



## KEY DATES & EVENTS

### Bryntysilio Trip

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

### PHA Sixth - Open Evening

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
4:30 - 6:30pm

### Pathways Evening -

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March



## MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMY

*Written by Mrs L. Macey*

I would firstly like to thank parents and carers for your support this week in regards to blue vs red school wars. We have had a higher staff presence on our gates to ensure students who are concerned feel supported. We have been giving clear messaging to our students that they are safe in school and we will continue to do so. We have received some wonderful feedback about our Year 10 geographers who have been to Carding Mill Valley this week for their fieldwork and I look forward to hearing from our Year 11 Historians who are at the

Globe Theatre today for their coursework. I am very pleased to report that we have once again filled all of our 250 places for Year 7 in September 2026 and are currently compiling an appeals list. I hope you have a wonderful weekend!





## 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@attrust.org.uk](mailto:PHA-Attendance@attrust.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](#)



## 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.



## 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.

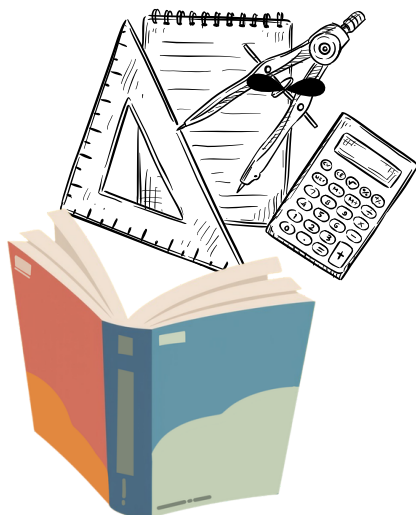
[Click here to go to Languagenut](#)

## STUDENT SUCCESS

Our students have had a #PHAtastic week at school and have earned lots of positive points. As a school they have achieved **1082182** positive points! The year group with the most points this week was **Year 8** who managed to achieve **8791** points. **11H2** are this week's form leaders and together as a team they racked up **1859**! 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 **3011** hours and read **2721** different books! In Maths we have answered **649041** questions! In Science we have answered **248059** questions! On Languagenut student have earned an impressive **125400** points this month!

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





## OUR RECENT POSTS



**RED vs BLUE?**  
**NOT AT POOL HAYES**  
**DO NOT BE PLAYED**

**VIOLENCE IS NOT A TREND.**  
**IT IS NOT ENTERTAINMENT.**  
**IT HAS REAL CONSEQUENCES.**

**Real strength is:**

- Walking away
- Looking out for each other
- Refusing to be part of violence

**At Pool Hayes Academy, we stand together.**

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### Message from Head of Academy

We are aware of a number of social media posts being shared, inviting students from multiple schools to engage in anti-social behaviour. This is a viral trend that appeared on Tik Tok and other social media platforms, where students are being encouraged to attend certain areas in the community and fight. As an Academy we do not condone this behaviour and any student who chooses to become involved may receive serious consequences. We always have a high staff presence on the gates before and after school and will continue to do so.

Please can I request your support in discussing with your child the importance of making positive choices when in the community and inform them to not attend any planned events.

If you have any concerns, please contact West Midlands Police via 101 unless an emergency then call 999.

We will continue as always to prioritise the safety and well being of all of our students and will work closely with other schools in the local community to support each other.

Regards,  
Mrs Lisa Macey  
Head of Academy

03/03/26

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### West Midlands Police Statement

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the weekend, we have been made aware of information circulating on social media pertaining to the possibility of prearranged fights in the local area.

Immediately upon receipt we communicated with our Police Liaison Officers to share this information.

It would seem that other local schools have received the same information, again shared on social media.

**Please see below from our Liaison Officers:**

We're aware of reports in the West Midlands and nationally suggesting children from some schools are planning to take part in organised fights.

We are speaking to schools locally and offering them support where necessary.

We'd urge parents to speak to their children around their use of social media and other online platforms to ensure they are staying safe.

**RED vs BLUE?**  
**NOT AT POOL HAYES**

**At Pool Hayes Academy,**  
**we don't fight each other.**  
**We stand together.**  
**Different schools.**  
**Different teams.**  
**One community.**  
**Choose RESPECT over violence.**

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## OUR RECENT POSTS



**OUR VALUES**  
#PHA

- Aspiration**  
We work hard consistently to fulfil our ambitions and achieve our potential.
- Respect**  
We show pride in celebrating diversity, keeping each other safe and accepting everyone in our community.
- Excellence**  
We have high expectations of our conduct and lead by example at all times.
- Resilience**  
We embrace challenge, take risks and grow confidently from our mistakes.



**700+ Birthday Cards from Pool Hayes Academy students, sent to Amelia!**

We are extremely proud to have been involved in such a wonderful act of kindness

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMELIA**

@PHASixth  
Photo of some of our PHA Sixth Students with cards to Amelia



## WELCOME TO THE CAREERS CORNER!

As we finish the first week of March, this space in The Key keeps careers front and centre - sharing opportunities, pathways and ideas to help students think ahead and plan their futures.

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

### MINI CAREERS FACT OF THE WEEK!

THERE IS A NATIONAL SHORTAGE OF PLUMBERS - MEANING STRONG JOB SECURITY AND STEADY DEMAND.



### CAREER OF THE WEEK - PLUMBER

**What the job is:**

Plumbers install and repair water systems, heating, pipes, and bathroom fittings in homes and businesses. They diagnose problems and ensure systems work safely and efficiently.

**Skills needed:**

Practical skills, problem-solving, communication, attention to detail, customer service.

**Salary range:**

£22,000-£40,000 (self-employed/experienced £45,000+)

**Training routes:**

- College courses in Plumbing
- Plumbing apprenticeships (Level 2-3)
- NVQ Level 2/3 qualification for full trade status
- Additional training for gas or renewables



## MYTHBUSTER



Tackling the most common misconceptions students have about education and the world of work.

**Myth:** "You need perfect grades to succeed."

**Reality:** Many successful careers value skills, effort, and resilience just as much as exam results - and there are multiple routes to get where you want to go.

**Myth:** "University is only about lectures and exams."

**Reality:** University also builds independence, teamwork, problem-solving, and employability skills through projects, placements, and real-world learning.



**Myth:** "Apprenticeships are easier than college or sixth form."

**Reality:** Apprenticeships are challenging and competitive, combining a real job with study and assessments.

**Myth:** "If you don't go to university at 18, you've missed your chance."

**Reality:** Many people go to university later in life, after work or apprenticeships. Education doesn't have an age limit.



### ASK MR LEWIS

**Do apprentices really get paid, or is it just pocket money?**

Yes, apprentices get a real wage - and it increases as you progress.

Submit your questions to Mr Lewis - [michael.lewis@atrust.org.uk](mailto:michael.lewis@atrust.org.uk)

or find him at the back of the common room!

### UPCOMING DATES!

*March*

Wednesday 11 March 2026 - Arden University Open Day - Virtual Undergraduate open Day

Thursday 12th March - Year 9 pathways Evening

Saturday 14th March 2026 - Wolverhampton University - Undergraduate Open Day



Unlocking Your Potential  
Empowering Through Success



## 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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# THE KEY

06/03/26

PARENT & CARER NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 54

**YEAR 7 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT!**

**JUNIOR CHAMPIONS LEAGUE**

**10<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH 2026**

- BRING PE KIT
- WATER OR STILL DRINK

AFTER SCHOOL IN SPORTS HALL

**3:30 - 4:30/5:00**

**AND HAVE SOME FUN!**




**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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**'NOT SEEN, NOT HEARD'**  
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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**



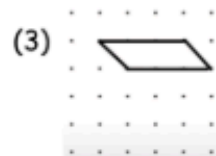
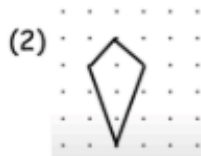
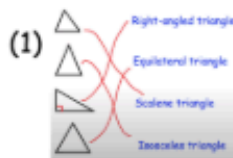

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## GCSE MATHS FOUNDATION

**75-70 DAYS  
TO GO  
ANSWERS**

### 75 Days to Go: 2D and 3D Shapes



- (4) Cylinder  
(5) Cuboid  
(6) Cone

- (7) 9 edges, 5 faces, 6 vertices      (8) Square based pyramid      (9) DE and CD

### 74 Days to Go: Area of Rectangles and Triangles

- (1)  $45\text{cm}^2$     (2)  $49\text{cm}^2$     (3)  $102\text{cm}^2$     (4)  $y = 13\text{cm}$     (5) £4704    (6)  $54\text{cm}$   
(7)  $34\text{cm}^2$     (8)  $14\text{cm}^2$     (9)  $35\text{cm}^2$     (10)  $8\text{cm}$     (11)  $116\text{cm}^2$

### 73 Days to Go: Area of a Trapezium

- (1)  $48\text{cm}^2$     (2)  $16\text{cm}$     (3)  $15\text{cm}$

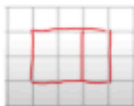
### 72 Days to Go: Perimeter and Symmetry

- (1)  $50\text{cm}$     (2)  $31\text{cm}$     (3)  $42\text{cm}$     (4)  $9\text{cm}$     (5)  $15\text{cm}$     (6) Shape B

### 71 Days to Go: Scales, Maps, Views

- (1) Approximately 2000m    (2) East, South, South-East, North-West  
(3) 2cm directly below Milton

- (4) Plan



- Side



- Front



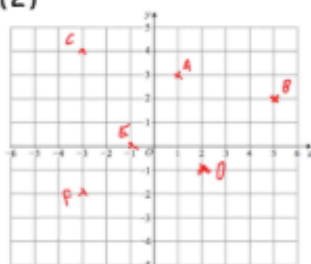
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### 70 Days to Go: Coordinates

- (1)  $A = (2, 4)$      $B = (2, -2)$      $C = (-5, 1)$      $D = (0, -4)$

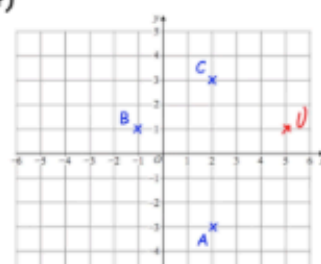
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- (3)



- (4)



- (5) (3, 3)

- (6) (5, 7)

- (7) (9, 11)



## GCSE MATHS HIGHER

**75-70 DAYS  
TO GO  
ANSWERS**

### 75 Days to Go: Reading Histograms

(1) 150, 140, 175, 100      (2)  $\frac{12}{61}$  and 17      (3) 3.667 minutes

### 74 Days to Go: Tree Diagrams

(1) 0.18 and 0.54      (2)  $\frac{1}{24}$  and  $\frac{5}{12}$

### 73 Days to Go: Conditional Probability

(1)  $\frac{16}{45}$       (2)  $\frac{29}{45}$       (3)  $\frac{21}{40}$

### 72 Days to Go: Estimated Mean

(1) £21.50      (2) 43.2 years

### 71 Days to Go: Venn Diagrams

(1) 9 and 3      (2)  $P(A) = \frac{29}{70}$        $P(B) = \frac{11}{14}$        $P(A') = \frac{41}{70}$        $P(B') = \frac{3}{14}$

$$P(A \cup B) = \frac{33}{35} \quad P(A \cap B) = \frac{9}{35} \quad P(A' \cup B) = \frac{59}{70} \quad P(A \cap B') = \frac{11}{70}$$

### 70 Days to Go: Changing the Subject

(1)  $w = \frac{T+c}{a}$       (2)  $t = \frac{v-u}{a}$       (3)  $y = \frac{2}{w-1}$       (4)  $w = \frac{8a-c}{5+a}$       (5)  $m = \frac{2x+7}{1-x}$