



KEY DATES & EVENTS

SEND Coffee Morning:

Thursday 14th May

Year 6 Meet and Greet Café

4:30pm - 5:30pm:

Thursday 14th May

Half Term:

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th
May

All students return:

Monday 1st June

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMY

Written by Mrs L. Macey

I am incredibly proud of our Year 11 & 13 students, who are now fully underway with their GCSE and A Level examinations. The first whole-cohort GCSE exam will take place on Monday in English Literature, marking a significant milestone in our Year 11 students journey. This is understandably a time when nerves may begin to build, so I kindly ask for your support this weekend. A calm, reassuring, and encouraging approach at home can make a real difference as students prepare mentally and emotionally for the challenges ahead.

To our Year 11 & 13 students: you have worked incredibly hard to reach this point. Believe in your abilities, trust the preparation you have put in, and remember that resilience and determination will carry you through. Stay focused, stay positive, and give each exam your very best effort—we are all behind you!

We also wish the very best of luck to our Year 11 football team, who will be competing in the Walsall Schools Cup Final against Barr Beacon today. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are immensely proud of the commitment and teamwork they have shown. I know you will represent the Academy with pride—good luck!

Improvements continue across the Academy site, this week seeing the refurbishment of student toilets.

Finally, our Year 7 students enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Birmingham Hippodrome yesterday, where they watched A Midsummer Night's Dream. The visit provided a valuable opportunity to bring their English curriculum to life, deepening their understanding of Shakespeare through live performance.



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ATTENDANCE

Attendance Rewards

At the end of half term, the year group who has made the most progress with their attendance will be rewarded with a whole year group event! Make sure that you're in it to win it! Also, our 100% rewards for attendance and positive behaviour continues. If your child attends every day or receives 50+ positive points they will get a raffle ticket into our half termly mystery prize draw. Every week is a fresh start, with everyone able to earn tickets every week.

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](#).

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](#)



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

SEND
Coffee Morning

Join us for a relaxed and informal coffee morning for parents and carers of students with SEND

Thursday 14th May 2026
9-10am

This is a chance to:

- Chat about your child in a supportive space
- Meet other parents and share experiences
 - Ask questions or seek advice
 - Feel part of our school community

We hope to see you there!

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SAFEGUARDING



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HELPLINE CONTACTS FOR STUDENTS



YoungMinds – www.youngminds.org.uk (Mental Health Support)

Childline - 0800 1111 OR www.childline.org

Kooth – “Need to talk” online support www.kooth.com
(online support and counselling)

Frank – Call 03001236600 OR www.talktofrank.com
(Support for substance misuse)

Samaritans – Call 116 123

Kaleidoscope Group – www.kaleidoscopeplus.org.uk
(Supporting Mental Health)

St Giles Hospice – www.stgileshospice.com/phoenix
(Supporting with bereavement)

Chat Health – 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

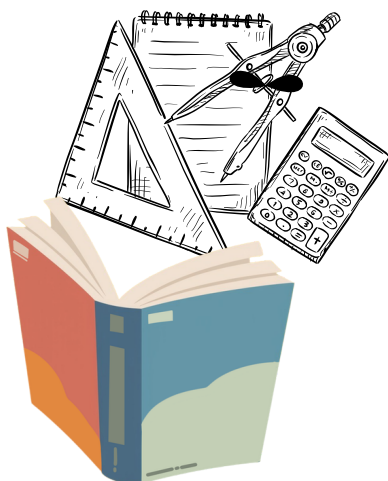
Our students have had a #PHAntastic week at school and have earned lots of positive points. As a school they have achieved **1,339,643 positive points!** The year group with the most points this week was **Year 9** who managed to achieve **6.840 points**. **10P1** are this week's form leaders and together as a team they racked up **1,264!** 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 **3,848 hours** and read **3,336 different books!** In Maths we have answered **787,629 questions!** In Science we have answered **304,658 questions!**

On Languagenut students have earned an impressive **215,500 points** this month!

Congratulations! Amazing work and effort to our students!!

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



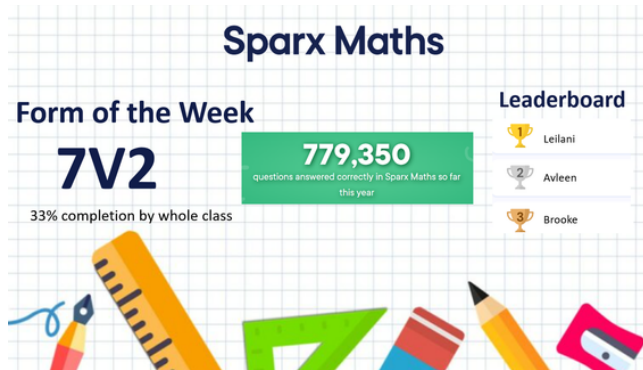


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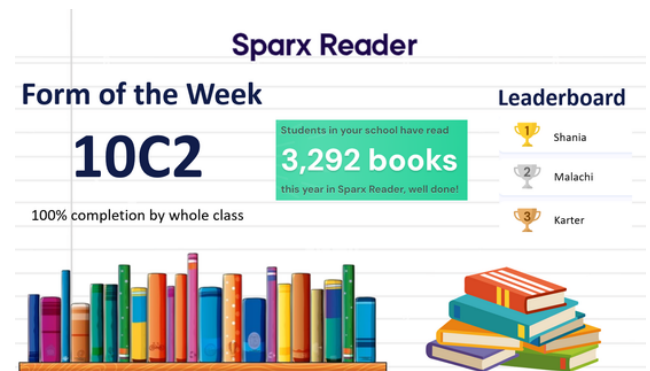
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SPARX STARS ★

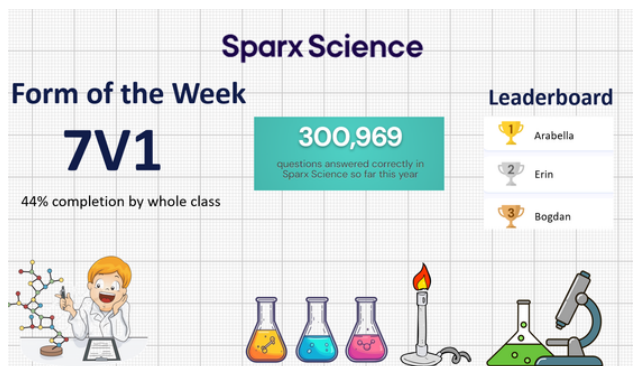
A big well done to Form 7V2 who are our Sparx Maths - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🏆 1 Leilani 🏆 2 Avleen and 🏆 3 Brooke, who are top of the class this week.



A big well done to Form 10C2 who are our Sparx Reader - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🏆 1 Shania 🏆 2 Malachi and 🏆 3 Karter, who are top of the class this week.



A big well done to Form 7V1 who are our Sparx Science - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🏆 1 Arabella 🏆 2 Erin and 🏆 3 Bogdan, 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)		

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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

13-7 DAYS TO GO ANSWERS

13 Days to Go: Forming Equations

- (1) Daniel is 12 (2) 35° (3) 50cm (4) 41p

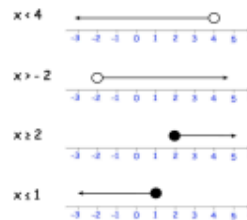
12 Days to Go: Inequalities

- (1) $x < 27$ (2) $x \geq 18$ (3) $x > 13$ (7)

- (4) $x \leq 12$ (5) $x > 5$ (6) $x < -4$

- (8) $x < 4$ and 

- (9) -1, 0, 1, 2



11 Days to Go: The nth Term

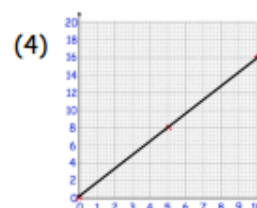
- (1) $4n + 3$ (2) $7n - 6$ (3) $-9n + 49$ (4) $3n - 7$ (5) 302 (6) 156

- (7) 24, 43, 62, 81 (8) 22nd (9) 9th (10) No (11) $4n + 1$ and no

- (8) A, E and F

10 Days to Go: Conversion Graphs

- (1) 8km and 2.5 miles
(2) 11 pounds, approximately 7.7kg and 88 pounds
(3) £170



9 Days to Go: Wordy Questions

- (1) No, it weighs 20kg too much. (2) No, she is £90 short.
(3) No, he pays £1260, that is more than twice of £585
(4) Yes, he needs £1059.47 (5) £15.36 (6) No, at most 81.6%

8 Days to Go: Money

- (1) 22 (2) £2, 50p, 20p, 5p, 1p (3) £41.50 (4) £177.50 (5) £1.10
(6) £2.40 per kg

7 Days to Go: Ratio

- (1) 31:37 (2) 33 (3) £104 (4) 144° (5) £72 (6) 1:12:4 (7) $\frac{9}{61}$

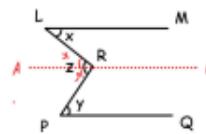


GCSE MATHS HIGHER

13-7 DAYS TO GO ANSWERS

13 Days to Go: Geometric Proof

- (1) $\angle MLR = \angle ARL = x$ (alternate angles)
 $\angle ARP = \angle RPQ = y$ (alternate angles)
 $\angle LRP = \angle ARL + \angle ARP$
 $z = x + y$



- (2) $\angle ACB = 180 - x$ (angles straight line)
 $\angle BAC = 180 - x$ (isosceles triangle)
 $(180 - x) + (180 - x) + \angle ABC = 180$ (angles in a triangle)
 $\angle ABC = 2x - 180$

- (3) $\angle AOC = \angle OAC = x$ (as triangle AOC is isosceles)
 $\angle ACO = 180 - 2x$ (angles in a triangle add to 180)
 $\angle OCD = 2x$ (angles in a straight line add to 180)
 $\angle ODC = 2x$ (as triangle OCD is isosceles)
 $\angle COD = 180 - 4x$ (angles in a triangle add to 180)
 $\angle DOE = 3x$ (angles in a straight line add to 180)

12 Days to Go: Exact Trig Values

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

11 Days to Go: Geometric Progressions

- (1) 32, 64 (2) 24000, 480000 (3) 1, 4, 16, 64 (4) 1275
(5) $48\sqrt{2}$ (6) 24

8 Days to Go: Equations

- (1) $x = 7$ (2) $x = 1.5$ (3) $x = 0$ or $x = -3$ (4) $x = 1.24$ or $x = -3.24$

7 Days to Go: Mixed Trig Questions

- (1) 26.31cm (2) 8.56cm (3) 9.134cm^2 (4) 60° (5) 62.355cm
(6) 35.311° (7) 154.4°

**CHECK PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE KEY FOR THE
ANSWERS TO 10 AND 9 DAYS TO GO**