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PARENT & CARER NEWSLETTER



KEY DATES & EVENTS

Monday 4th May - BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 7th May - Year 7 Parents Evening

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May - Half Term

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMY

Written by Mrs L. Macey

It has been a busy Easter holiday here at the Academy with lots of refurbishment work starting. I am very pleased to announce that Halesowen Builders are working around the clock to improve the estates for us. Our foyer has been decorated and is going to be recarpeted over the next couple of weeks. As we have moved the Maths department into the new building, and the portakabin classrooms have been removed from site, we have relocated our Spanish department into the heart of the school. Alongside this we have offered Year 11 intervention sessions in preparation for their upcoming GCSEs. This week we have introduced lines ups after break and lunchtimes for Year 7 and we will be adding Years 8 and 9 next week to provide

more orderly movement around the Academy. Yesterday our Year 11 boys football team were runners up in the West Midland Cup, we are really proud of the boys and the team spirit they show in all matches. Have a wonderful weekend!





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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 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



Pool Hayes
Academy

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**
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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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.

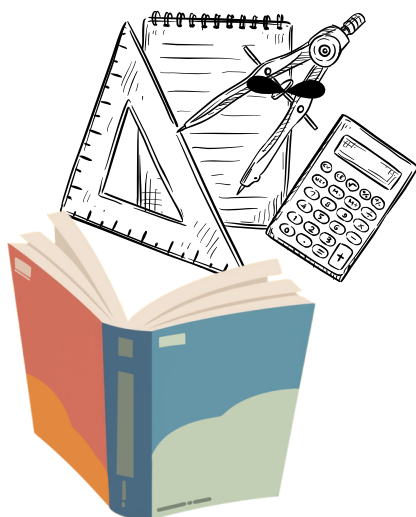
[Click here to go to Languagenut](#)

STUDENT SUCCESS

Our students have had a #phatastic week at school and have earnt lots of positive points. As a school they have achieved **1229026** positive points! The year group with the most points this week was **Year 7** who managed to achieve **8950** points. **11H2** are this week's form leaders and together as a team they racked up **1687!** 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 **3491** hours and read **3093** different books! In Maths we have answered **737112** questions! In Science we have answered **283381** questions! On Languagenut student have earned an impressive **16600** 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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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.



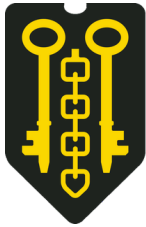
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YOUR IMAGINATION SWITCHES ON WHEN YOUR PHONE SWITCHES OFF




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GCSE MATHS FOUNDATION

48 Days to Go: Ratio

- (1) 3 : 1 and 3 : 4 (2) 3.125 : 1 (3) $\frac{1}{5}$ 80% Yes, as 35 is a multiple of 5
(4) 45°, 63° and 72° (5) 198 counters (6) 6 : 35

47 Days to Go: Percentage Change

- (1) 18.75% (2) 30% (3) 20.8%

46 Days to Go: Simple Interest

- (1) £520 (2) £64.80 (3) £1710 (4) 5 years

45 Days to Go: Compound Interest

- (1) $500 \times 1.08 = 540$ and $3500 \times 1.13 = 3955$
(2) $3000 \times 0.98 = 2940$ and $8000 \times 0.76 = 6080$
(3) £7726.69 (4) £9025 (5) 2016

44 Days to Go: Reverse Percentages

- (1) 8200 (2) 200 marbles (3) 35000 visitors

43 Days to Go: Currency, Recipes

- (1) €1260 and £75 (2) £4.30 (3) 36 notes
(4) 3 people: 210g rice, 300g seafood, 0.75L stock, 150g peas
18 people: 1.26kg rice, 1.8kg seafood, 4.5L stock, 900g peas
2 people: 140g rice, 200g seafood, 0.5L stock, 100g peas
1 person: 70g rice, 100g seafood, 250ml stock, 50g peas
5 people: 350g rice, 500g seafood, 1.25L stock, 250g peas
(5) 240g haddock, 360ml milk, 72g butter, 24g flour, 600g potatoes

42 Days to Go: Negative Numbers

- (1) Belfast, Cork, Aberdeen, Newcastle, Cardiff, London (2) 26°C and 5°C
(3) -3, 4, -18, 3, 14, -15 (4) -21, 36, -7, 7

41 Days to Go: Best Buys

- (1) Large pack (2) 15 bars (3) 200g jar (4) 250ml
(5) Corbettmaths Candles (£99)

40 Days to Go: Error Intervals

- (1) $17.5 \leq L < 18.5$ (2) $35 \leq y < 45$ (3) $6500 \leq n < 7500$
(4) $5750 \leq y < 5850$ (5) $21.3 \leq P < 21.9$

39 Days to Go: Use of a Calculator

- (1) 57.0025 (2) 1.728 (3) 15625 (4) 7.85 (5) 17 (6) 9
(7) 3.71187 (8) 41.17335 (9) 12.693

38 Days to Go: Decimals

- (1) 0.086, 0.14, 0.165, 0.35, 0.4 (2) 8.056, 8.4, 8.456, 8.56
(3) 4.31 0.21 3.9 83.5 (4) 8.37 0.024 5.49 4.45

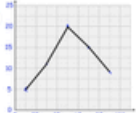
37 Days to Go: Tables

- (1) Family Caravan and Luxury, Comfort (2) Wonder (3)

	English	Art	Total
Pass	28	7	35
Fail	1	12	13
Total	29	19	48

(4) 22 students (5) 11:33
(6) Leave before 13:05; Catch 13:15 bus (arrives 14:09); Arrive at house at 14:21

36 Days to Go: Frequency Polygons, Stem and Leaf

- (1)  (2) $\frac{1}{10}$ and $20 < r \leq 30$ (3)

Key: 4/5 = 0.8	
1	1 1 1 1 8
2	1 2 6 0 5 7 7 8
3	1 1 4 8
4	4 0 5

(4) 57 mins, 44 mins, 57 mins
(5) $\frac{1}{3}$

35 Days to Go: Relative Frequency

- (1) $\frac{23}{50}$ (2) $\frac{11}{20}$ (3) White = 200, Black = 320, Red = 160, Orange = 120
(4) $\frac{2}{15}$, $\frac{2}{25}$, Laura - more trials, 48 green jelly beans (5) Plot (40, 0.3) and 40

48-28 DAYS TO GO ANSWERS

34 Days to Go: Venn Diagrams

- (1) 9 and 3 (2) $P(A) = \frac{29}{70}$ $P(B) = \frac{11}{14}$ $P(A') = \frac{41}{70}$ $P(B') = \frac{3}{14}$
 $P(A \cup B) = \frac{33}{35}$ $P(A \cap B) = \frac{9}{35}$

33 Days to Go: Combined Mean

- (1) 72.5 (2) 55.5

31 Days to Go: Speed

- (1) 45mph (2) 6m/s (3) 3 hours (4) 95km (5) 80mph
(6) 132 miles (7) 4 hours 48 minutes

30 Days to Go: Density and Pressure

- (1) 2.5g/cm³ (2) 168cm³ (3) 312.5g (4) 18N/cm² (5) 3360N

29 Days to Go: Pythagoras

- (1) 10cm (2) 8.72cm (3) Yes, as $8^2 + 15^2 = 17^2$ (4) 77.16cm

28 Days to Go: Circumference, Arc Length

- (1) 43.98cm (2) 31.416cm (or 10π cm) (3) 15.425cm (4) 53.562cm
(5) 17.955cm (6) 23.49cm



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48 Days to Go: Product Rule for Counting

- (1) 36 (2) 800 (3) 1716 (4) 18

47 Days to Go: Surds

- (1) $\sqrt{33}$ (2) 8 (3) $18\sqrt{15}$ (4) $\sqrt{2}$ (5) $4\sqrt{7}$ (6) $6\sqrt{2}$
(7) $10\sqrt{3}$ (8) $23\sqrt{3}$ (9) $3\sqrt{2}$ (10) $27 - 10\sqrt{2}$ (11) 6

46 Days to Go: Rationalising Denominators

- (1) $\frac{7\sqrt{3}}{3}$ (2) $\frac{\sqrt{10}}{2}$ (3) $\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{12}$ (4) $\frac{2\sqrt{15}}{35}$ (5) $3\sqrt{2} - 3$
(6) $\frac{\sqrt{15} - \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5} - 1}{4}$

45 Days to Go: Limits of Accuracy

- (1) 30.3 seconds (2) 9.13043... m/s (3) 0.686802...

42 Days to Go: Direct Proportion

- (1) $C = 1250$ (2) $A = 4B^3$ $A = 256$ $B = 10$ (3) 400 (4) £630

41 Days to Go: Inverse Proportion

- (1) $T = \frac{0.04}{L^3}$ $T = 0.32$ $L = 0.27144...$ (2) $w = 200$

40 Days to Go: Ratio

- (1) 3:4 3:10 6:1 (2) $\frac{1}{5}$ 80% Yes, as 35 is a multiple of 5.
(3) $45^\circ, 63^\circ, 72^\circ$ (4) 198 (5) 6:35 (6) $y = \frac{3}{2}x$ (7) 5:4 (8) 11:7
(9) (12, 10) (10) £24 (11) $\frac{10}{37}$ (12) (-2, 2) (13) 128

39 Days to Go: Percentages

- (1) 15cm (2) 480 (3) 4.5 (4) 45.6 (5) 603.52 (6) 16640
(7) 763 (8) 5535 (9) 22464 (10) 5440 (11) £520
(12) £64.80 (13) 5 years

38 Days to Go: Graphical Simultaneous Equations

- (1) $x = 0, y = 4$ (2) $x = 2, y = 5$ and $x = -2, y = -3$
(3) $x = -2, y = 8$ and $x = 0.5, y = -2$

37 Days to Go: 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

36 Days to Go: Quadratic nth Term

- (1) $n^2 + n + 7$ (2) $2n^2 - 3n$ (3) 1, 6, 16, 31, 51 (4) 8, 19, 32 (5) 11th

35 Days to Go: Quadratic Formula

- (1) $x = 0.3$ or $x = 9.7$ (2) Width = 17.07m and Length = 35.14m

34 Days to Go: Quadratic Inequalities

- (1) $-4 < x < 3$ (2) $x < -5$ or $x > 3$ (3) $-7 < x < 6$ (4) $x \leq 1$ or $x \geq 6$

33 Days to Go: Non-Linear Simultaneous Equations

- (1) $x = -10, y = -7$ and $x = 7, y = 10$ (2) $x = -14, y = -4$ and $x = 10, y = 2$
(3) (0.5, -1.5) and (5, 12)

31 Days to Go: Rates of Change

- (1) approximately 5.85m/s (2) approximately 5.55m/s

30 Days to Go: Area Under a Graph

- (1) approximately 57m and An under-estimate as the lines are below the curve.

29 Days to Go: Composite Functions

- (1) $f(3) = 7$ $f(-4) = -7$ $g(0) = 5$ $g(8) = 69$ (2) $fg(x) = 2x + 15$ $gf(x) = 2x + 7$
(3) $hg(x) = 11 - 4x$ $gh(x) = 7 - 4x$ (4) $fg(2) = 11$ $gf(1) = 25$ $gg(-2) = -47$
(5) $a = -1$ (6) $a = -15$ or $a = 7$ (7) $k = 4$ (8) $x = 3.5$

28 Days to Go: Inverse Functions

- (1) $f^{-1}(x) = 3x$ (2) $g^{-1}(x) = \frac{x-5}{8}$ (3) $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{7x+1}{2}$ (4) $\frac{28}{3}$