



# Pool Hayes Academy

# THE KEY

## PARENT & CARER BULLETIN

ISSUE 1 - FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2024

### Message from our Principal

Each term is marked with special moments. Yesterday, saw Pool Hayes dance, sing and generally enjoy a Thursday disco together. It was the first of these that we held. What was special was the joy and pleasure staff and pupils gained from such a simple activity and the fact that it was together that we experienced this.

We have welcomed a really great Year 7 and it was wonderful to

see so many parents and carers at the settling in evening.

We have also welcomed a number of new staff to the Pool Hayes family and it has been wonderful to see the vibrancy that both pupils and staff have brought to the academy

I hope you have a tremendous half term and that everyone returns safe, well and ready to renew their learning.

### Key Dates and Events

**Half Term:** Monday 28th October  
- Friday 1st November

**All students return to school:**  
Monday 4th November

**Year 11 reports will be shared  
with parents & carers:**  
Week beginning Monday 4th  
November

**Sixth Form Open Evening:**  
Wednesday 6th November

### Curriculum & Assessment Updates

We are supporting our students to be Active Learners. This means that students are being explicitly taught how to actively engage in their lessons and how to actively choose to make the most of learning opportunities. After half term we will be sending out praise postcards to students who are caught being active learners. This might be using their green pen to improve or redraft a piece of work, using their knowledge organiser to find out the definition of a word, or using feedback from their teachers to help them to make great progress.

### Sporting Updates

We have had a very strong start to our football season, with years 7, 9 and 10 currently topping their respective leagues after their three opening games.

Extra curricular clubs have been very well attended this term. We have over 100 students per week taking part in activities or representing the Academy in fixtures. This week has been cup fixtures.

Year 7 travelled to Highfields in the West Midlands Cup. After a good start and leading 1-0 at HT they unfortunately lost 2-1 to a strong Highfields team. Girls from year 7, 8, 9 and 10 have represented the Academy in the West Midlands Cup. Year 9/10

lost to Ellowes Hall 3-1. Year 7/8 also losing 5-3 in the West Midlands Cup. So good to see girls engagement in football this season with Mrs Johal.

The highlight of the week was the year 9 football team who progressed to round 4 of the ESFA National Schools cup with a 2-1 victory over Q3 Tipton. Losing 1-0 at HT the boys managed to show resilience to bring it back and win 2-1.

So far this year we have played over 20 football fixtures and it is amazing to see the engagement from all students across the Academy. After half term the focus will shift to basketball and netball fixtures.



### Head of Year Shout Outs

Well done to all year 10 pupils for contributing to the highest positive points per pupil (400).

Congratulations to Jayden M on signing for Burton Albion Football Club.

Well done to our new year 10 Head Girl - Amy M and Head Boy - Valentino Z.

Year 9: Well done to Darcy L and Leon M - our Head Boy and Head Girl.

The Year 9 Football team are going from strength to strength and are through to the new round of the National.

Well done to Alfie M and Parmeet S for achieving the highest positive points so far this year in year 9.

### Student Successes

Students have been working hard to complete their Sparx Homework. So far as a school this year on Reader we have read for 466 hours and read 206 different books! In Maths we have answered 269,762 questions! In Science we have answered 31,989 questions!

On Languagenut student have earned an impressive 5280100 points!

Congratulations! Amazing work and effort to our students!!

### Attendance Figures

#### % Attendance YTD

