



Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and productive fortnight here at Pool Hayes. On Tuesday, we held our first face to face Open Evening in two years and what a #PHAntastic night it was! Over 350 families attended and got to witness first-hand what a special place our academy is. Our students were magnificent. They conducted themselves brilliantly both in our classrooms and showing families around our academy. I have never seen such excellent student ambassadors before and I am so proud of all of them. It really was a special evening.

Year 11 Intervention

Year 11 are currently expected to attend all intervention that they have been requested to attend on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during session 7. You should have received a timetable of these sessions and your child will have received a copy also. Attendance so far has been excellent and I know that Year 11 will continue to keep this up. I would like to thank you as parents and carers for supporting your child to attend and I know this will help them to achieve fantastic results in the summer.

2022 Examinations

As you are aware from the news, the government this week announced changes to examinations at both A level and GCSE for 2022. Exams will go ahead in 2022 and we are confident that our students will rise to the challenge. My opinion is that if students continue to work hard and revise fully, they will succeed no matter what external factors may play a part. You can rest assured that we are working incredibly hard to ensure Year 11 and Year 13 unlock their potential.

Uniform

I want to thank all families for supporting us in ensuring we have the highest quality uniform standards. Our students look smart and professional and we are always supporting students to maintain these high standards. If you can please remind your child that wireless headphones are not allowed in the academy we would be most grateful. In addition, as the winter draws upon us, can you please ensure your child has a suitable winter coat as breaks and lunches will remain outside unless there are extremely bad weather conditions.



Drama

Last week, our Year 11 Drama group performed their GCSE pieces at our academy. It was truly outstanding to see our students write, prepare and perform in front of their peers, staff parents and carers. The quality of their performances were easily the best I have ever seen and shows the phenomenal depth of talent we have at Pool Hayes Academy. It was also lovely to see students perform in front of an audience and I know they really appreciated all the support given.

Covid

We have seen a slight increase in the number of students testing positive for Covid this week. Can I please remind you that students still need to take lateral flow tests on a Sunday and Wednesday evening until at least the end of term. Tests are available for students to collect at break and lunchtimes from our 'Cyber Bar' which is situated in our foyer, next to our Main Hall. We have also sent a Covid vaccination letter from Walsall Public Health to you this week. This is a process that will happen over the next few weeks but we would like to assure you that students who would like a Covid vaccination at Pool Hayes Academy **must** have parental consent in order to do so. We will send out more details when we have them.

Finally, as the winter draws nearer we are seeing an increase in colds and general illness across our Academy. I fully understand and appreciate how Covid muddies the water and I am extremely grateful that you are working with our attendance team to ensure your child returns to school as soon as possible. As we all know, your child's attendance to school is so important and your continued support is most appreciated.

Have a great weekend,



Mr T. McDowall
Principal

