

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 24 th January	Service Premium Coffee Morning 9.00am – 10.00am
Friday 31 st January	Danbury Youth Camp deadline for deposit and Reply Slip
Thursday 6 th February	Whole School/Tutor Group/Sports Teams photographs
Friday 7 th February	Parents' Forum 9.00am

Welcome From The Headteacher

Happy New Year! I hope that 2020 has started well and that the year ahead is prosperous and rewarding for all.

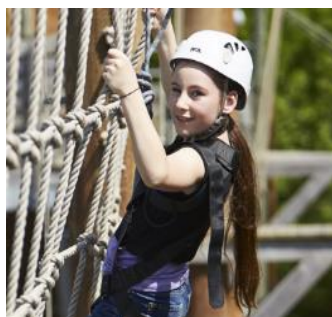
I am now looking forward to another successful term, working alongside you to provide an excellent education for our students. The Christmas break has given me time to reflect upon how much we have achieved in a short space of time. This term we will continue to develop some initiatives that have already begun, for example the Anti-Bullying Ambassador programme, whilst further developing what we provide for our students in school. We welcomed Colchester United to an assembly last week and they invited students to join them at their Friday night club in Shrub End, and we have a few STEM events planned for later on in the term. We hope to work with more partners across our community in order to provide opportunities for our students to flourish. The new term also provides students with the chance to compete in competitions across the Sigma Trust. I am looking forward to seeing the Poetry Slam and observing students participating in NEMO – a mathematics competition.

On a different note, I would like to say thank you for all the generous gifts and thoughtful messages of appreciation that staff (including me!) received at the end of last term. It is always great to receive positive feedback and know that everyone's efforts are appreciated and recognised. We are lucky to have such a supportive school community and look forward to a hard-working, yet positive, 2020 at Paxman Academy.

Mrs Moffat
 Headteacher

Danbury Youth Camp

Further to our recent letter regarding the forthcoming Danbury Youth Camp Trip during the summer term, please remember that the deadline for returning reply slips and paying the deposit is Friday 31st January.



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Important Notice

Please be aware of the information below from the Essex Healthy Schools and Public Health Manager, Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service:

School Nurses should not send text messages as their first contact with parents. If you receive a text message requesting information about your child from anyone purporting to be a School Nurse, please DO NOT engage. To check authenticity of the text message received, please contact the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service Single Point of Access on:

Mid Essex 0300 247 0014 (option 2)
 North Essex 0300 247 0015
 South Essex 0300 247 0013
 West Essex 0300 247 0122

Upcoming Sports Fixtures

Team	Date	Venue
Girls' Basketball	Tuesday 28 th January	Thomas Lord Audley School
Boys' Basketball	Wednesday 29 th January	Thomas Lord Audley School
Football	Tuesday 4 th February	The Philip Morant School
Rugby	Wednesday 5 th February	Colchester Rugby Club

Special Delivery



Colchester General Hospital's post-natal ward had a very special delivery thanks to Paxman Academy student Emily and her brother. When they discovered that the midwives on shift on Christmas Day were not receiving a Christmas dinner, the duo decided to deliver some Christmas cheer themselves, preparing and cooking a full roast dinner which they presented to the ward on Christmas Day, along with gifts and cards.

"We wanted to say thank you to the staff for being away from their families on Christmas Day and keeping the NHS going," explained Emily. "We spent around two hours talking to staff and the new mums, and even got to see the first Christmas baby born!"

Emily's mum, who works at the hospital, added that staff were moved to tears by their kindness and appreciation, and that it may become part of the family's Christmas tradition as the children want to do it every year.

A huge well done Emily!



Royal Appointment

One of our students, Jasmine, recently had the honour of meeting royalty when Princess Anne visited Colchester's 13 Air Assault Support Regiment Royal Logistic Corps.

The princess, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the corps, arrived by helicopter and spent around two hours in Colchester, talking to soldiers and presenting medals for long service and good conduct, as well as bravery.





Jasmine's father serves in the corps, and was one of a number of selected personnel invited to attend the special event with his family. Princess Anne spent time talking to everybody at the Officers' Mess, and was very interested to hear about Jasmine's education at Paxman Academy, even commenting on how smart her school uniform was!

"I was so excited to attend this once in a lifetime event!" enthused Jasmine, pictured here with her younger sister. "I even got to shake hands with Princess Anne and we had a formal conversation... I'm so happy I got to experience it all."



Lunchtime and After School Clubs

Below is the updated clubs timetable, which includes new activities proposed by our Student Council.

	LUNCHTIME CLUBS 1.20pm – 1.55pm	AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS 3.00pm – 4.15pm
MONDAY	 <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; margin-left: 10px;"> Basketball Shooting – Sports Hall The Zone – Room 124 Choir - Music Room </div>	Homework Club – Room 012 Rugby Club
TUESDAY	The Zone – Room 124 French Film Club Lingo – Room 108 Signing Club (sign language) – Room 013 Textiles Club – Room 014	Homework Club – Room 012 The Paxman Press – Library STEM/The Crest Award – Room 016 Girls' Football - Field Boys' Football – Field
WEDNESDAY	Badminton – Sports Hall Computing - Room 012 The Zone – Room 124 Christian Youth Outreach Club – Room 003 Numbers (Maths) – Room 107	 <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; margin-left: 10px;"> Homework Club – Room 012 Signing Club (sign language) – Room 013 </div>
THURSDAY	 <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; margin-left: 10px;"> Numbers (Maths) – Room 107 Netball – Sports Hall The Zone – Room 124 </div>	Homework Club – Room 012 Young Engineers Club – Room 015 Boxing Club – Sports Hall
FRIDAY	Art Club – Room 010 The Zone – Room 124 Dance Club – The Studio 	Homework Club – Room 012 