



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this update finds you well and in good health. I have had a #PHAntastic fortnight and walking around lessons has been a real joy. Aside from my updates I have the amazing privilege to see our students in lessons every day. I've seen some #PHAntastic examples of our students unlocking their potential though Year 9 debates in English over the role of Social Media, Year 11 working incredibly hard developing their vocabulary for their examinations, stunning Year 7 Spanish speaking, Year 8 geographers understanding how Birmingham is developing and its impact on our local area and watching Year 10 recall a huge variety of facts about the Cold War. Students really are living the values of Aspiration and Excellence leading them to making excellent progress across our academy.

### **Accelerated Reader Stars**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November, our Accelerated Reader Stars were fortunate to take part in a live webinar with Jeff Kinney (author of the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' series). This was a brilliant reward for their excellent reading work and they will also receive a signed copy of his new book in the series, 'Big Shot'. Congratulations to all! This reinforces that reading is crucial in developing wider skills that will unlock their potential. There will be more rewards and activities throughout the year for reading. If you can encourage your child to read regularly, their chances of success improve dramatically.

### **Remembrance Day**

On the Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November we commemorated Remembrance Day at Pool Hayes Academy. As you know from my previous text, I was incredibly impressed and frankly proud of the deep level of respect shown during the two minutes silence by our students. We had members of the Short Heath British Legion visit our academy and lead the whole school silence. They were also immensely proud and impressed with every single member of our school community. I had been told that Pool Hayes always commemorated Remembrance Day with respect but as this was my first year witnessing this, I can assure you this doesn't happen in every school. Once again, our students demonstrated our core value of respect and I could not be prouder of our academy. Furthermore, I must thank staff and students for attending and representing Pool Hayes at the Short Heath Remembrance Sunday event. Once again, our students represented Pool Hayes with pride and respect and my thanks also go to Mrs Macey for supporting our academy at this event.

### **Eco Club**

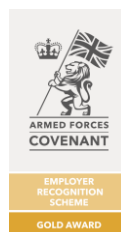
Our Eco club continue to support the environment of Pool Hayes Academy and they have been working incredibly hard to ensure every square inch of our campus looks #PHAntastic. They have been developing our quad area outside the library and using containers to improve areas around the school. I would like to really thank them for all their voluntary work and enthusiasm for improving our academy environment.



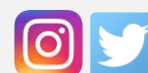
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### **Covid Update**

There is no real update here, I just wanted to remind you to ensure that your child tests regularly on a Sunday and Wednesday evening, for us to be able to keep covid cases as low as possible across the academy. Also, can you please ensure your child comes to the academy with a face mask. We are still adhering to the guidance from Walsall Public Health and when this changes we will let you know.

### **Oliver Production**

As you may be aware, we are holding our Oliver production on the Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. One of my favourite moments of the week is on a Friday afternoon listening to rehearsals and seeing the amazing hard work of our students. Ticket prices are:

- Adult tickets - £6 each
- Concession ticket (Child/OAP) - £5 each
- Family ticket (2 adults & 2 concessions) - £20

There are 100 tickets available for each performance and you can buy tickets for as many nights as you would like. Tickets are available from the Drama Office at break time, lunch time and after school so book your places now!

Finally, I would like to thank the large number of you who completed the parental survey in the last fortnight. It has been really insightful and we will be using your responses to ensure we are continuing to improve our academy for our students.

Wishing you a fabulous weekend,



Mr T McDowall  
Principal

