



## NEWSLETTER • AUTUMN TERM ISSUE 36 • 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

### Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Evening Virtual Event
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Performance Poet Visit
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	National Poetry Day

### Curriculum Overviews Autumn 2021

We recognise the vital role that parents and carers have in deepening and broadening the educational experiences of their children - the simple conversation about what they have studied at school that extends to sharing your knowledge, looking something up on the internet together, buying a book or watching a related programme. As society has opened up again, it may even involve making a visit to a site or place of interest. However, we also appreciate that students do not always want to communicate their learning to you when they get home!

I hope that our Autumn Term Parent/Carer Curriculum Overviews will help bridge this gap. These provide an overview of what your child is studying in each subject area, and will give you some ideas of questions to ask, key vocabulary they should know and things to do, watch, read or listen to that link to each topic.

Please visit our website to access the overviews for your child's year group – we have added links here for your convenience: [Year 7](#), [Year 8](#), [Year 9](#).

We hope you find this information useful.

Mrs Steele

### Covid-19 Update

There have been a number of positive cases in school this week. In order to ensure the safety of our entire school community, please support our efforts to minimise the spread of Covid-19. We are continuing to monitor positive cases in school with the support of the Local Authority and will no longer be generally reporting these cases to parent/carers.

Students who are not exempt from wearing masks should continue to wear them in public areas around the school, and all students should continue to wash their hands thoroughly and regularly. We ask for your support in testing your child twice weekly at home using Lateral Flow Tests, ideally on a Wednesday and Sunday evening. The result of each test needs to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. Parents/carers will also need to report the result of each test to Paxman Academy by logging your child's results through [www.testregister.co.uk](http://www.testregister.co.uk).

If a student receives a positive LFT result, they must book a PCR test immediately and will need to stay at home and self-isolate. During this period our usual absence procedures apply – please contact the Student Absence line daily to update on progress with accessing a PCR test. Positive PCR tests must be reported to the school immediately – please email [absence@paxmanacademy.school](mailto:absence@paxmanacademy.school).

Thank you for your continued support.

## Lost Property

Lost property is held in the Pastoral department, not the Main Office. Students should talk to the pastoral team if they have lost any belongings – we are not permitted to allow parents into school to search for lost property. Please help us to process lost property efficiently by ensuring that all of your child's belongings are clearly named.

Thank you for your support.

## Absence Procedure

Student absence must be reported daily, preferably by 8.20am. You may call 01206 671155 and choose Option 1 to report a student absence, or alternatively email [absence@paxmanacademy.school](mailto:absence@paxmanacademy.school).

Medical appointments made during school hours should be reported via the email address above, along with evidence of the appointment, such as a hospital letter or appointment card.

## Library News

- The school library is launching a Book Club from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September at lunchtime in the Library. The first book to be featured is Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief and interested students should visit the library to sign up.
- In order to check out a Young Adult fiction book from the library, students must have parental consent. If you give your permission for your child to take out a Young Adult fiction book from the library, please can you write a note in their planner and sign it. Students will be asked to show this to the librarian when they check out a book. These books contain mature themes.
- Students can now log onto our Paxman Academy E-Library or download the app to borrow books – please [click here](#).



Ms Gooder / Mrs Martin

## National Poetry Day



We are delighted to announce that a performance poet will be visiting Paxman Academy on Tuesday 5th October to celebrate National Poetry Day (7th October). Adisa will be delivering a presentation to all students in Year 7 as well as workshops for selected students in Years 7, 8 and 9.

This is a wonderful opportunity to develop students' creativity and give them a unique cultural experience.

Ms Gooder

## Open Week Tours

It has been fantastic to welcome prospective parents into the school this week for Open Week tours. We are always very proud of our school and it is a privilege to show visitors the facilities and the engaging teaching and learning taking place every day.

A reminder that prospective parents are still able to book tours on our website for the next two weeks. We will also be holding a Q&A with the Headteacher virtually via a link on our website, and parents are invited to email questions, prior to the evening, to [open@paxmanacademy.school](mailto:open@paxmanacademy.school).

Mr Mussett

## Keeping Students Safe and Well at School

Please take a moment to read the reminders below - all of these are to ensure that we keep our students and school community safe and well. Little things like ensuring your child has enough water and has eaten well before school will prevent things like headaches or nausea getting in the way of their learning. We hope this information is useful to you - for any medical enquiries, please contact [medical@paxmanacademy.school](mailto:medical@paxmanacademy.school).

### **Allergies**

Please inform the school if your child has any allergies. We are now able to have practical Food Technology lessons and therefore need to ensure ingredients are safe for all students.

### **Medication**

Should your child require prescribed medication to be administered in school please complete a Medical Consent Form, which can be found in the Parents section of the school website or obtained from the Main Office. All medication must be handed to the Main Office by a parent/carer and be in its original packaging from the chemist, with the student's information printed on it. We are unable to administer any medication without this.

We have a small stock of paracetamol in the Medical Office. Should your child require paracetamol before 12pm a phone call to parents may be necessary to check that they have had breakfast and whether they have been medicated before school. Please do not send any pain relief into school with your child without speaking with the Medical Officer first as we have limited space to store medication.

### **Water**

Water fountains are currently not in use so please ensure your child brings sufficient water to school, especially on PE days and whilst the weather is warm. Dehydration can lead to headaches which impact on learning.

### **Breakfast**

Please ensure your child has a suitable breakfast each morning. It provides energy and can help with memory and concentration at school. Skipping breakfast causes tiredness and hunger and may also cause headaches or nausea.

### **Covid-19**

Please continue to test your child twice weekly with the Lateral Flow Kits provided. Should you require any more information, please contact the Main Office. If your child displays one of the four main Covid-19 symptoms - temperature, a new or persistent cough, or a change or loss of taste and smell – please access a PCR test immediately.

Mrs Reynolds