



**NEWSLETTER • AUTUMN TERM  
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**Dates For Your Diary**

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 8 photographs
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7 photographs
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Non Pupil Day
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term

**Welcome from the Headteacher**

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to school. As you are aware, we have had a staggered start to the new term and the school returned to full capacity on Monday of this week for the first time since March.

We have really missed having everyone in school and it has been a joy to see students back in lessons engaging with their learning and getting used to the new routines and procedures that we have put in place. One of the highlights of the term so far has been the fact that we have been able to welcome our new Year 7 students and watch them become part of the Paxman community in a short space of time.

All of our students have shown maturity beyond their years in following a very new and different regime. They are to be commended on the support that they have demonstrated to each other and the respectful nature in which they have conveyed their understanding of the needs of our school community. They have displayed our Paxman core values in a way that makes me feel very proud.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic team of staff. The support and commitment that they have shown throughout the pandemic so far has been outstanding. Their ability to adapt and be flexible to the changes required will enable our students to make progress, both this year and in the future.

As we begin to return to school and working routines, we appear to be on track to return to normal. However, I would like to assure you that we are preparing for all eventualities and you will, of course, be informed of any changes in our routines, provision or policies.

For now, we are embracing the safe return to school for all of our students and focusing on their well-being as they integrate back into school life.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs CA Moffat  
Headteacher

## Parking

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

## Lunch Payments

Please ensure that your son/daughter has their cashless catering card with them in school if they wish to purchase items from The Food Plant. Similarly, students' lunch accounts need to have sufficient funds on them to make a purchase.

Payments made via ParentPay do not transfer immediately to the till system, so it is a good idea to top up accounts first thing in the morning, or ideally the night before.

Our catering team appreciates your assistance with this as it helps to ensure a smooth and efficient break and lunchtime service through The Food Plant.

## School Photographs

A reminder that Year 8 and Year 7 photographs are taking place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September respectively.

You must pre-register your details with Carmel Jane Photography prior to the dates above. Simply follow this link and enter the following code: JRCKM66. The registration process is quick and simple.

[www.carmeljane.co.uk](http://www.carmeljane.co.uk)

Many thanks to the parents/carers who have already registered.



## Staffing Updates

At the start of the academic year we were delighted to welcome a number of new colleagues. They have already settled in well to their new surroundings and we are sure that they will be a great asset to the school.

### Teaching Staff

Miss E Aboukhatwa	Teacher of Science
Mr M Aspinall	Teacher of Key Stage 3
Ms I Constantinescu	Head of Modern Foreign Languages
Miss L Cowell	Teacher of P.E.
Mr D Damigella	Teacher of Music
Mrs K Gooder	Head of English
Mrs M Hooton	Teacher of Food Technology
Mr F Lamb	Head of Maths
Ms M Newman	Head of Art & Technology
Ms L Pattinson	Teacher of Design & Technology
Mr R Samjawon	Head of Year 8 / Head of P.E.
Mrs K Steele	Assistant Headteacher
Miss A Taylor	Teacher of Humanities

### Support Staff

Miss O Grange	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs K Rayner	Pastoral Support Manager – Year 8
Miss J Smith	SEN Administrator / First Aid
Ms L Warner	Learning Support Assistant

We also bid farewell to Mr Corker over lockdown and would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his contribution to the school. He has taken up a post at Felixstowe School as Head of Technology and Trust Lead for Technology, and we wish him every success in his new role.