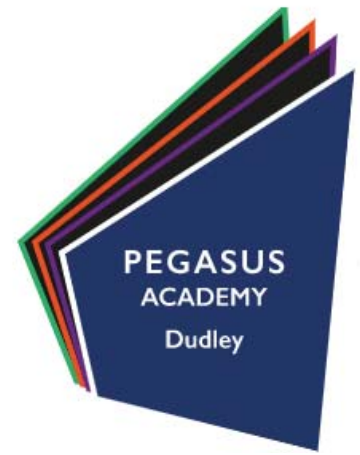


INSIGHT



Thursday 21st December 2023

A Message From Mr Landers

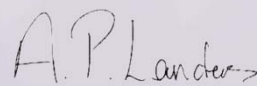
It has been a successful but very long term and I must commend the resilience of both our learners and staff for all that they have achieved. We have seen some fantastic mock examination results from our Year 11s, which puts them in a good position for the final push towards the summer examinations when we return in January.

It was pleasing that they have consistently topped the school rankings in terms of home learning and attendance. Staying with attendance, I am proud to say that we have been above the national average for the vast majority of the term and this is sure to impact on the outcomes our learners achieve and the progress they make.

As an Academy we are always looking to improve our school environment for our learners, we will be opening our long overdue toilet facilities after Christmas and have now completed renovations of the old school gym to be a purpose built examination venue freeing up the school hall for assemblies to celebrate the success of our learners.

We have ended the term with some fantastic school events including our Performing Arts showcase, the mock examination celebration evening, Year 7 theatre visit, Year 8 and 9 cinema trip and Key Stage 4 Christmas party!

I wish you a restful and happy holiday and look forward to welcoming our learners back into the Academy on Monday 8th January 2024.



Mr A Landers, Principal.



Year 7 Reading Ambassadors

We have spent the last two weeks celebrating our learners success, including the addition of three new reading ambassadors, all from Year 7!

Well done to Skye H, Diya S and Angelica D who have all been added to our academy reading team. A massive congratulations to you all and we look forward to your input in our growing love of reading.



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. We have also placed a rail in the canteen that is full of lost coats, jumpers and bags.

Can you also 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@pegausacademy.org.uk where we will be happy to assist you.

Stars of the Month

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

Year 7

Kiki O
Tinuola A
Diya S
Sajjad S
Billy H
Lucy D

Year 8

Brandon B
Aisha B
Senul V
Ruby H
Beatriz D

Year 9

Emanuela G
Alfie B
Benedetta N
Chloe G
Hassan A

Year 10

Mohamed S
Shaneice C
Lacey T
Simran D

Year 11

Steven O
Shane A
Theodora I
Daniel M
Shawn A

Mindfulness Month

In December, we celebrated mindfulness month which was fully embraced by all of the academy.

We have encouraged our learners to take time with their thoughts and help their own wellbeing through colouring based in the library at break and lunch times. They have also been able to post any worries they have into our mindful boxes.



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



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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 8th January 2024 - Learners return to the Academy

Wednesday 17th January 2024 - Year 11 Parents Evening

Thursday 8th February 2024 - Snowdome Trip for Ski Trip learners

Friday 9th February 2024 - Learners break up for February Half Term

Chroming

'WhipTok/Chroming'

There has been a new influx of young people around the world taking part in a 'viral trend' known as 'WhipTok/Chroming'. This is a dangerous act that has led to a number of young people around the world being seriously injured/losing their lives.

What is 'chroming'?

The term "chroming" refers to a recent drug trend in which individuals inhale the fumes of intoxicants such as aerosols, paint, or solvents to experience a high. The name came from the original act of sniffing chrome-based paint. Although using inhalants isn't new, recent social media trends are adding a new dimension of peer pressure through the 'TikTok Challenge'. The challenge, also known as 'WhipTok' has sparked renewed interest, especially among teenagers, who are being encouraged to try this dangerous practice.

Why is it dangerous?

As well as the short term effects typical of substance abuse, experts have warned that 'chroming' can lead to long term brain damage and damage to internal organs. We have already seen stories of teenage deaths in Australia and Ireland resulting from chroming.

What can you do?

As adults, we can educate our young people about the dangers of these trends, as well as keeping a close eye on their internet usage. If you need further advice on how to keep your child safe online, check out this link: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



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.

Uniform Reminder

In preparation for the new year can we please remind you of our uniform expectations.

- Black shoes must be worn, no trainers.
- Blazers should be worn at all times when in the school building. Hooded tops are not a replacement for a coat or blazer and should not be worn in the academy.
- A tie must be worn at all times. If a learner loses their tie, they will have to buy a new one for the price of £4. Loan ties can be issued during interim periods but learners will receive a line for each day they have a loan tie. These must be returned. Any unreturned loan ties will be considered lost and will be charged at £4 per tie.
- Skirts worn should reach at least to the knee at all times, including when walking (it is not acceptable for the skirt to only be the right length if the learner has to pull it down)
- Leggings are not a part of the academy uniform and should not be worn.
- Jewellery: One small, plain metal stud in each ear lobe. Nose studs of any kind, including clear plastic ones, are not acceptable.

Full details of our uniform expectations can be found in learner planners or in our 2023/2024 parent/carer guide on our website <https://www.pegasusacademy.org.uk/parents-andcarers/parent-carer-guide>. Please contact your child's learning manager on 01384 253722 for more information.

Dudley Holiday Activities

Dudley Holiday Activities provides free school holiday activities and food for children aged 5 – 16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals and other vulnerable groups.

You can use our website to register your child and book fun and rewarding activities across the borough.

Keeping your child happy and fulfilled during the holidays can be a challenge; and we want to support parents and carers.

Funded by the Department of Education and hosted by Dudley Council and Sutton Trust, we work with local organisations to provide a variety of exciting activities and clubs for kids as well as providing a healthy meal or snack at each session they attend.

You can register by going to:
www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk



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THIS IS PRESENTED TO:

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FOR THEIR FANTASTIC SUPPORT OF WEAR RED DAY 2023 AND FOR
RAISING AN AMAZING £187.32 IN DONATIONS

GED GREBBY
CEO

Attendance Matters

A massive shout out to all learners here at Pegasus as we continue to have the best attendance in the Trust for secondary schools AND we are still above the national attendance average!

For this first term, the following tutor groups are the ones setting the bar high:

7JDA - 96.81%
8LTR - 95.08%
9DGL - 94.91%
10RRA - 95.45%
11LMO - 96.91%

It has been a really long term but your support with attendance has been us hit these fantastic levels.

House Points

Current house point totals:

Apollo - 28935
Athena - 27756
Atlas - 29841
Zeus - 29346



Performing Arts Showcase

A massive well done to all our learners who took part in our Performing Arts Showcase event this week. It was amazing to see you all perform with such confidence.

Thank you to the Performing Arts team for organising a fantastic event!



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New Menus

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Chicken Balti	Minced Beef Bolognaise	Pepperoni Pizza	Roast Pork/ with Sage & Onion Stuffing	Fish with Optional Tartare Sauce
VEGETARIAN OPTION	Chick Pea & Spinach Balti	Cheesy Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Pizza /	Cheese Roll/ Winter Vegetable crumble	Loaded Potato Skins
HALAL OPTION	Halal Chicken Balti	Halal Minced Beef Bolognaise	Halal Chicken Pizza	Halal Chicken	Fish With Optional Tartare Sauce
VEG/SIDE	Lemon Rice/ Naan Bread/ Onion Salad/ Peas/ Chopped Salad	Pasta/Garlic Bread/ Peas / Home Made Coleslaw /Chopped Salad	Home Made Spiced Tater Tots / 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	Mediterranean Tomato Sauce with garlic bread	Vegetable Fajita Soup With a Roll	Pasta Pot Three Cheese Sauce with garlic bread	Pasta pot Tomato and herb Sauce with garlic bread	Pasta Pot / Soup Spicy Tomato Sauce with garlic bread
DESSERTS	Fruit Flapjack	Iced Chocolate Sponge Cake	Australian Crunch	Hot Apple And Cherry Crumble/ Short Bread	Mixed Cake Selection
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

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Loaded Homemade Chicken Nacho's	Beef Lasagne	Pepperoni Pizza	Roast Chicken / with Sage & Onion Stuffing	Fish with Optional Tartare Sauce
VEGETARIAN OPTION	Loaded Homemade Veggie Nacho's	Veggie Bites In a Spicy Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Creamy Vegetable Pasty	Loaded Potato Skins
HALAL OPTION	Loaded Homemade Halal Chicken Nacho's	Halal Beef Lasagne	Halal Chicken Pizza	Halal Roast Chicken	Fish With Optional Tartare Sauce
VEG/SIDE	Salas /Coleslaw Guacamole /Sweetcorn Salad/ Sour Cream/ Cheese	Garlic Bread/ Peas / Home Made Coleslaw /Chopped Salad	Salt + Pepper Wedges /Sweetcorn/ Beans/ Home Made Coleslaw /Chopped Salad	Roast Potatoes/ Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake Cabbage/ Mixed Vegetables Gravy / Chopped Salad	Chipped Potatoes/ Sweetcorn / Baked Beans
PASTA POT / SOUP	Winter Vegetable Soup with a Roll	Mushroom Soup With a Roll	Pasta Pot Three Cheese Sauce with garlic bread	Pasta pot Tomato and herb Sauce with garlic bread	Pasta Pot / Soup Spicy Tomato Sauce with garlic bread
DESSERTS	Chocolate Crunch	Chocolate Shortbread	Iced Sponge Cake	Hot Chocolate Lava custard / Flapjack	Mixed Cake Selection
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

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Cottage pie	Jerk or BBQ Chicken Thigh	Pepperoni Pizza	Roast Beef / with Yorkshire pudding	Fish with Optional Tartare Sauce
VEGETARIAN OPTION	Cheese & Potato pie	Pasta Bake	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Creamy Vegetable Pasty / Cheese Roll	Loaded Potato Skins
HALAL OPTION	Halal Cottage pie	Halal Jerk or BBQ Chicken Thigh	Halal Chicken Pizza	Halal Roast Chicken	Fish With Optional Tartare Sauce
VEG/SIDE	Herbed New Potatoes /Carrots Beans/ Gravy / Chopped Salad, Coleslaw	Rice + Peas Carrots Mini Corn Salas, Salad/ Coleslaw	Paprika +Turmeric Wedges / Beans/ Home Made Coleslaw /Chopped Salad	Roast Potatoes/ Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake Cabbage/ Mixed Vegetables Gravy / Chopped Salad	Chipped Potatoes/ Sweetcorn / Baked Beans
PASTA POT / SOUP	Tomato Soup With a Roll	Cheesy Vegetable Soup With a Roll	Pasta Pot Three Cheese Sauce with garlic bread	Pasta pot Tomato and herb Sauce with garlic bread	Pasta Pot / Soup Spicy Tomato Sauce with garlic bread
DESSERTS	Lemon, Cherry or Jam Flapjack	Brownie	Iced Lemon Sponge Cake	Hot Steamed Golden Syrup Pudding With Custard/ Shortbread	Mixed Cake Selection
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

