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PARENT & CARER NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMY

Written by Mrs L. Macey

It has been another busy and successful week at Pool Hayes Academy, with many opportunities for our students, families and wider community to come together.

Last Sunday, we were delighted to host our PHAntastival, which was a tremendous success. It was fantastic to see so many families attending and enjoying the wide range of performance on offer. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Lock Stock for their generous support of the event, The Studio School who bought some of their brilliant students to perform as well as all of the stallholders and community partners who helped make the day such a memorable occasion. Events like these really showcase the strength of our community.

Monday evening saw our Barcelona Information Evening for parents and students preparing for the forthcoming trip. Thank you to all who attended. We are excited about the opportunities this visit will provide and look forward to sharing further updates as preparations continue.

On Tuesday evening, we welcomed prospective students and their families to our Open Evening. We were thrilled with the turnout and proud to share the many opportunities available at Pool Hayes Academy. Our students were exceptional ambassadors for the school, demonstrating

KEY DATES & EVENTS

Year 7 Settling In Evening:
Wednesday 30th September

Year 10 Unlocking Your Potential Evening:
Thursday 8th October

Training Day:
Friday 9th October

Year 12 Legally Blonde Trip:
Wednesday 14th October

KS4 Blood Brothers Trip:
Wednesday 21st October

PHA Sixth Shrewsbury Prison Trip:
Thursday 22nd October

the confidence, capability and competence we are so proud to nurture.

In sporting news, our Year 10 football team competed in a cup fixture this week. Despite a determined performance and excellent team spirit throughout the match, the team were unfortunately defeated. We are incredibly proud of their effort, resilience and commitment, and we look forward to supporting them in future fixtures.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we continue to provide our students with opportunities to learn, grow and thrive both inside and outside the classroom.



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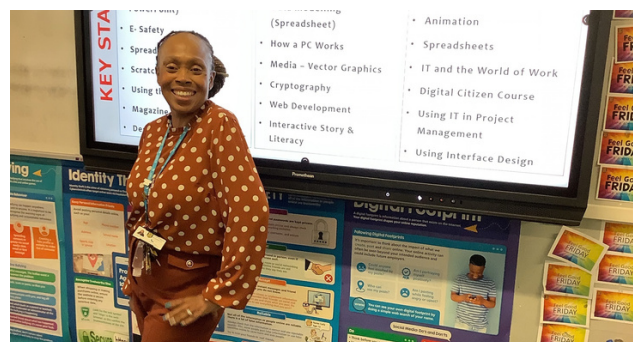
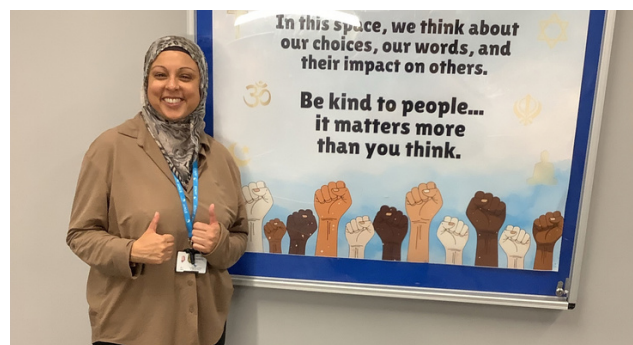
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PHSE FORM TIME TOPIC

Each week in form time, students take part in a PSHE discussion designed to support their wellbeing, personal development, and understanding of key life skills. This week, students have been discussing **tax and its role in society**. They explored what tax is, why governments collect it, and how the money raised helps to fund important public services such as schools, hospitals, roads, the police, and emergency services. Students also learned about different types of tax, including Income Tax, which is paid on earnings, VAT (Value Added Tax), which is included in the cost of many goods and services, and Corporation Tax, which is paid by businesses on their profits.

The discussion highlighted how taxes contribute to services and support that benefit everyone, and how the amount of tax people pay can vary depending on factors such as their income, spending, and employment. This session formed part of our ongoing commitment to developing students' financial literacy and helping them understand important aspects of modern life and citizenship.

OPEN EVENING SUCCESS





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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 be set **every Monday**.

[Click here to go to Seneca](#)

Languagenut is set once a week.

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STUDENT SUCCESS

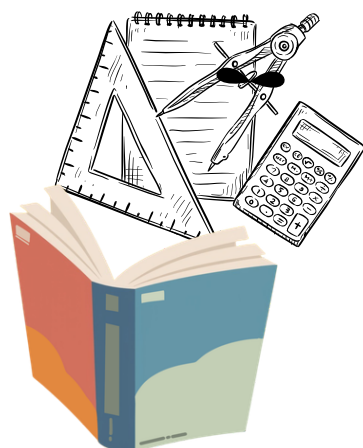
Our students have had a #PHAntastic week and have earned lots of positive points. As an academy they have achieved **167,089 positive points!** The year group with the most points this week was **Year 7** who managed to achieve **11,219 points**. **7P1** are this week's form leaders and together as a team they racked up **2,194!** 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 **186 hours** and read **91 different books!** In Maths we have answered **11,617 questions!** In Science we have answered **24,510 questions!**

On Languagenut students have earned an impressive **48,400 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 September draws to a close, Careers @ PHA is here to share opportunities, raise aspirations and help you discover the many directions your future could take.

I'm Mr Lewis, your Careers Lead, and this week we spotlight Solicitor as our Career of the Week and explore Mrs Patrick's career journey in our Staff Career Spotlight, helping every student feel informed, confident and supported.

MINI CAREERS FACT OF THE WEEK!

SOLICITORS WORK IN FAR MORE THAN CRIMINAL LAW - THEY CAN SPECIALISE IN FAMILY, BUSINESS, PROPERTY, SPORT AND EVEN ENTERTAINMENT LAW.



CAREER OF THE WEEK - SOLICITOR

What the job is:

Solicitors give legal advice and help people or businesses with issues such as crime, family matters, property, employment and contracts.

Skills needed:

Communication, research, attention to detail, problem-solving, confidence.

Salary range:

£30,000 - £60,000 (experienced/specialist solicitors can earn considerably more).

Training routes:

- University degree + SQE route
- Solicitor Degree Apprenticeship
- Legal Services college courses
- Paralegal roles with further progression



Staff Career Spotlight

Name: Mrs Patrick

Current Role: Head of Sixth Form / Health & Social Care / Child Development / Psychology

What happened after Year 11?

Mrs Patrick continued into post-16 education before studying Social Work at university, building the knowledge and skills needed to support others.

Previous Job Roles:

- Quality Assurance - developing attention to detail
- Equine Assistant - gaining specialist practical skills
- Social Worker - supporting individuals and families
- Childminder - working closely with children

Mrs Patrick's career path shows:

Career paths aren't always direct. Exploring interests and gaining experience can lead to the right role over time.

Advice for students:

Follow your interests, explore opportunities, and don't settle - the right career should reflect who you are.



ASK MR LEWIS

Is it too late to start trying now?
Never. Starting today still puts you ahead.

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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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

Unlocking Your Potential. Empowering Through Success.