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PARENT & CARER NEWSLETTER



KEY DATES & EVENTS

Academy closed for Easter
Break -

Monday 30th March

Academy re-opens -

Monday 13th April

**YEAR 8 PARENTS EVENING
POSTPONED, INFO TO FOLLOW.**



MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMY

Written by Mrs L. Macey

As we reach the end of a busy and successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. It has been a pleasure to see our students grow in confidence, resilience, and independence across all areas of school life.

This term has been filled with many achievements, both in and out of the classroom. Students have demonstrated a positive attitude towards their learning, engaged thoughtfully in lessons, and contributed to the wider school community through extracurricular activities and events. Their commitment and effort have been commendable, and we are very proud of all they have accomplished.

We have also been particularly pleased with

the way students have supported one another and upheld our school values, creating a respectful and inclusive environment for all.

As we break for Easter, I am eager to see the photos of those who are going on the Greece trip, I am also excited to see the student's faces when they return and move into the new building for their maths lessons.

I encourage students to take time to rest and recharge, while also maintaining good habits in preparation for the term ahead. For those with upcoming assessments, revision over the holidays will be beneficial.

I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable Easter break, and I look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for the new term.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.



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ATTENDANCE

Did you know you that it only takes **19 days off** in an academic year for your child to be significantly impacted on their GCSE outcomes? Each 19 days equates to a lost grade at GCSE. How many days has your child missed? Support for you and your child can be found on our website: [Attendance - Pool Hayes Academy](#) and from our attendance team and form tutors.

Well done to all year groups who have improved their attendance this term! Currently each Year Group are in competition to improve their attendance by the end of each term. For the year group who improves the most compared to the start of half term, EVERY STUDENT will be invited to a rewards event on the final day of term with prizes for all.

Remember that the attendance team can be contacted at 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

Reminder that PE kit needs to be brought for every lesson.

After school clubs are back on

Tuesday - Football and Fitness

Wednesday - Basketball and Fitness

Thursday - Netball, Fitness and Badminton



KEY CONTACTS

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

[Key Staff - Contact Details](#)



SAFEGAUARDING



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)

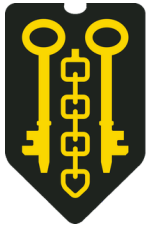


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for
HELP
18 OK



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.



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EASTER INTERVENTION TIMETABLE

Monday 30th March

Music - Mr Dunphy Art - Miss Dace

Tuesday 31st March

Music - Mr Dunphy

Wednesday 1st April

Science - Mrs Bhasin Music - Mr Dunphy

Thursday 2nd April

Art - Miss Dace

**PARENTAL
CONSENT
REQUIRED**

**Team Sessions recorded for
week beginning April 6th**

History Geography DT

Sessions can run between 10am - 3pm





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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 now be set **every Monday**.

[Click here to go to Seneca](#)

Languagenut is set once a week.

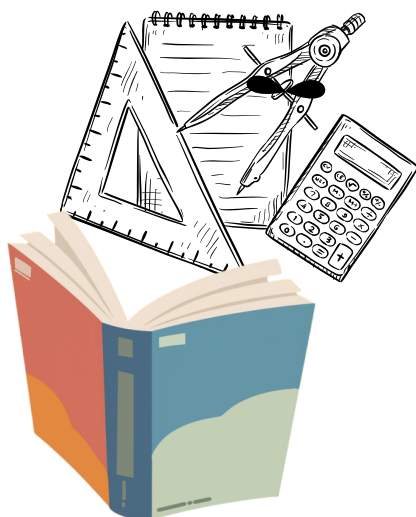
[Click here to go to Languagenut](#)

STUDENT SUCCESS

Our students have had a #phatastic week at school and have earned lots of positive points. As a school they have achieved **1188030** positive points! The year group with the most points this week was Year 7 who managed to achieve **9339** points. **11H2** are this week's form leaders and together as a team they racked up **1568**! 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 **3348** hours and read **2990** different books! In Maths we have answered **716568** questions! In Science we have answered **273001** questions! On Languagenut students have earned an impressive **338600** 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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OUR RECENT POSTS




MEET OUR #PHAMILY

Mrs Brazier
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

- ★ **WORDS YOU LIVE BY:**
"Have courage and be kind."
- ★ **FEEL-GOOD SONG:**
Just a Girl by No Doubt
- ★ **RECOMMEND TO WATCH:**
This Is Us - TV Series
- ★ **FAVOURITE SUBJECT:**
"Spanish, of course!"
- ★ **FAVOURITE THING TO DO ON THE WEEKEND:**
"Catching up with friends and family, and going for walks."



Mrs Brazier



ASPIRATION RESPECT **EXCELLENCE** RESILIENCE

EXCELLENCE @ PHA

We come prepared, organised and ready to make the most of every learning opportunity.

We show excellence through our conduct: punctuality, positive attitude and presenting ourselves smartly in our uniform.

We use our time wisely, staying focused and engaged from the moment we enter the classroom.

We take pride in presenting work neatly and completing tasks to a high standard.

We represent our #PHamily through high standards, positive choices and pride in all we do.




FOLLOW OUR PE DEPARTMENT ON INSTAGRAM!

@POOLHAYESACADEMYPE





WE NEED YOU!

PAINTERS DECORATORS CARPENTERS



FOR SPRUCE UP SATURDAY

9AM-2PM

SATURDAY 18TH APRIL

Join us for a one-day community project to refresh Pool Hayes Academy. Donations of paint and materials also welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

We're proud of our school, and we're on a mission to make our environment reflect that.

Can you help? Get in touch by email: PHA-Office@atrust.org.uk






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★ WELCOME TO THE CAREERS CORNER! ★

As we reach the end of term and head into the Easter break, this space in The Key keeps careers front and centre - sharing opportunities, pathways and ideas for the months ahead.

I'm Mr Lewis, your Careers Lead, and this week we spotlight Hospitality as our Industry of the Month, continuing to build a strong careers culture where every student feels informed, confident and supported.

MINI CAREERS FACT OF THE WEEK!

HAIRDRESSING IS A GLOBAL INDUSTRY - WITH CAREERS IN SALONS, FASHION, TV, FILM AND EVEN CRUISE SHIPS.



CAREER OF THE WEEK - HAIRDRESSER

What the job is:

Hairdressers cut, style, and colour hair, giving clients advice on treatments and trends. They work in salons, freelance, or in creative industries like fashion and media.

Skills needed:

Creativity, communication, customer service, practical skills, attention to detail.

Salary range:

£18,000-£30,000 - experienced/stylists £35,000+

Training routes:

- College courses in Hairdressing
- Hair Professional apprenticeships (Level 2-3)
- On-the-job salon training
- Short courses for specialisms (colouring, barbering, extensions)



INDUSTRY OF THE MONTH

HOSPITALITY



Why it matters in Walsall: Hospitality employs 5,000 people locally and supports restaurants, cafés, hotels and events.

Average salary: £15,031

Typical working hours: Around 24.5 hours per week (many part-time opportunities).

Most in-demand jobs:

- Kitchen and catering assistants
- Chefs and cooks
- Bar staff, waiters and waitresses
- Restaurant & café managers

Most requested skills:

Customer service, communication, cooking, food safety, organisation, management, leadership.

Where the jobs are:

Restaurants and mobile food services (2,500), beverage services (1,500), hotels (500), event catering (500).

Why consider it: Great for building confidence, teamwork, customer service skills and real-world experience - ideal for part-time work while studying.

ASK MR LEWIS

What GCSEs do I need for an apprenticeship?

Most need English and Maths, but entry requirements vary.

Submit your questions to Mr Lewis - michael.lewis@atrust.org.uk or find him at the back of the common room!

UPCOMING DATES!

March

Saturday 28th March 2026 - University of Derby
- Experience Day

April

Saturday 28th March 2026 - University of Derby
- Experience Day

Wednesday 22nd April 2026 - Wolverhampton College - New Era Hair Studio launch event



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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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Unlocking Your Potential
Empowering Through Success



Pool Hayes Academy  Academy Transformation Trust 

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....*

Unlocking Your Potential
Empowering Through Success



Pool Hayes Academy  Academy Transformation Trust 

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

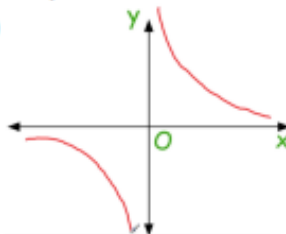
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ANSWERS**

55 Days to Go: Other Graphs

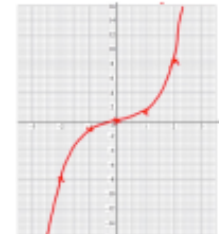
(1)



(2)



(3) (6, 1) (4)



(5) A, D, C

54 Days to Go: Collecting Like Terms

- (1) $3y$ (2) $6x$ (3) $10x - 2$ (4) $6x + 6y$ (5) $9x - 5y$ (6) $7x^2 - 2y^2$
(7) $12x + 10$ (8) $10x + 17$ (9) $37x - 18$

53 Days to Go: Product of Primes

- (1) 2×5^2 (2) $m = 18$ and $10m = 2^2 \times 3^2 \times 5$ (3) $2^2 \times 23$ (4) $2^4 \times 3$
(5) HCF = 4 LCM = 1104 (6) HCF = 12 LCM = 180

52 Days to Go: Negative Indices

- (1) $\frac{1}{8}$ (2) $\frac{1}{100}$ (3) $\frac{1}{16}$ (4) $\frac{1}{121}$

51 Days to Go: Standard Form

- (1) 7×10^3 2.5×10^6 4×10^{-7} 1.8×10^{-2}
(2) 3×10^4 1.8×10^3 2×10^{-3} 4.95×10^{-4}
(3) 27000 51340000 0.08 0.0000104 (4) 1.3×10^5 (5) 7.23×10^5
(6) 3.5×10^{10} (7) 1.323×10^{11} (8) 7×10^6 (9) 6.912×10^9

50 Days to Go: Percentages

- (1) 24cm (2) 9m (3) 123 (4) 15cm (5) 480 (6) 4.5
(7) 45.6 (8) 174.8 (9) 584 (10) £6720 (11) 5404400
(12) £1664

49 Days to Go: Expressing as a Fraction or Percentage

- (1) $\frac{1}{5}$ (2) $\frac{1}{14}$ (3) $\frac{1}{40}$ (4) $\frac{7}{50}$ (5) 45% (6) 80% (7) 16% (8) 75.5%



GCSE MATHS HIGHER

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55 Days to Go: Volume of a Sphere

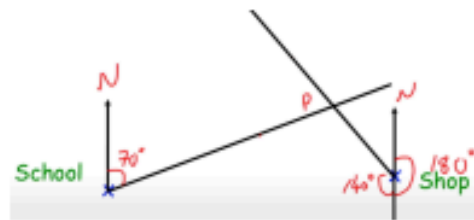
- (1) 11494cm^3 (2) 179.6m^3 (3) $288\pi\text{cm}^3$ (4) 5361.65g (5) 2.29cm

54 Days to Go: Surface Area

- (1) 804.25cm^2 (2) 628.3cm^2 (3) 180.64cm^2 (4) 7.2cm

53 Days to Go: Bearings

- (1) 057° (2) 102° (3) 301° (4)
(5) 315° (6) 108°



52 Days to Go: Area of a Triangle

- (1) 27.575m^2 (2) 9.4cm (3) 22.4° (4) 60cm^2

51 Days to Go: Sine Rule

- (1) 60.484mm (2) 37.14° (3) 48.94km

50 Days to Go: Cosine Rule

- (1) 2.36cm (2) 87.2° (3) 147.7°

49 Days to Go: Error Intervals

- (1) $17.5 \leq L < 18.5$ (2) $6.35 \leq y < 6.45$ (3) $70.915 \leq n < 70.925$
(4) $21.3 \leq P < 21.9$ (5) $4.333... < s < 5.8571...$ (6) $7\pi \leq C < 9\pi$