

Monday 27th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this update finds you and your families in good health. We are now well into the summer term and it has been a busy start to the term already!

Year 11 and Year 13

It was a real pleasure and emotional experience to say farewell to our year 11 and year 13 students. I must say a huge thank you to year 11 parents who submitted a baby photo for their leavers assembly and this was well received by students and staff alike. As I said to the students in assembly, the adjective I would use to describe year 11 and year 13 is "proud". I am immensely proud of them for the obstacles and turmoil they have faced in the last 3 years of their education. Their determination and resilience is inspiring and it was lovely to recognise this with them. You only get to leave school once and it is a big moment in any child's life. The class of '22 will always be a part of Pool Hayes Academy and I am so proud to have shared a small part of their journey with them. It has been a real privilege.

I would also like to formally thank my staff for their amazing support with year 11 and year 13. Throughout the last three years of Covid, staff have been magnificent in their support and determination to ensure students have the best opportunities and I am extremely grateful.

Platinum Jubilee

Our Platinum Jubilee celebrations have continued in the last fortnight with our winners of the Jubilee poetry competition announced. Our poets weaved wonderful words to convey their thoughts about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and again showcased the depth of talent we have here at Pool Hayes. The top 3 poems are being posted to Buckingham Palace!

Eco Club

Our Eco Club continues to go from strength to strength and our mini bloom garden looks really colourful despite the hot weather! Also students have been growing crops to understand food sustainability. Students have been enjoying the fruits of their labours this week and Year 10 GCSE food students have been using academy grown spinach in their work.

Matilda Production

Another reminder about our Matilda production on the 12th, 13th and 14th July and tickets are now available from our drama team. This will be a #PHAntastic way to end the academic year and I look forward to seeing you and your family there.

Sports Day

On the 8th July we will be holding our Sports Day. This hasn't happened for 3 years and I can't wait to see students competing. Regrettably we cannot facilitate parents coming to

watch but rest assured updates will be posted on social media. Again, this is another indicator of school life returning to 'normal' and there is a real buzz around the academy for the day already.

Finally, we are also hosting a record number of new students from Year 6 next week. We are proud and honoured to be over subscribed again this year for the third year in a row and we are looking forward to meeting the next generation of Pool Hayes students. I will leave you with the winning Platinum Jubilee poem from SM in year 9.

Long live the Queen!

Long live the Queen,
The best we've ever seen,
All the bright colours that you wear,
And the beautiful crown jewels that are rare.

70 years on the throne,
Definitely never made us feel alone,
Getting celebrities down on one knee,
Using the sword and making them MBE.

Its been a rough two years with coronavirus,
But with your advice you stood beside us.

For all the years that you have reigned,
You loved your horses and brushed their manes,
You have made it all the way to the Platinum Jubilee,
So you can eat the cake and drink your tea.

Thank you your majesty for making us never feel alone,
And make sure your corgis get a bone.

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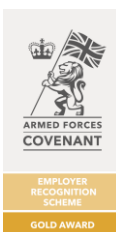
Have a great fortnight,



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