

Friday 25th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring is most definitely in the air at Pool Hayes Academy and we have been enjoying the lighter mornings and evenings over the last fortnight. As we come to the end of the spring term we have been really busy with Year 11 and 13 and their exam preparations. Students have responded brilliantly to the pressure of the exam season and I am extremely proud of their efforts so far. We have sent out the exam timetables to yourselves and we will be running an extensive Easter and May Half Term revision programme for students to attend. These sessions are vital in providing last minute tips and confidence building needed to ensure the May and June exams go well. For all years, we are now offering a Breakfast Club in Main Hall from 8:15am until 8:40am. This is free to all children and is a lovely way to start the day if your child misses breakfast.

'A Night with the Stars' Dance Performance

Over 40 students from years 7-12 will be performing pieces that they've created throughout the year; either from in class lessons, with external professionals in workshops, or their own creative choreography's. Tickets are available in the Dance studio priced at £4 for adults and £2 for children. If you would like to book tickets, can you please ensure your child sees Miss Clarkson.

Matilda

As I previously mentioned, we will be performing 'Matilda' in the summer term. Dates for your diary are Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th June and Friday 1st July starting at 7pm. We have had a #PHAntastic response from students with our cast doubling in size from our 'Oliver!' production. I will further announce when tickets are released in due course but it is a fantastic show and will be a real treat!

Y11 Parents' Evening and Exams

Year 11 Parents' Evening is this Tuesday (29th March) and is a crucial evening in terms of preparing your child for their final push towards their summer exams. Please ensure you have registered with the School Cloud system and have booked in your appointments. We look forward to seeing you from 5pm on Tuesday the 29th March.

Uniform

Just a reminder regarding our expectations on jewellery and trousers. As it states on our website, jewellery must be removed before entering the academy and trousers should be ankle length and not made from a jersey or jean material. We are unapologetic in our high standards and our value of Excellence which means our uniform is very good around the academy. Your support with this has been key and I thank in advance for supporting students.

Ukraine Appeal

This week students have had an assembly led by their Head of Year about the war in Ukraine with a focus on the impact it is having on children. Over the next week we are asking students to donate a small amount of money so each form group can buy a "School in a Bag" kit for a child in Ukraine. This is in association with the Save the Children and you can find our more information via this link [Our work in Ukraine | Save the Children UK](#). One kit costs £12 and we are hoping we can buy at least one per form group. I'm sure you will want to help support Ukrainian children in their most desperate hour of need and this appeal is a fantastic opportunity to do so.

New Phone System

As you will be aware, we have recently installed a new phone system and although it has been largely successful, there have been some minor teething problems. The main one being the instruction to press "pound" when leaving a voicemail. If you do receive this instruction, please press the hashtag key instead "#". Sorry for any inconvenience this has caused over the past few weeks.

Finally, I would like to thank you for supporting us in our drive to improve punctuality at the beginning of our school day. There has been a marked improvement in the number of students on time in the morning. We have seen an 80% improvement in the numbers of lates from the last 4 weeks. This is due to the partnership between home and school and working together and sharing the same values. It shows that when we work together, our young people benefit as they now on time and in lessons promptly. I look forward to this continuing.

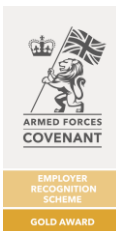
Have a lovely weekend



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