

Friday 27th October 2023

A Message From Mr Landers

As the leaves begin to change and the air becomes crisp, we end our first half term full of pride and happiness in what we have achieved as a school community. It is pleasing to note that for the second year running our hard work has been recognised with us yet again being in top 10 of Dudley Schools for progress with above national average levels. We are confident and positive about the year ahead with our current year 11 showing true resilience in all aspects of school life from after school sessions, to home learning and sporting events. A particular highlight was our revision residential at Astley Burf.

Next half term promises to be a period of growth, discovery, and achievement. It is a time for us to build on the successes of the past, to overcome new challenges, and to celebrate the remarkable talents and potential that reside within our school community. Year 11s face their first round of mock exams and we wish them all the success they deserve. We also have exciting new building developments starting including the complete renovation of the girls and boys toilets and of our old gymnasium, creating another large sports venue at the academy. We truly are committed to providing the best environment possible.

This half term, our staff have worked tirelessly to continue to create an engaging and nurturing environment where learning flourishes. We are committed to providing you with the best educational experience, both inside and outside the classroom. Our dedication to your success is unwavering.

For our learners, I encourage you to approach next term with a sense of curiosity and determination. Take advantage of the resources available to you, participate in extracurricular activities, and make lasting connections with your peers. It was great to see learners across all of Key Stage 3 come together at our Halloween Disco to celebrate their achievements and effort this term.

To our parents and carers, we appreciate your continued support and trust in our educational institution. Your partnership is essential in helping our students achieve their full potential. We invite you to engage with us and stay involved in your child's educational journey.

In closing, I want to remind everyone that the successes of this term lie in our collective efforts. Let us continue to work together to create an environment where each individual can thrive. I am excited about the possibilities that next half term holds and look forward to celebrating our continued achievements together.

Mr A Landers, Principal.

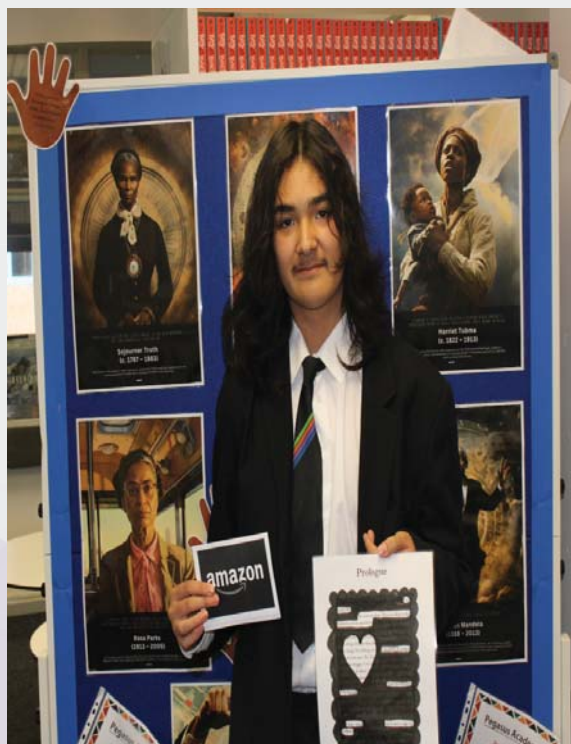


Black History Month

October marked the start of this year's Black History Month. It's an annual event that recognises and celebrates the invaluable contributions of black people from around the world.

Here at Pegasus, to recognise and celebrate Black History Month, we have run a blackout poetry competition with the goal of choosing words from a passage to create art.

A big congratulations to Year 8 learner Craig S who won the competition with a powerful piece! A big thank you to everyone who entered the competition and helped us celebrate this important event.



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.

Since coming back in September, we have already amassed a large amount of items that learners have misplaced.

Please remind learners to try and keep everything they bring into school as safe as possible and 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.



- ★ 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. We are limiting the amount we post home and are also no longer accepting cash payments on site for events, this is all being done via Weduc. 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@pegasusacademy.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 half term!

Year 7

Venuki V
Tinuola A
Tayyiba M
Bahir W
Billy H
Precious O

Year 8

Brandon B
Aisha B
Senul V
Ruby H
Beatriz D

Year 9

Emanuela G
Alfie B
Excel V
Treasure O
Hassan A

Year 10

Mohamed S
Yusuf M
Takudzwa M
Simran D

Year 11

Steven O
Shane A
Theodora I
Daniel M
Shawn A

Art Club

This half term our Art Club have been experimenting with ceramics. They've been shaping their clay using the pinch pot method and adding teeth, eyes, and other accessories to create a large family of clay monsters. Now the monsters have been bisque fired, they'll be carefully painted using a rainbow of different glaze colours!



KS3 Computing

Ms Aston's Year 7s have made a fantastic start to the year, they have been working hard on their E-Safety and learning about the impact of malware, how to keep your data safe and how to safely deal with cyberbullying. Lots of learners have been completing their home learning in particular: Kelsy W, Nida X, Lilly L & Railijs A!

Ms Aston also gave a special mention to Layton M who has produced an electronic version of his digital footprint, well done Layton for this fantastic piece of work!

Year 11 Geography Trip

This half term, Year 11 learners went to Birmingham City Centre as part of their Human Geography Fieldwork. They were exploring how Birmingham has improved overtime and looking at people's views on this through environmental quality surveys and questionnaires. It was a lovely day with smiles all round and the weather even held out!



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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 6th November 2023 - Learners return to School

Friday 10th November 2023 - Year 11 Photographs

Monday 13th November 2023 - Year 11 Mock Exams Start

Thursday 23rd November 2023 - Year 11 Mock Exams End

Friday 24th November 2023 - INSET Day (School closed to learners)

Thursday 29th November 2023 - GCSE Presentation Evening

Wednesday 13th December 2023 - Year 11 Mock Celebration Evening

Thursday 21st December 2023 - Academy breaks up for Christmas

Friday 22nd December 2023 - INSET DAY (School closed to learners)

World Mental Health Day

We celebrated World Mental Health Day at Pegasus this term with assemblies and registration time focussed on mental health, resources and how we can better support one another as a school.

This years campaign from the World Mental Health Foundation is called Tea & Talk:
Tea & Talk for World Mental Health Day | Mental Health Foundation

We are encouraging both learners and staff to take some time over the October half term to have their own 'Tea & Talk' and to speak to friends and family, encouraging an open culture around mental health.

If you want some advice on how to talk to your child about mental health, Young Minds have some great resources:
How to Talk to Your Child about Mental Health | YoungMinds



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.

Year 10 Practicals

This half term, our Year 10 hospitality and catering learners have started to complete their practical work which will go towards their final GCSE grade in Year 11.

Here is a selection of some of the delicious looking work they have produced!



Sparx Homework Summary

Mr Duckworth and the maths team have been monitoring all the home learning that has been completed via Sparx. All maths home learning is set via Sparx and it is vitally important that your child completes this on time, every week. If your child is struggling to access Sparx, please ask them to see their maths teacher.

A massive well done to 7TSI who have achieved the most XP on Sparx across the whole academy this half term!

Pegasus Celebrates Languages!

The European Day of Languages is celebrated in schools all over Europe, on the 26th September every year. It aims to promote the rich linguistic diversity of Europe, and raise awareness of the importance of lifelong language learning for everyone.

To celebrate this, a number of activities are organized for learners in schools throughout Europe.

At Pegasus this year, the Modern Foreign Languages corridor was decorated with flags from around the world.

Year 7 students were able to enter a flag competition to name as many flags as they could.

Year 8 students were able to enter a Treasure Hunt, searching the school for the answers to interesting European facts.

Year 9 tutor groups competed against each other in a European Quiz.

Our Winners are:

Year 7 - Layton M – 7JDA

Year 8 - Jasmine S – 8TSM

Year 9 - 9SHA (represented by Hayder A & Ahmed T)

Well done to everyone who participated, you will all receive Merits for your effort. Watch this space next year as we make it bigger and more exciting with many more activities and competitions!





Breakfast & Homework Club

All students are invited to attend our Breakfast & Homework Clubs

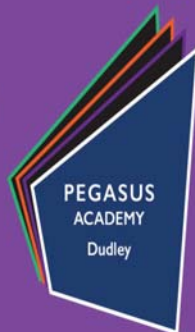
These run Monday - Friday
in Room A03

Breakfast Club

8.00am until 8.40am
Free breakfast provided!

Homework Club

3.10pm until 4.00pm



Halloween Disco

Learners from Year 7, 8 & 9 celebrated their hard work this half term by letting off some steam at our spooktacular halloween disco this week! It was fantastic to see so many learners in fancy dress and having fun. A big thank you to our resident academy DJ, Mr Taylor!



Attendance Matters

Education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Regular and punctual attendance at school is key to both academic and social development, which in turn will improve the life chances of children and young people. If your child regularly misses school their attendance will drop.

What does 90% attendance mean?

90% attendance = ½ school day missed every week!

One school year at 90% attendance = 4 weeks of learning missed!

Over 5 school years of school = ½ school year missed!

All children and young people nationally whose school attendance is 90% or below are considered to be persistent absentees.

Our Attendance Officer is likely to be in regular contact with you until your child's attendance improves.

Can we also remind you to please remember to notify the academy of any changes to your contact details and provide alternative contact numbers wherever possible.

We encourage you to attend school every day!

Day		Subject	Length
Monday 30 th October	am	English Language Revision Miss Buttery	09:00-13:00pm
	am	English Literature Paper 2 Revision Miss Moore	09:00-13:00pm
Tuesday 31 st October	am	Maths Revision Mr Carpenter	09:00-12:00pm
	pm	Maths Foundation Tier Mr Nation	08:30-12:30pm
Wednesday 1 st November	am	Maths Revision Foundation Tier Paper 1 Mr Duckworth	09:00-11:00am
	am	Maths Revision Higher Tier Paper 1 Mr Duckworth	11:00-13:00pm
	pm	Imedia Mr Landers	13:00-17:00pm
Thursday 2 nd November	am	History Revision Miss Anslow	09:00-13:00pm
Friday 3 rd November	am	Maths Revision Foundation Tier Paper 3 Mr Duckworth	09:00-11:00am
	am	Maths Revision Higher Tier Paper 3 Mr Duckworth	11:00-13:00pm



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New Menus

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Chicken Balti	Pastry Topped Minced Beef, Potato & Vegetable pie	Pepperoni Pizza	Roast Chicken with sage & onion stuffing	Fish with Optional Tartare Sauce/ Dirty Fries
VEGETARIAN OPTION	Quorn & Roast Vegetable & Chick Pea Balti Jacket potato	Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake Jacket potato	Cheese & Tomato Pizza / Veggie supreme Jacket potato	Macaroni Cheese Bake/ Vegetable Slice Jacket potato	Veggie surprise/ Stuffed Skins Jacket potato
HALAL OPTION	Halal Chicken Balti	Pastry Topped Halal Minced Beef, Potato & Vegetable pie	Halal Chicken Pizza	Seasoned Halal roast Chicken Breast with sage & onion stuffing	Fish With Optional Tartare Sauce/ Dirty Fries
VEG/SIDE	Rice/Onion salad/ Raita /Naan Bread Chopped Salad /	Buttered baby Potatoes Peas, Salad, Coleslaw	Salt & Pepper Wedge / Beans/ Home Made Coleslaw /Chopped Salad	Roast Potatoes/ Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake Cabbage/ Mixed Vegetables Gravy / Chopped Salad	Chipped Potatoes/ Garden Peas/ Baked Beans
PASTA POT/ BAKE / SOUP	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta Bake		NONE	Macaroni Cheese Bake	NONE
DESSERTS	Chocolate Sponge	Hot Crumble With Custard or Flapjack	Iced Jam Shortbread	Hot Steamed syrup Pudding With Custard Or Lemon Sponge	Mixed Cakes
CHICKEN JOES COUNTER	Halal Tandoori , BBQ or Tikka Standard Tandoori, BBQ or Tikka	Halal Tandoori , BBQ or Tikka Standard Tandoori, BBQ or Tikka	Halal Tandoori , BBQ or Tikka Standard Tandoori, BBQ or Tikka	Halal Tandoori , BBQ or Tikka Standard Tandoori, BBQ or Tikka	Halal Mixed Meats Mixed Meats

JACKET POTATOES WITH A CHOICE OF FILLINGS AVAILABLE DAILY

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Beef Bolognaise	Spicy Chicken Burrito	Pepperoni Pizza	Roast Pork With sage & Onion Stuffing	Fish with Optional Tartare Sauce
VEGETARIAN OPTION	Macaroni Cheese Jacket potato	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta Bake Jacket potato	Cheese & Tomato Pizza / Veggie supreme Jacket potato	Cheese & Potato Pie / Vegetable Slice Jacket potato	Veggie surprise/ Stuffed Skins Jacket potato
HALAL OPTION	Halal Beef Bolognaise	Spicy Halal Chicken Burrito	Halal Chicken Pizza	Seasoned Halal Roasted Chicken Breast with Sage & onion stuffing	Fish With Optional Tartare Sauce
VEG/SIDE	Garlic Bread/ Peas /Baked Beans Chopped Salad	Home Made Nacho's Home Made salsa / Home Made coleslaw/ Salad Corn on the Cob/ Baked Beans	Salt & pepper Wedge / Beans/ Home Made Coleslaw /Chopped Salad	Roast Potatoes/ Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake Cabbage/ Mixed Vegetables Gravy / Chopped Salad	Chipped Potatoes/ Garden Peas/ Baked Beans
PASTA POT / SOUP	Macaroni Cheese		None	Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake	None
DESSERTS	Chocolate Crunch	Hot Crumble With Custard or Flapjack	Chocolate Iced Sponge	Hot Steamed syrup Pudding With Custard Or Jam & Coconut Sponge	Mixed Cakes
CHICKEN JOES COUNTER	Halal Tandoori , BBQ or Tikka Standard Tandoori, BBQ or Tikka	Halal Tandoori , BBQ or Tikka Standard Tandoori, BBQ or Tikka	Halal Tandoori , BBQ or Tikka Standard Tandoori, BBQ or Tikka	Halal Tandoori , BBQ or Tikka Standard Tandoori, BBQ or Tikka	Halal Mixed Meats Mixed Meats

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WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Loaded Homemade /Chicken/Beef Nacho's	Beef Lasagne	Pepperoni Pizza	Roast Turkey with sage & onion stuffing	Fish with Optional Tartare Sauce
VEGETARIAN OPTION	Loaded Homemade Veggie Nacho's Jacket potato	Creamy Pasta Bake Jacket potato	Cheese & Tomato Pizza / Veggie supreme Jacket Potato	Macaroni Cheese Bake/ Vegetable Slice Jacket potato	Veggie surprise/ Stuffed Skins Jacket potato
HALAL OPTION	Loaded Homemade Halal Beef / Chicken Nacho's	Halal Beef Lasagne	Halal Chicken Pizza	Seasoned Halal roast Turkey Breast with sage & onion stuffing	Fish With Optional Tartare Sauce
VEG/SIDE	Salas / Guacamole /Sweetcorn Salad/ Sour Cream/ Cheese	Garlic Bread/ Peas / Home Made Coleslaw /Chopped Salad	Salt & Pepper Wedge / Beans/ Home Made Coleslaw /Chopped Salad	Roast Potatoes/ Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake Cabbage/ Mixed Vegetables Gravy / Chopped Salad	Chipped Potatoes/ Garden Peas/ Baked Beans
PASTA POT/ BAKE / SOUP	Mediterranean Tomato Sauce with garlic bread	NONE	Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake	Macaroni Cheese Bake	
DESSERTS	Carrot Cake with Butter or Cream Cheese Icing	Hot Crumble With Custard or Flapjack	Lemon Sponge	Hot Steamed syrup Pudding With Custard Or Chocolate Sponge	Mixed Cakes
CHICKEN JOES COUNTER	Halal Tandoori , BBQ or Tikka Standard Tandoori, BBQ or Tikka	Halal Tandoori , BBQ or Tikka Standard Tandoori, BBQ or Tikka	Halal Tandoori , BBQ or Tikka Standard Tandoori, BBQ or Tikka	Halal Tandoori , BBQ or Tikka Standard Tandoori, BBQ or Tikka	Halal Mixed Meats Mixed Meats



Open Evening 2023

We had another fantastic turnout for our annual Open Evening that took place on Thursday 28th September.

Pegasus staff and learners were on hand throughout the evening to show our visitors what the Academy had to offer and to answer any questions or queries they had. Feedback from parents, carers and year 6 learners was overwhelmingly positive.

Thank you all for coming to see our Academy and we hope to see many of you joining us in September 2024!

If you were unable to attend our open event, please contact us directly to see if we can arrange a tour.



Astley Burf

A number of Year 11 learners were invited to attend a weekend residential visit to Astley Burf this month. They took part in a series of intensive revision sessions, along with a range of fun and team building activities, including a 'high ropes' activity at Go-Ape, a film and pizza evening and a disco on the final night.

It was organised to help learners achieve their target grades in both English and Maths, develop positive mindsets and to develop an understanding of study and revision skills needed to do well in all their GCSE subjects. Learners conducted themselves fantastically and impressed us all with their attitude towards learning. It was an amazing weekend with some amazing young people!



Year 11 History Trip

This month, our Year 11 history learners went on a trip to Dudley Zoo to complete a historical site study of Dudley Castle.

They all had a great time and represented the Academy wonderfully. They gained some great skills and vital information that will assist them with their upcoming GCSE examination!

