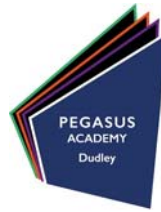




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31st March 2021

A Message From Mr Landers, Principal

It has been great to have the whole school back over the past few weeks, I've really missed the face-to-face interaction with the learners whilst they've been off. It's also been nice to feel the buzz of the filled corridors and vibrant classrooms with young people engaged in their learning. Whilst internal Covid testing has now come to an end, I would like to publicly thank the staff who volunteered to be part of the testing team and the maturity shown by our young people which ensured a smooth, hassle free process and safe return to school.



Our Year 11s are working incredibly hard in recent assessments to hopefully secure the highest grades possible in the summer. They have dealt with the challenge of the cancellation of the examinations extremely well and with restrictions now being lifted we still hope to reward them with an end of year prom. Also, well done to our Year 9 learners who have fully engaged in the Options process making informed decisions on the subjects that they want to study next year, the details of which will be finalised after the Easter holidays.

Can I finish by taking the opportunity to wish you a safe and relaxing Easter break. In the unfortunate case of your child testing Covid positive over the holidays, can I just remind you of the need to contact the school to report this via office@pegasusacademy.org.uk

New Term, New You

After the Easter break, learners can take part in the 'New Term, New You' house competition. We will encourage learners to set themselves a challenge to improve something. Each week there will be a new focus. There will be assemblies in the first week back with more details.

Week 1 (w/c 19th April) - Best punctuality (least number of late lines)

Week 2 (w/c 26th April) - Most merits

Week 3 (w/c 3rd May) - Best uniform (least number of 'U' lines)

Week 4 (w/c 10th May) - Best attendance

Let's see which house wins!

Happy Easter

Mrs Albright dressed as the Easter Bunny and surprised 7SDI with a gift today. All learners were given a chocolate Easter egg for them to enjoy over the holiday.

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable Easter and look forward to seeing you when we return on Monday 19th April.



Poetry by Heart

Last year we celebrated the inauguration of the national Poetry By Heart contest with a fiercely contested competition across the Trust. In the Key Stage 4 contest Charmaine Ngoro (Year 11) from Pegasus Academy was awarded runner-up for her passionate and animated performance of *Minority* by Imtiaz Dharker. As a result of Charmaine's dedication and involvement she was asked to record her performance to be entered for the regional competition. Although Charmaine did not win in this category, Poetry By Heart requested permission for her performance to be showcased on their website as an engaging example of how powerful the spoken word can be.

Poetry By Heart is an inspiring competition for students in schools to learn and to recite poems by heart. Not in an arm-waving, props-supported thespian extravaganza, but as the outward and audible manifestation of an inwardly-understood and enjoyed poem.

The competition is a pyramid of participation from individual classrooms to whole school/college contests, then county contests, regional semi-finals and the grand final. In the process, pupils foster deep personal connections with the poems chosen and bring poetry alive for their friends, families and communities. Poetry By Heart successfully engages young people from diverse social backgrounds and all types of school in personal discovery of the pleasures of poetry.

<https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/performancegallery/14-plus/>

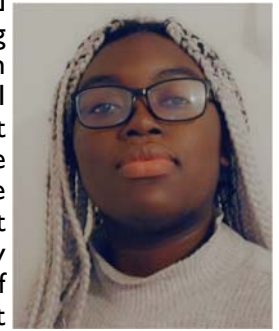
English Renovation

While learners and teachers spent lockdown at home distance learning, our site team have been busy in our English department decorating and improving the environment for our learners. All rooms and corridors have been painted, new display boards have gone up around the department, new white boards and an overhaul of ICT including 75" interactive digital screens. We hope our learners appreciate the improvements and this is conducive to their education.



Dreaming BIG

An article by a former Pegasus learner: My name's Natasha and I'm currently studying French, Spanish and Economics at King Edward VI College. When I left with my GCSEs, I didn't think I was smart enough to do a pure language degree, let alone a pure language degree at Cambridge. So, I initially settled for doing a mix of history and languages at some other universities. But my heart still lay with languages.



My first successes came in being accepted to both the Cambridge and Oxford summer schools for languages, which allowed me to get a feel for which out of the two universities would suit me best for languages. Compounded with that, lockdown forced me to confront that my true passion was languages. I liked being able to reunite so many disciplines - sociology, psychology, politics - all under one subject, and it drew my attention in a way that no other subject could.

When university applications rolled around, I still wasn't sure if I wanted to apply to Cambridge. The uncertainty caused by the pandemic had affected me adversely, and part of me had given up entirely on the idea of going to university. In the end, I changed my mind and ended up applying a week before the internal deadline. But my hopes were low. My predicted grades were below the requirements and I was all-too-aware that my GCSEs were average - nothing less, nothing more. Nevertheless, I did my best in the interviews and admissions exams in the tiny hope that *perhaps* Cambridge would think, "Hey, you're not too bad actually".

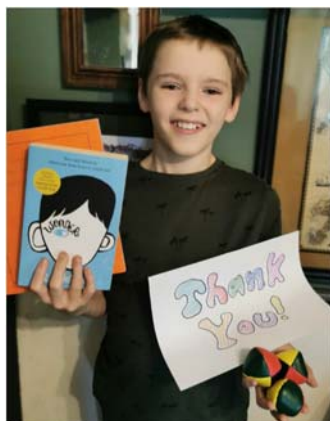
When I got the email telling me I'd been offered a place at Cambridge to study French and Russian, I didn't believe my eyes for a minute. Part of me believed they'd sent the email by mistake and had actually meant to *reject* me. But then I looked at the accompanying letter, and there it was in black-and-white text: **Congratulations!**

To this day, I don't know what my interviewers saw in me, but I am content in the knowledge that I'll have the privilege of pursuing my highest passion at one of the world's greatest institutions in a matter of months. In a way, it wouldn't have happened had lockdown not forced me to acknowledge that following your dreams isn't always *idealistic nonsense*. Sometimes, following your dreams can be the only way to keep weathering the storm ahead of you.

Year 7 Learners

Distance Learning Packs

As a well done to all our Year 7 learner's Pegasus Academy sent out in the post parcels that included a thank you, encouragement letter along with exercise books, a copy of the 'Wonder' reading book and a set of juggling balls. Staff organised juggling competitions amongst the year group and love of reading sessions which was positively both families and learners.



Pictured is one of one Year 7 learners who was very pleased with the delivery.

Vaccination Consent

Local Authority nurses will be in the Academy on Thursday 22nd April to administer the Meningitis ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccinations to all Year 9 learners. If you have not completed your child's consent form, please do so and return it to the Academy when they return after the Easter break.

Year 11 Photographs

Tempest photographers will be at the Academy after school on Monday 19th April for Year 11 learners wishing to have their photograph taken.

STEM Superstars

Learners in Years 7, 8 and 9 were invited by their science teacher, Mrs Rathbone to take part in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) competition.

Year 7 were tasked with building the tallest tower they could out of dried spaghetti and marshmallows. Breanna (7SDI) was the winner with an impressive tower of 84cm tall.

Year 8 were set the challenge of building a paper bridge that span a gap of 30cm which could hold the most monetary mass. Well done to Amelia (8RAL) whose bridge held 836g of money mass and also a 1.5L bottle of water. Amelia also created a super PowerPoint of her work.

Year 9 learners were asked to build the longest marble run out of recycled materials in their house. Hubert's (9JOT) superb effort was supported by a video.

Well done to all participants. All entries were of a very high standard. Some of the winners are pictured below with their prize.



Distance Learning Stars

Throughout lockdown Pegasus Academy has consistently rewarded young people for their commitment and hard work in completing school work from home. Each week young people who had submitted the most amount of work from each year group were rewarded with Amazon gift vouchers. Pegasus Academy have now recognised those learners who have consistently submitted the most work from the whole of the lockdown period across each year group. We are so proud of all our learners and continue to celebrate successes and dedication.



Year 11 Nikita-Jorja J Ibrahim S	Year 10 Maaria S Connor C	Year 9 Hubert K Fatiha I
Year 8 Ryan P Megan T	Year 7 Logan D Abdulkareem N	

Attendance

These remain the most unusual of times as we continue to experience the effects of the global pandemic. The Covid testing has been really effective in us being able to keep learners in school learning. Please continue to use the Lateral Flow self-test kits provided to be able to rule out Covid.

Please encourage your child to attend school every day even if sometimes they do not want to. It has come to our attention that some learners are having odd days off. If your child has genuine reasons for absence, then please contact the Academy Attendance Office on 01384 253722.

Education lays the foundations of a child's life and is vital for both academic and social development. Too much time has been missed over the past year and staff are here to support your child moving forwards, to improve on and strengthen their learning putting them in the best possible place for success.

Have You Downloaded The **weduc** App?



Weduc is our new parent app that gives everyone more flexibility. Parents can top up their child's lunch money and see what they've been eating in the canteen. Learners no longer need to carry money into school and parents can keep track, being sure their child always has sufficient funds for food at break and lunch time. Learners and parents can also check attendance, merits and lines lost. You will also be able to buy new ties, stationery, and planners from the student shop via the app. Parents can update contact details, and when normality returns give consent for school trips and book parents evening appointments.

Having all these features and more centrally in one place makes everyone communicating easier. Thanks to all parents and carers who have signed up already and for those who haven't done so yet you can do this by emailing us at office@pegasusacademy.org.uk to request an enrolment code.

Coming Up Summer Term 2021

1st April	INSET day (academy closed to learners)	7th June	Academy re-opens
19th April	Academy re-opens Y11 photos after school (optional)	28th June	Year 6 transition week
22nd April	Y9 ACWY & DTP injections	2nd July	Year 11 Prom
29th April	Year 8 Parents' Evening	7th July	Year 10 Parents Reward Evening/Mocks
3rd May	Bank Holiday	16th July	Learners break up for the Summer holiday
6th May	Year 7 Parent's Evening	19th/20th/21st July	INSET days (academy closed to learners)
17th May	Year 8 HPV injection		
28th May	Learners break up for half term		

Scotty G's Summer Term Menu

Why not come and try out some of the delicious meals we have on offer. Our split lunch system means that there are rarely queues so you can spend your lunch time relaxing.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	Pasta Bake	Cottage pie	Pepperoni Pizza	Chicken Burger	Fish & Chips With Optional Tartar Sauce
WEEK 2	Pork Sausage	Chicken Balti	Pepperoni Pizza	Beef Lasagne	Fish & Chips with Optional Tartar Sauce
WEEK 3	Chicken Fajitas	Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	Pepperoni Pizza	Chilli Con Carne	Fish & Chips With Optional Tartar Sauce

CHICKEN JOES, VEGETARIAN AND HALAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE DAILY

JACKET POTATOES WITH A CHOICE OF FILLINGS, CHEESE AND BISCUITS, DESSERTS, FRESH FRUIT AND SALAD AVAILABLE DAILY