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PARENT & CARER NEWSLETTER



KEY DATES & EVENTS

Year 10 Unlocking Your Potential Evening:
Thursday 8th October

Training Day (Academy closed to students): 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

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMY

Written by Mrs L. Macey

We are delighted to share with you that we have now received our Ofsted report.

This report reflects the significant progress our academy has made and recognises the positive changes that have taken place across our school community. We are particularly pleased that inspectors acknowledged the improvements in teaching and learning, alongside the real cultural shift that has been created throughout the academy.

While there is still more work ahead of us, we are proud of how far we have come together. This achievement belongs to our entire community, our staff, students, parents and carers. The strong sense of belonging, being part of the PHAmily,

support and shared ambition that exists within our academy has been central to this success.

We know that improving outcomes for all students remains our next important priority. The foundations are now firmly in place, and we are confident that the improvements recognised by Ofsted will continue to translate into even stronger outcomes for our young people.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and belief in our academy. Together, we have achieved something significant, and together, we will continue our journey of improvement.

[Click here](#) to view a copy of the report. We hope you enjoy reading it.



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PSHE 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 discussed **how the government uses money raised through taxes**. They explored how tax helps fund essential services and support, including schools, hospitals, roads, the police, defence, benefits, and pensions.

Students considered the scale of government spending, learning that in 2025–26 the UK government collected around £938.8 billion in taxes. They discussed how funding is allocated across areas such as health and social care, education, defence, and transport. The session encouraged students to think critically about how tax money should be prioritised and how they would allocate the government's budget. It supported our ongoing commitment to developing students' financial literacy, critical thinking, and understanding of citizenship and modern society.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2026

Our talented students are busy preparing for this year's Christmas Concert, which promises to be a wonderful celebration of the festive season. Featuring a selection of Christmas songs and musical performances, the evening will showcase the hard work, dedication, and talent of our students.

We look forward to welcoming families, friends, and members of our community as we come together to enjoy an evening of festive music and celebrate the spirit of Christmas.

YEAR 10
UNLOCKING YOUR POTENTIAL EVENING

Join us for an information evening designed to support our Year 10 students and families as they take the next steps in their journey.

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER | **5:00PM - 6:00PM**

- A short presentation about the Year 10 journey
- Information on courses, mock exams & what's next
- Fully equipt revision bags given to all students
- Refreshments available

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

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POWER UP NOTIFICATIONS

A new Sparx Power Up will be available from:

- Maths = Friday at 8am - **New deadline** Sunday 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

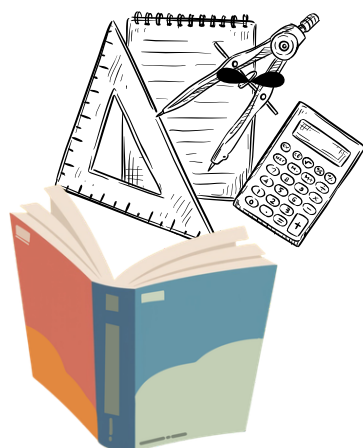
Our students have had a #PHAntastic week and have earnt lots of positive points. As an academy they have achieved **212,199 positive points!** The year group with the most points this week was **Year 11** who managed to achieve **10,873 points**. **7P1** are this week's form leaders and together as a team they racked up **2,267!** 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 **308 hours** and read **168 different books!** In Maths we have answered **24,291 questions!** In Science we have answered **36,389 questions!**

On Languagenut student 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.





WELCOME TO THE CAREERS CORNER!

As October begins and we mark Black History Month, Careers @ PHA is here to celebrate opportunity, raise aspirations and help you explore where your future could take you.

I'm Mr Lewis, your Careers Lead, and this week we spotlight HGV Driver as our Career of the Week alongside Careers Mythbusters, continuing to build a careers culture where every student feels informed, confident and supported.

MINI CAREERS FACT OF THE WEEK!

MODERN HGVS ARE HIGH-TECH -
USING ADVANCED SAFETY.
NAVIGATION AND MONITORING
SYSTEMS.



CAREER OF THE WEEK - HGV DRIVER

What the job is:

HGV Drivers transport goods between warehouses, shops and businesses across the UK and sometimes overseas. They also check loads, plan routes and keep vehicles safe.

Skills needed:

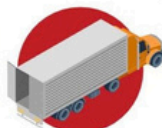
Concentration, independence, reliability, time management, road awareness.

Salary range:

£28,000 - £45,000 (specialist/experienced drivers can earn more).

Training routes:

- Full UK driving licence
- HGV Driver training and licence
- Driver CPC qualification
- Large Goods Vehicle Driver apprenticeships



MYTHBUSTER



Tackling the most common misconceptions
students have about education and the world of work.

Myth: "Only academic students do well after school."

Reality: Success comes in many forms. Practical, creative, and technical skills are just as valuable as academic ones.

Myth: "You need work experience to get work experience."

Reality: Everyone starts somewhere. Employers value attitude, willingness to learn, and transferable skills as much as experience.

Myth: "Creative careers don't pay well."

Reality: Roles in design, media, games, and marketing can be well paid, especially with experience and strong skills.

Myth: "Your GCSE options decide your entire future."

Reality: GCSE choices influence your next steps, but they don't lock you into one career. Pathways remain flexible.



ASK MR LEWIS

How do I start a CV on Unifrog?

Go to "CV Builder" - answer the prompts and it formats everything for you.

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.

[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)



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— for —
HELP
is OK



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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 (After School) 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 Show Rehearsals (After School)	Basketball Badminton Library	Basketball Badminton Library	Library Chess Club (Lunchtime) Instrumental Club - Room 51

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CALLING ALL STUDENTS!

STUDENT WEEKENDER

2-4 October 2026

Enjoy additional discounts, giveaways, freebies and extra savings!

Simply head to Guest Services and present your valid student ID to receive

-  Your FREE Student Goodie Bag
-  Your Discount Wristband
-  SPIN THE WHEEL for your chance to WIN!





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Provided by
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FREE OPEN DAY EVENT

DISCOVER THE NEW BEACON

Join us at our new Walsall hub

Meet the team. Explore our services.
Build new connections.

 1902 The Hub,
Walsall,
WS2 8HE

 Wednesday
14 October

 12:00pm
to 2:00pm

 Light
refreshments
provided

**WHY ATTEND?**

Whether you're a school, college, safeguarding lead, partner agency or professional working with young people, this is an opportunity to:

- ✓ Meet The Beacon team
- ✓ Learn about our support services for young people and families
- ✓ Explore referral pathways and partnership opportunities
- ✓ Discover our training and workshop offer
- ✓ Network with professionals from across Walsall

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

 Schools & Colleges

 DSLs & Safeguarding Professionals

 Partner Agencies

 Professionals Supporting Young People

OUR SERVICES

 Early Intervention

 Substance Use Support

 Referrals

 Partnership Working

 Training

 Workshops

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

Come and see our new space, meet the team, and find out how we can work together to improve outcomes for young people and families across Walsall.

**RESERVE THE DATE**
and join us on 14 October.

Connecting professionals. Supporting young people. Strengthening communities.