



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

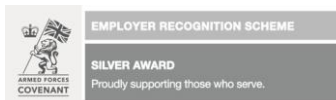
I hope this update finds you well and in good health. We have had a number of developments this last fortnight, most notably we hosted Ofsted for a monitoring visit to see if we are making progress towards becoming a 'Good' school. I am delighted that Ofsted judged that we are making good progress and they recognise the impact of the work we are doing to improve Pool Hayes Academy. I have also sent out a copy of the letter in an earlier email and have attached it to this update. Ofsted visited our academy on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and spent a day meeting students, staff and observing lessons. They were impressed with the conduct and attitude of our students and I was extremely proud they saw what I see every day at Pool Hayes Academy. I would also like to thank staff and yourselves for supporting the vision and values of Pool Hayes Academy throughout this year. Rest assured, we are not resting on our laurels or being complacent. We know we still have work to do to ensure we provide a truly exceptional education for our young people but as Ofsted recognise, we are taking the right steps to making this happen.

### **Lateness to School**

Overall standards of attendance this term have been incredibly impressive considering the ongoing disruption of Covid 19 and I am grateful for your support with this. However, lateness to school needs to improve in the morning. Students need to be on site by 8:40am every day. If you can reinforce this message with your child we would really appreciate it. Over the next few weeks we will be speaking to parents of late students to identify the issue and ensure they are on time. I know that with your support this will be resolved quickly.

### **Y11 Mocks and Achievement Evening**

As you are aware, you have been invited to our Y11 Achievement Evening on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 5:30pm at the academy. This is for parents of Y11 and is crucial in helping you support your child to revise. If you would like to come please RSVP on the forms link below. Also, mock exams start next week and run until after half term. Y11 were exceptional in November in terms of their attitude and application and I know they will do the same in this mock exam series. The mock exams are crucial in determining what areas of revision are needed before the final exams in May and June. We are expecting more information from the government on what these exams will look like in the summer and as soon as we know, we will write to you outlining what will happen. I am also delighted to announce that we have shared our plans with Y11 regarding our 2022 Y11 Prom. This will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at the Chase Golf Club and Spa at Penkridge. We are thrilled that this key event will go ahead after the previous two years disruption. Y11 students who display



excellent standards of behaviour, effort and attend session 7 interventions will be invited to attend. This may mean some students do not get to come but I am very sure that all Y11 will continue to work hard, maintain their high standards and I am looking forward to seeing them all there on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

### **Y11 Achievement Evening Form:**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPage.aspx?lang=en-GB&origin=OfficeDotCom&route=Start#FormId=8vifwdaII0ecKumA7HSBFAtpI0b3SSZNrvys7pIn5ONUQU5aSk9jWjlPMjZUQTM1VkY3MzJTVUVKSy4u>

### **Covid Measures**

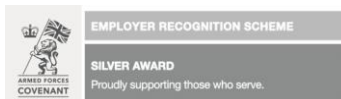
As you are aware we are still seeing a number of Covid cases across the academy. The numbers are starting to decline and we need you to continue to support us in regular testing on a Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Masks are advisory in communal areas and we support students who choose to wear one.

Finally, we are really pleased with our Ofsted monitoring visit and the progress we are making as an academy. Although this recognition is great, it is not our main focus. We want students to feel happy, safe and ultimately unlock their potential through success. Since I have joined Pool Hayes Academy I have felt the support from yourselves for the academy to do better and improve. I am truly grateful for this and I know together we can go from strength to strength.

Have a great weekend,



Mr T. McDowall



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