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MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMY

Written by Mrs L. Macey

It has been a positive week for attendance across the academy, and I would like to thank all students and families for their continued support in ensuring excellent attendance. A special congratulations goes to Year 7, who have achieved the highest attendance this week. Well done to all of our Year 7 students for setting such a fantastic example.

We are also looking forward to our Outdoor Music Festival 'PHAntastival' this Sunday from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. Families are warmly invited to join us for an afternoon of entertainment and community celebration. Please feel free to bring picnic blankets, chairs, and refreshments as you enjoy a variety of performances suitable for the whole

family. As a special welcome gift, all Year 7 students have been given free family tickets to attend the event.

Next week, we are excited to host our Open Evening on Tuesday. We look forward to welcoming both current and prospective families into the academy, particularly those considering Year 7 places for September 2027. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience what makes Pool Hayes Academy such a special place to learn, grow, and succeed.

We hope to see many of you at both events and thank you for your ongoing support of our academy community.

KEY DATES & EVENTS

PHAntastival:

Sunday 20th September

Barcelona Sports Trip Meeting:

Monday 21st September

Year 6 Open Evening:

Tuesday 22nd September

Year 7 Settling In Evening:

Wednesday 30th September

Year 10 Unlocking Your Potential Evening:

Thursday 8th October



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STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Please note that the following dates have been designated as Staff Training Days for the 2026/27 academic year. School will be closed to students on these days:

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Friday 9th October 2026
- Friday 27th November 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Friday 25th June 2027

These days are used for staff training and professional development to support the continued delivery of high-quality education for our students.

Thank you for your support. Please make a note of these dates in your diary!

STUDENT SHOUT OUTS

A huge well done to all of our Year 7 pupils on completing their first few weeks at secondary school!

Starting secondary school is a big step, and we have been incredibly proud to see how well you have settled into your new routines, classrooms and wider school community. You have shown enthusiasm, resilience and a willingness to try new things, even when things have felt unfamiliar.

Keep being curious, keep asking questions, keep supporting one another and, most importantly, keep believing in yourselves.

Well done, Year 7 – you should be very proud of yourselves! We are excited to see all that you will achieve over the coming months and years.

Mr Francis - Head Of Year 7



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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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ATTENDANCE UPDATE

What a brilliant start to the year! Our attendance during the first two weeks of term has been the highest we've seen in over four years! This fantastic achievement reflects the dedication, commitment, and positive attitude shown by our PHAntastic students and their families.

Regular attendance plays a vital role in helping students achieve their full potential, make strong progress in their learning, and enjoy all the opportunities school life has to offer. By arriving on time and being ready to learn each day, our students are setting themselves up for success both inside and outside the classroom.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents, carers, and families for their continued support in ensuring their children attend school every day. Your partnership with us makes a real difference and helps create the positive learning environment that our students thrive in.

PE STAR OF THE YEAR TO DATE

We're delighted to celebrate RG in Year 7, who has been recognised as our PE Star of the Year to date! RG has made a fantastic impression, consistently demonstrating enthusiasm, effort and a brilliant attitude in PE. To recognise their PHAntastic start, RG has won two tickets to watch Walsall FC take on Port Vale this Saturday! Well done RG! What a brilliant way to start Year 7.

SPORTING UPDATES

Year 10 kick off their West Midlands Cup campaign on Wednesday with an away fixture against Heart of England School in Coventry. Good luck to all involved!

We have had fantastic numbers attending extracurricular clubs and activities this week. It's great to see so many students getting involved and making the most of the opportunities available. Keep it up!

LOCAL BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

POOL HAYES ACADEMY ARE LOOKING FOR A LOCAL BUSINESS TO SPONSOR OUR FOOTBALL TOPS!

- Your company logo will be proudly printed on the front of our football shirts.
- Your sponsorship will help towards the cost of new kits for our students.
- It's a great opportunity to promote your business while supporting young people in our community.

INTERESTED? Get in touch to find out more luke.french@atrust.org.uk

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POWER UP NOTIFICATIONS

Power Ups are now live!

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](#)

Languagenut is set once a week.

[Click here to go to Languagenut](#)

STUDENT SUCCESS

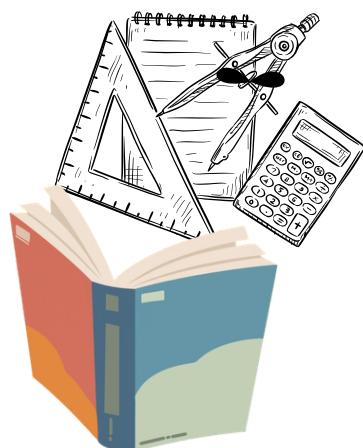
Our students have had a #PHAntastic week and have earned lots of positive points. As an academy they have achieved **121,679 positive points!** The year group with the most points this week was **Year 7** who managed to achieve **14,515 points**. **11P1** are this week's form leaders and together as a team they racked up **2,516!** 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 **78 hours** and read **40 different books!** In Maths we have answered **2333 questions!** In Science we have answered **9839 questions!**

On Languagenut students have earned an impressive **47400 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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★ WELCOME TO THE CAREERS CORNER! ★

As the new school year gets into full swing, Careers @ PHA is here to share opportunities, raise aspirations and help you explore the many routes your future could take.

I'm Mr Lewis, your Careers Lead, and this week we spotlight Bus Driver as our Career of the Week and explore A Levels in Routes Reveal, continuing to build a careers culture where every student feels informed, confident and supported.

MINI CAREERS FACT OF THE WEEK!

BUS DRIVERS DO MORE THAN DRIVE – THEY HELP THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE GET TO WORK, SCHOOL AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES EVERY DAY.



CAREER OF THE WEEK – BUS DRIVER

What the job is:

Bus Drivers transport passengers safely along local or long-distance routes. They follow timetables, collect fares and help passengers reach their destinations safely.

Skills needed:

Concentration, patience, communication, customer service, reliability.

Salary range:

£24,000 - £35,000 (experienced drivers £40,000+).

Training routes:

- Full UK driving licence
- Training provided by bus companies
- Passenger Transport Driver apprenticeships
- PCV licence and Driver CPC qualification



Routes Reveal

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

What are A-Levels? - A Levels are two-year academic qualifications focused on studying subjects in depth. They are mainly classroom-based and assessed through exams and coursework.

Who are they for?

Students who enjoy academic learning, want to keep their options open, and may be considering university or careers that require strong subject knowledge.

Examples at local colleges:

- English Literature & Language
- Maths & Further Maths
- Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Psychology & Sociology
- History & Geography
- Art, Media & Performing Arts



Where can they lead?

University courses, degree apprenticeships, higher apprenticeships, or skilled employment - depending on subjects studied and grades achieved.

ASK MR LEWIS

What if I feel behind everyone else?
You're not. Everyone's journey is different.

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

UPCOMING DATES!

Sat 10th Oct - Dudley College of Technology Open Day

Tue 3rd Nov - PHA Sixth Open Evening

Thur 5th Nov - Walsall College Open Day





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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.

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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)



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Academy Transformation Trust

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PHAntastival 2026

LIVE AT
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SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
12PM-4PM

TO RENT A STALL, CONTACT
PHA-OFFICE@ATTRUST.ORG.UK

TICKETS SOLD AT GATE

ADMIT ONE

TICKET

INDIVIDUAL £5
FAMILY (2 ADULT 2 CHILDREN) £10

ALL UNDER 18S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



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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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