



NEWSLETTER • AUTUMN TERM ISSUE 39 • 12TH NOVEMBER 2021

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th November 2021	Anti-bullying Week
Friday 19 th November 2021	Year 8 Faraday Challenge
Friday 19 th November 2021	Service Premium Parents' Afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 24 th November 2021	No Pens Day Wednesday
Thursday 25 th November 2021	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Friday 26 th November 2021	Inset / Non-pupil Day
Monday 29 th November 2021	Student flu vaccinations

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers

We are now two weeks in to what has been a busy half term. The additional Covid measures we put in place have been effective in getting case numbers down, so from Monday we will revert to the measures that we had in place at the start of the year. An exception to this will be entry and exit to the school site, as we are keeping separate entrances for each year group.

You may have heard that one of our students was in an accident on the way to school on Tuesday. Thankfully he was not seriously injured. As the roads around the school site are exceptionally busy at the start and end of the day, I urge you to talk to your child about taking care. Some of our students have been campaigning for a crossing for quite some time and I would encourage you to sign [their petition](#) if you have not already done so, to help keep our community safe.

Mrs Denikiewicz supplemented our usual Remembrance Day activities this week by working with students to produce a number of displays in school. These included wartime memorabilia and medals that had been awarded to relatives of our students, amongst many other things. Our community is proud of our links with the Armed Forces and we have reflected a lot on that this week during lesson time and assemblies.

We welcomed visitors to the school on Thursday for our Enrichment Day. Students engaged in a number of different activities. Year 9 spent time thinking about life beyond Paxman Academy by considering careers that they are interested in. This will feed into their decision making for their forthcoming option choices.

We have also taken part in a number of sporting fixtures with other schools since half term. It is lovely to see the school return to normal as much as possible, with students engaging in all aspects of school life.

As always, I'd like to thank you for your support in working with us by ensuring that your children comes to school ready to engage in their learning.

Mrs CA Moffat
Headteacher

Remembrance Day

This year for Remembrance Day, students at Paxman Academy have been reflecting on why we remember the fallen and why we wear our poppy.

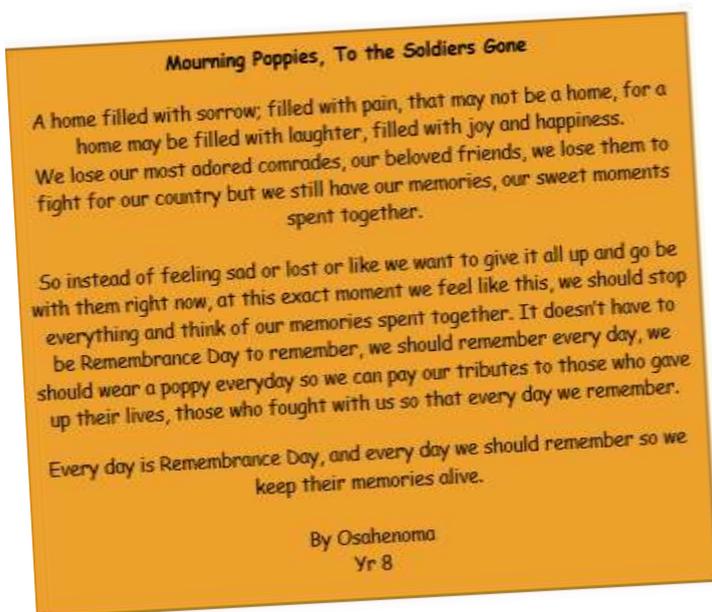
We have also been looking at our closer community and discussing family members who have served and any tours of duty they may have completed. This evolved into students proudly sending in photographs of service medals that their loved ones have been awarded.

Students have also considered the impact the two world wars had on not only those fighting but also those on the home front and the animals used in war, such as horses and even camels. Striking artistic displays have also been created around our school site.

At Paxman Academy we are proud to wear our poppy and remember those who gave their today so that we can have our tomorrow.



Mrs Denikiewicz



Uniform Reminders

Please be reminded of our uniform expectations:

- Students should be wearing smart black formal shoes and not trainers.
- Jewellery is limited to a single ring, a watch and a single set of stud earrings.
- All students must wear the school tie. If this is lost it should be replaced as soon as possible.
- Boys should wear mid-grey trousers, not light grey or black trousers.

Mr Morgan

Punctuality

A polite reminder that student gates close promptly at 8.30am. Please ensure that you child arrives to school before this time, in order to arrive at morning registration on time.

All arrivals after this time are sanctioned and continual lateness will be addressed.

Thank you for your support.

Attendance Department

Enrichment Day



On Thursday 11th November, we held our Enrichment Day. This was our first one of 2021/22 with two more to follow later in the academic year. These special off-curriculum days complement the PSHE programme and seek to contribute towards our students' personal development.

The day was a huge success and we thank our visitors who came in to provide such stimulating and engaging sessions:

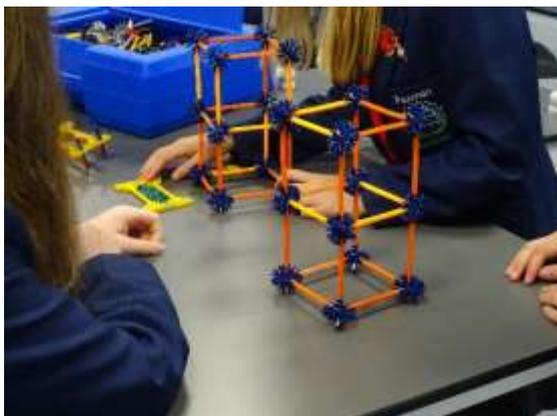
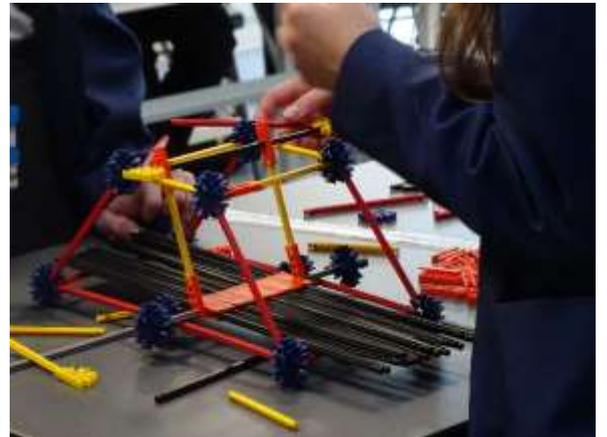
Essex Ambulance Service
Colchester United
Lila
Sanctum
Essex Fires Services

Students participated in a variety of sessions including e-safety, knife crime and its impact, careers support and CPR. All students had the opportunity to develop their STEM understanding through sessions such as building Morse code machines through to KnEX bridge building.

All students had a valuable day learning new skills and hearing some very important messages to help keep them and others safe.

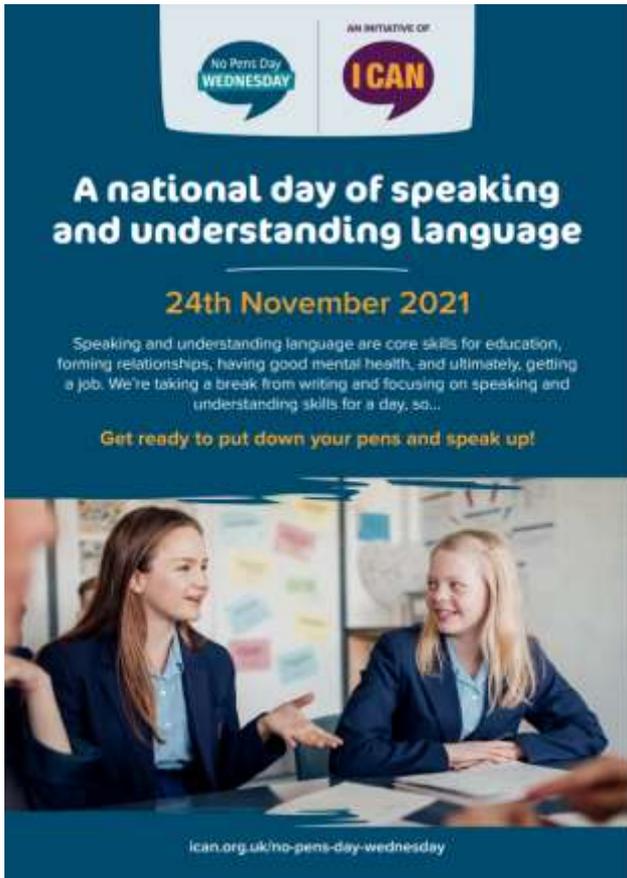
The next enrichment day is planned for the spring term and we are excited that we will have even more visitors joining us then.

Mr Mussett



No Pens Day Wednesday

Paxman Academy is joining thousands of other schools and Early Years settings across the country by getting involved in an exciting one-day event called No Pens Day Wednesday.



The poster features the 'No Pens Day WEDNESDAY' logo and the 'ICAN' logo. The main text reads: 'A national day of speaking and understanding language' followed by '24th November 2021'. Below this, it states: 'Speaking and understanding language are core skills for education, forming relationships, having good mental health, and ultimately, getting a job. We're taking a break from writing and focusing on speaking and understanding skills for a day, so...' and ends with the slogan 'Get ready to put down your pens and speak up!'. At the bottom, there is a photograph of two young girls in school uniforms sitting at a table and talking. The URL 'ican.org.uk/no-pens-day-wednesday' is visible at the bottom of the image.

What is No Pens Day Wednesday?

A national day dedicated to speaking and understanding language, *No Pens Day Wednesday* aims to raise awareness of the importance of these skills in children and young people's education and beyond.

For one day, Paxman Academy students will put down their pens and all lessons and activities will have a focus on speaking and understanding skills rather than writing or using a computer keyboard.

When is No Pens Day Wednesday?

We'll be joining this national day dedicated to speaking and understanding language on Wednesday 24th November 2021.

Why are we taking part?

Speaking and understanding skills underpin everything we do (learning, making friends, having good mental health, and ultimately getting a job) and directly affect pupils' education and life chances. Including speaking and understanding skills in a planned and structured way in pupils' education can have a positive impact on their learning and beyond. As a school, one of our priorities is on developing students' oracy skills, and this day helps to raise awareness of this across the school community.

We will report back after the event to give you an insight into what we learnt!

Mrs Steele



Sports News

We attended the NEESSA Cross Country event on Tuesday 9th November. With minimal training the students all performed brilliantly, showing great grit and determination throughout their races, with a special mention going to Julen who finished in a fantastic 11th place.

- Year 7 team: Julen, Tage, Michaela, Libby and Millie.
- Under 14 team: Brooklyn, George, Thomas, Ossie, Katie, Isabelle, Jess and Fleur.



On Wednesday 10th November, a Year 8 Netball team travelled to St Benedict's Catholic College, for a friendly fixture. The girls started and finished the game strongly, with our opponents dominating the middle quarters. A well-fought contest, played in brilliant spirit, ended with the score finishing 8-5 to St Benedict's, however the girls should be very proud of their efforts. Well done Samya, Ella, Amber, Lily, Miley, Malia, Noura and Aimee.

Unfortunately, due to poor weather, our Year 9 team were unable to play, however this will be rescheduled in the near future, so keep an eye out for how they get on.

Miss Cowell

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that student flu vaccinations are taking place in school on 29th November 2021. As outlined in the communication emailed this week, consent must be given to the NHS by the deadline of 28th November 2021 via this form: [click here](#). The school code you will need is 147080. If you have any queries regarding the vaccination program, or assistance with completing the consent form, please contact the NHS immunisation team directly on 0300 7900597.

PE Joggers

We appreciate that there has been difficulties with purchasing Paxman Academy joggers from our uniform supplier, Anglia Sports and Schoolwear. We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused and are happy to confirm that most sizes are now back in stock.

County Lines Information

Would you like to understand more about County Lines in Essex?

Join our panel of experts for a live webinar



Lindsay Dalton
CEO, Pace



Sarah Pritchard
Barnados



Your local
Police Officer

Free webinar for parents & carers

23 November, 7.00 - 8.00pm

Do you know how to keep your child safe?

Do you know about child criminal exploitation in Essex?

Are you worried someone is taking advantage of your child, making them do something illegal?



Learn what county lines is



Understand the signs that your child might be at risk or involved



Learn how offenders groom and exploit children



Understand what is happening in your local area

Register <https://essexwebinar.eventbrite.com>



CONTACTING STAFF AT PAXMAN ACADEMY

Address	PAXMAN AVENUE COLCHESTER ESSEX CO2 9DQ
Telephone	01206 671155

WHO TO CONTACT

At Paxman Academy, we understand that it is your children, our students, who will be the beneficiaries of strong relationships between our staff and parents/carers. We fully abide by our ASPIRE values and would ask that before you make contact with a member of staff, that you are respectful during your meeting, conversation or email and considerate of the person receiving your communication.

The list below will guide you towards the correct person to contact.

Issue/Concern	Who to contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns about a lesson Learning in a subject Pupil progress in a subject Set changes 	Head of Department
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tutor group issues Concerns about relationships Concerns about child safety Attendance concerns Lost property 	Pastoral Team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persistent absence Concerns at home Persistent concerns outside of lessons 	Head of Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEN support or inclusion One plans and EHCPs 	SENDCO

❖ Staff Contact

Email is the best way to contact a member of staff at Paxman Academy. In contacting the school, please remember that our staff are fully occupied in teaching, planning & preparing lessons and supporting our students. Our staff are committed to responding to emails as quickly as possible. In order to maintain realistic workloads and expectations however, staff have been advised to aim to reply to emails **within 2 school days of receipt** on Monday to Friday during term time. The list below gives guidance of who to contact in the first instance.

If your query is urgent, please refer to the list below before you call us on 01206 671155 in order to direct the call to the most appropriate person. Our lines are open during term time from 8.00am to 4.00pm.

❖ Subject Leaders

Art	art@paxmanacademy.school
Computer Science	computerscience@paxmanacademy.school
Drama	drama@paxmanacademy.school
English	english@paxmanacademy.school
Geography	geography@paxmanacademy.school
History	history@paxmanacademy.school
Mathematics	maths@paxmanacademy.school
Modern Foreign Languages	mfl@paxmanacademy.school
Music	music@paxmanacademy.school
P.E.	pe@paxmanacademy.school
R.E.	re@paxmanacademy.school
Science	science@paxmanacademy.school
Technology	technology@paxmanacademy.school

❖ Pastoral Support

Pastoral Team	pastoralteam@paxmanacademy.school
Head of Year 7	headofyear7@paxmanacademy.school
Head of Year 8	headofyear8@paxmanacademy.school
Head of Year 9	headofyear9@paxmanacademy.school

❖ Special Educational Needs

SEN Team	senteam@paxmanacademy.school
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❖ Report a Concern

Use [this form](#) to report a concern to the school.

❖ Report a Safeguarding Concern

The [Safeguarding](#) section of our website contains information on who to contact during school hours and out of school hours.

❖ Report a Student Absence

Absence Reporting	absence@paxmanacademy.school
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❖ Report a Medical Issue

Medical Officer	medical@paxmanacademy.school
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❖ Report a General Issue

School Office	admin@paxmanacademy.school
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❖ Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher	headteacher@paxmanacademy.school
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❖ Chair of Governors

Our Chair of Governors is Mr Richard Guest and he can be contacted via the school address or by email at admin@paxman