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PARENT & CARER NEWSLETTER



KEY DATES & EVENTS

Bridge to Secondary Cafe -
4:30-5:30pm
Tuesday 16th June

Year 6 Transition Evening
Monday 22nd June

PHAntastival
Saturday 27th June

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMY

Written by Mrs L. Macey

We have had a very positive week in the Academy. A new wet weather canopy was installed in our outdoor area this week. This fantastic addition will provide our students with greater opportunities to enjoy their social times throughout the year, whatever the weather. We also welcomed a very special visitor on Thursday, Manny Singh Kang, a marathon runner who sells samosas to help raise money for the fight against dementia and winner of a Pride of Britain Award. Manny presented to all our of year groups about his inspiring experiences, resilience, and the importance of kindness and making a positive difference in our communities. Our students were in awe of his achievements and it was pleasantly surprising for some that he is from Wolverhampton! Have a great 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.



Each week of 100% attendance earns your child a raffle ticket into our half term prize draw - this will take place during the last week of term. Plus, if your child consistently earns positive points, they will be given extra chances to win!

A polite reminder that holidays during term time are classed as unauthorised absences and could result in fines for parents. Year 10 are about to start their mock exams so strong attendance is crucially important for this year group.

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](#)

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](#)





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SAFEGAURDING



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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.



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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.

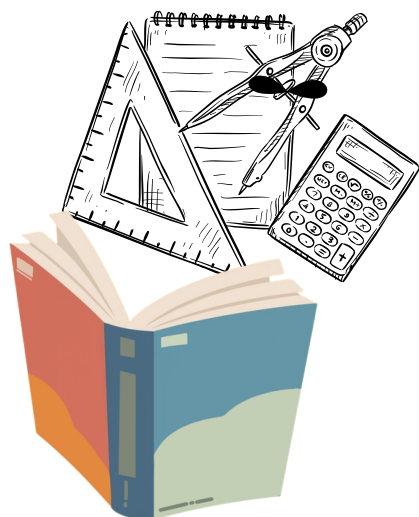
[Click here to go to Languagenut](#)

STUDENT SUCCESS

Our students have had a #phatastic week at school and have earnt lots of positive points. As a school they have achieved **1467166** positive points! The year group with the most points this week was Year 8 who managed to achieve **8726** points. **8C2** are this week's form leaders and together as a team they racked up **1408**! 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 **4168** hours and read **3647** different books! In Maths we have answered **852608** questions! In Science we have answered **328733** questions! On Languagenut student have earned an impressive **297000** points this month!

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



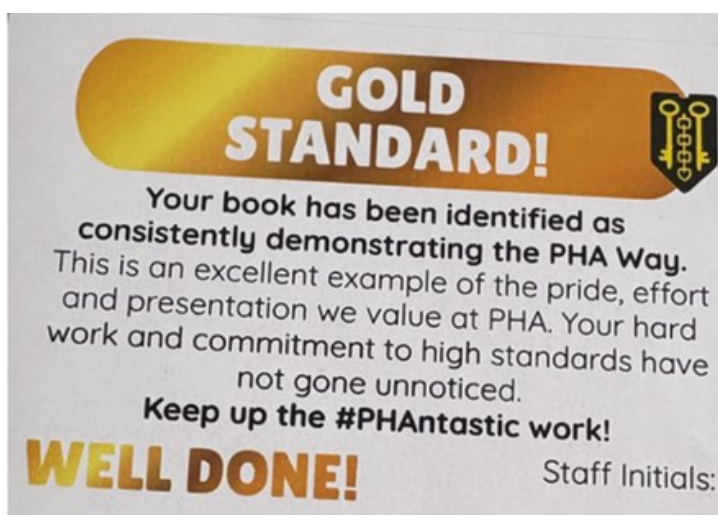


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Celebrating Pride in Work at Pool Hayes Academy

At Pool Hayes Academy, we are continuing to place a strong focus on students taking pride in the presentation and quality of their work. Through our Pride in Work strategy, students are supported to produce well-organised, carefully presented work, respond to feedback, and continually improve. This week has seen 19 new Gold Standard awards issued!



The following students were celebrated this week for achieving our Gold Standard award:



Y7: Jamie N, Olivia H, Malachi F, Lacey A, Minnie Jay W

Y8: Thomas H, Scarlett C, Jack D, Amelia J

Y9: Thai T, Ruby N, Sofia S, Ishmeet K, Amreet S, Izzy G,
Armand H, Liam H, Cameron R

Congratulations!



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Year 10 Work Experience Week

Action Required

Year 10 students will soon be taking part in Work Experience Week, where they will spend a full day working virtually with one of four national employers: NHS, ASDA, HubSpot or the Met Police.

Students have been asked to complete a Microsoft Form to rank their employer preferences. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Deadline: Friday 19th June 2026

Parents and carers are encouraged to remind their child to complete the form before the deadline. Students who have not submitted their preferences by this date will be randomly allocated to an employer where spaces remain available.

Scan the QR code to access the form.

Year 10 Work Experience Week
2026 🚀



SECOND YEAR RUNNING!

We are proud to announce we have been awarded the School Games GOLD award for the second year running. This is given to schools for their engagement in supplying and entering competitive sport and extra curricular activities throughout the year.

#PHAntastic news!

– PHA PE Department



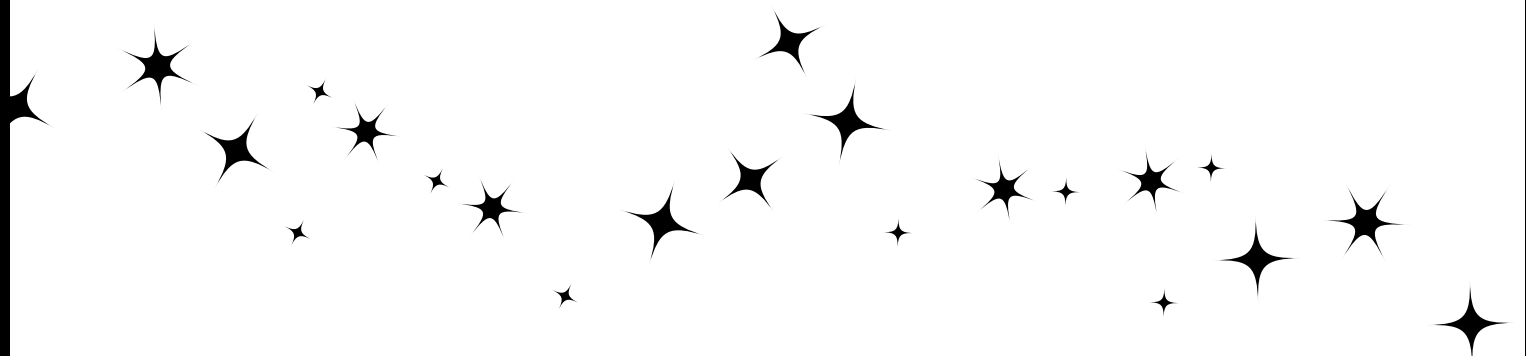


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MANNY AT PHA!

We were privileged to have Manny Singh Kang at PHA on Thursday this week, delivering inspiring messaging to all of our students. Our students learned about Manny's range of fundraising activities, from Samosa Saturday events to his recent challenge of walking from Wolverhampton to London and then running the London Marathon. Manny talked about all humans being the same when we go "beyond the wrapping paper". He helped our students to reflect deeply on his messaging that we all have within us the ability to work hard and show kindness to others. We are very grateful to Manny for inspiring our students.





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DANCE SHOW 2026 A NIGHT WITH THE STARS

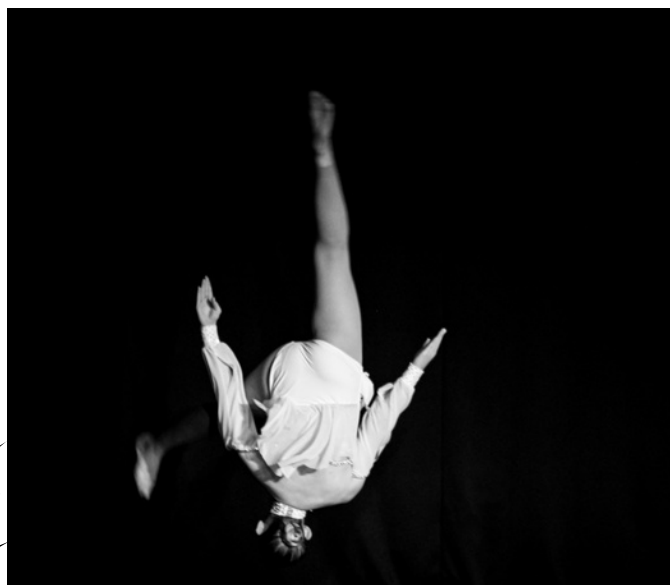
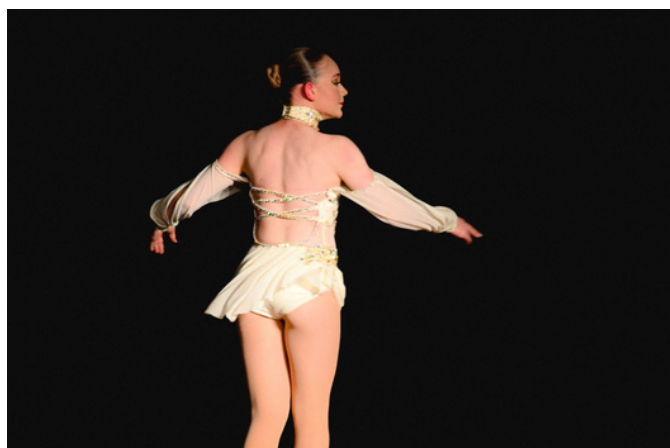
We are all extremely proud of the students who took part in the Dance Show this year!

The evening was a fantastic celebration of talent, creativity and dedication, with students delivering a range of energetic and captivating performances. From the opening routine to the final performance, every dancer demonstrated confidence, commitment and a genuine passion for dance.

The show was the result of many hours of rehearsals and hard work, and the effort put in by every student was clear to see. Their enthusiasm, teamwork and determination shone through on stage, creating an entertaining and memorable experience for everyone in attendance.

A huge thank you goes to our dance staff and all those who supported the production behind the scenes. Most importantly, congratulations to every student who performed. You represented Pool Hayes Academy brilliantly and should be incredibly proud of your achievements.

Well done to all involved on another outstanding Dance Show!





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WELCOME TO THE CAREERS CORNER!

As we move through June, this space in The Key keeps careers front and centre - sharing opportunities, encouraging ambition and helping students explore future pathways.

I'm Mr Lewis, your Careers Lead, and this week we spotlight Veterinary Nursing and explore V Levels, a new post-16 qualification arriving in 2027, continuing to build a strong careers culture where every student feels informed and supported.

MINI CAREERS FACT OF THE WEEK!

VETS CARE FOR MORE THAN PETS -
THEY ALSO WORK WITH FARM
ANIMALS, WILDLIFE AND
CONSERVATION PROJECTS.



CAREER OF THE WEEK - VETERINARY NURSE

What the job is:

Veterinary Nurses care for animals in vet practices and hospitals. They assist vets during operations, monitor patients, give treatments, and support owners with advice.

Skills needed:

Empathy, communication, practical skills, teamwork, attention to detail.

Salary range:

£22,000 - £32,000 (experienced roles £35,000+).

Training routes:

- College Animal Care courses
- Veterinary Nursing apprenticeships (Level 3)
- Degree in Veterinary Nursing
- Experience through work placements or volunteering

Routes Reveal

Understanding Your Pathways: This Week **V-LEVELS**

What are V-Levels? - V Levels are new vocational qualifications that combine practical learning with career-focused knowledge. They are designed to help students explore an industry while developing skills linked to real jobs.

V Levels are not yet available but are expected to be introduced from September 2027.

Who are they for?

Students who enjoy applied learning, want to keep their options open, and would like to combine vocational and academic subjects.

Examples of the first V Levels available:

- Digital
- Education & Early Years
- Finance & Accounting
- More subjects planned in the future

Where can they lead?

University, apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships, higher-level study, or employment in a range of career sectors.



ASK MR LEWIS

Do I need work experience for university courses?

Not always, but it helps - especially for healthcare or teaching.

Submit your questions to Mr Lewis -
michael.lewis@attrust.org.uk

or find him at the back of the common room!

UPCOMING DATES!

Sat 20th June - Walsall College Open Day -
10am - 2pm

Mon 29 June - Fri 3 July - Year 10 Work
Experience Week - Pool Hayes Academy

Mon 29 June - Fri 3 July - Year 12 Work
Experience Week - Pool Hayes Academy



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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 WIZARD of Oz YOUTH EDITION

- £6 - ADULT
- £5 - CHILD / CONCESSION
- £20 - FAMILY (2 ADULTS 2 CHILDREN)

Tuesday 7th July
Wednesday 8th July
Thursday 9th July
Friday 10th July

7pm
Pool Hayes Academy Main Hall

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Don't miss your chance to see this year's production, we can't wait to showcase the incredible talent of our students in **The Wizard of Oz Youth Edition**, July 7th–10th 2026!

Tickets can be purchased from the Drama office.
Please see Mr Monksfield or Miss Kelly at break and lunch.

