



## PBA WEEKLY BULLETIN

### A message from Mrs Linehan

What a spectacular evening we had this week for our annual Christmas Concert! I am immensely proud of every performer—the choir, the band, and our soloists—who delivered a truly memorable night of music. The enthusiasm and confidence displayed by our students highlighted the enormous commitment they put into their practice. The event, complete with enthusiastic audience carol singing, demonstrated the true significance of these shared community moments for both our pupils and their families. A special note of thanks must go to Mr. Weed, whose direction and passion shone throughout the entire performance.

We are pleased to announce that planning is now well underway for a number of fantastic new opportunities this academic year, designed to enrich the experience of all our students, including an European sports tour and our first battlefields trip to visit Belgium and Northern France. Closer to home, we also shared details of two new KS2 opportunities this week aimed at building community spirit: the KS2 Winter Disco and Carols on the Playground – tickets can be purchased via ParentMail. We are actively looking to increase the number of community events and personal development opportunities over the course of the year; look out for further information in the new year.

Over the coming weeks our staff will be discussing pupil progress with Year 6, 8 and 11 families before the Christmas break; please do remember to book your appointment times. To support the Year 8 event, the school will be finishing early for pupils in Year 7 to 11 on Thursday (11<sup>TH</sup> Dec).

A reminder that next Friday is our Christmas dinner and festive jumper/attire day – I look forward to celebrating with pupils and raising funds for Save The Children.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

## PBA League and Rewards

Here are the details of this week's PBA League winners.

## PRINCIPALS AWARD

Emilia  
Ava-Rose  
Eddie  
Amber  
Eli  
Mila  
Charlotte

Kairo  
Isobel  
Arabella  
April  
George  
Elodie  
Lily

Earl  
Dexter  
Asher  
Harriet  
Amelie  
Veer  
Florence  
Luna  
Millie  
Chloe  
Riva  
Islagh-Belle

## FIELD FRIDAY WINNERS

# Year 9

## PBA LEAGUE

Year 5

Year 6

Position	Form	Points
1st	Atherton	1307
2nd	Shakespeare	1305
3rd	Church	1305
4th	Wappingale	1302
5th	Parkhurst	1295
6th	Turing	1243

Position	Form	Points
1st	Austin	1242
2nd	Beckman	1240
3rd	Zeehanian	1221
4th	Moorab	1208
4th =	Angela	1208
6th	Tokale	1190

## PBA LEAGUE

Year 9

Year 10

Position	Form	Points
1st	BCF	1306
2nd	BRNL	1300
3rd	WCCN	1300
4th	SDHS	1300
5th	BCWD	1307
6th	PARA	1285

Position	Form	Points
1st	ECOB	1219
2nd	LOMN	1211
3rd	ELLS	1201
4th	LOVD	1176

## PBA LEAGUE

Year 7

Year 8

Position	Form	Points
1st =	7OCE	1207
1st =	7HLE	1207
3rd	7CAY	1200
4th	7ESE	1254
5th	7PSU	1235
6th	7MCL	1231

Position	Form	Points
1st	8JNL	1290
2nd	8RIN	1282
3rd	2E3D	1280
4th	8NPN	1267
5th	8SP	1260

### TOP PRAISE POINT WINNERS KS2



### TOP PRAISE POINT WINNERS KS4



### TOP PRAISE POINT WINNERS KS3



## Poppy Competition

The History department ran a poppy design competition as part of our Remembrance Day celebrations.

Well done to everyone who took part!

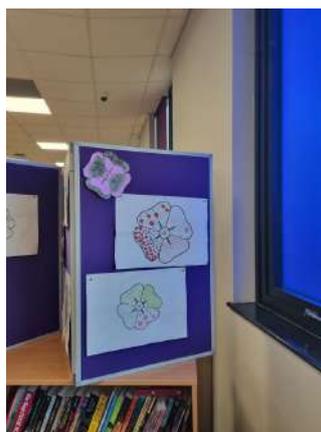
The winners are:

Overall winner: Pankhurst class (year 5)

Best KS2: Attenborough class (year 5)

Best KS3: 7D

Best KS4: 10LJS



## Safeguarding - Roblox

Dear Families,

We have been made aware of safeguarding concerns with pop ups on Roblox.

As always, please be vigilant with your children online – the link below shows how to ensure parental controls are set for your children's devices.

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428310121620-Parental-Controls-Overview>



## EdShed Results

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

Here are the ten highest-scoring classes!

### Top Spelling Shed Groups

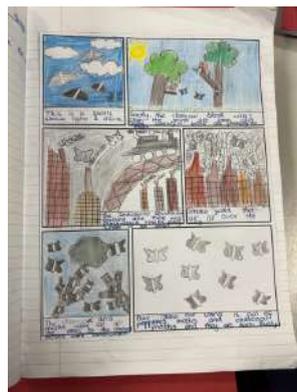
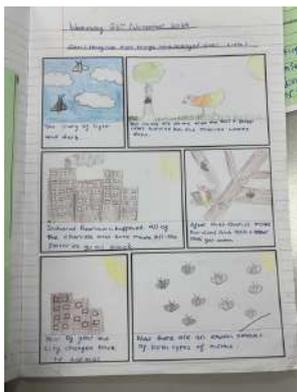
#	Group	Score
1.	Morpurgo	279,802,249
2.	Attenborough	240,931,457
3.	Austen	82,050,028
4.	Blackman	59,425,090
5.	Pankhurst	58,138,290
6.	Churchill	51,073,234
7.	Zephaniah	42,697,119
8.	Shakespeare	38,100,885
9.	Tolkien	37,090,390
10.	Turing	34,874,623

### Top MathShed Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Tolkien	4,294,649
2.	Austen	3,499,406
3.	Pankhurst	1,397,023
4.	Angelou	724,780
5.	Attenborough	659,362
6.	Blackman	649,276
7.	Morpurgo	222,343
8.	Nightingale	30,668
9.	Zephaniah	18,234
10.	Churchill	10,009

## The Beauty of Science

Year 6 have been learning about evolution in their science lessons. Here are some of Blackman Class's storyboards, focussing on the evolution of the Peppered Moth.



## 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	AO1 content - recap of learning within class, 6-9 mark exam style questions, case studies linked to current issues in sport.	30 minutes - 1 hour
Drama	Mrs Jones	When required	1 week to complete	Learning lines, key term quizzes, set text knowledge tasks, group rehearsals.	10 minutes to 1 hour
Music	Tim Weed	Monday	Monday	Practice Journal, Listening questions.	

## Homework - Year 11

### 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 with their ongoing examination preparation, subject interventions will be running as per the timetable 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!



**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



## 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 \(page 5\)](#).

## Y7 Basketball

The Year 7 basketball team faced a strong Alameda side in their final league fixture of the season. Despite the tough opposition, the team showcased how much progress they have made, building on their skills, confidence, and understanding of the game throughout the campaign. In a tightly contested match, the boys produced some excellent set shots and a couple of well-executed layups, keeping the scoreline close right until the end. Ultimately, they were edged out by just one basket, but their performance reflected real growth and determination. With so many students showing enthusiasm for basketball this year, we are excited to be hosting an in-house Year 7 tournament before Christmas.

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

## Y7 Football

The Year 7 football team travelled to face a resilient Castle Newnham side in the second round of the County Cup. A slow start saw us concede twice in the opening three minutes, but the team responded superbly, settling into the game and playing some excellent football despite a challenging pitch. Set pieces proved to be our biggest weapon, with Joseph delivering superb corners that Jake and Lenny were able to head home. As momentum grew, so did the scoreline, and we eventually secured an impressive 6–3 victory. The goals came from James (2), Jake (2), Lenny, and Cassien. Set pieces proved to be our biggest weapon, with Joseph delivering superb corners that Jake and Lenny were able to head home. As momentum grew, so did the scoreline, and we eventually secured an impressive 6–3 victory. The goals came from James (2), Jake (2), Lenny, and Cassien. Man of the Match went to Joseph S for his outstanding delivery and work rate, closely followed by Henry, who has continued to impress in central midfield this season. The win sees the team progress confidently into the next round, providing more valuable game opportunities for this promising Year 7 squad.

## 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 0300 3008585



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## School Safeguarding Team

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

Please be aware...

## Mental Health Information

## Christmas Holiday Offer from the Children's Centre

## 2025

### 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
	<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
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>End of Term for All Years</b>
	<b>School closes at 1.10pm. No PBA Extra</b>

### January

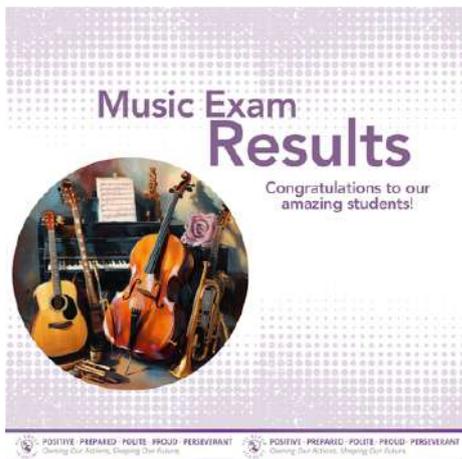
Monday 5th	Inset Day for All Years
<b>Tuesday 6th</b>	<b>Back to School for All Years</b>

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Match Point to Islagh-Belle

Congratulations to Islagh-Belle F (Y6) who played in her Netball Club match last weekend for the Garden City League. Her team won 19-7.

Islagh-Belle played centre the whole match and was voted opposition players' player. Great job Islagh-Belle!



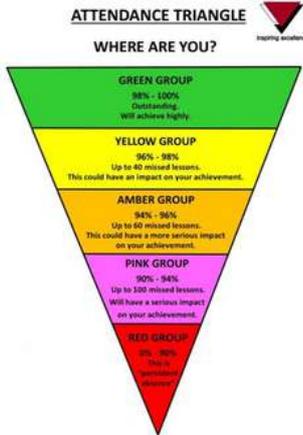
### Exam Success

Congratulations to all the PBA students who took music exams this week:

- Garvan H - Piano Grade 1 Merit
- Jacob M - Piano Grade 1 Pass
- Joel A - Piano Grade 2 Merit
- Pippa C - Piano Grade 2 Distinction
- James L - Piano Grade 4 Merit
- Hannah T - Cello Grade 2 Distinction
- Emilia F - Guitar Grade 3 Merit

What an amazing set of results!

# Reporting an Absence



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

## Contacting School

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

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



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

## NHS Guide to childhood illness



### Should I keep my child off school?

#### Yes

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



#### No

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

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



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



