

Thursday 18th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

There are many occasions as a principal that fill me with pride and this Summer term has really given us much to celebrate and take pride in. It was wonderful to see our pupils perform in High School Musical with such confidence and professionalism. Our Sports Day was back with a bang this year and the weather certainly smiled upon us. The atmosphere on the sports field was wonderful and our pupils shone. On Saturday 13th July we held our inaugural PHAntastival featuring rock bands, choirs and stalls. It was great to join staff, parents and pupils together and link us as a community. We are looking forward to next year's already.

Our sporting achievements this year are wonderful:

- Year 9 and 10 boys Football runners up in Walsall tournament.
- Year 9 and 10 girls Football runners up in Walsall tournament.
- Year 9 Football league runners up.
- Year 7 and 8 Cricket Walsall tournament winners, South Staffs runners up and Staffordshire 5th placed school.
- Girls Rounders – Walsall tournament runners up.

I am sure we are poised to take all of those titles next year!

We have said bon voyage to our Year 11 and Year 13. They have been an absolute pleasure and their leaving events were emotional, but up lifting. The prom was a great success with the photographers complimenting their manners and that they made them 'happy' and 'smiley'.

We have said farewell to a number of staff as they move on to pastures new. We wish Miss Sarginson – Teacher of PE & Head of Year, Miss Williams – Assistant Principal, Mrs Barton-Blake – Assistant Principal, Miss Kew – Head of Department for Art, Mrs Kelly – Lead Practitioner for English, Mrs Pierdziwol – Teacher of Health and Social Care and Mr Symes – DT Technician, all the best luck in their new endeavours.

A number of our pupils this term have been able to visit Cannock Chase, central Birmingham and Carding mill Valley as part of their studies. National Trust staff were particularly complimentary about our pupils and the trip leader, Mr Brooke enthused about how the pupils enjoyed themselves and showed our value of 'Respect'.

Results Days

Sixth form A Level and Vocational results will be issued on Thursday 15th August 2024 from the Sixth Form Centre from 9am until 10:30am. Year 11 GCSE and Vocational results will be issued on Thursday 22nd August 2024 from 9am until 10:30am also from the Sixth Form Centre.

Attendance

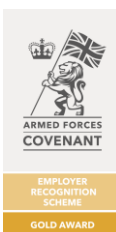
At Pool Hayes Academy we understand the importance of working together to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child. One of the fundamental ways to ensure this, is through students having good attendance. Those students that achieve the national target of 97.5% attendance have minimal learning gaps. This means that they are more likely to do well in examinations, achieve their full potential, have better job opportunities, develop good mental health and develop strong friendships within school. Extensive research also suggests that students meeting the national expectation for attendance have an 81.5% chance of achieving 5+ GCSEs, grade 5-9 including English and Mathematics.

From September there will be a wide range of incentives to promote attendance and develop a positive attendance culture within the school. Support will be offered from various staff members to ensure the best outcomes for all students.

I detail below a reminder of our uniform expectations.

Uniform

- Black blazer with Pool Hayes Academy badge
- Pool Hayes Academy tie (House colour)
- Black pleated skirt (minimum knee length, not tight fitting)
- Black full length (no gap between trouser and socks) 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)
- Plain black socks or tights
- Smart, plain black, polishable leather or 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)
- Smart watches
- False nails (including gel/acrylic)
- False eyelashes (including lash extensions)
- Make-up or nail varnish
- No facial/cartridge/body piercings
- No tramlines/patterns in hair
- Badges (with the exception of academy badges) Pouch style bags

Also:

- Only a plain white t-shirt or vest should be worn underneath a blouse or a shirt
- Caps and hoodies are not allowed on academy premises
- Hair colour should be of a natural colour

Further details can be found on the academy website.

<https://poolhayes.atrust.org.uk/parents/uniform/>

First Day

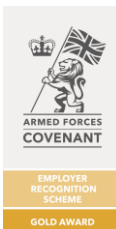
Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 return to school on Wednesday 4th September 2024 with the school day starting at 8:40am. All year group to return Thursday 5th September 2024 by 8:40am.

Wishing you all a great summer. Let's hope the sun shines and we return safely and happily for the new academic year.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Lawrence
Principal



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