

# THE KEY

11TH JULY 2025

#### PARENT & CARER NEWSLETTER

**ISSUE 31** 



### **KEY DATES & EVENTS**

**Pride of Pool Hayes Evening:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

**Break up for Summer:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 12:45pm

Advance Notice

Training Day: Monday 1st September

**Years 7 and 12 Return:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

All Students Return: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

### **MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

Written by Mr A. Lawrence

I was pleased to see our new D of E recruits complete their training this week ready for their expedition. For many candidates this is the highlight of the award and gives them the opportunity to operate as a team, making decisions and learning along the route. It really is a wonderful scheme that has benefited many young people over the years. A thank you to Mr Francis for organising this. We wish you well on your forthcoming trip.

This week we saw both a first and an ongoing tradition of the Academy. The first was our PHA PROUD day where we celebrated the rich diversity of our academy and 60 years of there being a Pool Hayes. The event was set up by Ms Agha with the able assistance of the PHA 1 Club and follows pupil voice asking for such an event. The second was our Sports Morning, an annual event where we

see the whole academy come together to pursue sporting excellence through competition. A thank you to all PE staff (and others) who enabled this to happen.

We held two transition events this week. On Monday, our Year 10 officially became Year 11 and were issued with new ties to mark their progress through the school. I have to say they look wonderfully smart in their new ties. On Tuesday we welcomed next years Year 12 into the academy for a taster day and then their parents and carers that evening for the first Sixth Form Transition Evening.

The weather has certainly warmed up, so I urge all pupils to bring a water bottle with them to school and top it up from the foyer whilst the weather continues to be hot. Enjoy the weekend! The Lawrence family will certainly be firing up the BBQ.





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# SPORTING UPDATES

Monday - Year 7 athletics at Walsall academy. Great to see Year 7 go to their first athletics event!

Tuesday - Year 9 cricket beat Walsall academy in their first 🎬 game.

Wednesday - Year 9's took park in some sports hall athletics for West Midlands schools at Aldersley stadium.

Friday - Sports Morning was a great success. Full report coming next week!

#### HEAD OF YEAR SHOUT OUTS

A massive well done to all of the Year 9 pupils that completed their DofE training on Monday and Tuesday. The instructor from Stepping Outdoors was very complimentary on all pupils conduct and engagement across the two days - Mr Francis

# ATTENDANCE FIGURES

% Attendance YTD



# STUDENT SUCCESSES

Students have been working hard to complete their Sparx Homework. So far, as a school this year, we have read for **3,133 hours** and read **2,175 different books!** In Maths we have answered **1,033,556 questions!** In Science we have answered **320,550 questions!** 

On Languagenut students have earned an impressive **56,500** this month!

Congratulations! Amazing work and effort from our students!!

This week's homework is available on Sparx now.

#### YEAR 10 MOCK EXAMS

Next week on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, Year 10 Spanish students will sit their speaking mock exams.

Also on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, Year 10 Art students will sit their Art mock exam.

Good luck to all students sitting the exams!





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# PHA PROUD DAY

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July, we hosted our first ever PHA Proud Day. It was #PHAntastic to see how vibrant the atmosphere was in the academy.

The samosa sale was a great success, and over £250 will be going to Teenage Cancer Trust charity.

At lunchtime we held our diversity disco, and it was amazing to see so many pupils enjoy dancing together with friends and staff.

I would like to thank all students who took part in PHA Proud Day, I really am PROUD of the togetherness and inclusivity that was shown today.

Thank you for all the donations towards Teenage Cancer Trust.

Here's to PHA PROUD 2026! - Miss Agha

# PRIDE OF PHA CELEBRATION EVENING

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm we will be holding our very first Pride of PHA Celebration Evening where selected students will be receiving rewards for our values and subject awards. If you have been invited to the evening, please ensure you complete the form via the QR code on the letter given out to confirm your attendance. We look forward to celebrating with you soon!

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# SPARX STARS ★

A big well done to Form 7C2 who are our Sparx Maths - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🎸 Rannia 🎽 Jasmeet and 🎽 Mabel, who are top of the class this week.



A big well done to Form 7V2 who are our Sparx Science - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🎸 Sienna-Lee 🎽 Grace and 🍯 Mirabel, who are top of the class this week.



A big well done to Form 7C2 who are our Sparx Reader - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🎸 Darasimi 🎽 Aliyah and 🍯 Shakeel, 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