



Pool Hayes
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OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 22nd September 2026
6pm – 8pm

**UNLOCKING YOUR POTENTIAL –
EMPOWERING THROUGH SUCCESS**

OPEN DAYS - THURSDAY 24TH & FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - PLEASE EMAIL: PHA-ADMISSIONS@ATTRUST.ORG.UK

Be part of our #PHAmily

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MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMY

Written by Mrs L. Macey

This week we welcomed inspectors from OFSTED on Wednesday and Thursday. I would like to thank staff, students and parents for their support during these two days. I will share the final report when I can.

Last weekend some of our Year 10 students completed the expedition part of their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. Judging by their faces on Sunday afternoon, I think they found it a challenge. Well done to all involved and thanks to Mr Francis for supporting them.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

KEY DATES & EVENTS

Student Photographs (New Date):
Tuesday 15th September

Year 6 Open Evening:
Tuesday 22nd September

Year 7 Settling In Evening:
Wednesday 30th September



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PHANTASTIVAL

We are proud to be hosting our PHAntastival Music Event on Sunday 20th September 2026 from 12-4pm. Tickets are sold at the gate. Individual tickets £5. Family (2 adults and 2 children) £10. All under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Food and drink will be available for purchase and stalls. We will have live music from PHA students and performances from students from local schools in the area. We very much look forward to seeing you all there!



STUDENT SHOUT OUTS

Our drama department is extremely proud of three of our Sixth Form acting students all receiving a Gold Medal in LAMDA Grade 8 in Acting, the highest award you can achieve. These students have showed excellence nationally and have been recognised by an accredited acting school. Well done ER, SH & ME - Mr Monksfield





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DUKE OF EDINBURGH SUCCESS

Our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants completed their expedition over Cannock Chase last weekend, putting their navigation, teamwork and resilience skills to the test.

Over the course of the expedition, students walked through the Chase carrying their own equipment, navigating their routes and working together as a team. Despite the physical challenge, occasional navigational difficulties, students remained positive.

The expedition provided an excellent opportunity for students to develop independence, problem-solving skills and confidence outside the classroom. Reaching the finish was a fantastic achievement, and everyone should be proud of the determination and teamwork they demonstrated.

Well done to all our Bronze DofE students on completing this important milestone.

Silver next!





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POWER UP NOTIFICATIONS

As an academy, we will start setting Power Ups in the next couple of weeks, please find the schedule for these below.

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 be set **every Monday**.

[Click here to go to Seneca](#)

To log onto both Seneca and Sparx, please click the log on button - then the Microsoft button. Students then need to use their school log in details for access (their school email address and school password).

Languagenut is set once a week.

[Click here to go to Languagenut](#)

STUDENT SUCCESS

Our students have had a #PHAntastic first week and have earnt lots of positive points. As an academy they have achieved **61,167 positive points!** The year group with the most points this week was **Year 7** who managed to achieve **14,223 points**. **7P2** are this week's form leaders and together as a team they racked up **2,220!** A massive congratulations to our students!





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KEY CONTACTS

Please click on the link below to view contact details for our key academy staff.

[Key Staff - Contact Details](#)



LATEST LETTERS

Please click on the link below to view our latest letters sent home.

[Letters - Home Page](#)



SAFEGUARDING



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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 —
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WELCOME TO THE CAREERS CORNER!

As autumn begins and the new school year settles into rhythm, Careers @ PHA is here to share opportunities, raise aspirations and help students explore where their future could take them.

I'm Mr Lewis, your Careers Lead, and this week we spotlight Bricklaying and explore Construction as our Industry of the Month, continuing to build a careers culture where every student feels informed, confident and supported.

MINI CAREERS FACT OF THE WEEK!

BRICKLAYING IS MORE THAN BUILDING WALLS - BRICKLAYERS WORK ON HOMES, SCHOOLS, RESTORATION PROJECTS AND MAJOR CONSTRUCTION SITES.



CAREER OF THE WEEK - BRICKLAYER

What the job is:

Bricklayers build and repair walls, houses and other structures using bricks, blocks and stone. They work from plans and make sure structures are level, strong and accurate.

Skills needed:

Practical skills, accuracy, teamwork, physical fitness, attention to detail.

Salary range:

£24,000 - £45,000 (experienced/self-employed workers can earn more).

Training routes:

- College Bricklaying courses
- Bricklayer apprenticeships (Level 2)
- On-the-job training
- Progression into supervision or site management



INDUSTRY OF THE MONTH

CONSTRUCTION



Why it matters in Walsall: Construction employs 5,000 people locally - and demand keeps rising.

Average salary: £34,905

Typical working hours: Around 40 hours per week.

Most in-demand jobs:

- Quantity surveyors
- Electricians & electrical fitters
- Carpenters & joiners
- Plumbers, heating engineers
- Site supervisors

Most requested skills:

Communication, leadership, carpentry, plumbing, construction knowledge, project management, civil engineering.

Where the jobs are:

Electrical/plumbing installations (1,000), civil engineering (1,500), building completion (700), construction of buildings (800), other services (1,000).

Why consider it: Massive skills shortage = strong job security, high wages, and lots of apprenticeship pathways.

ASK MR LEWIS

Do part-time jobs count as work experience?

Yes - employers love real responsibility.

Submit your questions to Mr Lewis -
michael.lewis@attrust.org.uk
or find him at the back of the library!

UPCOMING DATES!

Sat 12th Sept - Walsall Fire Service Open Day

Sat 10th Oct - Dudley College of Technology Open Day

Thur 5th Nov - Walsall College Open Day



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SPORT EXTRA-CURRICULAR

TUESDAY
Badminton & Fitness
All years - Except Fitness Suite (Year 9+ only)

WEDNESDAY
Netball & Boys Football
All year groups

THURSDAY
Basketball & Girls Football
All year groups

Fixtures will be planned along with team selection and then posted on the PE Office door - These can fall on a variety of evenings. Permission slip is needed from parents/guardians before participation. These can be collected from a staff member of the PE Department



LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Monday - Thursday

BADMINTON

📍 Sports Hall

BASKETBALL

📍 Upstairs Gym

- You must bring trainers to participate.
- Blazer and tie need to be taken off and belongings put neatly in the corner of sport room.
- Eat lunch BEFORE attending - No food allowed in sport areas.
- DO NOT enter sport areas until a member of staff is present.



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ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE

🕒 After School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 (No after school activities)	 Show Rehearsals 3.30 - 4.30pm Library (After School) Badminton Fitness Club	 Netball Boys Football Performing Arts Industry Training Y11-13 Library (After School)	 Basketball Girls Football Choir MT1 - Room K53 - 3.30 - 4.20 Library (After School)	 Show Rehearsals 2.35 - 4.00pm

🍴 Lunchtime

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Drama Ambassador Meeting Library	 Basketball Badminton Library	 Basketball Badminton Library	 Basketball Badminton Library	 Library Instrumental Club - Room 51 - WD

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FOOTBALL FUTURE STARS

THE KHALSA ACADEMY WOLVERHAMPTON

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THE KHALSA ACADEMY WOLVERHAMPTON
MILLFIELDS RD, BILSTON WV4 6JP

STARTING TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

GROUP 1	GROUP 2
5:00PM - 6:00PM	5:00PM - 6:00PM
SCHOOL YEARS	SCHOOL YEARS
RECEPTION	YEAR 4
YEAR 1	YEAR 5
YEAR 2	YEAR 6
YEAR 3	YEARS 7+

AGES 4 - 13

PAYMENT
£7 PER WEEK
£28 DUE ON WEEK 1

FINAL WEEK
✓ TROPHIES AND MEDALS
✓ PRESENTATION DAY

TO RESERVE A PLACE - TEXT
WOLVERHAMPTON + CHILDS NAME + AGE + GROUP (1 OR 2)
07496 548498

FOOTBALL FUTURE STARS

ABOUT OUR COURSE

OUR SESSIONS ARE DESIGNED TO HELP CHILDREN DEVELOP THEIR FOOTBALL ABILITY WHILE KEEPING THE SESSIONS FUN AND ENGAGING.

FOOTBALL FUTURE STARS HAS BEEN RUNNING SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL COURSES FOR OVER 17 YEARS.

ALL ABILITIES ARE WELCOME, WHETHER CHILDREN ARE NEW TO FOOTBALL OR ALREADY PLAY REGULARLY.

ALL SESSIONS ARE DELIVERED BY:

- ✓ FA QUALIFIED COACHES
- ✓ DBS CHECKED STAFF
- ✓ COACHES WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH CHILDREN

PLAYERS WILL LEARN:

- ✓ BALL CONTROL
- ✓ DRIBBLING SKILLS
- ✓ PASSING AND MOVEMENT
- ✓ SHOOTING AND FINISHING
- ✓ SMALL SIDED GAMES
- ✓ CONFIDENCE AND TEAMWORK

OUR AIM IS TO CREATE A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE CHILDREN CAN LEARN, IMPROVE AND ENJOY FOOTBALL.

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