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KEY DATES & EVENTS

Monday 22nd June

Year 6 Transition Evening

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th June

Academy closed to students for Staff Training Day

Saturday 27th June

PHAntastival

Wednesday 3rd July

Year 12 Parents Open Evening

Friday 3rd July

Leavers Prom

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMY

Written by Mrs L. Macey

It was wonderful to celebrate our Year 10 cohort moving into Year 11 this week and receiving their new tie designed especially for them this year. We also welcomed their parents to discuss the upcoming mock examinations and the support we offer. It has been a #PHAntastic start with both Year 10 and 12 sitting exams this week, these will also continue next week. These final few weeks are extremely busy in the Academy, with rehearsals for The Wizard of Oz continuing. Tickets are available to purchase through the drama department. In our final week we will hold our annual sports day which I know our students are excited to take part in. We also have a 'belonging' day planned for our final

week with details to follow. It is lovely to see the weather improving again, I hope you have a wonderful weekend and celebrate Fathers day with those you love.





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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!

We hope that you and your families have been enjoying the World Cup so far if you are football supporters! England next play on Tuesday and we're looking forward to hearing what your children thought on Wednesday!

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](#)



ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the increased temperatures, students will not be expected to wear their blazers this upcoming week (beginning 22nd June)



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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.

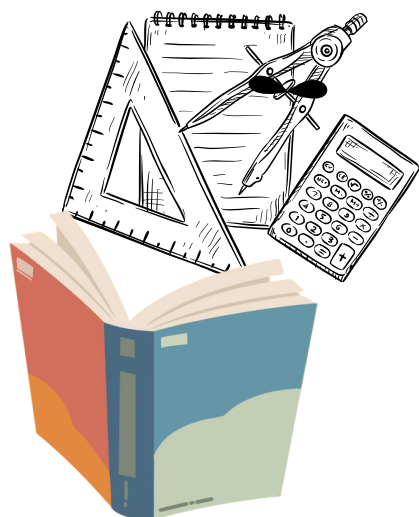
[Click here to go to Languagenut](#)

STUDENT SUCCESS

Our students have had a #phatastic week at school and have earnt lots of positive points. As a school they have achieved **1497209** positive points! The year group with the most points this week was **Year 9** who managed to achieve **8140** points. **7V1** are this week's form leaders and together as a team they racked up **1223**! 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 **4262** hours and read **3716** different books! In Maths we have answered **870188** questions! In Science we have answered **334438** questions! On Languagenut student have earned an impressive **700600** points this month!

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



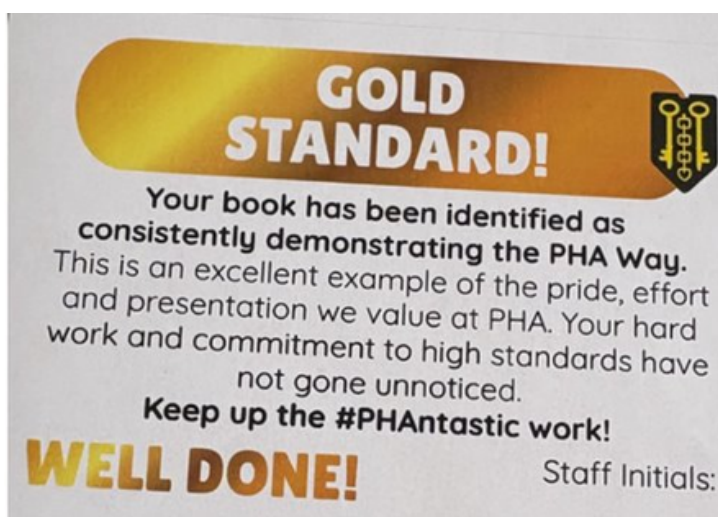


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Celebrating Pride in Work at Pool Hayes Academy

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 14 new Gold Standard awards issued!



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

Y8: Gurnoor T, Ejamjot K (both for Science)

Y9: Amreet S (for Geography)

Y10: Henley P, Gabija P, Amelia R, Ekampreet S, Phoenix F,
Jasmine K, Max F, Keila L (for Maths) Lotti B (for Statistics),
Ekampreet S, Harleen K (for Geography)



Congratulations!



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PHA Writer of the Week!

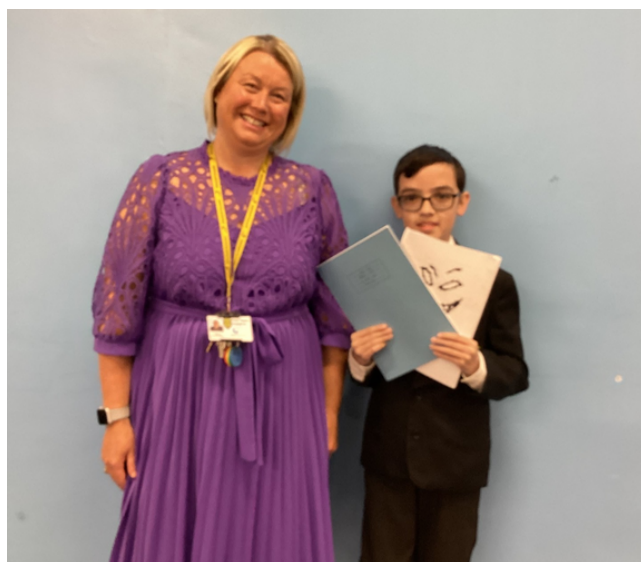
We are excited to launch our Writer of the Week award, celebrating students who demonstrate creativity, effort and growth in their writing, and encouraging a culture where all learners take pride in developing their voice.

The English department have had the privilege of celebrating our first winners of this award:

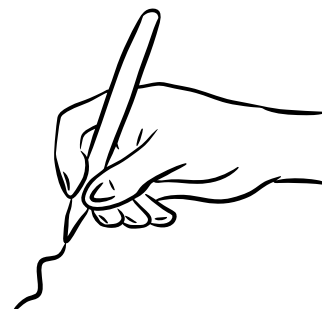
**KS3 Writer of the week -
Thai Tran**

**KS4 Writer of the week -
Maya Longdon**

We are very proud of you both!



Congratulations!





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WELCOME TO THE CAREERS CORNER!

As June brings plenty of excitement on and off the pitch, this space in The Key keeps careers front and centre - sharing opportunities, pathways and ideas that help students explore their future options.

I'm Mr Lewis, your Careers Lead, and this week we spotlight Cyber Security Analyst and Health & Social Care, continuing to build a strong careers culture where every student feels informed, confident and supported.

MINI CAREERS FACT OF THE WEEK!

THERE IS A HUGE SKILLS SHORTAGE IN CYBERSECURITY - CREATING STRONG JOB PROSPECTS ACROSS THE UK.



CAREER OF THE WEEK - CYBER SECURITY ANALYST

What the job is:

Cyber Security Analysts protect computer systems from attacks. They monitor networks, investigate breaches, test security systems and help organisations stay safe online.

Skills needed:

Problem-solving, technical skills, attention to detail, analytical thinking, communication.

Salary range:

£30,000 - £55,000 (experienced roles £70,000+).

Training routes:

- College IT or Cyber courses
- Cyber Security apprenticeships (Level 3-6)
- Degrees in Cyber Security, Computing or Networks
- Industry certifications (CompTIA, CISSP, etc.)



INDUSTRY OF THE MONTH

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Why it matters in Walsall: The second largest sector with 14,000 jobs - essential for supporting people of all ages.

Average salary: £26,215

Typical working hours: Around 37.1 hours per week.

Most in-demand jobs:

- Care workers & home carers
- Social workers
- Nurses & nursing associates
- Health services managers

Most requested skills:

Communication, leadership, nursing skills, social care, planning, mental health knowledge, personal care, psychology.

Where the jobs are:

Hospital services (5,000), other health services (3,000), nursing & residential care (2,500), medical/dental practices (1,000), social care services (2,500).

Why consider it: A meaningful sector with strong demand, clear training routes, and progression into specialised roles.



ASK MR LEWIS

Is an apprenticeship easier than college?

Not at all - you're working and studying at the same time.

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.

