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## KEY DATES & EVENTS

**Bank Holiday - School Closed:**  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

**Year 7 English Theatre Trip:**  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

**Year 7 Parents Evening:**  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

**SEND Coffee Morning:**  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

**Year 6 Meet and Greet Café**  
**4:30pm - 5:30pm:**  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

**Half Term:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May -  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May



## MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMY

*Written by Mrs L. Macey*

It has been wonderful to see the continued enthusiasm for learning across all year groups. From engaging classroom discussions to creative projects, our students have demonstrated excellent focus and a real commitment to their work. I would like to thank our staff for their ongoing dedication and support in making these opportunities possible.

There was a fantastic trip to the Think Tank yesterday for some of our Year 7 students and a group of Year 9 students participated in a crime scene investigation event on Wednesday.

I am excited to share work has begun on improving our academy environment, starting with the entrance and foyer area. This space has recently been repainted and fitted with brand-new lighting and flooring, creating a significantly brighter, more welcoming first impression to our academy.

As we move into next week, our Year 11 and 13 students begin their examination period. We wish them all the best and we will continue to support them through this important time. Parents of Year 11 will also receive a letter from me today regarding the leavers assembly plans.

I hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend!



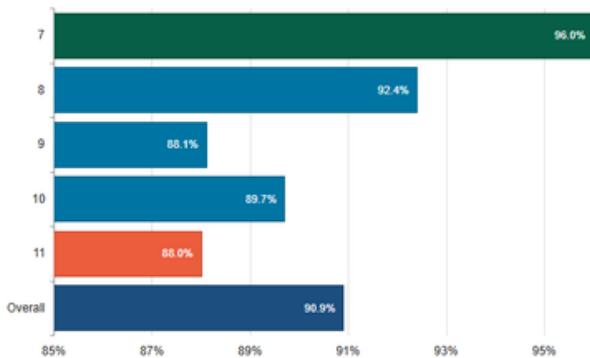
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## ATTENDANCE

How many days has your child had off? 19 days absent in a year makes your child Persistently Absent and impacts their GCSE outcomes by a whole grade. Please reach out for support with attendance to Mr Rose or Miss Smith.

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Remember that the attendance team can be contacted at [PHA-Attendance@atrust.org.uk](mailto:PHA-Attendance@atrust.org.uk)

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

See our new attendance section on the next page of this newsletter for more!

## LATEST LETTERS

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

[Letters - Home Page](#)



## SPORTS UPDATE

A reminder that PE kit needs to be brought for every lesson.

PE extra-curricular clubs:

- Tuesday - Football and Fitness
- Wednesday - Basketball and Fitness
- Thursday - Netball, Fitness and Badminton



## YEAR 11 PGL REVISION TRIP

The Year 11 PGL trip was a huge success. The experience provided our students with a fantastic opportunity to challenge themselves, build confidence, and strengthen relationships with both peers and staff. From all accounts, the trip was filled with memorable moments, laughter, and personal achievements. The students were great and really enjoyed themselves. The weekend gave them an opportunity to gain some extra revision but at the same time relax before the exam period. All the best in your exams! - Mr Francis

## KEY CONTACTS

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

[Key Staff - Contact Details](#)





## SAFEGUARDING



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## HELPLINE CONTACTS FOR STUDENTS



**YoungMinds** – [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk) (Mental Health Support)

**Childline** - 0800 1111 OR [www.childline.org](http://www.childline.org)

**Kooth** – “Need to talk” online support [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)  
(online support and counselling)

**Frank** – Call 03001236600 OR [www.talktofrank.com](http://www.talktofrank.com)  
(Support for substance misuse)

**Samaritans** – Call 116 123

**Kaleidoscope Group** – [www.kaleidoscopeplus.org.uk](http://www.kaleidoscopeplus.org.uk)  
(Supporting Mental Health)

**St Giles Hospice** – [www.stgileshospice.com/phoenix](http://www.stgileshospice.com/phoenix)  
(Supporting with bereavement)

**Chat Health** – [www.healthforteens.co.uk](http://www.healthforteens.co.uk)  
(General concerns around health & wellbeing)



ASKING  
— for —  
HELP  
is OK

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

As part of our ‘Not Seen, Not Heard’ mobile phone policy, any confiscated phones must be collected by parents/carers **after school only**. Please note, break and lunchtime collections aren’t possible due to safeguarding and staffing commitments. We appreciate your understanding.



## YEAR 11 DINNER MONEY

As Year 11 students approach the end of their time at school, we kindly ask parents and carers to keep a close eye on their child’s dinner money account. Please try not to add excessive funds that may require a refund, while also ensuring there is sufficient credit to cover daily purchases.

Please note that in the final months of term, accounts will not be permitted to go into arrears, as students will be leaving the school and outstanding balances may not be recoverable.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.



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## 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 be set **every Monday**.

[Click here to go to Seneca](#)

Languagenut is set once a week.

[Click here to go to Languagenut](#)

## STUDENT SUCCESS

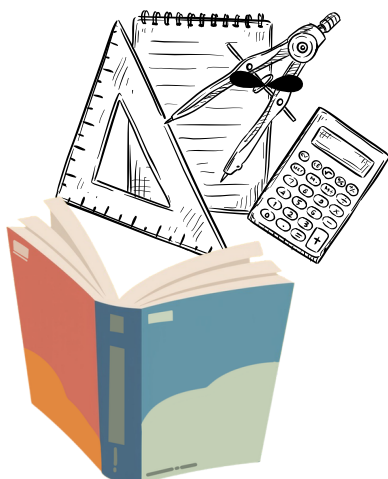
Our students have had a #PHAntastic week at school and have earned lots of positive points. As a school they have achieved **1,310,092 positive points!** The year group with the most points this week was **Year 7** who managed to achieve **10,187 points**. **11H2** are this week's form leaders and together as a team they racked up **1,640!** 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 **3,739 hours** and read **3,258 different books!** In Maths we have answered **771,356 questions!** In Science we have answered **298,159 questions!**

On Languagenut student have earned an impressive **77,100 points** this month!

**Congratulations!** Amazing work and effort to our students!!

**This week's Power Ups are available on Sparx now.**



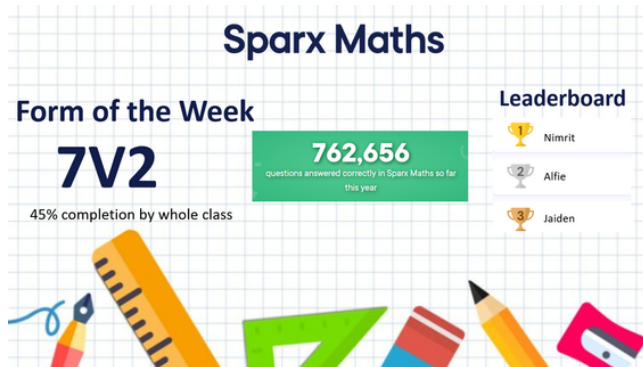


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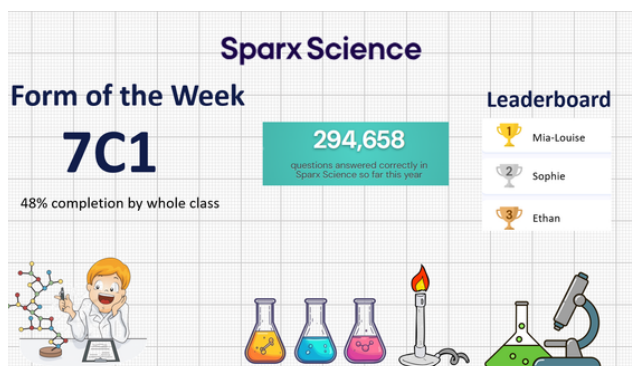
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## SPARX STARS ★

A big well done to Form 7V2 who are our Sparx Maths - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🏆<sup>1</sup> Nimrit 🏆<sup>2</sup> Alfie and 🏆<sup>3</sup> Jaiden, 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 🏆<sup>1</sup> Mia-Louise 🏆<sup>2</sup> Sophie and 🏆<sup>3</sup> Ethan, who are top of the class this week.



A big well done to Form 10C2 who are our Sparx Reader - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🏆<sup>1</sup> Darasimi 🏆<sup>2</sup> Michael and 🏆<sup>3</sup> Leonela, 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)
- Make it onto the Power Up Leaderboard
- Win a token for the rewards vending machine



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# INTERVENTION TIMETABLE

## WEEK A

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MyTutor	English	Spanish	Maths & Further Maths	MyTutor

## WEEK B

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MyTutor	Open Bucket /BTEC	Humanities	Science	MyTutor



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### Lunchtime

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Library	The Library	The Library	The Library	The Library
Badminton	Badminton	Badminton	Badminton	
Basketball	Basketball	Basketball	Basketball	
Science club	Chess Club	Music Club		
Drama Ambassador Meeting		Dance Club		
		Science club		
		Senior Vocal Group		
		PHA1 Club (Week B)		

Aspiration    Respect    Excellence    Resilience

*be more....*

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### After School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mytutor (Year 11 only)	Football - until 4:30pm	Basketball - until 4:30pm	Badminton - until 4:30pm	Mytutor (Year 11 only)
	Fitness Centre - until 4:30pm	Fitness Centre - until 4:30pm	Netball - until 4:30pm	Drama Rehearsals - until 4pm
	KS4 Dance Club - until 4:30pm (after Oct half term)	The Library - until 4pm	Fitness Centre - until 4:30pm	Musical rehearsals
	The Library - until 4pm	Science STEM Club - until 4:15pm	Junior Choir - until 4:15pm	Year 11 Music Club
	Art and Craft Club - until 4:30pm	Year 11 Music Club	The Library - until 4pm	
	Year 11 Music Club	Musical rehearsals	Year 11 Music Club	

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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  
**'NOT SEEN, NOT HEARD'**  
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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**WE'RE KEEPING YOU SAFE**



STATISTICS SHOW MOST SAFEGUARDING INCIDENTS IN SCHOOL START WITH A PHONE.



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**YOUR IMAGINATION SWITCHES ON WHEN YOUR PHONE SWITCHES OFF**




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## GCSE MATHS FOUNDATION

## 20–14 DAYS TO GO ANSWERS

### 20 Days to Go: Congruent/Similar Shapes

- (1) 45cm      (2) 3cm      (3) 9cm      (4) 14.4cm      (5) C and D  
(6) A, B, C, G      (7) 9.9cm      (8) SAS

### 19 Days to Go: Vectors

- (1)  $\begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$       (2)  $3\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$        $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$        $4\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 28 \\ 26 \end{pmatrix}$   
(3)  $3\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$  and  $-\mathbf{a} - 3\mathbf{b}$       (4)  $-\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$

### 18 Days to Go: Exact Trig Values

- (1) 3.42cm      (2)  $53.13^\circ$       (3) 0.5      (4) 1      (5)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$       (6)  $60^\circ$       (7) 4.5cm

### 17 Days to Go: Real-life Graphs

- (1) The set fee (delivery)      (2) 25 (there is a daily charge of £25)  
(3) The depth of the full pool      (4) -5 (the change in depth every second)

### 16 Days to Go: Parallel Lines

- (1)  $y = 8x + 1$       (2) 2      (3)  $y = 3x + 7$       (4)  $y = -2x + 5$       (5)  $y = 4x - 7$   
(6)  $y = 3x + 3$       (7) Both lines have a gradient of 4.

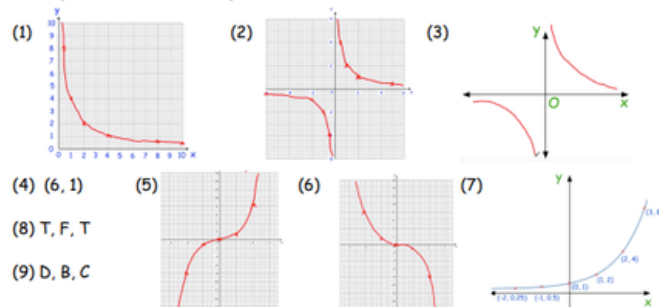
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ANSWERS TO 15 AND 14 DAYS TO GO**



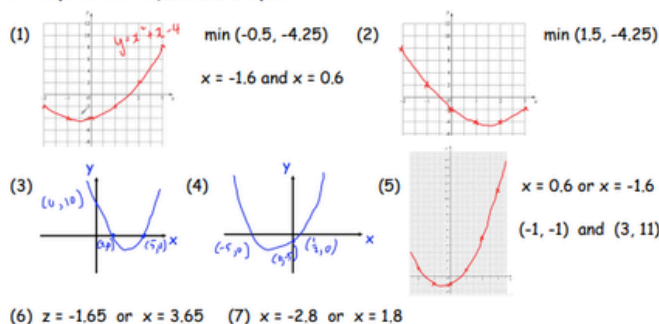
## GCSE MATHS HIGHER

## 20-14 DAYS TO GO ANSWERS

### 20 Days to Go: Other Graphs



### 19 Days to Go: Quadratic Graphs



### 18 Days to Go: Completing the Square

(1)  $(x-5)^2 - 16$  (2)  $x = 3 + \sqrt{11}$  or  $x = 3 - \sqrt{11}$  (3) (-1, 6)

(4)  $x = 7$  (5)  $3(x+1)^2 + 7$

### 17 Days to Go: Algebraic Fractions

(1)  $\frac{x+2}{x+10}$  (2)  $\frac{x+3}{x-5}$  (3)  $\frac{x-11}{x+4}$  (4)  $\frac{x-4}{3x+1}$  (5)  $\frac{x}{2}$

(6)  $\frac{x-2}{x+3}$  (7)  $\frac{x}{3(x+7)}$  (8)  $\frac{2}{9}$  (9)  $\frac{5}{6}$  (10)  $\frac{2(x+5)}{x-3}$

(11)  $\frac{11x}{10}$  (12)  $\frac{17x-10}{6}$  (13)  $\frac{4x+1}{30}$  (14)  $\frac{5x+17}{(x+5)(x+1)}$

### 16 Days to Go: Vectors

(1)  $\begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  (2)  $3b = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$   $a - b = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$   $4a + 2b = \begin{pmatrix} 28 \\ 26 \end{pmatrix}$  (3)  $p = 4, q = -4$

(4)  $3a + b$  and  $-a - 3b$  (5)  $\overrightarrow{DF} = -a + b$   $\overrightarrow{EG} = -2a + 2b$   $\overrightarrow{EG} = -2\overrightarrow{DF}$

(6)  $\overrightarrow{PQ} = -b + a$   $\overrightarrow{QC} = -3b + 3a$  PQ and QC are parallel and pass through Q so PQC is a straight line.

(7)  $\overrightarrow{DC} = \frac{2}{5}b$   $\overrightarrow{AB} = 5b$  therefore DC and AB are parallel.

### 15 Days to Go: Speed

(1) 45mph (2) 6m/s (3) 3 hours (4) 95km (5) 80mph

(6) 132 miles (7) 4 hours 48 minutes (8) 36km/h

### 14 Days to Go: Density and Pressure

(1)  $2.5g/cm^3$  (2)  $168cm^3$  (3) 312.5g (4)  $18N/cm^2$  (5) 3360N