



NEWSLETTER • SUMMER TERM ISSUE 31 • 21st MAY 2021

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2021	Half Term
Monday 14 th June 2021	STEM Enrichment Day

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

As we draw close to the end of this half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Students and staff are working incredibly hard to produce high quality work in class.

A large number of students are taking part in clubs and it is really good to see students play sports on the field again and to be able to take part in a range of activities that they have not been able to for so long. This newsletter contains information about new clubs that will be on offer after half term. I would encourage you to look at them with your child and plan which ones that they will participate in.

Earlier today, I sent you a letter outlining our plans moving forward. Students will have access to teaching in more specialist rooms from next week, which will enhance the quality of teaching and learning in school. This will also help to prepare students for next year, when we will have three year groups moving around the building.

As we enter our final half term of what has been a turbulent year, I am looking forward to many events that are taking place for the first time at Paxman Academy and hoping that routines will be a bit more 'normal' before the end of term in July. Mr Samjwon is busy planning our first Sports Day and we are already preparing transition activities for our new Year 7 students, working closely with primary schools. We are also planning our first set of end of year examinations and will share your child's progress data in due course.

Hoping that you all stay safe and well.

Mrs CA Moffat
Headteacher

English & Maths Videos for Parents / Carers

In addition to our Parent/Carer Curriculum Overviews, Mrs Gooder, Head of English and Mr Lamb, Head of Maths have put together some videos to inform you further about the English and Maths curriculum here at Paxman Academy. There is an overview video for each subject outlining the demands of English and Maths at secondary school, and signposting parents/carers to some useful resources that can help to supplement home study. There is also a separate video for Year 7 and Year 8 talking through the curriculum and topics for each year group in each subject.

The videos can be found [here](#) on our website.

We hope that you find these video guides of use and would welcome any feedback.

Mrs Steele

The Brilliant Club



This week has seen the launch of The Brilliant Club in school. The programme aims to give selected students the experience of University-style education where they attend lectures, complete tutorials and ultimately write an extended assignment. The students will have an opportunity to graduate at a University at the end of the course.

The programme had a live launch from the University of Manchester on Monday and lecturers have already delivered lessons to students. Who will be the first Paxman Academy student to appear on University Challenge?

Mr Mussett

Extra-Curricular Clubs & Activities

We are pleased to see so many students enjoying our lunchtime and after-school clubs offer. The current timetable of clubs is now available on our website – [click here](#) – but please be aware that these are subject to change throughout the school calendar.

A new timetable of clubs and activities is likely to be posted on the website after half term, therefore we suggest you check online regularly for any timetable updates.

Mr Mussett

Student Council

The fourteen strong Student Council met for the first time this year. The group will play a vital role in providing a student voice and debating and actioning issues in and around the school.

The first order of business was the election of a Chair and Vice Chair. Congratulations to Ruby for being elected Chairperson and George for securing Vice Chair.

Mr Mussett



Charity Hair Donation

Year 7 siblings Lexi and Layla are sporting shorter haircuts having donated an amazing 14 inches of hair each to Little Princess Trust. The organisation provides free, real-hair wigs for young cancer sufferers or for children and young people experiencing the devastating effects of hair loss.

“We wanted to give hair to someone who really needed it,” Layla said of the experience. While Lexi was a bit nervous – “it is a big change...” – Layla was excited. However, both girls agree that they volunteered because, “We wanted someone to enjoy our hair.”

The haircut lasted about two hours and both Layla and Lexi are enthusiastic about the prospect of repeating the experience, saying, “We will definitely donate our hair again!”

This is a wonderful act of generosity and compassion from Layla and Lexi – well done!

Ms Taylor



Essex Family Forum Survey

Does your child or young person require specialist medical or physical equipment at home or school?



Essex Family Forum along with it's Family Champions, have worked with representatives from **Health, Education**, and **Social Care** to develop a survey to help understand families' experiences in regards to equipment. The information will inform services going forward and be used to improve outcomes for families.

To take part in the survey you can visit our website
<https://essexfamilyforum.org/parent-surveys-and-feedback/current-open-surveys/>

or

Search for Essex Family Forum on Facebook or Instagram where the link can also be accessed



We need your voice to make positive change for the future. Survey closes 31st May 2021.

Nexus Fostering

Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency based in Hornchurch, who are urgently seeking full-time and respite foster carers throughout the area. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them.

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