TERM HOLIDAY'S MEMBERSHIP OFFER TO BRING YOU U12S RUGBY

The 2024/2025 season offers the opportunity to experience the joy of playing U12s Rugby

The Club is looking for new members to join the U12s team for the 2024/25 season

Benefits include: Equipment, Training, Coaching, and more!

EVERYONE WELCOMED
EVEN BEGINNERS
E ENJOYMENT

Manager: 07700 888488 for details

Biggleswade Rugby Club looking for new members!

LETCHWORTH RUGBY CLUB - U13'S
BOYS - SCHOOL YEARS

FRIENDLY, FUN, FRESH AIR, FANTASTIC RUGBY...

Join our welcoming squad where we build confidence, make friends, and where being outdoors is fun - with loads of coaches who make every session fun and enjoyable.

Friday: 5-7pm (Primary)
Sunday: 11am - 1pm (School)

Contact Nick: 07941 044937

PLAYERS WANTED!

XMAS HOLIDAY CLUBS
"Children during the holidays they want to go to!"
Fresh air. Fresh activities. Fresh attitude.

STUJLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL

MON 22 DEC & TUE 30 DEC
CHRISTMAS CAMPFIRE COOKOUT & FIRELIGHTING SKILLS
Get up and out for the night for an unforgettable night with the children, participating in a variety of activities and get ready for a morning of snow on the grounds, with hot chocolate and hot drinks to keep you warm!

TUE 23 DEC & WED 31 DEC
CHRISTMAS NERF GAMES
It's the season of giving, what are you giving? There's a creative master class of us. Start by making the most of the day and we'll have the kids with the greatest participation, learning and creating and get ready for a morning of snow on the grounds, with hot chocolate and hot drinks to keep you warm!

MON 29 DEC & MON 5 JAN (INSET DAY)
BUSICRAFT VS MINECRAFT
Step into the computer world... we've turned Minecraft into a multi-Mark in a team & another world to play in. It's time to get ready for a morning of snow on the grounds, with hot chocolate and hot drinks to keep you warm and enjoy the day!

Book for 1 day or multiple days. Find out more at www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk

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
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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
Tue		5	12	19	26	Tue	2	9	16	23	30	Tue	7	14	21	28	Tue	4	11	18	25	
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Term 1 – 75 days. Term 2 – 55 days. Term 3 – 65 days. = 195.

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

Training days set 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.