

INSIGHT



Friday 11th April 2025

A Message From Mr Landers

What a frantic, fast and furious seven weeks it's been and I find it hard to believe we are about to enter our final term of this academic year. I can only say it has been an incredibly successful one with many successes to celebrate.

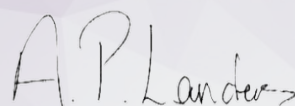
Once again, we are triumphant in the trust wide Poetry by Heart competition. Precious showed such confidence and presence in the performance of her poem and we are confident she will be selected National finals. Alongside Precious's success, Zoe in Year 10 achieved an amazing runner up award continuing her success from last academic year.

Year 11 have also impressed with their best mock examination results ever. They are on track to become our most successful year group we have ever had and continuing the trend of improvement set by previous learners. With such a short half term after Easter, we are really now into the final weeks of their time at Pegasus and we could not be prouder of the young people they have become.

Finally, it is pleasing to note that we are now over-subscribed for learners joining us in September with more first choices than ever before. This is testament to the hard work and commitment of our staff in supporting our learners and their families.

I'm sure you would join in me congratulating them for all their hard work over the past term.

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.



MFL

Learners are celebrated each week by all staff in the MFL department and each half term, each weeks winners are put into a pot to be drawn out for a chance of winning a £10 Amazon voucher.

A huge well done to all of this half terms weekly winners (listed below) and keep an eye on our socials to see who has been drawn as the winners of the Amazon vouchers!

Year 7 Winners - Lexi-Anne W, Emmanuel O, Joshua D, Alex K & Tanweer M

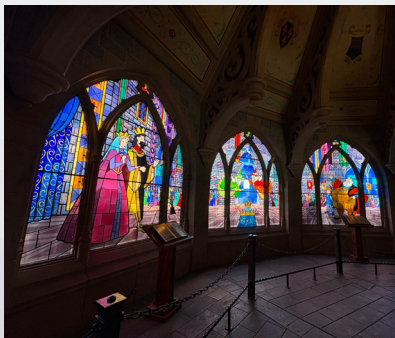
Year 8 Winners - Mustaqeem A, Alesia M, Navjot S, Khizer K, Owais H & Amelia R

Year 9 Winners - Hani J, Emilie S, Aaminah I, Saba B, Chantae D, Isabella T & Lamees M

Year 10 Winners - Rayhan J, Varinder D, Zulfa S & Jasmine W

Some learners from all our trust secondary schools also travelled to Paris as part of a MFL trip this half term! 9 Pegasus learners ranging from Year 7 to Year 10 went on the 4 day adventure where they got to see some famous landmarks, sample the local cuisine and see first hand how studying French can broaden their horizons in the real world!

Everyone was very well behaved and were a real credit to the Academy. A big thank you to our MFL director, Miss Bayley for organising such a fantastic experience! Look out on our social media platforms as we hope to be announcing the Paris 2026 trip very soon.



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.



Parent Apps

Please ensure you're signed up to our new parent app My Child at School.

It is vitally important you have this app downloaded to enable full communication between the Academy and home. We are limiting the amount we post home and also allows parents to keep an eye on everything their child is doing whilst at the academy.

Weduc is no longer in use so this new app is used for all communication sent home and also to top up your child's dinner money online.

It is available to download on all devices via the app store.



Stars of the Month

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

Year 7

Abel C
Malicah M
Rhema A
Denis M
Imaan S

Year 8

Logan H
Venuki V
David A
Fuaad S
Ayaan A
Ruheeya J

Year 9

Alimustafa Z
Desmond A
Francesca H
Brodie S
Beatriz D

Year 10

Emanuela G
Kate P
Benedetta N-A
Nisa U
Hayder A
Ibrahim M

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 28th April 2025 - Learners return to the Academy after Easter

Monday 5th May 2025 - May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 8th May 2025 - Year 8 Parents Evening

Thursday 15th May 2025 - Year 8 Injection Catch Ups (HPV)

Friday 23rd May 2025 - Learners break up for Half Term (Whitsun)

Culture Day

Thursday 3rd April saw us host our very first Culture Day at Pegasus Academy. It was a day of coming together to celebrate our diverse academy community and made us all appreciate it's our differences that are special, make us better and is something to be celebrated!

Learners and staff came together and wore clothes that represented their heritage or a sports kit from their country. We learned about different cultures, sampled global flavours, witnessed a vibrant fashion show and captivating dance & sports performances and activities.

It was an amazing effort from everybody involved. The learners really captured the magic of the day and some of the outfits on display were incredible!

We hope that everyone took something from the day and we can't wait to host another Culture Day in the future to continue to celebrate the different heritages of our Academy!



Geography

This half term, a selection of Year 10 Geographers got to visit the DAT Innovation Exchange Centre at Millenium Point. The learners got to experience what A Level Geography, Geology and Environmental Science would be like at Halesowen College.

The learners took part in some engaging activities from becoming a convection current to delving into what would happen if certain species went extinct. Asking lots of brilliant questions, they truly would be amazing A Level Geographers! A quote from one of our learners: 'a fun, exciting and enlightening experience of the world around me'.



Science

Year 10 triple science students have recently been given the opportunity to enter the ABSQ's (Association of British Science Writers) annual competition.

The winner of this competition will be awarded £1000 and the chance to visit the BBC to speak with journalists, with many more prizes including books. There are also lots of runner up prizes and all winners/runner up students (and their entire class) will be invited to an awards ceremony in London!

10 students wrote essays and entered the competition with a very wide variety of topics, ranging from ACL injuries in women's football to whether human zombies could happen.

Students were supported in their writing by Mrs Rathbone (Science) and Mrs Corns (English) and we are eagerly awaiting the outcome of the competition. Students and staff have been very excited and motivated to complete these essays and have done so in their own time.

Best of luck to all of our students who have entered, and we are hopeful that Pegasus Academy is home to the 2025 winner of the Young Science Writers trophy!



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

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.

English

On Thursday 6th March we once again celebrated World Book Day! Staff dressed up as characters from their favourite books and teachers put books and reading at the heart of their lessons for the day. We all had brilliant fun celebrating and creating conversations with the learners about our favourite reads. We hope that they all enjoyed the day and look forward to continuing these important conversations about reading!



We also hosted the annual Poetry by Heart Competition on March 11th. It was an excellent afternoon and the learners performed with enthusiasm and confidence. They were incredibly proud of their achievement with many preparing their performances to be recorded for the chance to compete in the National Competition at the Globe Theatre. There were two winners for each year group. Our winners and runners up respectively were: in Year 10, Zoe A and Hudhayfa A; in Year 9, Georgia O and Kye H; in Year 8, Precious O and Kiki O; in Year 7, Baldomera K and Emmanuel O.

We then further hosted the Dudley Academies Trust Final which was an inspirational evening for our aspiring learners across the four schools. Our learners were judged by our CEO, Jo Higgins, and the current Birmingham Poet Laureate, Jasmin Gardosi, with the latter beat-boxing in their own poetic performance to allow our learners to Dream Big! Our learners from Pegasus performed exceptionally well with Precious O (Year 8) winning the KS3 tournament and Zoe A (Year 10) taking second place in the KS4 tournament.

A massive well done to our winners and we are immensely proud of everyone who performed. We are already looking forward to next year!



PE

We've experienced 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 extra curricular clubs.

Our Year 8 girls netball team went across to fellow Trust school Beacon Hill and were very happy as they managed to come back with a huge win.



A massive congratulations to all involved, it's fantastic to see all your practice and training paying off!

Remember to keep an eye on all our socials to keep up to date with all the extracurricular clubs we have to offer and get involved if you'd like to give sport a go, we'd love to see as many of you there as possible!

Child Development

Exciting times for our Year 10 Child Development learners as they had an exclusive behind-the-scenes experience at Russells Hall Hospital, thanks to our amazing partnership with The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

They explored the operating theatres and pharmacy, gaining invaluable insights into the fascinating world of healthcare. This opportunity opens their eyes to the diverse career paths available in the medical field, inspiring them to dream big.

A huge thank you to the dedicated staff at Russells Hall Hospital for making this event a success and to our fantastic careers team for organising this incredible experience!



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Safeguarding

It has been a busy term with the learners having lots of different experiences in relation to contextual safeguarding including:

All Year 9 learners have accessed the Violence Reduction Project headsets about Positive Life Choices during their Character Education lessons.

Year 8 have had a Theatre Production on Staying Safe.

Year 10 have had a Theatre Production about sexual health, consent, pregnancy and pornography from the group Loudmouth.

In partnership with West Midland police (Safer Schools Project), all learners have proved that school is a safe space by participating in the knife arch and bag searches.

Year 7 and 9 learners have accessed the Saltmine Theatre production and workshops covering social media, cyber bullying, sexual harassment and consent, AI and pornography.

As parents/carers I am sure that you will have heard about a the Netflix series 'Adolescence'. The link below to the NSPCC gives some hints and tips for you as parents on how to keep your children safe online/ social media.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Have a great Easter

Miss Griffiths



Trips

On Monday, 24th March, a group of 50 learners made their way to The Hawthorns to catch the thrilling International friendly between England's U21s and Portugal.

It was an unforgettable evening filled with an electric atmosphere that had the crowd buzzing even before the game kicked off. The excitement carried on throughout the entire 90 minutes. 7 minutes into the game saw England's 1st goal after Hayden Hackney drilled a low shot past Portugal's No1 João Carvalho. 3 minutes later Ethan Nwaneri scored his debut goal. In the 22nd minute Henrique Araújo for Silva gave Portugal their 1st goal of the game making it 2-1 at half time.

There was plenty to keep us busy during half time with t-shirts and footballs being dropped into the hands of some lucky learners and many others around the stadium. Second half the atmosphere was upbeat chants of England echoing around the ground as a Mexican wave broke out over in The East Stand and made it's way around the stadium. 2 more goals in the 76th and 90+1 for England and 1 for Portugal culminating in a fantastic 4-2 victory for the young Lions! What a night to remember!

Big thanks to staff who supported this exciting opportunity for our young people to see the future stars of England's football. We hope we can do it again!



Then on Tuesday 1st April, some of our Year 11 learners were rewarded with a trip to Thorpe Park to celebrate their success following the mock examination period and to let off some steam ahead of their GCSE examinations coming up next month.

The sun was shining, the queues were small and lots of fun was had by all involved!

We wish all of our Year 11s the best of luck in their upcoming GCSE examinations!



Art and Design

Year 11 Art, 3D and Photography learners have successfully completed their final exams! This is a culmination of all their hard work over the last 2 years on the course!

During the course, learners have explored various artistic mediums, from painting and sculpture to digital design. Their final projects showcased their progress and talent, reflecting the exam theme, 'Gathering'. The exam period was intense, but the learners rose to the challenge, producing exceptional work. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the unique perspectives they brought to their art.

Congratulations to all! We look forward to seeing where your artistic journeys take you next.

Maths

Back in January, some of learners were entered into the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. The challenge focused on problem solving and thinking strategically.

We have had the results back and are thrilled to announce that two students achieved the Gold certificates (awarded to only the top 10% of entrants nationally). Well done to Farmaan K and Kayan K in Year 11! We also had six students that achieved the Silver Certificates (awarded to those achieving in the top 20% of entrants nationally). Well done to Zainab Z (Yr 11), Joshua B (Yr 9), Aarron W (Yr 10), Lacey T (Yr 11), Nicholas C (Yr 10) and Shyanne W (Yr 9)!

Well done to all that took part!

Why not try your hand at one of the example questions from the challenge below?

"I can swim faster than you" said the dolphin to the shark.

"That is not true" said the shark to the dolphin.

"You are both wrong" said the octopus to the dolphin and the shark.

"You are right" said the starfish to the octopus.

How many of the dolphin, shark, octopus and starfish were telling the truth?

- A) 0 B) 1 C) 2 D) 3 E) 4

Performing Arts

In an exciting cultural experience, our students recently attended a series of National Theatre performances at Dudley College. This trip offered an incredible opportunity to see high-quality theatre productions, enriching the students' understanding of the performing arts while providing inspiration for their own work.

The National Theatre productions on display were diverse in style and content, giving our students a deeper appreciation for the breadth and depth of theatre. It was not just an opportunity to witness outstanding performances, but also a chance to explore the creative process behind the scenes.

We would like to thank Dudley College for hosting us and the students for their excellent conduct during the trip. This experience will undoubtedly inspire their future work in drama, dance, and beyond. A special thank you to Miss Pooni for leading these thrilling events.

We are also thrilled to announce that our Year 11 dance students have successfully completed their Comp 3 BTEC performance, responding to a stimulus. This challenging task required them to create a dance piece that not only showcased their technical ability but also demonstrated their creativity in interpreting a given theme.

The students worked hard over several weeks to choreograph, rehearse, and refine their routines. Their performances were a true testament to their dedication and passion for dance. The stimulus provided a unique opportunity for them to explore different styles and narratives, pushing their boundaries as young artists.

Congratulations to all involved! We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing how their talent continues to develop as they approach the next stage of their academic journey.

