



Pool Hayes Academy

THE KEY

PARENT & CARER BULLETIN

ISSUE 10 - FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY 2025

Message from our Principal

Last week was something of an emotional one where I announced my semi retirement with the knowledge that a new head would start in September. It has to be said that Pool Hayes is a school that gets into your bones and I feel privileged to have been a small part of its history.

On Tuesday we welcomed lots of Year 10 parents and carers into the academy for the Year 10 progress evening. Thank you to all of you who attended and showed so much support for the work we are doing with pupils.

On Wednesday we held a lockdown drill. This was highly effective with our pupils and staff effectively following the protocols. It did feel strange to

hear the school so quiet last lesson on a Wednesday.

Finally, on Friday we welcomed the team from the Trust who were conducting a mini review of the academy. They recognised the positive steps already taken and were very complimentary about the friendliness and approachability of the pupils.

Can I remind you of the survey that we are currently conducting. The deadline for completion is the 3rd February 2025. Please do take the opportunity to complete this, we really do take your views into account.

Mr A Lawrence
Principal

Key Dates and Events

Year 11 Mock Exams Continue:
Monday 20th January - Friday 24th January

Blood Brothers - Drama Trip:
Wednesday 22nd January

**Walsall FC BTEC Course
Information Evening:**
Thursday 23rd January

Student Successes

Students have been working hard to complete their Sparx Homework. So far as a school this year we have read for **1305 hours** and read **685 different books!** In Maths we have answered **537,275 questions!** In Science we have answered **137,151 questions!**

On LanguageNut student have earned an impressive **171,200 points** this month!

Congratulations! Amazing work and effort to our students!!

Sporting Updates

Year 7 & 8 girls football team made it through to round 3 of the English Schools National Cup with a 4-2 win over Haywood Academy.

Year 8 & 9 boys basketball team lost to Willenhall EACT.

Next week we have Year 10 boys football team in the 5th round of the West Midlands Cup.

BTEC Sport information night - Thursday 23rd January, 1800. Anyone interested in choosing sport for Sixth Form or Year 10 is welcome to attend.

**SIXTH FORM
SPORT
INFORMATION EVENING**

We are very excited to announce a potential partnership with Walsall FC!

As part of the partnership students would be able to study **Sport at Level 3**, and also play football as part of our football academy partnership. With this in mind, we would like to invite you to an Information Evening

**THURSDAY
23RD
JANUARY
@ 6PM**

Training sessions and weekly matches will be run by **Walsall FC** & the theory side will be taught by PE staff in Pool Hayes Academy!

**OPPORTUNITY
TO SELECT TRIPLE SPORT (EQUIVALENT
TO THREE A-LEVELS) IN SIXTH FORM!**

Students who are interested in just studying sport can now select from the following three courses too!

- (Single) Cambridge Technicals Level 3 Sport & Physical Activity - Extended Certificate (1 A-Level)
- (Double) Cambridge Technicals Level 3 Sport & Physical Activity - Diploma (2 A-Levels)
- (Triple) Cambridge Technicals Level 3 Sport & Physical Activity - Extended Diploma (3 A-Levels)

