

Friday 20th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to my latest fortnightly update about all things Pool Hayes. As we move towards half term and the Queen's Jubilee celebrations we can reflect on a busy and significant half term. At present, I still cannot share our latest Ofsted grade as the report is in the process of being published. However, you can rely on us to continue to keep providing an excellent education for our students. It is an exciting time for us all here at Pool Hayes Academy with some exciting building works and developments coming to our academy. I will outline this further in the update. This is all possible due to our partnership with ATT (Academy Transformation Trust) and when completed, will transform a key part of our academy.

Drama Trip

Pool Hayes Academy GCSE Drama students visited The Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham this week to watch the matinee performance of 'The Play That Goes Wrong'. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the trip and the opportunity to experience drama outside of the classroom. Our huge thanks go out to former Pool Hayes student Jack Wylie, who organised the whole trip and even managed to arrange a private Q&A session with the cast after!

Mental Health Awareness Week

Last week was Mental Health Awareness Week and at Pool Hayes Academy, we helped to raise awareness of Mental Health during assemblies and PHL lessons. On social media, some of our staff members shared their top mental health tips and coping strategies and Mrs Rowlinson launched a competition where students were given the opportunity to design a poster for this year's theme, loneliness. We are looking forward to announcing the winner next week on social media.

If you would like further information around mental health, please click on the following link: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/your-mental-health/getting-help>

Matilda Production

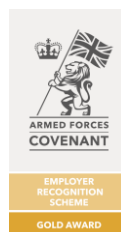
You may have seen in my last update that we have confirmed the dates for our summer production of 'Matilda'. Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th July. The production will start at 7pm and I am pleased to announce that tickets are now available to purchase from our Drama Office. Tickets are priced at £6 per adult, £5 per concession or £20 per family ticket (2 x adults and 2 x concessions). With our cast size doubling from our Christmas production and record numbers of students involved in the show, we advise booking up your tickets early as we are anticipating to sell out! I look forward to seeing you there in July.



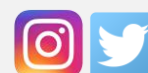
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Swimming Pool Conversion

I am pleased to be able to share with you that work to renovate our empty swimming pool into a 'state of the art' auditorium starts next week. The project is scheduled to be completed around mid-September and begins on Monday 23rd May. Many of you may remember the old swimming pool at Pool Hayes Academy, however, we cannot support a swimming pool due to spiralling costs. This conversion will enable us to have a multifunctional space that we can use for exams, assemblies, wet breaks and lunches and many other opportunities. Along with the conversion, we are also creating a huge covered area so that students will be sheltered from all elements during both the wet and sunny months. We are really looking forward to having both spaces available to use. We have spoken to all students this week about the importance of safety around the building. The site will be securely fenced off and all builders and contractors have had the full safety checks to enable them to work on a school site. Our students will not have access to the building site at all. If a student chooses to enter the building site, they will be dealt with severely in line with our consequence system. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Exams Update

I am so proud of our Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students this week. They have fully committed to their exams and have been #PHAntastic in their application and resilience. Students have a hectic schedule in front of them – in particular the first week back after half term but they have made a strong start. I would like to thank you as parents for supporting them through this exam period so far. Exams are stressful and if you notice any changes in behaviour or have any concerns please contact us at school and we will support. We are continuing to run extra revision sessions during the day, after school and at weekends and your support in ensuring students see the importance of these is always appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend.



Mr T McDowall
Principal

