



## KEY DATES & EVENTS

Year 11 Parents' Evening -  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Academy closed for Easter  
Break -  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Academy re-opens -  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Year 8 Parents' Evening -  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April



## MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMY

*Written by Mrs L. Macey*

It has been lovely to wake up to some sunshine at last. The beautiful weather certainly helps our students at PHA, and we have seen them enjoying their social times outside more this week. It was brilliant to see so many families joining us at the year 9 pathway event on Wednesday too, with nearly 160 families attending. Thank you to those who filled in the parent survey that we sent out. I value your opinions and we will endeavour to respond to suggestions. This Wednesday we look forward to meeting Year 11 parents for their final parents evening before their exams begin, this is a crucial opportunity to discuss what your child can do in the final run up towards the exams. With one final week before Easter, it is important

that attendance is high. We have rewards assemblies planned for the end of the week so there are lots of positive things happening within the Academy that I look forward to joining to praise the efforts of our students. Hope you have a lovely weekend and are able to enjoy some sunshine!





## 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](mailto: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](http://www.youngminds.org.uk) (Mental Health Support)

Childline - 0800 1111 OR [www.childline.org](http://www.childline.org)

Kooth - "Need to talk" online support [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) (online support and counselling)

Frank - Call 03001236600 OR [www.talktofrank.com](http://www.talktofrank.com)

(Support for substance misuse)

Samaritans - Call 116 123

Kaleidoscope Group - [www.kaleidoscopeplus.org.uk](http://www.kaleidoscopeplus.org.uk)

(Supporting Mental Health)

St Giles Hospice - [www.stgileshospice.com/phoenix](http://www.stgileshospice.com/phoenix)

(Supporting with bereavement)

Chat Health - [www.healthforteens.co.uk](http://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.



## 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.

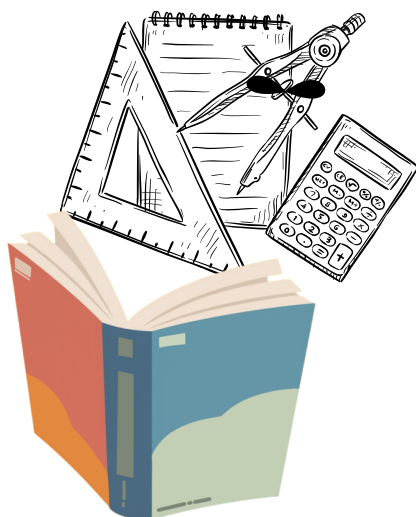
[Click here to go to Languagenut](#)

## STUDENT SUCCESS

Our students have had a #phatastic week at school and have earnt lots of positive points. As a school they have achieved **1152352** positive points! The year group with the most points this week was Year 7 who managed to achieve **8317** points. **10P1** are this week's form leaders and together as a team they racked up **1740!** 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 **3243 hours** and read **2907** different books! In Maths we have answered **694975** questions! In Science we have answered **264813** questions! On Languagenut student have earned an impressive **232800** points this month!

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



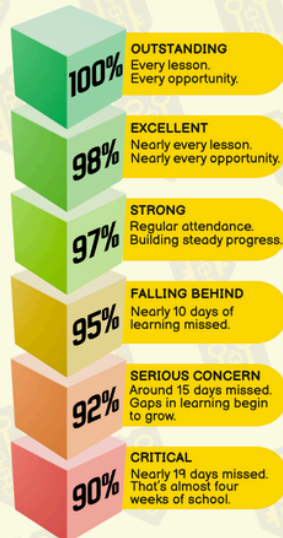


## OUR RECENT POSTS



### ATTENDANCE IS ASPIRATION

At Pool Hayes Academy, we show up for our learning and our future. Every day matters. Every lesson counts.



#### WE'RE HERE TO HELP

If attendance becomes difficult, speak to the Attendance Team. Support is available.

#### YOUR FUTURE IS BUILT ONE DAY AT A TIME

The days you show up shape the life you're working towards.

#### YOU MATTER HERE

You are seen. You are valued. You belong here.





## WELCOME TO THE CAREERS CORNER!

As we move further into the spring term, this space in The Key keeps careers front and centre - sharing opportunities, pathways and important updates for the weeks ahead.

I'm Mr Lewis, your Careers Lead, and this week we spotlight Accounting and Degree Apprenticeships, with Year 13 also preparing for Student Finance applications opening next week, as we continue building a careers culture where students feel informed and supported.

### MINI CAREERS FACT OF THE WEEK!

ACCOUNTANCY ISN'T JUST MATHS - ACCOUNTANTS WORK IN BUSINESS. SPORT. MEDIA AND EVEN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY.



### CAREER OF THE WEEK - ACCOUNTANT

**What the job is:**

Accountants prepare financial records, analyse data, manage budgets and help organisations make smart financial decisions. They work in businesses, banks, charities, or as self-employed advisors.

**Skills needed:**

Numeracy, organisation, analytical thinking, attention to detail, communication.

**Salary range:**

£25,000 - £50,000 (chartered accountants £60,000+).

**Training routes:**

- College courses in Accounting or Business
- Assistant Accountant apprenticeships (Level 3-4)
- University degrees leading to ACCA/CIMA/ACA
- Graduate schemes in finance firms



## Routes Reveal

### Understanding Your Pathways: This Week

#### DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

**What are Degree Apprenticeships?**

Degree Apprenticeships are paid jobs where you work for an employer while studying towards a university degree. You split your time between the workplace and university, with no tuition fees to pay.

**Who are they for?**

Students who want to gain a full degree, earn a salary, and build professional experience at the same time.

**Examples of degree apprenticeships available:**

- Engineering
- Digital & Cyber Security
- Accounting & Finance
- Nursing
- Business Management
- Construction Management



**Where can they lead?**

Professional careers with recognised qualifications, long-term progression within a company, and strong earning potential without student debt.

### ASK MR LEWIS

Can I go to university after doing an apprenticeship?

Yes. Many apprentices go on to university or degree apprenticeships.

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

Saturday 21st March 2026 - University College Birmingham- Undergraduate Open Day

Monday 23rd March 2026 - Student Finance OPEN - apply at gov.uk

Saturday 28th March 2026 - University of Derby - Experience 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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*be more....*



**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**

NOT SEEN NOT HEARD

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

**62-56 DAYS  
TO GO  
ANSWERS**

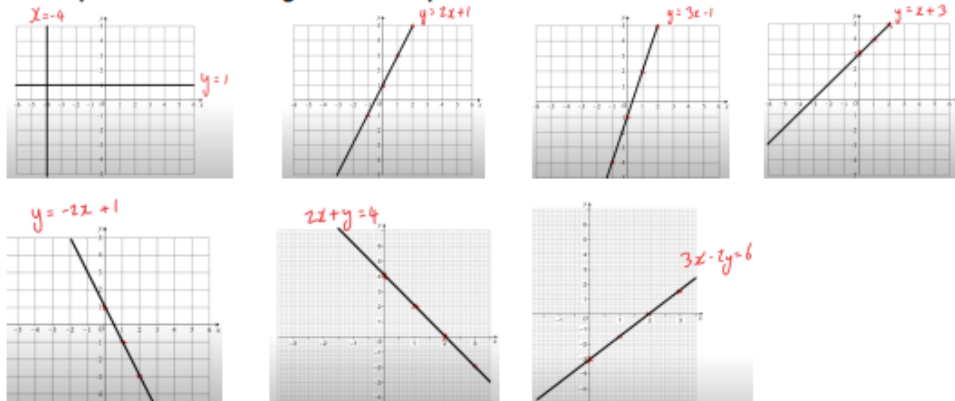
### 62 Days to Go: Factorising and Solving Quadratics

- (1)  $(x+4)(x-1)$  (2)  $(x+5)(x-11)$  (3)  $(x-11)(x-2)$  (4)  $(y-8)(y+8)$   
 (5)  $x = -4$  or  $x = -7$  (6)  $x = 9$  or  $x = -3$  (7)  $x = 4$  or  $x = 8$

### 61 Days to Go: Substitution

- (1) 159 (2) 34 (3) £230 and 10 days (4) odd, odd and even

### 60 Days to Go: Drawing Linear Graphs



### 59 Days to Go: Equation of a Line

- (1) 8 (2)  $y = 8x + 4$  (3)  $y = 3x + 4$  (4)  $y = 2x + 5$  (5)  $y = 4x - 4$   
 (6)  $y = -x + 3$  (7)  $y = 2x - 1$  (8) Yes  $7 = -15 + 22$  (9)  $y = 7x - 4$   
 (10)  $y = 3x + 10$  (11)  $y = 2.5x + 13$


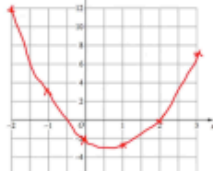
### 58 Days to Go: Changing the Subject

- (1)  $d = e - 3$  (2)  $w = 8m$  (3)  $x = \frac{y}{5}$  (4)  $w = \frac{y - c}{9}$  (5)  $t = \frac{v - u}{a}$   
 (6)  $w = \frac{T + c}{a}$  (7)  $w = \frac{c - h}{4}$

### 57 Days to Go: Simultaneous Equations

- (1)  $x = 5, y = 4$  (2)  $x = 3, y = -6$  (3)  $x = 2, y = 4$  (4)  $x = 5, y = 2$   
 (5) Adult = £17 and Child = £4.50

### 56 Days to Go: Quadratic Graphs

- (1)   $(-1, -4)$  (2)  (3)  $x = -1$  or  $x = 2$   
 (4)  $x = -1.8$  or  $2.8$



## GCSE MATHS HIGHER

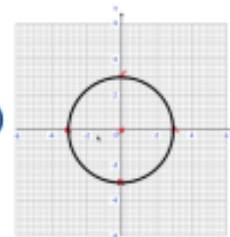
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TO GO  
ANSWERS**

### 62 Days to Go: Perpendicular Lines

- (1)  $m = -\frac{1}{5}$     (2)  $m = 2$     (3)  $m = -\frac{3}{2}$     (4)  $m = \frac{4}{3}$     (5)  $y = \frac{1}{2}x - 1$   
 (6)  $y = 0.2x - 5.2$


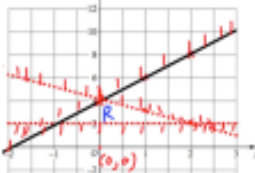
### 61 Days to Go: Equation of a Circle

- (1)  $r = 5$      $(-4)^2 + 3^2 = 25$     (2)  $x^2 + y^2 = 625$     (3)
- $16 + 9 = 25$   
 $25 = 25$



- (4)  $24\pi$     (5)  $x^2 + y^2 = 100$     (6)  $A = (-\sqrt{10}, -2\sqrt{10})$      $B = (\sqrt{10}, 2\sqrt{10})$

### 60 Days to Go: Graphical Inequalities

- (1)     (2)     (3)  $y \geq -4$   
 $y \leq -2x + 4$   
 $y \leq x - 2$

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### 59 Days to Go: Constructions and Loci

- (1)     (2) 

### 58 Days to Go: Volume of a Prism

- (1)  $1088\text{cm}^3$     (2)  $25\text{cm}$     (3)  $40\pi\text{cm}^3$     (4)  $12.6\text{cm}$     (5)  $6\text{cm}$     (6)  $98\text{ mins}$

### 57 Days to Go: Volume of Cones/Pyramids

- (1)  $320\text{cm}^3$     (2)  $12.5\text{cm}$     (3)  $527.788\text{cm}^3$     (4)  $4.89\text{cm}$