



## PBA WEEKLY BULLETIN

### A message from Mrs Linehan

I hope this message finds you well after another incredibly busy week at the Academy!

Our week started on a sweet note with our Year 5 pupils enjoying their highly anticipated trip to Cadbury's World on Monday. A huge thank you to Miss Montgomery and the accompanying staff for organising this brilliant experience. We were so proud to receive reports that our Year 5s were exemplary throughout the entire visit, demonstrating excellent conduct and enthusiasm for their learning.

This week, our educational focus shifted to citizenship and civic responsibility as we discussed democracy in assemblies as part of our Youth Parliament Week exploration. We are thrilled to confirm that all students have had the unique opportunity to vote for real, tangible changes to their daily experience here at Pix Brook Academy. Our Key Stage 2 pupils have been voting on new equipment and upgrades for their playground, while our Key Stage 3 and 4 students have been selecting changes for the canteen menu—a democratic process that has proven very popular! It is wonderful to see so many students confidently taking two minutes out of their busy lunch break to exercise their right to vote.

The festive spirit has officially arrived! Today, our Key Stage 2 students and I had the pleasure of decorating our beautiful Christmas tree, which was **generously donated by Arcade Nursery**. A huge thank you to them for this wonderful gift. This exercise marks the official start of our Academy festivities. Next week our talented young performers will be taking to the stage for the **Christmas Concert** and I look forward to seeing many of you there. Our **Christmas lunch** has proven popular with nearly 800 meals being ordered – the senior team will be serving lunch that day, and we will certainly be kept busy!

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

## Christmas is Coming...

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

Tickets will be available via ParentMail shortly.



## Name Labels - It's a Sticky Subject

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## 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 - Open Late on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to PBA from the 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Books can be found online:

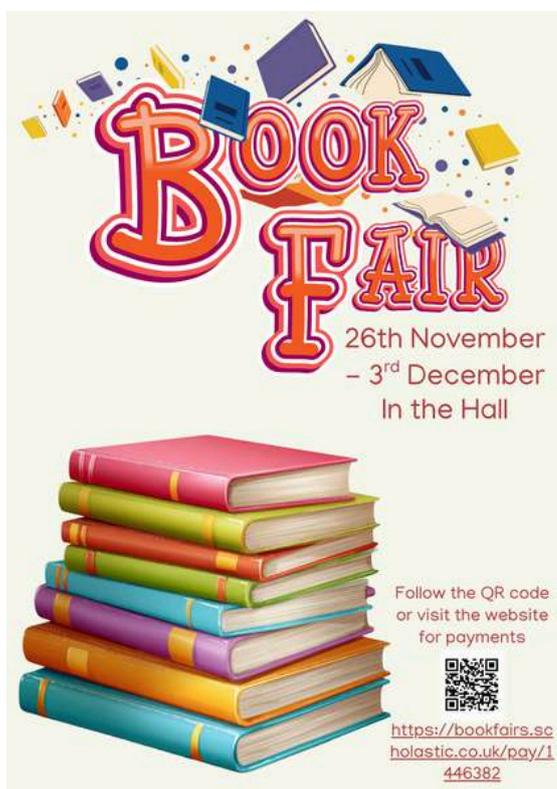
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases/ro>

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

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

**And this year we are offering parents the chance to visit the Fair in person. The Fair will be open on Monday afternoon from 2.30 to 3.30 for parents to browse the shelves and pay for books.**

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



**BOOK FAIR**  
26th November  
– 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - a Message from Mr Wood

I just want to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported our Movember campaign this year!

It has been an absolutely amazing experience and was clearly enjoyed so much by the children.

We wrapped up our activities with another successful bake sale and penalty shoot-out, raising an incredible £250!

**This brings our school event total to a phenomenal £568!**

This total is absolutely fantastic, and I honestly can't thank you all enough for your incredible support in helping us make a difference this Movember!

## EdShed Results

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

Here are the ten highest-scoring classes!

### Top Spelling Shed Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Morpurgo	279,804,737
2.	Austen	113,916,899
3.	Blackman	98,654,003
4.	Pankhurst	82,758,303
5.	Shakespeare	61,133,595
6.	Attenborough	49,643,983
7.	Churchill	39,511,364
8.	Turing	36,972,777
9.	Tolkien	36,876,008
10.	Zephaniah	28,295,012

### Top MathShed Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Austen	39,133,382
2.	Blackman	4,762,528
3.	Angelou	2,803,564
4.	Tolkien	2,659,552
5.	Morpurgo	2,089,483
6.	Pankhurst	900,460
7.	Zephaniah	537,662
8.	Churchill	173,709
9.	Attenborough	11,970
10.	Turing	0

## Mindfulness Club

Miss Binks has started a KS2 Mindfulness Club - here are some of the members enjoying their first session this week!



## Oh, Maya Goodness!

As part of their topic on the Mayas, our Year 5s have been making their own Mayan temples in class. Here are some of Shakespeare Class's temples. They're pretty amazing!



## Festive Bunting Workshops

Mrs Young has been running Festive Bunting workshops at lunchtime - here are some of the results! The Workshops are on Thursday lunchtimes - do pop along to room 127 and join the fun!





## School Trip Hits the Sweet Spot for Year 5

Our Year 5 cohort paid a visit to Cadbury's World this week - the interactive attraction that offers lessons in history, geography, chemistry, sociology and media communications all cleverly wrapped up inside the iconic purple packaging.

The trip starts with a visit to the Museum of Chocolate, and includes a lesson on the history of the cacao bean and the Mayas, a walk through the streets of Victorian Birmingham, learning about the Cadbury company, a 3d adventure ride and lots more.



Everyone had a fantastic time, and - of course - the experience would not be complete without a visit to the Cadbury's Factory Shop. So much chocolate. So little time!

A huge thanks to all the staff who accompanied the pupils - the trip would not have been possible without you!



## Homework - Years 7 & 8

### Year 7 Homework Timetable

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

### Year 8 Homework Timetable

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

## Homework - Years 9 & 10

### Year 9 Homework Timetable

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

### Year 10 Homework Timetable

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

## Homework - Year 11

### Year 11 Homework

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



## Year 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
<b>Prep (8.00-8.40)</b>	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
<b>Lunch (1.30-2.00)</b>	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	
<b>Period 7 (3.05-4.00)</b>	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

## 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!

The poster is a 3x3 grid of colorful squares. The top row contains: a red pencil and pink paper, the Pix Brook Academy logo, and a green mug with whipped cream and a cherry. The middle row contains: the text 'YEAR 7 ART CLUB FESTIVE GREETING CARDS', and a holly leaf with red berries. The bottom row contains: a green Christmas tree, a brown reindeer with a red harness, and the text 'STARTS ON FRIDAY 25/11 IN ROOM 126 AT 1:30PM'. Below the grid, the text reads '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 \(page 5\)](#).

## Y8 Basketball v Arnold

An excellent game that showcased just how much the team has improved in a short time. As this was only our second fixture, the understanding of tactics was significantly better: the team moved the ball well to exploit space and drove to the basket with confident layups.

Harry and Dylan were prolific, scoring a number of baskets between them to keep us in contention. The match was decided in the final 10 seconds of play. Following a shot from Arnold, the ball became wedged between the hoop and the backboard, resulting in a sideline restart. Arnold's number 15 managed to gather the ball inside the key and finish with a set shot to win it. Despite the heartbreak of losing by a single basket, it was a fantastic effort from the whole squad.

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

## Y9 Football v Etonbury

What a game! This was a true thriller that ended in a hard-fought draw. We started the match with high energy, launching excellent attacks right from the whistle. Milan and Carson were incredibly lively up front, causing constant issues for the Etonbury defence, though their attacker proved just as dangerous at the other end. Milan earned Man of the Match honours with a stunning hat-trick, including two "screamers"—one of which was struck so well that even a Premier League goalkeeper wouldn't have reached it! This draw takes the league campaign down to the final game against Henlow. We now need a win to secure a top-two finish and progress to the next stage.

## Y9 Basketball v Henlow Academy

Another game that went right down to the wire! Considering this was the very first game for this team, the standard of play was impressive. The boys focused on passing the ball effectively to create space, leading to plenty of opportunities for layups.

It was a tight contest throughout, but Pix Brook held their nerve to secure a 16-14 victory. A special mention goes to Freddie D and Ralf, who scored the crucial baskets to get us the win. A great start to the season!



## Y10 Girls Netball County Comp

The Y10 girls were competing in the County Competition on Wednesday. They were grouped against some tough schools in the pools, winning 2 against SWA B and Harlington and losing 2 to BGS and Vandyke to finish 3rd and getting put into competing for the plate. Here they had another 4 games to play, they won again against SWA B team but unfortunately lost to Henlow, Lincroft and Cedars. Despite the demanding schedule of eight matches over three hours in cold conditions, the Y10 girls performed amazingly well. Their commitment and effort against strong opposition are highly commendable.

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

## U13 Girls Football Vs Henlow

The U13 Girls faced a tough Henlow team, ultimately falling to a 2-0 defeat. Despite the scoreline, the team can hold their heads high, as they demonstrated some promising football throughout the match. The midfield worked tirelessly, helping defend and create some attacks. Defensively, the back line showed great commitment and organisation to keep the Henlow attack largely contained. However, the team unfortunately struggled to translate their strong build-up play into clear goalscoring chances. Henlow's defence was resilient and organised, consistently closing down space and limiting our forwards to shots from distance or half-chances. Henlow scored both their goals in the 1st half but the team did well to not concede in the 2nd half and keep the scoreline the same. Special mentions to Maddie and Lily for going in goal.



## Y7 Netball

Throughout the four-game season, the Year 7s have shown tremendous character, battling hard in every quarter. Their commitment in training has consistently translated into moments of brilliance on the court. In their tightest contest against Etonbury, the girls held their nerve to secure a well-deserved draw, a brilliant result that highlighted their ability to compete under pressure and work together as a cohesive unit. they have really gelled as a team and i look forward seeing them progress next season. Well done girls!

## 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)

KS2 Top Trumps  
107 (EMY)

#### Wednesday

KS2 Mindfulness  
110 (CBS)

#### Thursday

KS2 EdShed  
016 (OCL)

#### 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)

#### 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](mailto:beccadrums@gmail.com)



## Singing Lessons



I have more than 15 years experience teaching children of all ages in a wide range of musical styles. My style is fun and friendly with many of my pupils taking public exams and successfully auditioning for singing courses at a range of reputable post-school institutions. For further details, please speak to Mr Weed via school or contact me direct on 07905 225825 or [eleanorpugsley@gmail.com](mailto:eleanorpugsley@gmail.com)

## Piano Lessons

### Piano Lessons

Boris Peck is a classically-trained conductor, violinist and pianist offering in-school piano lessons.

Spaces are currently available for new students. Weekly lessons (20 or 30 minute sessions) will be taught on one of the keyboards in school.

Please contact Boris via email at [boris\\_peck@hotmail.com](mailto:boris_peck@hotmail.com), or phone 07884 057278 for more information.



## Brass and Wind Lessons

### BRASS & WIND LESSONS

Learning to play an instrument opens up a world of musical-expression and creativity. It offers a unique way to develop musical skills while improving focus, discipline, and teamwork.

At Pix Brook, we currently offer lessons on Drums, guitar, piano, violin, and voice. In our efforts to expand this provision, we would like to start offering brass and woodwind lessons. At this point we are looking to see if there is enough interest within the school to facilitate a teacher coming in.

**The instruments to choose from would be:**

- Brass:
  - horn,
  - trombone,
  - trumpet,
  - tuba.
- Woodwind:
  - bassoon,
  - clarinet,
  - flute,
  - oboe,
  - saxophone.

The cost of the lessons ranges from **£11 per lesson to £24** depending on the length of lesson and whether it is taught individually or as part of a group.

**If your child is interested in starting lessons, please let me know by email** ([tweed@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:tweed@bestacademies.org.uk))

If there is enough interest, we will look to set this up in the near future.

Thank you for considering this exciting opportunity.

We are excited to be looking at offering lessons in brass and wind instruments in school. If you would be interested in signing your child up for lessons, please contact Mr Weed: [tweed@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:tweed@bestacademies.org.uk)

## Pix Brook Academy Safeguarding Team

We are here to keep you safe

### Who can you speak to if you feel worried?

You can speak to **any adult** that works in our school about **anything** that is worrying you or making you feel upset at any time.

The **Designated Safeguarding Lead** and **Deputy Safeguarding Leads** are teachers who have the really special job of keeping you safe.

Their special job is to listen, support and help you at any time of the school day.

**If you feel unsafe or you have any worries/concerns that you feel you cannot speak to a member of staff about, you can send an email to [pba-safe@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:pba-safe@bestacademies.org.uk).**

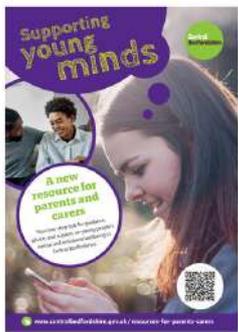
### You can speak to us:

- If you feel upset or worried about anything at all (even if you think it's not important)
- If someone has hurt you physically, emotionally or mentally
- If you are being threatened or forced to do things
- If someone has done something to you without your permission
- If you feel unsafe in school, at home or when you are out and about
- If you feel uncomfortable in any way
- If you know of another pupil who is worried, upset or being hurt (even if they have told you to keep it secret)
- If you are scared or worried about going home

If you are concerned about the safety and well-being of a young person, please contact Central Bedfordshire Council on 0306 3008585



## Mental Health Information



### Workshops

- 01. BEEP**  
Team Essex Workshop 19th November at 10am - 12pm. Focus on the importance of mental health awareness and how to support young people with mental health issues.
- 02. EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN CHILDREN**  
Parent Day - Monday 19th November at 10am - 12pm. Focus on understanding children's emotional development and how to support them.
- 03. PARENT ANXIETY WORKSHOPS**  
One off workshops exploring parental development, self-care, and how to manage anxiety. Monday 28th September at 10:30am - 11:30am. Thursday 28th October at 10am - 11am.
- 04. MENTAL HEALTH AND STIGMA WORKSHOPS**  
One off workshop for young people to explore mental health issues and how to challenge stigma. Monday 18th November at 10am - 11am.

- 05. RESILIENCE WORKSHOPS**  
05.1 Bedfordshire - Wednesday 19th September at 10:30am - 11:30am. Focus on building resilience and coping strategies.
- 06. SELF-ESTEEM WORKSHOPS**  
06.1 Bedfordshire - Monday 19th September at 10am - 11am. Focus on building self-esteem and confidence.
- 07. UNDERSTANDING OF EXAM STRESS**  
One off workshop for young people to explore exam stress and how to manage it. Monday 18th November at 10am - 11am.



## School Safeguarding Team

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

## Online Safeguarding

## 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.



## 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](http://WWW.BEDS.POLICE.UK)

## 2025

### November

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

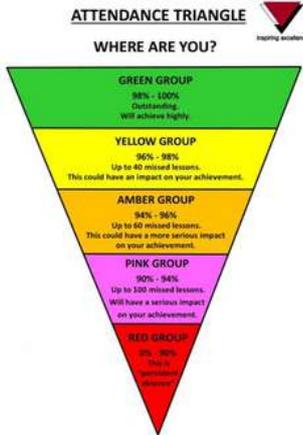
### December

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

### January

Monday 5th	Inset Day for All Years
Tuesday 6th	<b>Back to School for All Years</b>

# Reporting an Absence



Absences need to be reported daily by **8am** either by phone or email. If you have an appointment booked, please send supporting evidence to [PBA-Absence@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:PBA-Absence@bestacademies.org.uk) and confirm the time of collection. On the day of the appointment you will need to provide your child with a signed letter in order for them to leave the class to meet you in reception. **We will no longer be issuing collection passes.** Children need to be collected by a nominated adult from reception.

## Contacting School



A reminder that **all queries** with regard to Pix Brook Academy students should be emailed to [pixbrook@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:pixbrook@bestacademies.org.uk) or call the office on **01462 416243**.

**Please do not use** our Social Media platforms to request information about or contribute to conversations with regard to our students.

If you need to get a message to your child/children during the school day, please contact Reception. Teachers are unable to pass on messages during the school day. Our Reception team will take the message and deliver it to the pupil(s) involved. **Please call or email the office on 01462 416243 or [pixbrook@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:pixbrook@bestacademies.org.uk)**

## NHS Guide to childhood illness



### Should I keep my child off school?

#### Yes

##### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

#### No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

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

## 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.



