

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Easter is now nearly in touching distance. We have again had a very busy term. Recently, our Year 10 visited Birmingham City Centre to conduct their Geography Field Work. The staff who took them were full of praise for their conduct and were stopped by passers by to compliment them. Well done Year 10 for showing our values of Respect and Excellence. Earlier this month, 15 of our Year 8 and 9 students formed our very own Mock Trial Team and did the Academy proud performing as a legal team at Birmingham Crown Court. Year 8 students watched a performance of What's Your Poison as part of their Health and Well Being Curriculum. It is always good to be able to give our students the opportunity to see live theatre. I am pleased to share that Rounders Club will be beginning after the Easter Holidays, every Wednesday for Key Stage 3 students. Do make sure your child signs up. A group of our Year 7 students met award winning author Cressida Cowell at Wolverhampton Grand Station. They were delighted to receive a signed copy of her latest book.

### Exams

Year 11 and our Sixth Formers all completed their mock exams during the term. We are now so close to those final exams! For Year 11, a list of the Easter Revision activities has been shared through Twitter. All Year 11 should have sets of revision books to help them revise so there are no excuses. One of our Year 13 students is doing so well he has gained an Unconditional Offer from Aberystwyth University after having taken their entrance exams. We are all very proud of him. Other highlights can be seen via our social media so do have a look.

### Attendance and Punctuality

At Pool Hayes Academy we work very hard to help your child learn and achieve well. To do this, we need you to help us in many ways. The most important way to help and support your child is to ensure that he or she attends school and is punctual.

There are many reasons for this:

- being punctual is a skill that your child will need for life it shows a respect for others and shows that school is important.
- good attendance means that your child will be able to get the most out of school and make the most of the opportunities offered to them it will ensure that there are no gaps in their learning. This will mean that the important foundations for future learning will be strong.

- children who have good attendance generally achieve better than those who do not. They are able to make and sustain strong relationships and have a better understanding that school is important.

I hope that you will support us in trying to further improve our attendance and the punctuality of students in the immediate future.

### **Breakfast Club**

To help students arrive at the academy on time we are able to offer a breakfast club from **8:15am to 8:35am**, free of charge, where students can have toast, bagels and crumpets. Breakfast club takes place in the main hall. All students should be on site for 8.40am.

### **Academy Day**

I wanted to let parents and carers know about some changes to our academy day. From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023, form time will move to 8.45am. This is to help set the students ready to learn and to help us focus on our values of Respect, Resilience, Aspiration and Excellence. On Monday, Key Stage 5 and 4 students along with Year 9 students should go to their forms at 8.45am. Year 7 and 8 students should go to their line up areas to be met by their form tutors. Further, we will move to a single break time, but will retain our split lunch times.



**Mr A Lawrence**  
**Principal**

