

Friday 22nd March 2024

A Message From Mr Landers

Yet another half term draws to an end at Pegasus Academy and I can only say it has been an incredibly successful one. We were triumphant in the trust wide Poetry by Heart competition which now sees our winner Zoe in year 9 progress to the national finals in London. Zoe showed such confidence and presence in the performance of her poem and we are sure she is going to achieve success in the National finals. Alongside Zoe's success, our Year 10 maths team placed highly in the Dudley Maths Challenge. Achieving a credible 7th out of 20 they beat off teams from other local schools as well as beating both teams entered by our trust colleagues at The Link Academy. Well done to Yusuf, Haider, Lacey and Zainab as well as Mrs Bagley for her organisation.

We've had a number of visitors to the academy this half term, who have been incredibly positive about our learners and the academy as a whole. Firstly, we were visited recently by our Chief Executive, Ms Jo Higgins who completed a behaviour review of the academy. The academy came out very strong with positive behaviour in lessons and around corridors and improvements in standards of uniform was noted. This was reinforced by our visit last week by Mark Feldman, who is a registered Ofsted inspector. Mark visited to complete a school improvement review commissioned by Dudley Academies Trust. Mr Feldman noted that in all the lessons visited, behaviour was consistently good and there was positive climate for learning. He commented on the strong subject knowledge of staff and the positive relationships between staff and pupils.

Our final visitor this half term was the Principal and Vice Principal of Patchway Community School in Bristol. They were interested in our approach to improving outcomes for Year 11 and our intervention program. Again, they commented how calm and orderly the academy was and of the politeness of our learners. Its really pleasing to receive these comments and I must congratulate all our learners and staff for showcasing the amazing work we do.

Next term is the business end of the year with our Year 9 options process being finalised, mock examinations for Year 10 and most important the beginning of the summer examination series for Year 11. Yet again its going to be fast, furious and relentless in our last push to gain the incredible results we believe our Year 11s can achieve.

Can I once again thank you all for your support this year and I wish you a safe and happy holiday.

Mr A Landers, Principal.



World Book Day

In March we celebrated World Book Day. In our continued drive to celebrate reading across our academy, Pegasus staff dressed up as characters from their favourite books! Learners were given sheets as they went around the academy to try and find as many characters as they could and identify which staff member had dressed up as them.

A massive thank you to all members of staff who took part and highlighted the importance of reading to our learners. It was fantastic to see so many of you dressed up and it was clear to see how much the learners enjoyed it!



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.

Any items left over at the end of the academic year will be donated to local charities.

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 weduc@pegasusacademy.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
Dawud M
Jackson W
Lucy D

Year 8

Brandon B
Lauren C
Senul V
Saliha Q
Beatriz D

Year 9

Emanuela G
Archie B
Benedetta N
Chloe G
Sean A-O

Year 10

Mohamed S
Braydon H
Anthony O
Bailey S

Year 11

Daisy H
Haya M
Elizabeth K
Mamadou B
Rebecca K

Uniform Plea

As you may be aware, as an academy we give out lots of loan items to learners on a daily basis. As a result, we are finding that stock levels are getting lower as not all items are being returned.

If you have any pre loved uniform that no longer fits or isn't being used any more, we would really appreciate it if you would consider donating this to us so we can replenish some of our loan items. Thank you for your continued support.



Breakfast & Homework Club

All students are invited to attend our
Breakfast & Homework Clubs

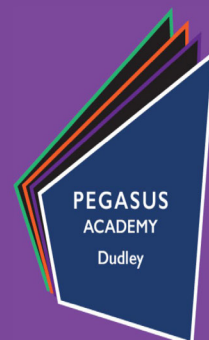
These run Monday - Friday
in Room A03

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 April 2024 - Learners return to the academy after half term

Wednesday 17th April 2024 - Y10 Geography Carding Mill Valley Trip

Thursday 18th April 2024 - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Monday 6th May 2024 - Bank Holiday (Academy closed for Learners and Staff)

Thursday 9th May 2024 - Year 11 GCSE Examinations start

Friday 24th May 2024 - Academy breaks up for half term

Poetry by Heart

On Tuesday 5th March, some of our learners took part in the finals of 'Poetry by Heart' which was held at St James Academy. To get to this event, our learners had to win both a class based heat and an in school final.

We had 4 learners representing the academy at the final: Zoe A, Precious O, Angel M & Hudhayfa A and we were delighted by the success they achieved. They all respresented the academy brilliantly and were a real credit to Pegasus.

A massive congratulations to Zoe who went on to win the entire event, beating the competition to claim first place! We are very proud and know that you will represent us fantastically again in the next stage.



Contacting the Academy

When attempting to reach us via email, please be aware that our office email address (office@pegasusacademy.org.uk) is monitored but does not go directly to the member of staff it is intended for.

Please see below some email address you may find useful and will go straight to the member of staff you need.

Attendance - attendance.office@pegasusacademy.org.uk

Weduc - weduc@pegasusacademy.org.uk

Reception - reception@pegasusacademy.org.uk

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.

House Points

Current house point totals:

Apollo - 57423

Athena - 54294

Atlas - 56354

Zeus - 55011



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.

Easter Egg Donation

This half term we collected and donated Easter Eggs to Dudley Group NHS Charity so they could provide chocolate eggs to their patients this Easter!

Thank you to everyone who donated and for supporting our core value: Respecting each other and our world.



Attendance Update

From September until now the tutor groups with the best attendance are:-

7JDA 94.67%
8KTU 93.73%
9SHA 93.59%
10STA 94.62%
11SHM 94.98%



**FFT National
Attendance Award
2023/24**

Whole school attendance is currently at 93%. Now the lighter mornings and evenings are here, and the winter coughs and colds have finished, it would be good to see attendance improving.

May we take this opportunity to thank all learners and their parents/carers who are supporting good and excellent attendance.

Please note that parents can contact the attendance officers who work closely with the Senior Leadership Team on the following email address - attendance.office@pegasusacademy.org.uk

Easter Revision Sessions

Day		Subject	Length
Monday 25 th March	am	Maths Revision 09:00-12:00 Higher Tier B01 12:00-15:00 Foundation Tier B01	09:00-15:00
	am	French Miss Bayley A26	10:00-14:00
	am	Art & Photography Mr Sharp DO3	09:00-12:00
Tuesday 26 th March	am	Sports Studies Mr Simmonds & Mr Taylor A16	10-12pm - Yr10 12-2pm - Yr11
	am	Child development Mrs Hammett A14	10-12pm - Yr10 12-2pm - Yr11
	am	Art & Photography Mr Sharp DO3	09:00-12:00
Wednesday 27 th March	am	English Literature Mrs Corns B18	09:00-11:00
	pm	English Language Miss Buttery B18	11:00-15:00
Thursday 28 th March	am	Maths Revision 09:00-12:00 Higher Tier B01 12:00-15:00 Foundation Tier B01	09:00-15:00
	am	Geography Revision Mrs Taylor A23	09:00-13:00
	pm	Science Revision Mrs Rathbone A31	13:00-15:00
Tuesday 2 nd April	am	Imedia Mr Landers D02	10:00-14:00
	pm		
Wednesday 3 rd April	am	History Miss Anslow A13 History Mrs Alam A27	09:00-13:00
	pm		

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Visit the website below (provided by The Childrens Society), which gives an in depth explanation as to the signs and symptoms around the very important topic of Child Exploitation.

If you have any concerns and wish to discuss them, do not hesitate to make contact with the academy asking to speak to either Miss Griffiths (safeguarding lead) or one of the safeguarding team.

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/our-work/child-criminal-exploitation-and-county-lines/spotting-signs>

Stay safe!

Miss Griffiths



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Vapes and Illegal Substances

Over the last 6 months there has been a national increase in the seizure of vapes containing illegal substances such as THC and Spice. Both of these substances contain psychoactive properties that can cause life threatening effects to both young people and adults. More recently, there have been a number of cases reported of THC vapes being used by young people, with serious effects to their health as a result of this.

THC

THC is delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, the main psychoactive ingredient in the cannabis plant. It's what makes you feel "high" when you smoke marijuana or eat an edible. THC oil is not legal in the UK and you won't find it for sale legally. CBD is legal as long as retailers sell it according to MHRA regulations, which means CBD products cannot contain above a certain level of THC.

We would like parents to be aware of the dangers of THC vapes, some of the side effects of use are as follows:

- Shortness of breath.
- Weight loss.
- Night sweats.
- Fatigue.
- Gastrointestinal problems.
- Low oxygen levels.
- Lung failure and death (in severe cases)

One of the most concerning aspects of these vapes is that they are not easily identifiable and often look exactly the same as a regular shop-bought vape. Please be aware of the risks around vaping to your child and take the adequate measures to protect their health.

Attendance Eggstravaganza

The last 2 weeks of term saw our attendance eggstravaganza competition take place. We challenged all learners to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality and those who achieved this were entered into a prize draw to win some Easter treats to award them for their efforts. A big well done to all learners who managed to achieve 100% and to our five winners below!

Year 7 - Tianna E, Year 8 - Fatima B, Year 9 - Erwin M, Year 10 - Daniels R and Year 11 - Harvey F

