



KEY DATES & EVENTS

Year 8 Parents Evening:
Tuesday 8th April

Break up for Easter Holiday:
Friday 11th April

Advance Notice

GCSE Exams Start: Monday
28th April

Year 7 Parents Evening:
Thursday 8th May

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Written by Mr A. Lawrence

It does seem that half of the nation is breaking up today for the Easter Holidays and half working through next week. The time does though bring the exam season into sharp focus. This is especially true as Spanish Speaking Exams begin next week. Year 11's have also now received letters about the Easter Revision Programme. Do please sign up for this if you haven't already.

Tuesday and Wednesday evening saw over thirty of our pupils (and the odd teacher) perform in the Dance Show. It was a night of real emotional warmth and pride. It did pause me to reflect upon the wider family of Pool Hayes and having opportunities such as these to feel tremendously proud of our kids.

This pride continued on Wednesday when our Year 10 football team won their semi-final and have now progressed to the West Midlands Cup Final. Well done lads!

Work on the new build starts on Monday with contractors on site. To remove congestion and reduce risk a temporary road will be put in from Pool Hayes Lane. Please be advised that this is not for public access, but solely for the use of the contractors.

Finally, a reminder that the academy will cease using text messages after Easter and instead will be communicating using the My Child at School app. Please sign up if you haven't already by contacting Student Support.



STUDENT SUCCESSES

Students have been working hard to complete their Sparx Homework. So far as a school this year we have read for **2,192 hours** and read **1,353 different books!** In Maths we have answered **812,145 questions!** In Science we have answered **238,214 questions!**

On Languagenut student have earned an impressive **353,200 points** this month!

Congratulations! Amazing work and effort to our students!!

SPANISH GCSE SPEAKING EXAMS - YEAR 11

Spanish GCSE speaking exams will be taking place next week for Year 11 students.

Please contact your class teacher asap this week if you would like a one to one Teams session to practice for your exam.

Teams meeting invites have also been sent out to all Spanish students for group practice sessions. Higher will take place on Friday 4th April, 6pm - 7pm and Foundation will take place on Sunday 6th April 5pm to 6pm. Both sessions will be led by Miss Brazier.

LATEST LETTERS

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

[Letters - Home Page](#)

YEAR 11 EXAM NEWS

We would like to confirm to parents and carers that Year 11 lessons will continue as normal after Easter. All students have been given their exam timetables this week and a copy has also been sent home in the post. Students are expected to stay in school all day, even when exams begin as we will move to an exam timetable where they will have walking, talking mocks before their exam to prepare them.

YEAR 11 EASTER SCHOOL

Easter school will be taking place over the Easter break both on site and remotely, providing extra revision sessions for select Year 11 students, in order to push them closer towards their potential ahead of their GCSE exams. Selected students will have received an invite letter from their subject teacher and must return the consent form to be able to attend sessions on site. Subjects running revision sessions include: Maths, Music, Drama, Sport, Dance, English, Art and Geography.

YEAR 9 PATHWAYS TIMELINE

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

- **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.



HEAD OF YEAR SHOUT OUTS

Shout out and well done to all the Year 9's who successfully auditioned for our school production 'Frozen'. Mr Shakespeare and I can't WAIT to come and watch you perform! - Miss Agha

Shout out and well done to all Year 10 drama pupils who have been working incredibly hard towards their assessment which they completed this Wednesday - Mr Francis

Shout out and massive congratulations to the Year 10 football team who have progressed through to the final of the West Midlands Cup. This will be played this coming Wednesday, so we wish them well and hopefully they can bring back some silverware to the Academy.

Shout out to Joshua M and Mya S in Year 10 for their outstanding BTEC PE Assessment. Both have worked extremely hard over the past few weeks, submitting brilliant practical and theory assessments.

SPORTING UPDATES

Congratulations to the Year 10 boys football team who won their semi final against St Michaels, 4-2 this week! They now progress onto the final of the West Midlands Cup in Birmingham on Wednesday.

Year 9 boys football also have their final next week on Monday for the Walsall League Cup!

Good luck to both teams in their finals! ⚽

Shout out and well done to all the girls for their performance at the dance show. Big shout out to Tiana on a great individual piece.

Shout out to 10XNL who have all done brilliantly in their poetry unit and have shown a really conscientious attitude towards their assessment. In particular: Alfie P, Rhys W, Kems O and Ronnie-Mae B!

Shout out and well done to Joshua H in Year 10 for practicing his Drum Pieces after school and making use of all available time to develop his musicianship skills.

Shout out to Archie D in Year 10 who has changed science groups and is working really hard in his new class. I am very impressed with his attitude!

Shout out to Jolie F in Year 10 who got 25 out of 30 on her end of topic physics test!

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 Friday 11th April, 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](#)







ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Congratulations to Hattie B in Year 10 who has been randomly selected as winner of our latest attendance competition. Hattie bagged herself a £50 Love2Shop voucher just by attending school every day from Monday 17th March until Monday 31st March! Please look at the poster below for more competitions taking place every half term for your chance to win 😊

% Attendance YTD





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



CHANCE TO WIN!

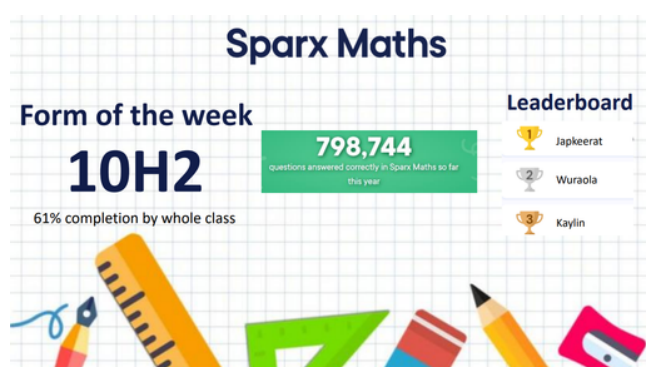


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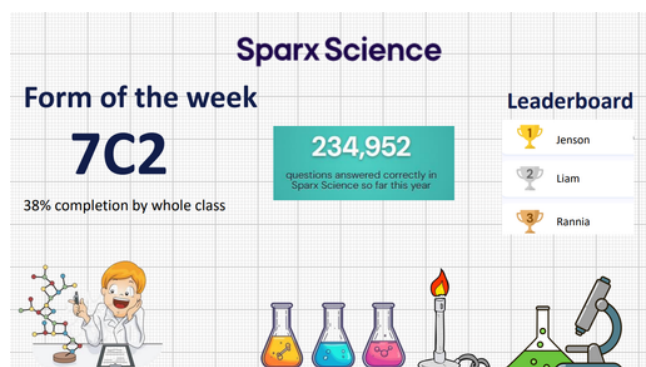


SPARX STARS ★

A big well done to Form 10H2 who are our Sparx Maths - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🏆 1 Japkeerat 🏆 2 Wuraola and 🏆 3 Kaylin, who are top of the class this week.



A big well done to Form 7C2 who are our Sparx Science - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🏆 1 Jenson 🏆 2 Liam and 🏆 3 Rannia, who are top of the class this week.



A big well done to Form 7C1 who are our Sparx Reader - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🏆 1 Skye 🏆 2 Archie and 🏆 3 Mansa, who are top of the class this week.



Complete your Sparx Reader, Sparx Science and Sparx Maths homework each week to be in with a chance to win:

- Certificate for 'form class of the week' (Reader, Maths, Science)
- Raffle - students who complete homework's will be entered into a raffle to win a £10 voucher in rewards assemblies
- 'Form of the term' will have a Treat to enjoy during registration at the end of term