

Monday 18th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

The Christmas Tree has arrived at the academy and is looking festive in the foyer. Students and staff have been placing stars of thanks and remembrance upon the tree and taking a moment to reflect. There has been much to celebrate this half term. Recently we were able to watch the performance of 'Our Day Out'. A wonderfully funny play and the directional debut of Mr Shakespeare.

On Sunday 10th December a group of pupils performed in Willenhall Memorial Park at the Christmas Fayre. Supported by Miss Taylor and Mrs Macey, our pupils gave a great performance and were praised by the organisers for their singing and commitment.

We have had some noticeable sporting performances so far this term. Both Year 9 and Year 10 football teams are progressing well in the National and West Midlands Cup, whilst the Year 9 Netball Team demolished Bloxwich Academy 22-0. It was also wonderful to hear that four of our girls have been scouted by West Bromwich and Birmingham and selected to go through to the next round of coaching. Extracurricular activities continue in Sport with football, netball, rugby, basketball and access to the fitness suite.

Last week saw us hold our Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day. It is always a key date in the school calendar as the smell of a Christmas Dinner wafts through the corridor. Events conclude on Tuesday with the Christmas Concert, a musical celebration with a festive tilt.

One of the academy events that makes me most proud is our observance of a two minutes silence to mark our respect for the fallen. It was truly an inspiring sight to see the whole school stand together as an act of remembrance on Friday 10th November at 11am. The academy was further represented when we laid a wreath at the Willenhall Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

A reminder that last half term to improve communication, we moved from Class Charts to My Child At School. If you have any queries or issues logging in, please contact our Pastoral Officer - Mrs Betts on Sharon.betts@attrust.org.uk

Term will end on Friday 22nd December at 12:45pm. A larger selection of food will be served at break in the canteen. Pupils entitled to a free school meal will be able to use their entitlement at this point.

The new term will begin on Monday 8th January 2024. At Pool Hayes Academy we work very hard to help your child/children 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:

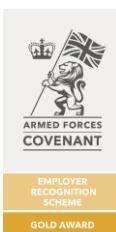
- being punctual is a skill that your child will need for life. It shows a respect for others and shows that school is important
- good attendance means that your child will be able to get the most out of school and make the most of the opportunities offered to them. It will ensure that there are no 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.

To help students arrive at the academy on time we are able to offer a breakfast club from **8:10am to 8:35am**, free of charge, where students can have toast, bagels and crumpets. Breakfast club takes place in the main hall.

- All pupils should arrive on the academy site between 8.10am and 8:40am
- Any student arriving after **8:40am will receive a late mark and late detentions will be given.** (8:41am = Late)

As we head towards the holidays it seems a good opportunity to remind all parents and carers of the dress code of our academy. In particular, I would draw your attention to the bullet points on trousers and shoes. Trousers must be full length and not tight, denim, combat, leggings or cropped and shoes must be smart black and polishable. Do take the time to refamiliarise yourself with the code including what is not acceptable or allowed in the academy and please remember that just because the item may be on sale labelled as uniform, it may not meet the standards of our academy. If you are unsure please do check with us. We will impose sanctions because of uniform issues but really do not want to be in a position where we do this because of a situation that is easily avoidable.



Dress Code

- Black blazer with the school badge
- Pool Hayes Academy tie (House colour)
- Black pleated skirt (minimum knee length not tight fitting)
- Black full length tailored trousers (trousers should not be tight, denim, combat, legging or cropped style)
- White polyester/cotton shirt/blouse (worn with academy tie) with top button done up. Tucked into waistband of trousers/skirt
- A plain black “V” necked jumper (optional) with no motif or visible branding
- Head scarves/turbans (plain black)
- Black socks/black tights
- Smart, black, polishable leather looking shoes without any embellishment or decoration.
- A school bag, large enough to fit in books and equipment your child needs for their academy day. (Able to carry A4 documentation)

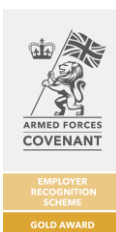
Not acceptable

- Black leggings, jeans, tight fitted or cropped trousers
- Black boots or suede footwear
- Jewellery (only an analogue/digital watch may be worn)
- False nails/eyelashes
- Make-up or nail varnish
- Smart watches
- No facial/cartridge/body piercings
- Badges (with the exception of academy badges) Pouch style bags

Also:



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- Decorative adornments to uniform are not permitted
- Only a plain white t-shirt or vest should be worn underneath a blouse or a shirt
- Winter hats should not be worn inside the academy building
- Coats are not permitted to be worn inside the academy building
- Caps and hoodies are not allowed on academy premises
- Hair colour should be of a natural colour
- No tramlines/patterns in hair

One of the significant changes next term will be a return to a single lunch time with all years on lunch together. Lunch will now be 1.05pm for all year groups.

Year 11 will begin their practice exams on 15th January 2024. A programme of revision and preparation is already scheduled for them. Pupils can be making immediate use of the revision materials supplied to them to get a head start. Additional tuition is being offered by our staff both on-line and in-person to support your child with their exam preparations. Keep an eye out for the weekly texts detailing upcoming sessions and please support your child in attending if invited.

May I finally wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a restful break.

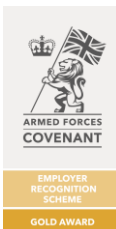
Kind Regards,



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