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Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 15 th – Thursday 16 th September 2021	Individual school photographs
Friday 24 th September 2021	Non Pupil Day

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

The first week of term has gone smoothly. Testing went well and all students are now nearing the end of their first week with us, settling into our new routines once more. I am hopeful that we will have our first uninterrupted year at Paxman Academy and am genuinely excited at the prospect of students being able to move around the building and learn in classrooms where there are less restrictions. We do, of course, have our most up to date risk assessment on our website, in line with government guidance should you wish to read it.

I have felt very privileged this week as I have witnessed students engaging well in their learning and getting excited in lessons. It has been lovely to watch year groups mixing during social times and to see our more established students support new students when they have encountered difficulties. Students have returned from their break refreshed, looking smart and ready to learn. I would like to thank you for your part in that. Our extra-curricular offer begins next week and I have spoken to all students this week about the importance of being involved in as many new things as they can be so that they can make the most of their time with us. Again, I know that I can count on your support with this. Details of what is on offer can be found in this newsletter.

We have been busy during summer. Firstly with summer school and then with works around site and the construction of the Memory Garden. Work is also due to start on our 3G pitch. I will keep you updated with the progress of that over the coming months.

We are about to start recruitment of Year 7 students for next year. This means that the school will be closed to students on 24th September to allow us to have a Taster Day for Year 6 students. We will also have a series of Open events which will be published next week.

Once again, I'd like to thank you for your support and I look forward to another successful year for your child, for you and for our whole school community.

Mrs CA Moffatt
Headteacher

School Photographs

A reminder that Year 7, 8 and 9 photographs are taking place on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th September. Please refer to the correspondence emailed today to check which day your son/daughter will be photographed. Details must be pre-registered online with Carmel Jane Photography prior to the dates above – simply follow the link below and enter this code: **JR9PK8R**. The registration process is quick and simple.

www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk/start/

Memory Garden

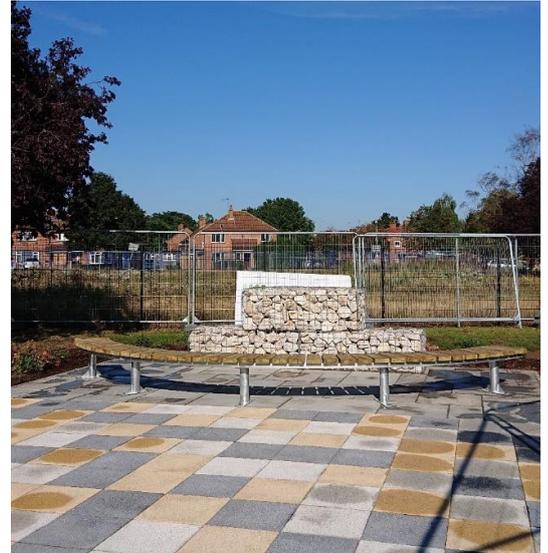
We are all aware of the long-term effects that the last few months have had on each other. As a school community, we are putting together a range of opportunities for the young people in our care to rebalance their mental wealth and look to the future.

Along with counselling and activities in PSHE and across the curriculum, we are also looking at legacy. Over the summer holidays an incredible team of contractors, construction workers and generally amazing people put together our Memory Garden for the whole school community to use. This was generously coordinated by Sean and David from construction company Lila and donated to the school.



We are incredibly grateful and looking forward to the students using it as a safe space to reflect.

Ms Newman



Launch Pad to Paxman Academy

During the first week of the summer break, 90 of our new Year 7 intake attended a space themed week as part of their transition to secondary school life. Students enjoyed a range of activities and took part in daily English, maths, sports and STEM lessons.

On Thursday we were lucky enough to have the 'Wonderdome' in school and students got to experience a live planetarium demonstration, which was enjoyed by all. To finish the week off, students were presented with participation certificates in an assembly with Mrs Moffat, before moving onto the field to launch the rockets they built during their STEM sessions.

Mr Nash



Extra-Curricular Clubs Timetables

We are delighted to announce that a broad programme of clubs and enrichment opportunities will commence on Monday. We would encourage students to try as many of these exciting opportunities as possible. Our extra-curricular offer changes each half term to allow for more opportunities.

For lunchtime clubs, students should make their way to the designated room at the start of lunch. After school clubs will finish at approximately 4.00pm. It is the students' responsibility to communicate with parents/carers and organise transport home. A copy of the clubs list is available in each form room.

Mr Mussett

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES			
	Lunchtime 1.25pm - 2pm	After School 3pm - 4pm	
MONDAY 	Guitar Club - Year 7, 8 & 9 (Room 127)	Drama - Year 7 & 8 (Room 202) Debate Club - Year 7, 8 & 9 (Room 202) Social Action Club - Year 7, 8 & 9 (Room 008) Science Club Sign Up - All (week 1 only) (Room 119) Boys Football - Year 9 (Field)	HOMEWORK CLUB RUNS DAILY AT LUNCHTIME IN ROOM 012
TUESDAY 	Pokeman Club - Year 7, 8 & 9 (Room TBC)	Art Club - Year 7, 8 & 9 (Room 10) Computing Club - Year 7, 8 & 9 (Room 12) Latin Dance Club - Year 7, 8 & 9 (TBC) Paxman Press (school newspaper) - Year 7, 8 & 9 (Room 101) DT MakerPace - Year 7, 8 & 9 (Room 13) Voice Squad (pop choir) - Year 7, 8 & 9 (Room 127) Girls Netball - Year 7, 8 & 9 (Hard courts/Sports Hall) Boys Football - Year 7, 8 & 9 (Field)	
WEDNESDAY 	Musical Theatre - Year 7, 8 & 9 (Room 127) Badminton - Year 9 (Sports Hall)	Drama Club - Year 9 (Room 202) Boys Rugby - Year 7, 8 & 9 (Field) Girls Football - Year 7, 8 & 9 (Field)	
THURSDAY	Spanish Arts & Music - Year 7, 8 & 9 (Room 107)		
FRIDAY 	Board Games - 7, 8 & 9 (Room 106) Dance Club - 7,8 & 9 (TBC) Ukulele - 7, 8 & 9 (Room 127)		

Free School Meals

If you think your son/daughter may be eligible for Free School Meals, applications must be made via the link on our website – [click here](#). Please note that you will need your National Insurance Number to apply. Parents/carers of Year 7 students who may have been eligible through their time at primary school must now reapply in this way. If you require any further assistance, please contact the main office.