

THE KEY

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KEY DATES & EVENTS

Dance Show Rehearsal: Saturday 29th March

Year 10 Drama Exam - Dress Rehearsal: Monday 31st March

Dance Show: Tuesday 1st April & Wednesday 2nd April

Advance Notice

Year 8 Parents Evening: Tuesday 8th April

Break up for Easter Holiday: Friday 11th April

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Written by Mr A. Lawrence

Today, as our PD Day, the staff in the academy have been working to align the curriculum for EBAC subjects across the whole of the Academy Transformation Trust. This is an exciting development bringing the expertise of hundreds of teachers together to address the key knowledge and skills of a host of subjects. It moves our curriculum forward and develops the great planning already taking place within the academy.

It was also the pre-contract meeting to begin the new build. This is a great opportunity for the academy as we will be having a new suite of seven classrooms and a set of refurbished changing rooms. Contractors will be starting work on the 7th April 2025 and we hope to take possession of the new building in April 2026.

On Wednesday we hosted our Pathways Evening for Year 9 pupils. It was a really well attended evening and again a pleasure to welcome parents and carers into the academy. A big thank you to all who attended.





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STUDENT SUCCESSES

Students have been working hard to complete their Sparx Homework. So far as a school this year we have read for **2,123 hours** and read **1,298 different books!** In Maths we have answered **789,172 questions!** In Science we have answered **232,960 questions!**

On Languagenut student have earned an impressive **2,323,300 points** this month!

Congratulations! Amazing work and effort to our students!!

HEAD OF YEAR SHOUT OUTS

We are extremely proud of ES in Year 9 for securing a place at BOA for Year 10. At the same time, we will be sad to loose such a valuable student. All the best! - Miss Agha and Mr Shakespeare

Short Heath Lest We Forget Event

On Saturday 5th April, veterans and members of Short Heath 'Lest We Forget' organisation are holding an event in the V80 Orchard near Coppice Farm. We are honoured to have been asked to plant a tree in the orchard on behalf of Pool Hayes Academy. We are reaching out to see if there are any students and their families who would volunteer some of their time on Saturday 5th April to attend the event as representatives of our academy. Please email Mrs Macey at pha-office@attrust.org.uk or click here if you would like to attend.

SPORTING UPDATES

There are no sporting fixtures to report on this week.

Next week we have the following:

- Year 10 vs St Michaels West Midlands Cup Semi Final
- KS3/KS4 Badminton Tournament at West Walsall EACT

YEAR 9 PATHWAYS TIMELINE

Please find a reminder of important dates for Year 9 Pathways below:

- Monday 31st March 2025 Friday 4th April 2025: One-week window for the opportunity to email lead teachers for each subject with individual queries.
- Friday 11th April 2025: Deadline for students, parents and carers to return the Microsoft Form for their pathway.
- Friday 13th June 2025: School to contact parents and carers to confirm their child's selected pathways.



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MY CHILD AT SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

We would like to remind parents and carers that we will be moving all communication to My Child At School (MCAS) as of Monday 31st March, and will no longer be sending any texts home. If you are unable to access MCAS, please click on the link below to sign up.

My Child At School Sign Up Link

LATEST LETTERS

Please click on the link below to view our latest letters sent home.

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