

Friday 24th October 2025

A Message From Mr Landers

What a fantastic first half term here at Pegasus celebrating our best GCSE results ever putting us in the top 10 of all Secondary Schools in Dudley and the highest performing school in Central Dudley.

Thanks to our incredible learners for all the hard work and effort they have put in which has resulted in even more of our young people taking up high level qualifications and apprenticeships at local colleges and sixth forms. We are so proud of you all and can't wait to hear of all you achieve in the years to come.

All our year groups have settled back into academy life after the summer break and I have been extremely impressed by their attitude in lessons. I must also praise their attitude to homework with Pegasus regularly toping the leagues for online platforms such as Seneca.

Alongside our fantastic start, in terms of attendance the future looks bright for our continued success. Due to our ongoing success, we have also hosted a training session for the Invictus Trust of schools who were keen to explore how we track, monitor and support our learners in Year 11 to help them achieve their best. A thank you message from their CEO, Phillipa Harris praised our focus on what truly matters ; relationships, knowing our students and the care underpinning our approach. Collaboration like this strengthens us all and helps us to continue to ensure the best for our learners.

I am sure that both learners and staff would agree this has been a long half term and both have showed great resilience in reaching the break successfully. Next term is a week shorter with the exciting events running up to the Christmas holidays.

We already have started planning our Christmas show, disco and end of year assemblies and parties but before that we have the important matter of mock examinations for our Year 11s. We are confident they will continue the success of their predecessors supported by you, our fantastic parents and staff.

Thank you for all the support, this half term and have a fantastic half term break.

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 - Awa N, Nicole S, James W, Liam L, Kian N, Maya D, Jessica Y & Yashen J

Year 8 Winners - Roba K, Aimee S, Kai D, Kyton H-P, Zainab N, Rhema A & Jahmene B

Year 9 & 10 Winners - Lucy D, Shyann W, Lauren C, Aminah I, Aisha B & Roxanne A

Year 11 Winners - Varinder D, Chloe G, Sreehari S, Nisa U, Boubacar J & Alfie B

Last month also saw us partake in a fantastic day at Pegasus celebrating and understanding the importance of languages for the annual 'European Day of Languages'.

10 of our learners baked language themed cakes for our cake sale and raised nearly £45 in the process! Congratulations to Maya D in Year 7 for her winning entry which was a delicious Carrot & Courgette cake! All 10 learners have been rewarded with 10 merits and we thank them all for their brilliant efforts!

Our wonderful MFL department also baked cakes for staff where Mrs Campbell was voted as the winner for her amazing 'Pegasus in Paris' themed cake - we think she needs a go at the real bake off now! A massive thank you again to our MFL department for organising the day for us all and to all of our learners and staff for embracing the day and having a great time in the process, we are already looking forward to next year.



Parent App

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.

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

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 for learners to check if they have lost anything previously.

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.



Stars of the Month

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

Year 7

Jack M
Poppy J-S
Kayla M
Leanda Z
Denny W
Ranwa R

Year 8

Zainab N
Kyton H-P
Abel C
Levi B
Gerrard T

Year 9

Logan H-B
Abu-Bakr S
Aiza N
Tinuola A
Awin A
Bryan N

Year 10

Mariam N
Fatima B
Angel M
Brandon B-H
Sienna-Rose B

Year 11

Jo A
Amy G
Alesha B
Jt G
Touheed A
Joyce C



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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Girton College

Last week saw some of our KS3 learners visit the prestigious Girton College, part of Cambridge University, to experience what life is like at such a fantastic higher education setting.

Tuesday saw selected Year 10 learners visit the college as part of our careers programme and gave them an insight into how their future could look when they leave our Academy.



Miss Bayley was delighted to take 3 nominated French learners to the college on Wednesday. They had a fantastic day exploring the campus, taking part in language workshops, meeting lots of other linguists and eating lovely food! They were an absolute credit to themselves and the academy.



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.

Please speak to the attendance office for more details.

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

Geography

It's been a very busy start to the year in our Geography department. In September, Pegasus Academy geographers had a once in a lifetime experience and went to Iceland!

Highlights included: walking under waterfalls, walking on glaciers and through the capital of Reykjavik. The learners got a bit of a fright when they got taken to an area of geothermal activity and witnessed a geyser exploding.

The learners were a testament to Pegasus academy and we cannot wait to run the trip again next year!



Year 11 GCSE Geographers then conducted their Human Fieldwork in Birmingham City Centre in October.

They challenged themselves to interview members of the public on their views of Birmingham. They had great time, working in teams and exploring a new place!



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 3rd November 2025 - Academy re-opens after Half Term

Tuesday 4th November 2025 - Year 7 & 11 Photographs

Monday 10th November 2025 - Year 11 Mock Examinations start

Wednesday 12th November 2025 - Flu Vaccinations

Friday 21st November 2025 - Year 11 Mock Examinations end

Thursday 27th November 2025 - GCSE Celebration Evening

Friday 28th November 2025 - INSET Day (Academy closed to all learners)

Thursday 18th December 2025 - Academy closes for Christmas (Friday 19th is an INSET Day)

ICT

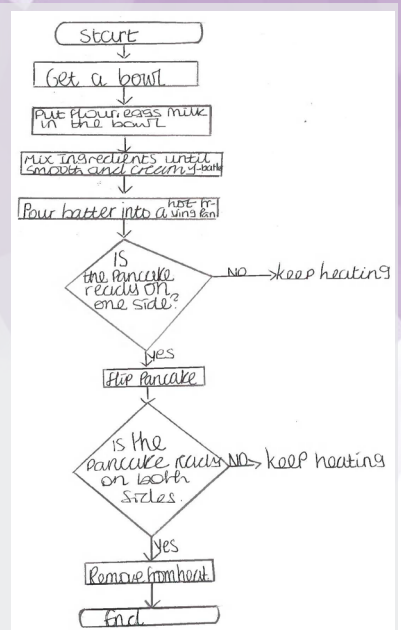
Year 7 computing groups have been learning about E-Safety this half term and how they can stay safe on the internet. Can you see some of the topics they've been studying by finding them on the grid below?

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s	u	s	p	i	t	e	o	m	r
v	i	c	t	i	m	p	m	e	i
w	x	y	r	t	u	a	a	r	v
k	s	i	r	p	i	p	c	u	a
c	v	b	x	y	z	m	s	c	t
s	r	e	m	m	a	c	s	e	e
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u	n	o	f	f	i	c	i	a	l

Year 8 learners have learning about flow charts and how they can be used to predict an outcome.

They've also been designing an algorithm and how it can be used to design a solution to a problem.

Marvel O produced a fantastic piece of work on this topic which can be seen on the right, well done!



PE

It's been another fantastic half term over in our PE department with sporting fixtures kicking off for the new season and a host of extracurricular clubs taking place after school.

Our Year 9 netball team started the season off strongly with a win against Bishop Milner. The girls showed great determination and skill and thoroughly deserved their victory - well done all!



Year 10 Sports Studies learners also started their GCSE assessments this month and went Kayaking in Kinver with our PE team. The learners conducted themselves fantastically and performed to the best of their abilities!



English

This October our Year 9s have explored the important celebration of 'Black History Month' through creating some powerful Black Out Poetry within their English Lessons.

Given some key texts from Black authors to use in this poetry form, learners have managed to create some brilliant and powerful art that we are extremely impressed with.

Well done Year 9!



Safeguarding

Can I take this opportunity to say welcome to the new academic year and explain how safeguarding works here at Pegasus.

I am Miss Griffiths (Assistant Principal and DSL - Designated Safeguarding Lead). Alongside me are the Learning Managers (a non-teaching heads of year) who are Deputy DSLs.

Generally, the Learning Managers deal with any safeguarding concerns within their year group. Where you have multiple children in the academy, in multiple years, support may be led by just one of the Learning Managers.

As an academy we are very proud of how well we support the learners and have positive relationships with external agencies. We recently had a visit from the leads Trust and all learners spoken to were able to verbalise what they would do or who they could talk to if they were worried about anything inside or out of school - this is really positive.

Below are the names of the Learning Managers and the year groups they are responsible for:

Miss S Griffiths (Lead DSL/Assistant Principal)
Mrs S Lawson (DDSL/Vice Principal)
Miss E Rawlings (Year 7 Learning Manager)
Miss C Peacock (Year 8 Learning Manager)
Miss M Macefield (Year 9 Learning Manager)
Mr N Zazi (Year 10 Learning Manager)
Miss A Hall (Year 11 Learning Manager)
Miss A Davies (Base - Intervention)

Attendance - Striving for Excellence

I wrote to you at the end of September to talk about attendance and inform you of your child's individual attendance. Whole school attendance to date is 92.3% which is lower than this time last year, but in many ways its been a less than ideal start to the academic year with a lot of illnesses.

Individual year group totals are:

Yr 7 - 94.9% - a fantastic start - keep it up!

Yr 8 - 93.7% - great as that above academy average.

Yr 9 - 92% - just below academy average.

Yr 10 - 90.8% - come on Year 10, you are missing out on valuable learning!

Yr 11 - 91.5% - come on Year 11 there is a positive correlation between attendance and achievement, you deserve to be successful!

325 learners have had 100% attendance so far this academic year, well done!

