



KEY DATES & EVENTS

Break up for Easter Holiday:
Friday 11th April

Advance Notice

GCSE Exams Start: Monday
28th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May

Year 7 Parents Evening:
Thursday 8th May

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Written by Mr A. Lawrence

It's the final edition of The Key for this term and my penultimate term as Principal. It seems again to have been another busy week.

Sadly, our Year 10 footballers did not win their cup final. They played superbly and lost to a very good side. We are tremendously proud of what they achieved and how they represented Pool Hayes.

We welcomed our Year 8 Parents to Year 8 Consultation Evening on Tuesday. It was great to have so many join us to discuss the progress of their children. Thank you all for your attendance.

There were also sightings of Easter Bunnies around the academy. I can confirm that they were on site today handing out sweets and chocolates to our pupils. We will continue to be vigilant as to their whereabouts!

Finally, please don't forget that after Easter we will no longer be sending text messages and communication will be through My Child At School App. If you need help setting up this account please contact our student support team.

Have a great break and try not to eat too much chocolate.



STUDENT SUCCESSES

Students have been working hard to complete their Sparx Homework. So far as a school this year we have read for **2,259 hours** and read **1,400 different books!** In Maths we have answered **828,988 questions!** In Science we have answered **244,814 questions!**

On Languagenut student have earned an impressive **765,500 points** this month!

Congratulations! Amazing work and effort to our students!!

ACADEMY ACCESS CHANGES

After Easter, there will be some slight changes made to both vehicle and pedestrian access to our academy each morning.

The vehicle gate will remain closed during the academy day, now including each morning when students arrive on site. All visitors arriving by car must do so after 8am when our reception is open and the gate intercom can be answered.

Students are not allowed on our academy site until 8:10am. The pedestrian gate will remain locked until this time, when it will then be opened for students accessing our breakfast club only.

Students not attending breakfast club should not arrive on site until 8:30am.

We would like to thank parents and carers in advance for your support and co-operation in safeguarding our students.

SPORTING UPDATES

This week, Year 9 boys football lost 3 -1 to Streetly to finish runners up in the Walsall Schools Cup.

Also this week, Year 10 boys football lost 3 - 0 in the West Midlands Cup Final. It was a great effort and still an amazing achievement to get to the final. The boys were commended on their attitude and respect.

Year 10 girls represented the Academy in a Walsall Schools badminton tournament on Wednesday.

After Easter our focus turns to cricket and rounders fixtures. Cricket and Rounders club will be on Wednesdays after school.

LATEST LETTERS

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

[Letters - Home Page](#)

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

% Attendance YTD







MY CHILD AT SCHOOL COMMUNICATION - FINAL REMINDER

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](#)

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 now 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.



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!

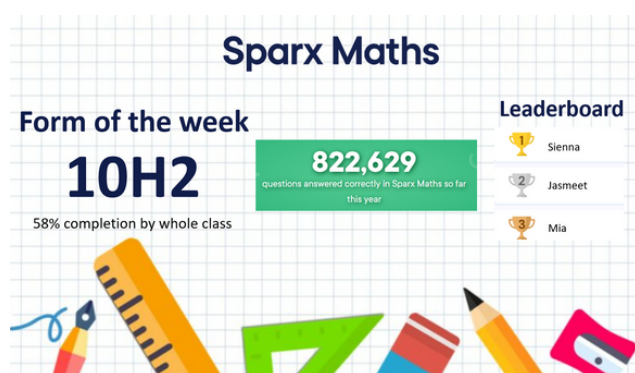


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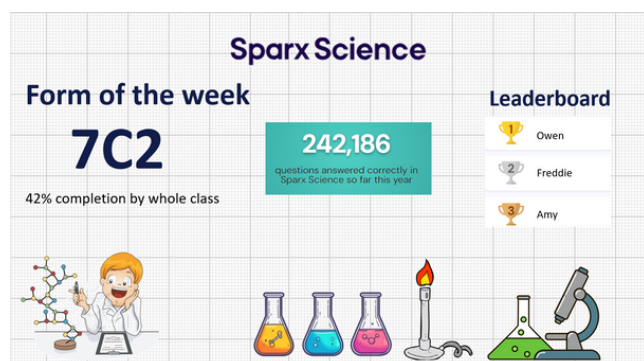


SPARX STARS ★

A big well done to Form 10H2 who are our Sparx Maths - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🏆 1 Sienna 🏆 2 Jasmeet and 🏆 3 Mia, 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 Owen 🏆 2 Freddie and 🏆 3 Amy, who are top of the class this week.



A big well done to Form 7V1 who are our Sparx Reader - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🏆 1 Summer 🏆 2 Lexi and 🏆 3 Jasmeet, 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