

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a special year for us all at Pool Hayes Academy. Slowly but surely, we have seen our academy go back to 'normal' after the disruption of the previous two years and our academy has responded magnificently. We have had so many special events and achievements this year, however, we are especially proud of our recent Ofsted full inspection where for the first time in our history; Pool Hayes Academy achieved a 'Good' Ofsted grading. I am especially proud of the opening line of the report, "This is a calm and caring school." We have always put the interests of students at the heart of our decisions here at Pool Hayes. As the year ends, it is immensely rewarding to see, polite, courteous and hardworking students around our academy. Our students make Pool Hayes Academy what it is and I am especially delighted for our students that their hard work and determination has paid off. I would also like to pay tribute to all the staff at Pool Hayes who really do go the extra mile for our students. I have been humbled this year by the determination and reliance of our staff, often in trying circumstances, to always believe in our young people and help unlock their potential.

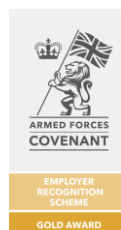
Our extracurricular clubs have really taken off this year. We have such a wide range of clubs for students to participate in from sports to art and drama to the environment, everyone has a place here at Pool Hayes. Our summer production of 'Matilda' wowed audiences for three nights in July and saw students come to life on stage. I would also like to thank you as parents for supporting the production which made each night so special for our young people. Our Eco Club have visited the Tower in Bloom exhibit at the Tower of London this term and along with our Craft Club, came runner up in the national craft 'Superbloom' competition which is a stunning achievement. Our students have been active in such a wide range of sports this term. We are especially proud of our rounders teams who have performed magnificently against other local schools. Year 10 geography students have visited Carding Mill Valley this term and enjoyed surveying the area for signs of geological developments. Furthermore, we have also seen our Duke of Edinburgh students working hard on their projects to achieve their bronze awards leading to silver next year.



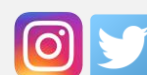
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I am incredibly proud of our year 11 and year 13 students this year. They responded magnificently to the extended exam period which has been a real challenge for our students after the two previous Covid affected years, however their attitude and behaviour was exemplary. One of my favourite nights this term was the year 11 prom. Seeing our students in all their finery and enjoying a wonderful evening in their company was a brilliant experience. Also seeing so many of our community arrive to share students' arrivals at the venue was lovely and we should all be incredibly proud of them.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support this year. The relationship between our academy and yourselves is so vital in ensuring not only that our young people succeed but also that they have the security that we are on their side. After such a momentous year for Pool Hayes, it is right to reflect and celebrate our success, but also to look where improvements can be made and act quickly to do so. We know we still have work to do and you can be assured we are determined to do so. I said after the Ofsted report was published that this was only the beginning for Pool Hayes and that remains true. The next chapter for our academy is one we are eager to embark on. I look forward to seeing the students back in September, in our full uniform and raring to go and I know 2022-2023 will be even better than this year!

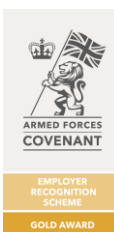
Have a lovely summer break,



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