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18TH JULY 2025

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KEY DATES & EVENTS

Advance Notice

A Level Results Day: Thursday 14th August, 9am-11am

GCSE Results Day: Thursday 21st August, 9am-11am

Training Day: Monday 1st September

Years 7 and 12 Return: Tuesday 2nd September

All Students Return: Wednesday 3rd September

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Written by Mr A. Lawrence

This is my last message in the key as Principal. It has been a real privilege to have led an academy with such wonderful pupils and staff. I am really excited to see the baton now being passed to Mrs Macey who shares the deep love I have for Pool Hayes. As principal, it was heartwarming to have as one of my final duties the task of handing out our PHA Proud Rewards. These rewards also marked the 60th birthday of the academy and it was good to see old staff attend to wish our pupils well. You will have seen that Mrs Macey has changed some of the dress code. She has done this having listened to parent and pupil voice. It is, therefore, important that we all look to support these changes and are aware of the uniform expectations ready for the return in September.

May I wish you a wonderful summer break and I look forward to my return to the academy in September as a teacher of English. I can't wait to be back in the classroom.





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NUT FREE SCHOOL

From September we will be a nut free school. This means that **nuts and all food containing nuts will be banned from our school site.**

Some popular foods containing nuts include: Peanut Butter, Nutella, Snickers, Bounty and Trail Mix.

As a school we would like to do everything we can for our students with nut allergies, especially as it can be a life-threatening condition.

People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction, sometimes just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger an allergic reaction which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties.

We thank you in advance for your support in safeguarding our students.



STUDENT SUCCESSES

Students have been working hard to complete their Sparx Homework. Congratulations to all for their hard work and effort! As a school this year we have read for **3,192 hours** and read **2,230 different books!** In Maths we have answered **1,048,021 questions!** In Science we have answered **326,640 questions!**

On Languagenut students have earned an impressive **386,900** this month!

Congratulations! Amazing work and effort from our students!!

HEAD OF YEAR SHOUT OUTS

We are SUPER PROUD of our Year 9's and how far they have come this academic year. We are proud of how they are showing our academy values and it is so pleasing to see how they have matured as the year has progressed. We wish them all and yourselves a restful summer break. Please stay safe over the holidays Year 9 and enjoy your summer - Miss Agha & Mr Shakespeare

PRIDE OF PHA CELEBRATION EVENING

On Wednesday 16th July we held our very first Pride of PHA Celebration Evening which was a huge success! Students were amazing and it was a proud moment to be able to present our amazing students their awards. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.





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ACADEMY DRESS CODE

Following a recent survey and after taking on board the voice of pupils and parents, the academy has made some changes to its uniform and dress code from September 2025.

All students are expected to maintain a high standard of personal appearance.

The following items make up our academy dress code:

- Black blazer with our school badge
- Pool Hayes Academy tie NEW TIE SEPTEMBER 2025
- Black pleated skirt (minimum knee length, not tight fitting)
- Black full length tailored trousers (trousers should not be tight, flared, denim, combat, legging or cropped style)
- White polyester/cotton shirt/blouse (worn with academy tie) with top button done up. Tucked into waistband of trousers/skirt
- A plain black "V" necked jumper with no motif or visible branding (optional)
- Head scarves/turbans (plain black)
- Plain black socks or tights
- Smart, black, polishable leather looking shoes without any embellishment or decoration.
- A school bag, large enough to fit in books and equipment your child needs for their academy day. (Able to carry A4 documentation and a pencil case)









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<u>Optional:</u>

- 1 analogue plain watch
- 1 pair of plain small stud earrings 1 in each earlobe only - NEW FROM SEPTEMBER 2025
- Nails should be short, practical and natural in appearance - NEW FROM SEPTEMBER 2025
- Make up must be discreet and natural looking NEW FROM SEPTEMBER 2025
- Hair accessories must be plain black

Not acceptable:

- Black leggings, jeans, tight fitted, cropped or flared trousers
- Any other jewelry including but not limited to rings, bracelets and necklaces.
- Black boots or suede footwear
- Smart watches
- Pouch style bags
- Badges (with the exception of academy badges)
- Facial, cartilage or body piercings
- Caps or hoodies anywhere on our academy premises
- Tramlines or patterns in hair
- False eyelashes

<u>Also:</u>

- Only a plain white t-shirt or vest should be worn underneath a blouse or shirt
- Winter hats should not be worn inside the academy building
- Hair should be of a natural colour











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This is not an exhaustive list of what is unacceptable at Pool Hayes Academy.

Decisions about uniform will be at the Head of Academy's discretion.

For PE all students require:

- Black/Yellow Pool Hayes logo shirt NEW
 FOR SEPTEMBER 2025
- Black Pool Hayes logo shorts
- White ankle socks
- Suitable athletic trainers
- Black plain football socks
- Football boots
- Shin pads
- Black base layer for outdoor activities during winter months (optional)

Other acceptable PE kit:

- Plain black polo shirt (instead of black/yellow Pool Hayes logo t-shirt)
- Plain black shorts (instead of black Pool Hayes logo shorts)
- Sports leggings for girls
- 1/4 zip top NEW FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

LATEST LETTERS

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

<u>Letters - Home Page</u>



SPORTING UPDATES

Sports Morning was held last Friday and a great day was had by all! Mr French commented on how amazing our students were. A big well done to Hodson who won the trophy overall!





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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 🏅 Kelijah 🕈 Megan and 🍯 Cory, 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 🎸 Mansa 🎽 Kelijah and 🍯 Ayaan, 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 🎸 Skye 🖌 Jensen and 🍝 Bradley, who are top of the class this week.



Thank you to everyone who has completed their Sparx Maths, Reader and Science homework's this year!

Pupils at Pool Hayes have completed:

- 10,363 hours of learning in Sparx Maths
- 3,173 hours of careful reading in Sparx Reader
- 4,009 hours of learning in Sparx Science

