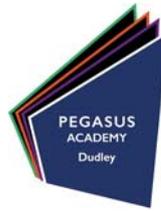




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27th November 2020

A Message From Mr Landers, The Principal

We were fortunate to have a remote visit from OFSTED who wanted to discuss the challenges being faced by schools during the COVID pandemic. Two of Her Majesties Inspectors spent the day interviewing myself and senior staff via the internet on a range of issues from how we had safely returned pupils to a full time curriculum, managed learning whilst individuals were self-isolating and how we were supporting our young people to make up for lost time. I was incredibly proud to be able to talk about the significant number of initiatives we had put in place since the first lockdown in March. This information will now be fed into a wider research project resulting in further support being put in place for schools and young people nationally.

On the subject of COVID we have had an increase in cases recently although I must say that this week that number has fallen dramatically. I am confident this is due to both the national lockdown and our own systems that are in place in the academy. I must commend our parents who have supported and worked with us when we have had a confirmed case which has allowed us to quickly identify close contacts and ensure the correct people are asked to self-isolate. Could I just ask however, that if your child is presenting symptoms you do not send them to academy and arrange for a test to be taken as soon as possible.

To finish up, the Pegasus Christmas Tree is up early as we all thought we needed a lift in our spirits. Its only three weeks until we finish for the Christmas holiday and although it may be slightly different this year, I am looking forward to spending time with loved ones and family and hope you are too.

Star of the Month October 2020

Congratulations to the following students who gained the most merits per form for the month of October.

Year 7

Simran Dulay, Mohamed Sanago

Year 8

Jayden Garratt, Amy-Leigh Smith, Emmy Smith

Year 9

Nasser Nasser, Lauren Picket

Year 10

Rhys Edmonds, Sharnay Malcolm,
Lily McNaney-Mills, Ashane Radcliffe,
Lindiwe Zumbika

Year 11

Chelsea Bottley, Saarah Haseena, Joseph McLeod, Aliyah Malik, Robert Norton

Ashane Radcliffe also received the first Bronze Merit badge for having more than 100 merits.

Form Attendance of the Month October 2020

At Pegasus we value and celebrate excellent attendance. Congratulations to the following forms who have achieved the highest attendance per year group for last month:

7SDI
8RAN
9ROW
10IUD
11TRU

Year 11 Top

Home Learners Awards

Congratulations to the following Year 11 learners who submitted the most work during the recent Year bubble closure.

All learners will receive a £10 voucher for their efforts.

Kamil Sobolewski

Katie Hadley

Callum Parsons

Daniel Taylor

Nikita-Jorja Johnson

Joseph McLeod

Megan Clarke

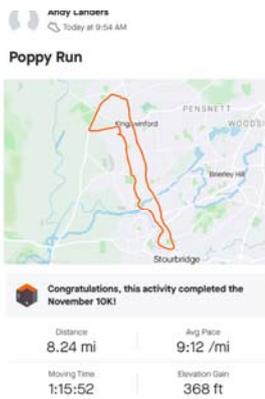
Emily Kondracki

Katie Criddle

Alisha Hussain

Helping Others

A big thank you to all the staff and students who have donated to the food bank appeal and the Poppy 2020 appeal during November. A particular thank you to the student ambassadors for supporting these collections and all the staff who took part in the Poppy run. Unfortunately, due to the current lockdown the Royal British Legion are unable to take our collection tub from us at the moment, but we eagerly await to find out our collection total.



Attendance Update

These are the most unusual of times as we continue to experience the effects of the global pandemic. On a positive, our current whole school attendance is 92.54%, which is above the national average. If your child's attendance is above this figure...fantastic! If it is below this figure, please remember the link between attendance and achievement and that your child should attend school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances. Children whose attendance is below 90% are considered to be persistent absentees; if this is the case you will have already been in contact with our attendance team.

We will be sending home copies of your child's attendance summary for you to view before Christmas - the learners will be provided with these by their form tutor.

Please do remember that if your child is experiencing the symptoms of coronavirus then you should seek medical guidance, book a test and self-isolate until you have the results. Please do call our attendance team on 01384 253722 to let them know that this is the case.

We thank you for your support in helping to keep our Academy a safe place to learn.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 mock examinations re-commence on Monday 30th November. These exams will all take place in the Sports Hall and will mirror the 'real' exams that students will sit in the Summer term. Students should ensure that they arrive on time and be fully prepared for any exams they are timetabled in. We appreciate full parental support during this examination series.

Mon 30 th Nov	Tue 1 st Dec	Wed 2 nd Dec
Sociology: Composite Paper – Crime and Deviance, Education 105mins 29 Students Time: 8.45am	Science: Biology Combined 75mins, Triple 105mins 116 Students Time 8.45am	English Language: Paper 2 Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives 105mins 116 Students Time: 8.45am
Geography: Paper 2 Composite Paper 90mins 32 Students Time: 1.00pm	History: Norman England C1066 – 1100 60mins 82 Students Time: 1.00pm	Child Development: R018 75mins 11 Students Time: 1.00pm
Thu 3 rd Dec	Fri 4 th Dec	Mon 7 th Dec
Maths: Paper 2 Higher 90mins, Foundation 90mins 116 Students Time 8.45am	Science: Chemistry Combined 75mins, Triple 105mins 116 Students Time 8.45am	Maths: Paper 3 Higher 90mins, Foundation 90mins 116 Students Time 8.45am
Music: Listening and Appraising - 90mins 12 Students Time: 1.00pm	English Literature: Macbeth - 60mins 117 Students Time: 1.00pm	Science: Physics Combined 75mins, Triple 105mins 116 Students Time 1.00pm
French: Writing 60mins 7 students Time: 1.00pm		

Scotty G's Festive Menu

Why not come and try out some of the delicious meals we have on offer. Our split lunch system means that there are rarely queues so you can spend your lunch time relaxing.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	CHICKEN & TOMATO PASTA BAKE	CHICKEN BALTI	PEPPERONI PIZZA	BEEF LASAGNE	TRADITIONAL FISH & CHIPS WITH TARTARE SAUCE (OPTIONAL)
WEEK 2	CHICKEN FAJITAS	CHEESE & POTATO PIE	PEPPERONI PIZZA	CHILLI CON CARNE	TRADITIONAL FISH & CHIPS WITH TARTARE SAUCE (OPTIONAL)
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL	 HALAL HOT TURKEY BAP WITH SEASONED MINI ROASTERS HOT TURKEY BAP WITH SEASONED MINI ROASTERS SERVED DAILY UNTIL CHRISTMAS 				
VEGETARIAN AND HALAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE DAILY JACKET POTATOES WITH A CHOICE OF FILLINGS, CHEESE AND BISCUITS, DESSERTS, FRESH FRUIT AND SALAD AVAILABLE DAILY					

Christmas Art for Russells Hall Hospital

The art and design department is proud to be supporting Russells Hall hospital request for Christmas cards for patients who are unfortunate enough to have to be spending the festive period in hospital. Students in years 7, 8 and 9 have been busy over the past couple of weeks making cards that will be collected next week by staff from the hospital. This is to allow time so that the cards can be quarantined so that there is no risk to patients. We are currently working flat out to make as many as possible so that all patients can enjoy. We would like to wish everyone at Russells Hall hospital a very merry Christmas.



Safeguarding

It has come to light that there has been a recent rise in violent films on Tik Tok and other social media sites. These films can be extremely disturbing. A video was trending at the weekend and learners who have seen it may need emotional support. Please ensure that your child has not watched anything disturbing and that their internet devices have strong parental settings. If your child has watched something that has had an emotional effect on them then please contact your child's Learning Manager or the DSL in school - Miss Griffiths.

The following links may be helpful to keep your child safe online:

- <https://lets-get.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Internet-Safety-advice-for-parents-carers.pdf>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe-online-safety/parental-controls/>

Coming Up Autumn 2020

30th Nov - 7th Dec	Y11 Mock Exams
18th December	Break up for the Christmas holiday
4th January 2021	Academy re-opens

Road Safety

Recently we set the clocks back an hour as summer time ended. Road traffic collisions increase by 20% in the fortnight after the time change. Sadly, some of those collisions will involve child pedestrians and cyclists. Children under 16 are one of the most vulnerable groups of road users. The latest available government statistics (2015) show that 58% of children who die or are seriously injured in a road collision are involved in incidents between 3:00pm and 7:00pm. At this time of year, many of these will happen during darkness. Please take care whilst out during this period. If you ride a bike, wear a helmet. Wear reflective clothing if possible and always use pedestrian crossings.