

INSIGHT



Thursday 19th December 2024

A Message From Mr Landers

I hope this Christmas message finds you safe, well and ready for the Christmas break. We have had a fantastic half term with many positive aspects of school life to celebrate.

We recently received our official data regarding our 2024 GCSE results. I am pleased to be able to say we have achieved our best results ever placing us in the top 3 schools in the authority based on Progress and one of only 3 schools with results well above average. This really is a fantastic achievement, and it was such an honour to be able to celebrate this with our outgoing Year 11 at our recent Awards Evening.

Our current Year 11 have just completed their Year 11 mocks and we are very proud of how they have approached these practice examinations and although there is clearly work to do, we are confident that with attitude they have shown they can be successful in the summer. They are on track to continue the positive outcomes for the academy which ultimately ensures more young people from this area gain places on high quality college courses and apprenticeships.

This week has been all about rewarding the effort of our learners through our end of term assemblies. We have also been wowed with our first every school production of 'Scrooge'. I was astounded by the confidence and professionalism of all involved and with our new Performing Arts team, things can only get bigger and better.

We finished the term with our Key Stage 3 Christmas Disco with our resident DJ Taylor. It was great to see learners clearly enjoying themselves and ready to celebrate the end of term.

I finish by thanking you all for your support this term and wishing all of you a very happy holiday. Please take the opportunity to spend quality time with family and loved ones.

Stay safe and be happy and we will see you in the New Year.

A.P. Landers

Mr A Landers, Principal.

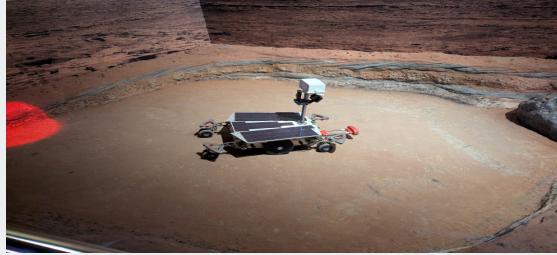


Space Centre

Triple and top set Year 10 Science learners were taken to the National Space Centre in Leicester for the day last week.

We looked at lots of interesting and interactive exhibits, including seeing actual space craft and outfits worn in space. We even got to sit inside an ex Soviet capsule!

We had a session in the UK's largest planetarium and a very challenging session programming mars rover vehicles. A great time was had by all and we hope to make this an annual trip for our Year 10 scientists!



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

Emmanuel O
Iyanu A
Rhema A
Mahnoor M
Alessia O

Year 8

Precious O
Venuki V
Michelle S
Fuaad S
Charlotte O
Ruheeya J

Year 9

Ethan N
Angel M
Hafsa K
Professor A
Dilpreet D

Year 10

Emanuela G
Joyce C
Emmanuella G-J
Treasure O
Summer P
Zoe A-O

Year 11

Faiza A
Meer M
Thomas C
Anthony O



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

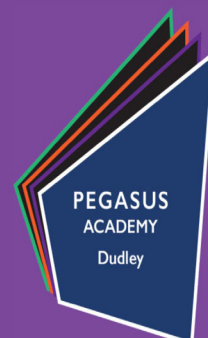
These run Monday - Friday
in Room A03

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 9.10am 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 January 2025 - Learners return to the Academy after Christmas holidays

Thursday 23rd January 2025 - Year 11 Parents Evening

Friday 14th February 2025 - Academy closes for Half Term

Christmas Card Competition

Learners at Pegasus Academy were invited to take part in designing a Christmas Card in other languages. The competition was run by Warwick University Routes into Languages programme.

We had lots of entries who all received 3 merits each which goes towards their house totals. Well done to everyone and a special congratulations to our 4 winners: Raymond C, Angel M, Mahnoor M and Kieran P!



Attendance Update

Current attendance to date (from September until now) is 91.9%. Over the last 5 years our attendance rate has been the best across the Trust but seems to have plateaued at around 91%.

After Christmas, we are going to have a really big drive on pushing this figure up. I will be writing to you to let you know what extra incentives and support we will be putting in place in January once I have launched this to the learners.

May we take the opportunity to say a massive well done to any learners who has attendance above the school average and a rally call to those below it!

Just a reminder that school reopens on Monday 6th January at the normal time of 8:40am to all learners.

I hope you have an enjoyable festive break.

Miss Griffiths



Reading News

With Christmas fast approaching, some of our learners were asked this week to come along to the library to celebrate our successes in reading.

They were each given a present at random and thoroughly enjoyed seeing what book they has chosen from our selection.

Merry Christmas all and we hope you enjoy!



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.

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 - we aim to respond within 24 hours.

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

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.

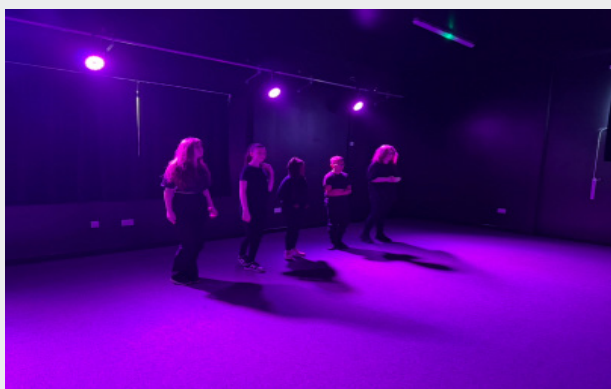
This will be given to the Principal for consideration and approval.

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.

Performing Arts

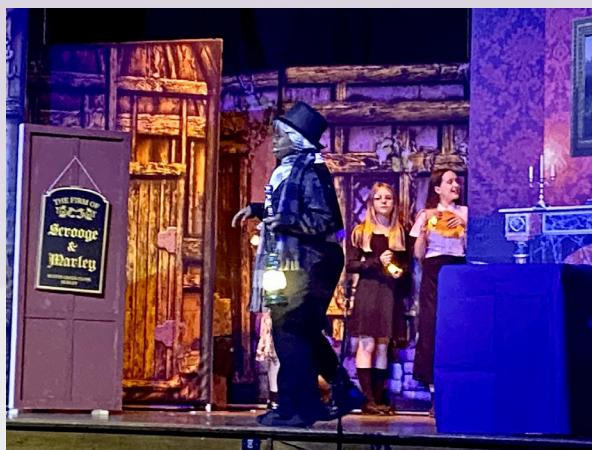
It's been another busy half term for our Performing Arts department. Last month, gifted and talented learners from years 7-9 were selected to take part in bespoke Drama, Dance & Music workshops with local practitioners. Some of the feedback from the day "I was surprised by how much I enjoyed it, I never really thought that Drama would be something I'd enjoy but I have loved it and I am now going to be picking it for my options choice after the New Year".

We were absolutely thrilled with the outcomes from the workshops and so proud of the wonderful work that was created. So much talent!



We have also put on the first Pegasus School performance in years as we showcased our production of Scrooge: A Christmas Carol. It was a wonderful evening of entertainment, enjoyed by everyone in attendance and we couldn't be more proud of our cast for their hard work and dedication over the last few months. Rehearsals have been running every day after school and it showed as they delivered a fantastic show!

A special thanks to Mrs Rose, Miss Pooni and Mr Pratt for all their hard work in organising the show. It was truly special to see our Academy showcasing the array of talents we have to offer!



PE

We've had lots of success over in our PE department this half term with lots of winning sports teams and plenty of learners attending our array of extracurricular clubs.

Last month we had over 40 learners participating in our Basketball club which was in preparation for the start of the season, which began in November. Some of our Year 10 learners also enjoyed Domino's pizza after school as they achieved 100% attendance last half term at intervention club.



Our Year 10 netball team also saw the year out in style as they beat St James Academy in the last match of the season, a massive well done ladies. A special mention goes to Benedetta who managed to pick up the player of the match award!

Netball will return in February 2025 so please see Mrs Hammett if you're interested in signing up for any of our teams.



The extracurricular timetable for PE for the next half term can be found below - come and give sport a go!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wicketz by Worcestershire Cricket	Basketball All Years (JOT/STS)	Girls Basketball All Years (SHA)	Basketball All Years (TSM/STS)	Sport Studies (A16) Child development (A14) Drop-in sessions (SHA/TSM/STS)
Department Development Time for Staff	Girls Football KS3 (SPO)	DoE Year 9 & 11 (MTU)		



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