



Pool Hayes
Academy

Newsletter

KEY DATES

START OF ACADEMIC YEAR

Academy Opens:

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Training Days:

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

Students Return:

Staggered Year group start from
Monday 6th September 2021.

Please see letter dated 19/07/21
for detailed information.

HALF TERM

Academy Closes:

Friday 22nd October 2021

Academy Opens:

Monday 1st November 2021

CHRISTMAS

Academy Closes:

Friday 17th December 2021
(Students finish at 12:45pm)

Occasionally changes are unavoidable.

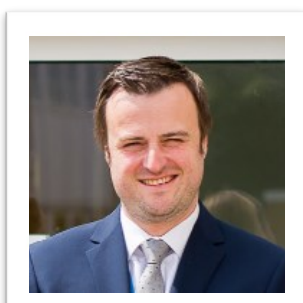
*If this happens we will inform you as soon
as possible.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to present to you our Pool Hayes Academy newsletter at the end of our 2020-21 academic year. It has been another challenging yet successful year at Pool Hayes Academy and I would like to formally thank you for all of the support you have given and will continue to give next year. As you are aware, this is the end of my first term at Pool Hayes and I have loved my time here already. Our students and staff are determined to ensure our academy is an excellent school and the future is an exciting one for all of us. There are elements of our academy that I would like to change and modify but fundamentally, Pool Hayes is already in a very strong position as we move into September. It was wonderful this week to see students who showed excellent attendance, behaviour and hard work receive a reward of an ice cream from a local ice cream van last week. Students who meet our high expectations consistently were really grateful and I am really proud that this reward was for a vast majority of our students.

If you follow us on Twitter or Instagram, you will know about our #PHAntastic curriculum and wider opportunities that we have enjoyed this year. We have come a long way since September with online lessons, parents evenings and transition evenings supporting us to overcome the hurdles of Covid. However, we are desperate to return to some form of 'normality' and invite our community into our academy in the new year. There will be a 'Meet the Principal' event in September, the date of which will be shared when we return to the academy after our summer break. Next year, we will continue to do everything we can to ensure our students learning continues, as we move through this turbulent time. We look forward to working with you and your child to ensure we are an academy which has amazing teaching and learning, exceptional pastoral care and huge ambition.

I have written to you formally in order to outline the return of students in September. As you are aware, this will be phased return from the 6th September. This is not ideal as we have to accommodate year testing before students return and I thank you in advance for your support in this. All year groups will be back in lessons from Friday 10th September but inevitably, I must warn that this may change if national guidelines update over the summer. Rest assured we will be in touch and plan accordingly.



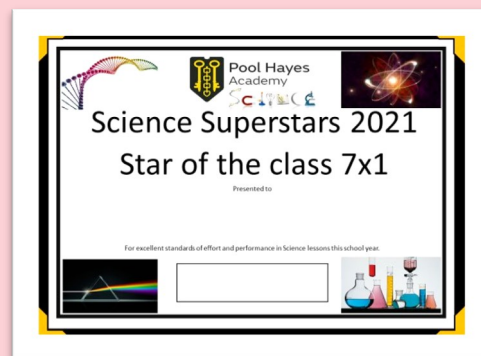
Please have a wonderful restful summer with your families. Whatever your plans are I hope they are unaffected by any Covid restrictions and you spend time as a family enjoying the simple pleasures that haven't been available to us all over the last 18 months.

Take care,

Mr T McDowall
Principal

Science Superstars!

Science Superstar awards (as nominated by the science department) have been given out to a Star of the Class throughout KS3 & 4. Students receiving the award have shown a hardworking attitude to Science throughout this academic year. Well done to Emily, Pepper, Luis, Amelia, Amun, Sarah, Ropate, Miley, Kitty, Joshua, Amelie, Leah, Kian, Ella, Scarlett, Lucy, Sophie, Owen, Morgan and Caiden. Our Science Superstars of 2021!



Sunflower Success!

The winners of the sunflower competition have been announced! A massive well done goes to Mrs Sanders' tutor group who were the overall winners with their sunflower measuring a huge 1.45m! They were closely followed by Miss Millers group in second place, with their sunflower measuring 1.31m. Well done to all of our staff and students who got involved!

Brilliant Students!

Tuesday 13th July was a special day for the Year 9 students who have been part of the Scholars programme known as the Brilliant Club. The subject matter for their research was: *Brain Training: How can exercise improve the brain's vascular health?* After an intensive 7 weeks of tutorials with their tutor Sam Weaver and the submission of a final Assignment on *'How effective is exercise as a strategy for improving and maintaining brain health?'* our students attended their online Graduation!



The quality of the work submitted was of a high standard and was marked using university marking criteria, resulting in grades of 2.2 and 3rd class. All of our students should feel immensely proud of themselves for their achievements. We as an academy applaud our students for their hard work and know that they will go on to achieve great things in the future!

Well done to all of our Year 9 students involved!

Academy Uniform

Dress Code

- Black blazer with the school badge
- Pool Hayes Academy tie (House colour)
- Black **pleated** skirt (minimum knee length not tight fitting)
- Black **full length** tailored trousers (trousers should not be tight, denim, combat, legging or cropped style)
- White polyester/cotton shirt/blouse (worn with academy tie) with top button done up. Tucked into waistband of trousers/skirt
- A plain black “V” necked jumper (optional) with no motif or visible branding
- Head scarves/turbans (plain black)
- Black socks/black tights
- Smart, black, **polishable** leather looking shoes without any embellishment or decoration.

A school bag, large enough to fit in books and equipment your child needs for their academy day. (Able to carry A4 documentation)

Not acceptable

- Black leggings, jeans, tight fitted or **cropped trousers**
- Black boots or suede footwear
- Jewellery (only an analogue/digital watch may be worn)
- False nails/eyelashes
- Make-up or nail varnish
- Smart watches
- No facial/cartridge/body piercings
- Badges (with the exception of academy badges) Pouch style bags

Also:

- Decorative adornments to uniform are not permitted
 - Only a plain white t-shirt or vest should be worn underneath a blouse or a shirt
 - Winter hats should not be worn inside the academy building
 - Coats are not permitted to be worn inside the academy building
 - **Caps and hoodies** are not allowed on academy premises
 - Hair colour should be of a **natural** colour
- No tramlines/patterns in hair

PE Kit

Girls:

- White Pool Hayes logo t-shirt
- Black Pool Hayes logo shorts
- White ankle socks
- Suitable athletic trainers
- Navy Blue/black round neck jumper (logo optional)

Boys:

- White Pool Hayes logo t-shirt
- Black Pool Hayes logo shorts
- White ankle socks
- Suitable athletic trainers
- Sky blue rugby shirt
- Sky blue Pool Hayes logo football socks
- Football boots



Uniform stockists

www.clivemark.co.uk

www.clemmys.co.uk

www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk

Summer Holiday Activities

We are pleased to be able to share that Walsall LA have a number of both free and paid for activities on offer over the summer holidays for local families. For more information, please click on the link below.

[Activities on offer to all families \(walsall.gov.uk\)](http://walsall.gov.uk)



Eco Club

Our Eco club has gone from strength to strength this year thanks to the hard work of our students and support from our teachers! Benches have been painted, weeds pulled up, plants have been planted and watered and the whole garden area has been given a spring clean!

We would love to see our eco efforts continue over the summer holidays in your own homes and gardens. This could be that you helped paint a shed in your grandparents garden, that you planted some flowers, created a hanging basket or even looked after the wildlife by creating a bird feeder or bug house!

Please send us any pictures of your eco efforts to office@poolhayes.attrust.org.uk or tag us in your pictures on social media, Instagram or twitter @poolhayesacad

We look forward to seeing all of your amazing work continue over the holidays!



Amazing Aspirations!

Before our Year 11 students left us in May, we asked them to share with us their career aspirations.

Aspiration is a value we believe in strongly at our academy. We ensure both our staff and students work hard consistently to fulfil their ambitions and achieve their potential.

We were so proud to hear of the ambitions of our Year 11 students and how Pool Hayes Academy was able to play a part in them reaching towards their career goals. Some of these included:

- Accountant
- Software Engineer
- Social Worker
- Media Make Up Artist
- Computer Programmer
- Navy Engineer
- Teacher
- Footballer
- Chemical Engineer
- Hairdresser

Thank You!

We would just like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for their support throughout this academic year! Your unwavering support is always appreciated, but even more so through the uncertain times we have faced this year, together. As always, if you have any queries or feedback, please contact us on office@poolhayes.attrust.org.uk

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Pool Hayes Academy

Take a look at our latest prospectus and virtual academy tour on the Pool Hayes Academy website:

<https://www.poolhayes.atrust.org.uk>

Holiday Requests

Due to regulations issued by the Department for Education schools are **not permitted** to authorise holidays during term time.

Social Media

Pool Hayes Academy is on Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn. Follow us to keep up to date with events and news from our academy.



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Our Chosen Charity

St Giles

Hospice Care

