

### Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 8th October	9.00am - 10.00am Road Safety Assembly
Friday 11th October	Non Pupil Day
Monday 21st October	Bully Free Form Week
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half Term

### Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers

I am delighted to welcome you to the first Paxman Academy newsletter which will be published on a fortnightly basis. We have lots of amazing things to celebrate and will use this forum to keep you informed about what has taken place and what is coming up in the future.

Our students have made a wonderful start at Paxman Academy. They have settled into secondary school life well and are getting used to the routines and high expectations. They look incredibly smart in their uniform and it was a pleasure to see so many students assist with our Open Evening last week. Our students are a credit to the school and I am already immensely proud of them.

I hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter.

Carol Anne Moffat  
Headteacher

### England International Visit

Paxman Academy were delighted to welcome former Tottenham Hotspur captain and England International Ledley King. Ledley worked hard throughout his school years to reach the very top of his profession. Students asked him a series of questions in assembly and he spoke about the importance of being resilient, working hard, avoiding peer pressure and making good decisions – something I hope all of our students take on board even if they have no interest in football. Ledley then took the time to see some of our young footballers in action and pose for a team photo.



Boys and girls Football Club runs every Tuesday after school until 4.15pm and I look forward to seeing many of you cheer on our teams when our competitive fixtures start at the beginning of 2020.

Mr Nash

## STEM Big Bang Event

On 24<sup>th</sup> September we hosted our first STEM Big Bang Event. Twelve year 6 students from three of our feeder primary schools attended, along with staff, for a morning of fun activities and learning.

On arrival, students were taken to our technology department to build catapults – the first of which was a simple design, with progression to a more challenging model. Teams then competed to launch objects from their catapults, with Gosbecks Primary proving to be the victors. There was a short break for freshly baked cookies and squash before the learning switched to the science department. Here the teams were given materials to build parachutes which they then launched successfully.

All of our visitors thoroughly enjoyed the morning and we were proud to be able to host the event and utilise our brilliant STEM facilities.

## European Day of Languages

Year 7 recently participated in the European Day of Languages – an opportunity to celebrate the diverse and rich cultures of other countries, and have some multilingual fun.

The day started with a special assembly, followed by themed food served in the Food Plant, including Italian sourdough pizza, Portuguese smoked paprika potato wedges and English Victoria Sponge cake. Lesson registers were conducted in a different language throughout the day, and students also participated in a fun activity where they found out interesting information about the heritage of various members of staff.

Thanks to Mr Allflatt for organising this event.



## Junior Park Run Takeover



Thank you to all students and families who supported our recent Junior Park Run Takeover. Of the 182 runners on the day, approximately 40 were Paxman students – an amazing turn out. Well done to everyone who participated in this event!

Mr Mussett



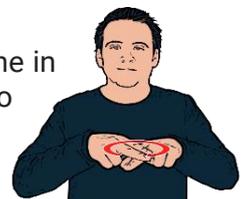
## Sign Language Club

It has been a great start to the Sign Language Club which runs on a Wednesday lunchtime and Wednesday after school. Lots of students have been having fun learning this amazing language.

- “Sign language is fun and challenging to learn.” *Dominic, 7CC*
- “Sign Language Club is the best in the whole world because it’s fun and you learn something new and will soon be able to talk to deaf people and make new friends.” *Josefine, 7CC*
- “Sign Language is fun and interesting. It’s a great way to interact without speech and you learn fun signs for deaf people.” *Zachary, 7CR*
- “I think Sign Language Club is really important as it is a life skill in case you have a friend who is deaf then you have learnt it to talk to them. It’s really fun and you can make new friends.” *Avivah, 7HR*
- “If you want to learn to do sign language this club will show you how to do that. Sign Language is a club where if you want to talk to or help disabled children, or to listen to their ideas, signing is a way to learn something new and to help others and to talk to others.” *Harry, 7CC*

This week we have learned the signs for family and we can fingerspell the names of everyone in our families and ask each other questions about their friends and families. Mrs Rose is also enjoying learning alongside our students and agrees that it is really fun.

Mrs Reynolds



## Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

Until October Half Term: Lunchtime clubs from 1.20pm – 1.55pm/After school clubs from 3.00pm – 4.15pm

DAY	LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL
<b>MONDAY</b>	Basketball shooting - Sports Hall The Zone - Room124 (quiet space) Choir - Music Room	Homework Club - 012 Rugby - Field
<b>TUESDAY</b>	The Zone - Room 124 (quiet space) Textiles - 014 Brilliant Maths - 001	Homework Club - 012 Girls Football - Field Boys Football - Field STEM Club - 016
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Badminton - Sports Hall Young Journalist - 012 Signing Club - 010 The Zone - Room 124 (quiet space)	Homework Club - 012 Signing Club - 010
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Netball - Sports Hall French Film Club - 108 The Zone - Room 124 Brilliant Maths - 001	Homework Club - 012
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Art Club - 010 The Zone Room - 124 (quiet space) Dance - Dance Studio	Homework Club - 012

### Polite Reminders

Students are expected to come to school fully equipped for the day ahead, including:

- Full school uniform with a tie, plus PE kit if required.
- School planner and timetable.
- Locker key, if purchased. From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, we will no longer hold spare locker keys in the school office as all locker keys will be handed to students. It will be their responsibility to look after them and we will not have a master key. Anyone who loses all three of their locker keys will need to purchase a new padlock via ParentPay.

Please ensure that all belongings are named.

### Sports Fixtures Begin with a Bang!

A fantastic squad of 24 students travelled to St Benedict's Catholic College to play Paxman's inaugural school sporting fixture. Three matches were played and were keenly contested in difficult conditions. Paxman won two of the games in what was a valuable training activity and certainly helped the girls to develop their skills and understanding of the game of netball.

A fantastic start - well done!

Mr Mussett



### Parking

Please remember to park legally and show consideration to local residents when dropping off or collecting your child from school. Thank you.