

12TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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KEY DATES & EVENTS

Barcelona Trip Meeting: Tuesday 16th September at 4:30pm

Advance Notice

Open Evening: Tuesday 23rd September, 6-8pm

The academy day will end at 2:35pm on this date in order for students and staff to prepare for the evening.

Year 7 Settling In Evening: Tuesday 30th September

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMY

Written by Mrs L. Macey

It has been a very positive second week in our academy. The photographer was in on Monday, and I am sure many of our year 7 parents and carers will be looking forward to seeing their child's first secondary school photo.

We are having calm starts to our days with all tutor groups lining up and sharing positive messages every morning before entering the academy building. Our extra-curricular groups have started, with sports teams training and I hear we have some upcoming auditions for our drama performances which will take place in December.

I am very excited that we are going Facebook live, so please follow us and keep up to date with everything that is happening in and around our academy.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to week 3 in our academy.



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STUDENT SUCCESSES

Our students have had a #PHAntastic week at school and have earnt lots of positive points. As an academy they have achieved 101,407 positive points!

The year group with the most points so far is Year 7 who have managed to achieve 28,613 points. 7V1 are this week's form leaders and together as a team they racked up 2,248! A massive congratulations to our students!

Students will start to complete their Sparx in the next few weeks, this is another opportunity for them to achieve and receive rewards.

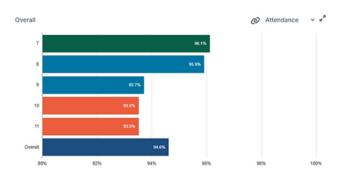
JOIN OUR FACEBOOK #PHAmily

We are pleased to share that we have recently joined Facebook! We hope this move will enable us to reach even more of our students, parents, carers and wider community with our latest news and achievements.

Click here to join our Facebook #PHAmily



ATTENDANCE FIGURES



A massive congratulations to all of our year groups for their fantastic attendance this week, especially Years 7 +8!

Wednesday saw us hit our highest attendance since 2022 - 95%! Thank you to all parents and carers for your support!

Data shows that absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the year. Encouraging your child to attend school everyday, especially in September, is vital to continued good attendance throughout the school year.



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DofE Expedition Weekend

A Journey of Adventure, Teamwork and Resilience!

Over the weekend, 12 determined year 10 students took part in their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition – an unforgettable experience filled with challenge, camaraderie, and personal growth.

Armed with rucksacks, maps, and plenty of enthusiasm, the participants set off on their self-planned routes through Cannock Chase, navigating varied terrain and unpredictable weather conditions. The teams pushed through with impressive determination and positive attitudes.

After a few navigation issues on the first day students camped overnight, cooking their own meals and working together to set up camp – often for the first time. It was a true test of teamwork and independence, and they rose to the challenge brilliantly.

Staff and assessors were on hand to supervise from a distance, ensuring safety while allowing students to demonstrate their navigation, planning, and problem-solving skills. The weekend was a valuable learning experience and a real milestone in their DofE journey.

We're incredibly proud of all the students who took part. Their resilience, teamwork, and enthusiasm truly embodied the spirit of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. It was a successful and memorable weekend for all involved. Well done, everyone!











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HEAD OF YEAR SHOUT OUTS

A big shout out to the whole of Year 7 for how quickly you have settled in and become a part of our academy! You have been very kind to new starters that have joined us this week even though you are all new starters yourselves. We are super proud of you! - Miss Gardner

Shout out to Year 11 who have made a positive start back after the summer break. Keep it up! - Mr Francis

A HUGE WELL DONE to all Year 10 students who took part in the Duke of Edinburgh expedition. We are super proud of you! - Miss Agha & Mr Shakespeare

LATEST LETTERS

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

Letters - Home Page

KEY CONTACTS

Please click on the link below to view contact details for our key academy staff.

Key Staff - Contact Details

ITEM DROP OFFS

We understand that students may forget items such as their PE kit or lunch from time to time, and we welcome these to be brought to the academy by parents and carers. We will try our upmost to get items dropped off to your child but on occasion, it is not always possible to do so.

Please can we ask for your support in ensuring that you child leaves home with whatever they need to succeed each day, so that item drop offs are not frequently required.



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SPORTING UPDATES

Upcoming fixtures:

- Monday Year 10 National Cup at Five Fields
- Monday Year 8 league game away at Willenhall



1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			The Library		
	The Library		Badminton		
	Badminton	The Library	Basketball		
	Basketball	Badminton	Music Club	The Library	
	Science Club	Basketball	Dance Club	Badminton	The Library
	Drama Ambassador	Chess Club	(after Oct half term)	Basketball	
	Meeting		Science Club		
			Senior Vocal Group		



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	KS3/4 Boys			
	Football (until		KS3/4	
	4:30pm)		Badminton	
		KS3/4 Basketball	(until 4:30pm)	
	KS3/4 Girls Football (until	(until 4:30pm)	KS3/4 Netball	
	4:30pm)	Fitness Suite	(until 4:30pm)	
MEETINGS /	4.30pm)	Year 9 & above	(until 4.50pm)	FIXTURES
STAFF	Fitness Suite	(until 4:30pm)	Fitness Suite	
TRAINING /	Year 9 & above	(until 4.50pin)	Year 9 & above	MyTutor
FIXTURES	(until 4:30pm)	(LAA, SC, JXA, RF)	(until 4:30pm)	(Yr11 Only)
MvTutor	(LF, SC, RF, SJ)	The Library	(LAA, LF, SJ,	Drama
(Yr11 Only)	(LF, 3C, NF, 3J)	(until 4pm)	(LAA, LF, SJ, JXA)	Rehearsals
(IIII Only)	KS4 Dance Club	(difeit 4pili)	JAA)	(until 4pm)
	(until 4:30pm	Science STEM	Junior Choir	
	after Oct half	Club - (until	(until 4:15pm)	
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			The Library	
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OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 23rd September 2025 6pm - 8pm

UNLOCKING YOUR POTENTIAL -EMPOWERING THROUGH SUCCESS

OPEN DAYS - WEDNESDAY $24^{\rm TM},$ THURSDAY $25^{\rm TM}$ & FRIDAY $26^{\rm TM}$ SEPTEMBER BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - PLEASE CALL TO BOOK A PLACE

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