

Pool Hayes
Academy

THE KEY

PARENT & CARER BULLETIN

ISSUE 9 - FRIDAY 10TH JANUARY 2025

Message from our Principal

I hope you are all well and have had a break over the Christmas period. The first week back has certainly been a cold one, but attendance has been good through the week. A special well done to Year Ten and Eleven who have been setting the pace with this. I would like to offer a warm welcome to Ms Hackett who has joined us as a teacher of Health and Social Care; she brings a wealth of experience and a real enthusiasm to the role.

You may remember that we had to postpone our invaquaion drill. This will be held next week now and pupils will have a reminder of what they need to do.

Exams for Year 13 have started and many are working on their personal statements for university. This is the start of an exciting time for them and I am looking forward to hearing about their university offers. Mock exams restart next week for Year 11. Now is most definitely the time to be revising.

I have included a list of what's been happening and changing in the academy since September. More will be happening this year and so I look forward to another exciting term.

Mr A Lawrence
Principal

Key Dates and Events

Year 11 Mock Exams Continue:
Monday 13th January - Friday 24th January

Year 10 Parents Evening:
Tuesday 14th January

Advance Notice

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 **1229 hours** and read **644 different books!** In Maths we have answered **514,266 questions!** In Science we have answered **127,971 questions!**

On Languagenut student have earned an impressive **118,200 points** this month!

Congratulations! Amazing work and effort to our students!!

Sporting Updates

On Thursday 23rd January at 6pm, we will be hosting a Sixth Form Sports Information Evening for Year 10 and 11 students. During the evening we will share information for students wanting to take Sport in Year 12 and the changes we have made to our course to accommodate 'Triple Sport' and also a potential partnership with Walsall FC. Parents and carers of students wishing to take Sport in Sixth Form are encouraged to attend with your child. We look forward to seeing you on the evening!

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

If any students in Year 9 or 10 still want to sign up to the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, please ensure they make their Form Tutor or Mr Francis (PE) aware.



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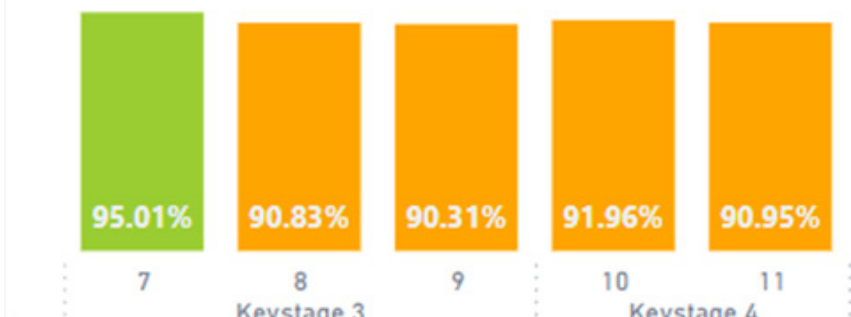
Head of Year Shout Outs

A big shout out to Megan E and Oscar S in Year 8 who have started to lead the year group with integrity and pride since being appointed Year 8 Head students - Mr Penn

Shout out and welcome back Year 9! Well done for your positivity the first week back into the New Year. Please keep this up - we are proud of you - Miss Agha & Mr Shakespeare

Attendance Figures

% Attendance YTD



My Child at School Communication

All communication after February half term will be switching over to the **My Child at School App only**. We will no longer be sending out text messages or emails so please ensure you are signed up.

If you do not have an account, please email pha-office@attrust.org.uk or call Student Support on 01902 368147 and select option 2.

Academy Transformation Trust Secondary Academy

ATTENDANCE PRIZES

£250 XBOX OR SHOPPING VOUCHER
FOR 2 STUDENTS WITH 100% THIS YEAR

£50 LOVE2SHOP OR EAFC 25
100% ATTENDANCE EVERY HALF-TERM

£50 SUPERMARKET VOUCHER
100% IN THE LAST 2 WEEKS OF HALF TERM

REVISION GUIDES
FOR ONE YR11 STUDENT WITH 100% EVERY WEEK

PIZZA PARTY
FOR THE MOST IMPROVED STUDENTS EACH TERM

SWEETS
FOR THE BEST FORM GROUP EACH WEEK

EACH STUDENT ELIGIBLE WILL BE ENTERED INTO A RANDOM GENERATED DRAW FOR EACH PRIZE. WINNER WILL BE NOTIFIED AND ANNOUNCED ON THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE FOYER

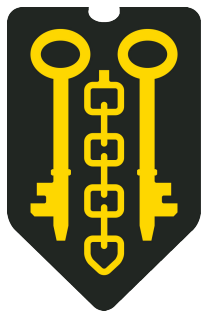
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£250

£50



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What's Changed Since September?

1. We've worked with parents and carers to develop our reports process, trying to bring to you the information you've told us you need.
2. We've moved from a half termly newsletter to a weekly one relaunching the key to develop communication with parents and carers.
3. To further develop communication, we have introduced the: My Child at School App.
4. We've run 'Unlocking Potential' evenings for all of KS3 and KS4.
5. We've introduced Parents'/Carers' Evening surveys to enable us to take on board parent voice.
6. Year 11 have received their revision packs and for the first time, we've also given them to Year 10.
7. We've tried to make Reception and the main foyer entrance more welcoming. This will continue this year with the painting of the entrance way.
8. We've been running intervention sessions online and in person and we are launching our 'Ten Minutes On' very soon.
9. We've introduced a student leadership team to help us to listen to student voice and build stronger relationships.
10. We've opened our refurbished Boys' Toilets just for Year 7 and Year 8.
11. We've extended our extra-curricular offer with clubs like 'Photography Club'.
12. We've run our first lunchtime discos to enable us all to have a little more fun.
13. We've worked extra hard on rewarding students. Last year our total positives for the whole year were 977,056 points - it's now already 789,087 points!
14. We've introduced a late strategy to work on the life skill of punctuality.
15. We've performed plays, held talent shows, won sporting events and so much more.
16. After our own PHAntastival we also took part in the Willenhall Park Christmas Festival.
17. Sixth Form Students ran our first charity Bingo/Trivia night.
18. We've introduced a 'Know Me to Teach Me' programme to support our pupils with additional needs.
19. We've joined the MPTA programme to upskill our teaching assistants.
20. We've put intensive support into Year 11's PSAs.
21. In our reading programme we've read 459 books so far.
22. In SPARX Maths we've answered 488,574 questions.
23. We've introduced Pizza Parties to reward pupils and reward assemblies for all year groups.
24. We've raised over £1000 for charity.
25. We've taken our catering in house to provide a better service.