



KEY DATES & EVENTS

Year 11 and Year 13 Mocks

Start: Monday 17th November

Advance Notice

Christmas Play Nights: Thursday
4th & Friday 5th December

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMY

Written by Mrs L. Macey

This week we held our remembrance parade and the whole academy fell silent at 11am. We were honoured to be supported by members from the British Legion, Short Heath Lest We Forget and Lock Stock. Thank you to all of our students who attend a uniformed organisation and attended our academy on Tuesday in their uniform, you all looked very smart!

As we end another #PHAntastic week at PHA, I wanted to thank parents and carers for their support so far and ask that you continue to support us with the re-introduction of the mobile phone strategy that we will be starting on Monday. You should have all received a letter and the policy about this and all

students have attended an assembly today where I have shared our expectations and the consequences for a mobile phone being seen or heard around our academy. I ask you to encourage your children to be mindful to switch off their phones before they enter through the gates and place them in either their bag or their blazer pockets, mobile phones cannot be kept in trouser pockets as they will be seen.

I wish you a lovely weekend and I look forward to welcoming the students back into our academy on Monday.



POWER UP NOTIFICATIONS

A new Sparx Power Up will be available from:

- Maths = Friday at 8am - Deadline Wednesday at 9pm
- Reader = Friday at 8am - Deadline Thursday at 9pm
- Science = Wednesday at 12pm - Deadline Tuesday at 10pm

[Click here to go to Sparx Learning](#)

A new Seneca Power Up (all Key Stages) will now be set **every Monday**.

[Click here to go to Seneca](#)

Languagenut is set once a week.

[Click here to go to Languagenut](#)

HEAD OF YEAR SHOUT OUTS

We are so very proud of the conduct of Year 10 during the remembrance service on Tuesday. The whole year group showed excellence and respect throughout the service, and they must be commended for this. Well done Year 10 - Miss Agha & Mr Shakespeare

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Our students have had a #PHAntastic week and have earnt lots of positive points. As an academy they have achieved **527,478 positive points!** The year group with the most points this week was **Year 7** who managed to achieve **43,385 points**. **7V1** are this week's form leaders and together as a team they racked up **1,607!** A massive congratulations to our students!

Students have also been working hard to complete their Sparx Power Ups. So far as a school this year we have read for **1,220 hours** and read **1,069 different books!** In Maths we have answered **314,034 questions!** In Science we have answered **119,674 questions!** On Languagenut student have earned an impressive **428,900 points so far this month!**

Congratulations! Amazing work and a great effort from students!! **This week's Power Ups are available on Sparx now.**

SPORTING UPDATES

Year 11 beat Telford Langley 3-1 to progress to round 5 of the National Cup. We are really proud of the lads for their performance. They demonstrated amazing teamwork and resilience.

Next week we have two under 18 national super league games. This is the first time we have played in this league. It will be competitive but a great experience for our students.



PHA SIXTH LAUNCH & OPEN EVENING

We are thrilled to share that our Sixth Form Open Evening last week was a #PHAntastic success!

It was wonderful to welcome so many prospective students and families, showcase our vibrant community, and highlight the opportunities available at Pool Hayes Academy Sixth Form.

As we look ahead, we're excited to launch our new branding – PHA Sixth – and extend our Sixth Form offer even further. This marks an important step in our journey to provide an exceptional experience for every student, with more pathways, more support, and more opportunities to thrive.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making the evening so special. We can't wait to share more about what's coming next!

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Tuesday 11th November, Pool Hayes Academy held its annual Remembrance Service to honour those who have served and sacrificed in conflicts past and present. The event brought together students, staff, and members of the local community – including several veterans from our local British legion – in a moving act of reflection and gratitude.

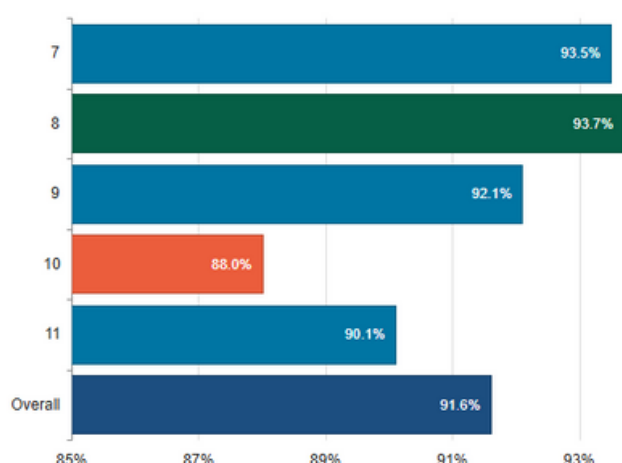
The proceedings were led by Lisa Macey – Head of Academy, the school's student leaders and uniformed students who participate in outside organisations. We read the poem 'For the Fallen', a local musician played the Last Post, followed by the traditional two minutes' silence at 11:00 a.m where the standard was lowered, and then raised during the trumpeter playing The Reveille. Together we remembered as a PHAmily.

The attending veterans were invited to a brunch afterwards where they shared brief recollections of their experiences to our student leaders and spoke to about the importance of remembrance and community. Their presence gave the occasion a powerful sense of authenticity and respect. A very PHA Proud moment for us all.





ATTENDANCE FIGURES



If your child has more than 9 days off in a year, their attendance will be 95% and their GCSE grades will begin to decrease. If your child has 18 days off in a year, they will achieve a grade lower in each subject than other children. Do you know how many days off your child has had this year?

Further attendance information can be found on our website: [Attendance - Pool Hayes Academy](#).

KEY CONTACTS

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

[Key Staff - Contact Details](#)

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY TRIP

On Wednesday 5th November, our students travelled to Stratford-Upon-Avon to take part in a workshop at the RSC and explore Shakespeare's hometown. Our students had the incredible opportunity to work on one of the RSC's own rehearsal spaces with a professional actor currently performing with the company. They explored character, language and stagecraft, helping us to be able to use these skills in our current rehearsals for a Midsummer Night's Dream and Romeo and Juliet. The workshop leader was full of praise, telling the staff how "Brilliant" and "Impressed" she was with their engagement, talent and insightful ideas. To receive such glowing feedback from a professional at the RSC is a true testament to the hard work and talent of our students.



LATEST LETTERS

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

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PROTECT YOUR PEACE

Phones constantly trigger your stress response. A phone-free day = less drama, less pressure, more time, more success.

MOBILE PHONES
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FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE ACADEMY DAY, INCLUDING BREAK/LUNCH TIMES.



TAKE A BREAK FROM THE CONSTANT PRESSURE TO RESPOND. NO BLUE TICKS. NO GROUP CHAT EXPECTATIONS. NO OVERTHINKING MESSAGES. JUST YOUR TIME IN SCHOOL

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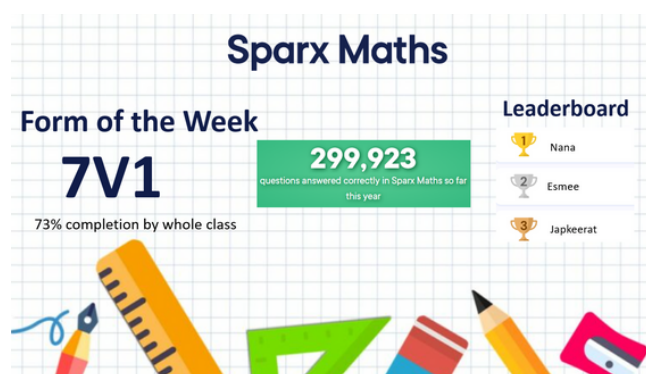
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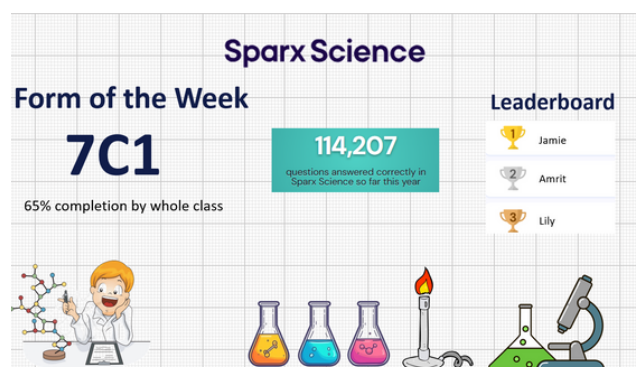


SPARX STARS ★

A big well done to Form 7V1 who are our Sparx Maths - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🏆 1 Nana 🏆 2 Esmee and 🏆 3 Japkeerat, who are top of the class this week.



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



A big well done to Form 10V2 who are our Sparx Reader - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🏆 1 Leonela 🏆 2 Treasure and 🏆 3 Jamie, 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:

- 'Form class of the week' (Reader, Maths, Science)
- 'Pupil of the fortnight' will be able to select a reward from the vending machine
- 'Form of the term' will have a treat to enjoy during registration at the end of term
- Raffle - students who complete homework's will be entered into a raffle to win a £10 voucher in rewards assemblies