



KEY DATES & EVENTS

Summer Musical Auditions

Friday 23rd January 2026

2:35pm-4:40pm

(Permission slip needed)

Training Day

Monday 2nd February 2026

Academy Closes (Half Term)

Friday 13th February 2026

Academy Opens

Monday 23rd February 2026

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMY

Written by Mrs L. Macey

I hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

As we welcomed students back to the Academy last week we faced some challenging weather conditions and I thank you for your support with this.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and successful New Year. The start of a new term is always a valuable time for fresh focus, renewed motivation, and setting positive goals, and we are very much looking forward to the opportunities ahead.

This term will be a busy and important one for our students, with a strong focus on learning, progress, and personal development. Our staff are looking forward to supporting students as they continue to build on their achievements and work towards their full potential.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We value the strong partnership between home and the Academy and look forward to working closely with you throughout the term.

Can I please remind parents and carers of our 'Not Seen, Not Heard Policy' regarding mobile phones. I would also like to remind parents and carers of our uniform expectations. We expect all students in the correct uniform daily and any issues will be addressed in morning line ups which may result in a call home with an expectation that it will be rectified immediately.

We have seen an increase in students arriving before 8:10am, I would like to remind parents and carers that breakfast club opens at 8:10am and students should be in the main hall for this. Students not attending breakfast club can arrive on site from 8:30am onwards.

Hope you have a great week ahead.



ATTENDANCE

Well done to all year groups who have improved their attendance this term!

Remember that the attendance team can be contacted at PHA-Attendance@attrust.org.uk

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

SPORTS UPDATE

Our Year 11 football team bowed out of the National Cup with a narrow 3-2 defeat, bringing an outstanding cup run to an end. The team showed real determination and quality throughout the competition, doing brilliantly to reach the last 32 teams in the country. A fantastic achievement and something the whole academy can be proud of.

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](#)

Please see the NHS guidance on illness to help your child:

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with slight [cough](#) or [common cold](#) symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

But if they have a high temperature, keep them off school until the temperature has gone.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.



1

WASH

Wash your hands for at least 30 seconds with soap and warm water

COVER

Cover your mouth and nose when cough or sneeze with your elbow or tissue

2

3

DONT' TOUCH

Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth.

AVOID

Avoid close contact with those who are sick. Wash your hands with sanitizer

4



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](#)

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Our students have had a #PHAntastic week and have earned lots of positive points. As an academy they have achieved **841792 positive points!** The year group with the most points this week was **Year 7** who managed to achieve **10982 points**. **11H2** are this week's form leaders and together as a team they racked up **2018!** 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 **2142 hours** and read **1924 different books!** In Maths we have answered **498084 questions!** In Science we have answered **194718 questions!** On Languagenut students have earned an impressive **1058200 points so far this month!**

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



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.



WELCOME TO THE CAREERS CORNER!

As winter settles in with frosty mornings and colder days, this space in The Key keeps careers front and centre - sharing ideas, opportunities and inspiration for the weeks ahead.

I'm Mr Lewis, your Careers Lead, and my aim is simple: to build a strong careers culture across our school so every student knows their options and feels supported to pursue them.

MINI CAREERS FACT OF THE WEEK!

THE CREATIVE INDUSTRY IS ONE OF THE UK'S LARGEST SECTORS - BIGGER THAN AVIATION AND AUTOMOTIVE COMBINED.



CAREER OF THE WEEK – GRAPHIC DESIGNER

What the job is:

Graphic Designers create visual content for logos, posters, websites, packaging, and digital media. They turn ideas into eye-catching designs using both traditional and digital tools.

Skills needed:

Creativity, design knowledge, communication, attention to detail, digital skills.

Salary range:

£22,000 – £45,000 (senior/agency roles £50,000+).

Training routes:

- College courses in Art, Graphics or Creative Media
- Graphic Design apprenticeships (Level 3-6)
- University degrees in Graphic Design or Visual Communication
- Self-taught routes using online courses (Adobe, Canva, Coursera)



Routes Reveal

Understanding Your Pathways: This Week **A-LEVELS**

What are A-Levels? - A Levels are two-year academic qualifications focused on studying subjects in depth. They are mainly classroom-based and assessed through exams and coursework.

Who are they for?

Students who enjoy academic learning, want to keep their options open, and may be considering university or careers that require strong subject knowledge.

Examples at local colleges:

- English Literature & Language
- Maths & Further Maths
- Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Psychology & Sociology
- History & Geography
- Art, Media & Performing Arts



Where can they lead?

University courses, degree apprenticeships, higher apprenticeships, or skilled employment - depending on subjects studied and grades achieved.

ASK MR LEWIS

What should I do now if I want a good job in the future?

Work on the basics: attendance, effort, and building skills you enjoy!

Submit your questions to Mr Lewis - michael.lewis@atrust.org.uk

or find him at the back of the common room!

UPCOMING DATES!

January

Wednesday 14th January 2026, at 6 pm - UCAS deadline for most UK undergraduate courses

Wednesday 21st January 2026 - Wolverhampton College Open Event

Wednesday 28th January 2026 - Leeds Arts University Open Day



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Empowering Through Success



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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)		

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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

NOT SEEN NOT HEARD

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

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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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