

Friday 27th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

The new Year 7 have settled in quickly and have made a positive start to their time at Pool Hayes. If you are a parent or carer of a Year 7 pupil, do please have a look at what they are doing on Sparx Maths and Sparx Reader; two programmes that we use to promote numeracy and literacy skills and something that you can look at with your child if you want to support them.

You may have seen that we are keen to recruit girls to form an Under 13 Girls Football Team to enable us to compete in an upcoming tournament. Do please encourage your daughter to sign up with the PE staff if you feel she qualifies. You may also have seen information about our recent Macmillan Cake Sale and Coffee Afternoon. This event was a great success with our pupils providing entertainment and parents and staff supporting the charity. We also welcomed our local MP, Eddie Hughes to the event. We raised over £250 – a great effort.

Yesterday marked the start of our Rewards Assemblies. These assemblies promote our values of Excellence, Aspiration, Resilience and Respect and reward pupils who have demonstrated them. It is wonderful to see so many receive recognition and see them being praised for their efforts. We also held our Movies and Popcorn morning today to celebrate the great behaviour and attendance of pupils.

Over the half term break, the Art Department are running a competition to challenge pupils to design a hot or cold monster. This should be done using harmonious colours. More details can be found on our social media feeds @poolhayesacad on X and Instagram. If you haven't already, do please go and have a look on them and give us a follow to stay up to date with the latest news from the Academy.

In November we will have two key events for Year 11. Firstly, on Thursday 9th November we will be holding our Sixth Form Open Evening between 5pm and 7pm. This is a great opportunity to investigate a range of A Level and applied courses, talk to teachers and ask pupils already on the course what it is like. Then on Wednesday 22nd November we will be holding our Achievement Evening. Mrs Macey will be sending out more information about this after half term.

Can I remind parents and carers that the Academy's phone lines are open between 8am and 4pm every weekday during term time. If we do miss calls, we do try to return them and there is an answerphone service that activates after a wait time of five minutes. We appreciate that the vast majority of parent and carers call and speak with us in a friendly and respectful manner. Sadly, we have had instances where parents have become aggressive and abusive towards staff. We genuinely seek to work with parents and carers and look to produce effective relationships to support children. I would therefore ask that you approach our staff in a polite manner as abuse can not be tolerated.

My Child At School – Important Information

To improve communication, we are moving from Class Charts to My Child At School. This will give a greater range of information to parents and carers and can be accessed through both an Apple and Android App. Later on today you should receive an email from us that will give you a link to a Parent Access Screen. This will enable you to set up an account for all of your children at the academy. Please ensure you click on this link within 24 hours or it will expire. If you need a link re-sending, please email us with the subject 'My Child At School Link' to pha-office@atrust.org.uk and provide us with your name and the name of your child/children. The My Child AT School user guide can be found under the parents section of our website or by clicking the following link: [MCAS Parent Guide July 2023 \(atrust.org.uk\)](#) This guide should provide you with all of the information you need. However, if you experience any difficulties, please do contact student support at the academy.

May I end by wishing you a wonderful half term. We return on Monday 6th November 2023.

Kind Regards



Mr A Lawrence
Principal

