



Weekly Bulletin 15th June 2026

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Exam Assessment Session Update

Year 11 finished their exams yesterday and should be exceptionally proud of the mature and focused way they approached both revision and the exam period. To celebrate the end of a successful season, they are enjoying a well-deserved trip to Alton Towers today.

Year 10 have almost completed their first mock exam period. We have been really impressed with their conduct—students have followed instructions carefully, remained focused, and made a positive effort throughout.

Year 9 have also had their first experience of formal exams in the sports hall, beginning with their Geography assessment. These early experiences are an important part of helping students

become familiar with exam processes and expectations, building confidence so that future assessments feel less stressful.

Well done to all year groups for approaching this period with such a positive attitude.

Have Your Say on School Uniform

Our school uniform is an important part of who we are. It helps to set high standards, creates a sense of belonging, and ensures students are ready to learn each day.

We are currently gathering feedback on how our uniform works in practice. This is a focused consultation—not a redesign—and our expectations around appearance, consistency and behaviour will remain the same. However, we want to better understand your views on practicality, affordability, inclusion, and how well the uniform supports students in their learning.

We really value your voice. All feedback will be carefully reviewed alongside responses from students, staff and governors, and will help inform any future refinements, in line with national guidance.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to share your thoughts—your feedback will help us make sure our uniform continues to work well for everyone in our school community.

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Key Dates



18th June Y8 HPV Vaccinations

23rd June Y11 Prom

24th June APDR cycle 3 meetings

25th June Y10 Geography field trip to Oakamoor

30th June Year 6/8 transition coffee morning

1st July Year 6 Transition day

2nd July Year 6 Transition day

8th July Y10 Mock career interviews

8th July LGB meeting

12th July PGL Boreatton Park

13th July Year 10 work experience

17th July Last day of term

STEM Update- Visit to NEC Big Bang



Our Brilliant Y7 & Y8 at The Big Bang Fair

Last Wednesday was one of those days that reminds you why school trips matter. Our Y7 and Y8 students spent the day at **The Big Bang Fair**, and honestly, they were nothing short of fantastic.

From the moment they stepped through the doors, you could feel the buzz. The hall was alive with colour, noise and energy — and our students matched it with curiosity, confidence and a real eagerness to get stuck in.

The “Guess Who” Presentation

We started with the **Guess Who** presentation, which turned out to be a brilliant ice-breaker. The students were completely absorbed, trying to work out which STEM professionals were being described. They whispered theories to each other, nudged their friends when they thought they'd cracked it, and weren't shy about sharing their ideas. It was lovely to see them thinking so creatively and backing themselves.

Exploring the Stalls

Then came the main event: the huge exhibition space filled with stalls from **well-known companies, universities and STEM organisations**. This is where the students really came alive.

They tried everything:

- **Hands-on experiments** that had them mixing, testing and discovering
- **Engineering challenges** where they built, designed and problem-solved
- **Robotics and tech demos** that had them wide-eyed and asking brilliant questions
- **Environmental and medical science activities** that sparked real conversations
- **Career chats** with scientists and engineers who were genuinely impressed by their confidence

Everywhere they went, they were polite, engaged and enthusiastic. Several exhibitors commented on how mature and interested they were — and they meant it.

A Day Full of “Wow” Moments

There were so many moments where you could see something click — a spark of interest, a new idea, a sudden “I didn't know that!”. Whether they were trying VR headsets, exploring space tech, or learning how everyday objects are engineered, they threw themselves into it all.

The Big Bang Fair is designed to inspire the next generation of innovators, and watching our students, it was clear: they're already well on their way.

Proud Doesn't Even Cover It

By the end of the day, they were tired but still buzzing — chatting about what they'd seen, comparing favourite activities, and even talking about future careers. They represented the school beautifully, not just in behaviour but in attitude, curiosity and kindness.

We couldn't have asked for a better group to take. They made the day memorable for all the right reasons.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on the local governing body for a parent governor. If you are interested in joining the committee, please email the clerk to the committee at c-perry@penkvalley.co.uk to express your interest.