

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 13 th July 2021	Sports Day 8.45am – 3.00pm
Wednesday 14 th July 2021	Brilliant Club Graduation Ceremony, 1.00pm – 3.00pm
Tuesday 20 th July 2021	Last Day of Summer Term – 1.00pm finish
Friday 3 rd September 2021	Year 7 return to school
Monday 6 th September 2021	Year 8 and Year 9 return to school

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe that I am writing this message for the final Newsletter of the year. It certainly has been a year like no other and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure that your children have made progress throughout the pandemic. Your support and engagement have certainly helped staff through some difficult times.

Given the requirements placed on schools as a result of the Prime Minister's announcement this week, we have taken the decision to delay the start of term. This will allow us to carry out the required lateral flow testing of students prior to the start of the next academic year. Our new Year 7 cohort will start on Friday 3rd September and all other year groups will return on Monday 6th September. Further details will be communicated next week along with details of procedures that will be in place to ensure that we will remain a Covid safe environment.

As mentioned in my previous message, many things are happening for the first time at Paxman Academy this term. Year 8 recently completed their first set of end of year examinations and should be congratulated on how well they conducted themselves. We are looking forward to our first ever Sports Day next week and I know that many students have been practising for their events already.

As we approach the end of the year we have two members of our teaching staff who are leaving us. Miss Pattinson is moving to a promoted post and Ms Aboukhatwa has secured a post in another school. In addition to this, two of our support colleagues, Miss Johnston and Miss Smith, will be leaving to take on new challenges. I wish them all every success in the next stage of their careers. We have ten new teachers joining us, so there will be lots of new faces around school in September.

Our last day of term is Tuesday 20th July, when the school will close at 1.00pm. I wish you all a happy and safe summer.

Mrs CA Moffat
 Headteacher

Holiday Activity and Food Programme

Essex County Council, in partnership with Active Essex, are pleased to provide Essex Activate holiday clubs this summer that are free for low income families who are eligible for benefits-based free school meals and for working families who are struggling financially and who would benefit from this holiday support. Every club offers fun physical activity as well as a range of enrichment activities, and every child attending will receive a nutritious meal. The offer also includes specialist SEND provision and mental wellbeing hubs across the county.

Enrichment Poster Design Competition

During the recent Enrichment day, our Year 8 students were set a task to design a poster for LilaConnect – a fibre optic company that visited Paxman Academy to talk about construction, site safety and careers in the industry. All the entries were amazing, and it was hard to select just five winners. The chosen winners all received Amazon vouchers and their work will be used across LilaConnect construction sites locally and nationally – an amazing achievement!

Well done Shruthi, Diart, Chloe, Che and Zara – seen here with Sean and David from LilaConnect. In addition, many thanks to the company for all the support they give to the school.



Ms Newman



Oak Summer Academic and Enrichment Activities

If you are looking for academic and wellbeing resources to support your child over the summer period, Oak National Academy's Summer Classroom has a range of materials available, all free of charge. From building literacy and numeracy skills, to getting back to nature with outdoor adventures from The Wildlife Trust, simply click the link [here](#) to discover what's available.



Sports Day 2021

Please be reminded that the PE Department are hosting Paxman Academy's first Sports Day on Tuesday 13th July. As per the correspondence emailed this week, all students will participate in the Paxman Pentathlon, followed by more competitive events for those who want to get involved such as 100m, Tug of War and 4 x 100m Relay.

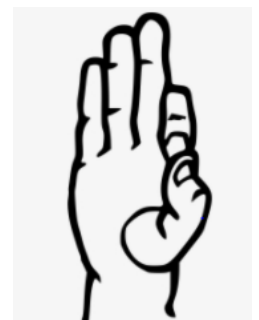
We will, of course, adhere to social distancing guidelines and the Academy's risk assessment at all times.

Mr Samjawn

Sign Language Club

Our after school Sign Language Club for Year 7 will not be running next week – Wednesday 14th July. Apologies for any disappointment this may cause.

Ms Reynolds



Bikeability Level 1, Level 1&2 , Level 3 , and Learn to ride COURSES (17th, 18th, &19th of August)

Colchester Northern Gateway



TO BOOK:

@ saferessexroads@essexhighways.org

🌐 saferessexroads.org/road-users/cycling

BOOKING FEE: £10





What's on in Colchester?

Jump Street hold support sessions for children and adults over age 4 with additional needs, trampolining a fun way to enhance:

- Social interaction
- Co-ordination
- Self-esteem and confidence
- Physical and mental wellbeing

[Click here to visit Jump Street's website.](#)



Disability 4 Sport offer something for everyone through their inclusive activities and they have a summer calendar of events.

[Click here to visit Disability4sport's website.](#)

FirstSite Holiday fun programme during the school holiday provides a fun day out for families. Includes:

- Free Art Pack
- Physical Activities
- A Free hot Lunch

[Click here to visit FirstSite's website.](#)

In Colchester, Clacton and Halstead...

Essex Professional Coaching (EPC)

provide fun football camps for all children aged 4 to 12 in the school holidays.

[Click here to visit the EPC's website.](#)

Summer SEND activities covering North East Essex (Colchester and Tendring districts).



Mercury Theatre have three SEND specific holiday activities:

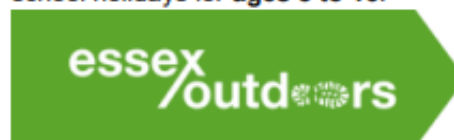
- **Send Party Nights** for aged 7 to 14 on the last Friday of the month at 6:30pm (from 27th August to 29th October)
- **SEND Move and Groove** for aged 7 to 11 on Wednesdays at 4pm (starts 30th June for 4 weeks)
- **SEND Summer School** 4-day course for aged 7 to 12 10:30am – 3pm daily (starts 10th August)

[Click here to visit Mercury Theatre's website.](#)

Kidz Camp Essex offer fun and inclusive childcare for ages 4 - 12 years old during the School Holidays with a fun and educational element. They have four venues in Colchester, Rayleigh, Romford and Southend.

[Click here to visit Kidz Camp's website.](#)

Essex Outdoors offer action-packed day experiences in their centre throughout the school holidays for ages 8 to 16.



[Click here to visit Essex Outdoors' website.](#)

Essex ACTIVate



Active Essex is offering a range of ActivAte clubs over the summer!

These clubs are completely **free for young people** who are **eligible for benefits based free school meals**, as well as children from working families who would benefit from this **additional support**.

Clubs will feature fun physical and enrichment activities, as well as nutrition education. Plus, each child will receive a **tasty, nutritious lunch!**



Where

Colchester Townhouse
89-42 East Stockwell St
Colchester
CO1 1SS

How

If you want to join us this summer please click below to sign up

<https://eola.co/w/1614/activities>

When

- 12pm-4pm
- Monday-Friday
- 26th July to 27th August

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Who

Young people
Aged 11-16.

If you want anymore details please contact:
ben.randall@essex.gov.uk

Local
Activity
Clubs

This Holiday Club will be delivered by Essex Youth Service and will offer