



Friday 21st July 2023

# A Message From Mr Landers

Dear Learners, Parents and Staff,

As we bid farewell to another successful academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on our collective achievements and express my gratitude for the incredible efforts of our school community. It has been an extraordinary journey filled with growth, learning, and resilience.

Over the past year, our learners have continuously shown their dedication to their studies, embracing challenges with determination and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Your thirst for knowledge and passion for exploration have been truly inspiring, and I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you.

To the parents and carers, thank you for entrusting us with the education and development of your children. Your support and involvement have been invaluable, fostering a strong partnership between home and school.

Together, we have nurtured an environment where students can flourish and realise their full potential.

I extend my deepest appreciation to our exceptional staff members who have worked tirelessly to create a safe and nurturing environment for our students. Your dedication to providing quality education and fostering a supportive atmosphere has been the cornerstone of our success.

As we approach the summer break, I encourage everyone to take some well-deserved time to relax, recharge, and explore new opportunities for personal growth. Whether it be spending time with loved ones, engaging in hobbies, or pursuing new interests, let this break be a chance to rejuvenate and return with fresh enthusiasm.

For our Year 11 learners, we congratulate you on reaching this milestone in your academic journey. As you move on to new horizons, remember that the values and skills you've acquired here will serve as a solid foundation for your future endeavours. We believe in you and are excited to witness the positive impact you will undoubtedly make in the world. It's now time for our Year 10s to step up and become the exceptional year group we believe they can be.

I wish you all a safe, joyful, and fulfilling summer holiday. Take this time to create lasting memories and return in the autumn with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Remember, we are a family, and our unity and determination will lead us to even greater accomplishments in the future.

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community. Together, we can achieve anything!

Warmest regards,

Mr A Landers, Principal.





# Changes to the Academy Day

Following the recent consultation on proposed changes to timings of the academy day, the proposed changes have been approved by the Board of Trustees and will commence from September 2023. Thank you to all parents and carers who responded to the consultation. All views expressed have been reviewed and considered.

It is important to note that the Government have set the expectation that all schools are open to learners for a minimum of 32.5 hours per week and the proposed changes are required to meet this expectation.

We believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community and will have a positive effect on our learners' education.

Years 7 & 9

	Start	Finish
Form Time	08:40	09:10
Period 1	09:10	10:10
Period 2	10:10	11:10
Break	11:10	11:30
Period 3	11:30	12:30
Period 4	12:30	13:30
Lunch	13:30	14:10
Period 5	14:10	15:10

Years 8, 10 & 11

	Start	Finish
Form Time	08:40	09:10
Period 1	09:10	10:10
Break	10:10	10:30
Period 2	10:30	11:30
Period 3	11:30	12:30
Lunch	12:30	13:10
Period 4	13:10	14:10
Period 5	14:10	15:10

Learners return on Tuesday 5th September 2023 at the following times:

Year Group	Start Time	
7	08:40	
11	09:10	
10	09:40	
9	10:30	
8	10:55	

## **Lost Property**

Please remind your child that if they ever lose something in school, to come to the Resources office to see if it has been handed in.

There was a number of unclaimed jackets and bags that have been cleared from site due to not being claimed over the course of the last academic year. These have been taken and donated to local charities.

Please remember to put names on belongings so we can get items back to their owners easier. Thank you for your ongoing support and co operation with this.

### **Student Presidents**

A massive congratulations to Haya M and Theodora I who have been named as our Student Presidents for next year!







Merits & Lines



Attendance



Home Learning





Communications



Online Payments



Learner Reports



Consent Forms

## **Parent Apps**

Please ensure you're signed up to both our parent apps: Classcharts & Weduc. It is vitally important you have both of these apps to enable full communication between the Academy and home. Both are available to download on all devices via the app store.

If you're struggling to sign up or do not have access, please email office@pegausacademy.org.uk where we will be happy to assist you.



### Stars of the Year

A massive congratulations to the following learners who achieved the most merits per form for this academic year!

Year 7

Brandon B Lauren C Francessca H Mason E Dilpreet D

Year 8

Hassan A Khalla A Jt G Khalla A Treasure O

Year 9

Maheen H Nicholas A Thomas C Simran D

Year 10

Princess I Elizabeth K Haya M Daisy H Mamadou B

### **House Winners**

This year the house competition was a tight race right until the very end.

Well done to Apollo house who won on 58612 house points!



### Year 10 Mocks

Year 10 finished their first series of GCSE mock exams recently and to celebrate their great attitude and efforts they enjoyed ice-cream treats! Well done all! Next step....Year 11!





# **Year 9 Cricket Competition**

Year 9 boys (plus Ibrahim from Year 8) competed in a cricket tournament at the end of June.

The boys did us proud and finished in joint 1st place, only missing out on the win by 4 runs. Well done all!



### Indoor Atheltics

You may remember back in March, our Year 9 athletics team put on a great performance to get through to the Level 3 indoor athletics competition for the Black Country Games.

At the start of this term, they travelled to Aldersley Leisure Centre to compete against other schools from across the West Midlands. It was a great experience to be up against fellow athletes!

A special mention to the boys squad who just missed out on 3rd place for the whole of the West Midlands great work!







# **Punctuality Reminders**

Punctuality is important to ensure that no learning is missed. Late arrivals to class disrupt the lesson for the teacher and those learners who arrived on time. Learners who arrive late will be issued with a line. If they arrive late twice in one week, they will be issued a detention. Learners who arrive after 9.30 may be given a 'U' mark which means they will lose the whole AM mark. Please continue to support your youngsters to establish good routines to arrive on time daily by following these tips:

- Ensuring that they have a good bedtime routine (including not staying up too late or having screen time late into the night).
- Ensuring that they have arrangements in place to wake them up (this could be an alarm set or arrangement to be woken at a set time) and have a realistic morning routine.
- Ask to see your child's planner to monitor their lates yourself and encourage/reward them when they are getting it right, ie not getting any late lines, or apply sanctions at home for late lines.
- Have a conversation with them and us if you are concerned about what you see in their planner.

# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Monday 4th September 2023 - INSET Day** 

Tuesday 5th September 2023 - Learners return to School

**Thursday 28th September 2023 - Open Evening** 

Wednesday 18th October 2023 - Year 7 Settling in Evening

Friday 27th October 2023 - Learners finish for Half Term

# **Dance Workshop**

Last month some of our learners took part in a full day dance educational workshop with Flexus Dance Collective. They later showcased their performance to learners and staff. Well done to everyone that took part!



### **Rock The Castle**

This week saw the 'Rock The Castle' gig hosted at the 'Red By Night' venue at the Waterfront. The Pegasus Band took to the stage to rock out along with several other schools in the borough...including learners from The Link Academy - Netherton!

Our musicians would like to thank Dudley Performing Arts for organising the event and parents and carers for their amazing support. It was so good to see the next generation of musicians dreaming big.





### **Term Time Absence**

Can we please remind you that if you are planning to take your child out of school during term time for any reason (including for religious festivals), you will need to complete a Leave of Absence Request form providing your intended dates, before your child takes any time off school.

This will be given to the Principal for consideration and approval.

Please note that term time holidays will not be authorised and you may be liable to a fixed term Penalty Notice if you choose to take your child on holiday during term time.



# Staff Well Being

On Monday 17th July, all staff members were invited to take part in a well being session. Sessions ranged from jewellery making to a walk around saltwells reservoir.





### Science News

Year 9 learners have been undergoing heart dissection during Science this term!

They all said they found the experience very interesting.
Well done to all!





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# **Sports Day**

Friday 14th July saw the academy take part in our annual sports day event. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't on our side but that didn't stop us as learners took part in numerous sporting activities and had the chance to have some fun on some inflatables aswell. The final results can be found below:

1st - Apollo (1445) 2nd - Zeus (1420) 3rd - Athena (1350) 4th - Atlas (1130)

Congratulations to Apollo for winning and everyone involved for your hard work, dedication and efforts in adverse conditions!



### Year 11 Prom

We celebrated Year 11 finishing by holding our prom at Himley Hall. This was the first prom event since COVID.

It was such a delight to see learners dressed up and enjoying themselves after the stress of the GCSE examinations!







# 10 Up Challenge

This half term, learners across all year groups have been running their own charity events and activities in their form groups to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital. These included a football match, a raffle and even a lemonade stand! We have raised a massive £319.20! A huge well done to all our learners who have helped organise events and everyone who has contributed towards a fantastic local charity.

Look out for more fundraisers that will be taking place throughout the next academic year!





