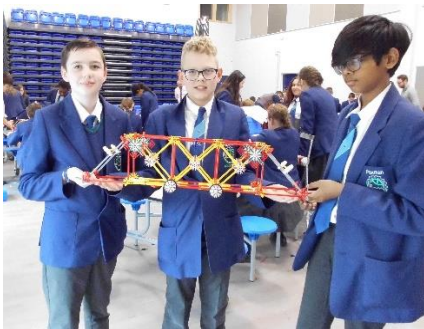


Dates For Your Diary

Friday 6 th March	British Science Week commences
Thursday 12 th March	Parent Information Evening 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Friday 27 th March	Parents' Forum 9.00am

STEM Enrichment Day

On Tuesday we had an enrichment day which celebrated our British values and our rich engineering heritage. The five British values are democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and cultures. The day started with an assembly exploring how these values are reflected within our school community and the wider international community.



Students experienced five different workshops throughout the day, featuring a variety of guest speakers. Diana Reid, Tribunal Judge from the County Court, delivered a thought-provoking session on the rule of law. Our local youth worker, Joe Robbins, led an inspiring lesson relating to respect and tolerance that even featured potatoes! Local councillors Sam McCarthy and Lyn Barton delivered an exciting session on local and national democracy and the power of positive change and Paxman Academy teachers Mr Suen and Mr Allflatt looked at the history of Britain and how the five British values have shaped the country over time.



Students enjoyed working in groups on a civil engineering challenge where they made bridge structures to solve a real life problem relating to flooding. This session was supported by Duncan, Jasmine and Ben from Ingleton Wood, a local construction company. They assisted the students and awarded prizes to the best performing teams.



The day provided an excellent opportunity for reflection, whilst also instilling aspiration for future careers. All guest speakers were very complimentary about Paxman Academy students and look forward to working with them again in the future.



Mr Corker

Road Safety Petition

Two industrious Paxman Academy students, Tillie and Lily, have been petitioning for zebra crossings on Walnut Tree Way and Paxman Avenue for the past few weeks. Here is their journey so far...



"We have over 900 signatures but need many more! We started the petition on 13th February 2020 and since then we have put in a lot of hard work. We began raising awareness by sharing the link to the petition with friends and family. Then during the February half term, we produced leaflets, brochures, cards and posters, which we distributed in Shrub End. We also made a short film aiming to raise awareness amongst our school – this is now broadcast on the information screen in school.

A major development was meeting our local MP, Will Quince – he gave us lots of advice for the petition going forward. He recommended that we speak to some of our local councillors, so we did just that when they came to our school for the Enrichment Day on 3rd March.

Finally, we had a meeting with our Headteacher Mrs Moffat to discuss our progress. Mrs Moffat has provided space on the noticeboard in our main school reception, to advertise our petition and the work we have achieved so far. On average we receive 46 signatures a day but our target is to gain at least 12,000 signatures by the end of January 2021 so if you haven't already, please sign our petition!"



Tillie and Lily



Please show your support by visiting <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/zebra-crossings-for-paxman-academy> to sign the petition and help Tillie and Lily to reach their target.

Sports News

The boys' football team continued their successful run with a hard fought 1-0 victory against Colchester Royal Grammar School. Paxman Academy controlled the game throughout with goalkeeper Harry seldom tested by the opposition. We were awarded a penalty midway through the second half which was saved, but minutes later our team got their breakthrough after a neat finish from Ossie.

Our B team were also in action against a very strong Colchester Royal Grammar School team and unfortunately suffered a defeat. However the team showed good resilience and continued to work throughout the game.

There is one fixture remaining this season with Paxman Academy travelling to St Helena after school on Tuesday 10th March.

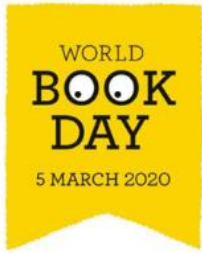
Mr Nash

Safeguarding & Wellbeing Support

You may find it useful to know that the 'Key Information' area of our website has been updated to provide links to various agencies that provide support to students and parents/carers: <https://www.paxmanacademy.org.uk/key-information/safeguarding/>

Mr Nash





World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March we celebrated World Book Day with various activities around the school, designed to promote a love of books and reading. The day started with a special assembly led by Miss Rogers. Every lesson featured an extract from a book relating to the subject matter, and the maths department arranged a fun treasure hunt.



In addition, members of the Student Council worked with Catering Manager Ms Tinworth to produce a literacy themed menu in our Food Plant. Treats included Wormy Spaghetti Bolognese, Beef Ratburgers, Willy Wonker Flapjacks, Queen of Hearts Shortbread and Harry Potter 'Butterbeer' – which proved to be very popular! Student Council members Sophie and Jane even designed little 'Drink Me' labels to hang around bottlenecks of soft drinks, and produced various other decorations and artwork.

We hope you will continue to work with us to promote regular reading at home - as well as expanding students' knowledge and imagination, reading for just 20 minutes per day exposes a child to 1.8 million words per year, widening their vocabulary and hugely benefiting spelling too.



Paxman Academy Shortlisted For Award



You may have seen an article in the Gazette recently regarding a prestigious award that Paxman Academy has been shortlisted for. The Royal Institution for Chartered Surveyors Social Impact Awards puts the spotlight on the individuals and projects making lives better through innovation and collaboration, and the school has been shortlisted in the Education category.

The judging panel looked around our impressive building last Friday, and a UK grand final will be held in September for the projects which are successfully nominated from each region.

Term Dates

We are pleased to announce that term dates for both 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 are now available on our website: <https://www.paxmanacademy.org.uk/key-information/parents/term-dates/>



Maths or Physics Internship - Job Description

Overall Responsibilities:

To gain experience working in a teaching environment within a school.

To develop knowledge, skills and understanding which will support an application into initial teacher training, leading to a career in teaching.

Main Duties include:

- Observing and supporting teachers during lessons
- Leading 1:1 tuition and small group work with students
- Carrying out a research project.
- Attending relevant in house training
- Completing a reflective log
- Presentation of learning to Partnership Headteachers, senior leaders and peers
- Physics interns will also carry out laboratory work, including supporting science technicians
- Support of extra-curricular trips, visits and enhancements as appropriate

Internship Dates and Times:

Induction day: Monday 22nd June.

Professional Studies: Thursday 25th June, Thursday 2nd July and Thursday 9th July, followed by 4 weeks/28 days in June and July (Actual days to be agreed between intern and host school).

Most interns will work 8.30am – 4.00pm

Pay: £300 a week for 4 weeks

Knowledge/Experience/Skills required:

- Undergraduate studying for a Maths, Physics or related degree eg: Engineering; Accountancy and/or Maths or Physics 'A' level (Grade B or above) or equivalent
- A desire to teach and work with students
- The ability to work both independently and as part of a team

For an application pack or for more information, please contact:

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