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## KEY DATES & EVENTS

### **Year 12 Legally Blonde Trip:**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

### **Borneo Parents Presentation:**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

### **PHA Sixth Halloween Charity Event:**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

### **KS4 Blood Brothers Trip:**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

### **PHA Sixth Shrewsbury Prison Trip:**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

## MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMY

*Written by Mrs L. Macey*

As we continue to provide opportunities for our students and families to thrive, we were delighted to host a successful "Unlocking Your Potential" evening for our Year 10 parents and carers. The event provided valuable information, guidance and strategies to support students as they begin preparing for the next important stage of their educational journey. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to such a positive and engaging evening.

Today also marked one of our staff Professional Development Days, with colleagues taking part in a wide range of training to further strengthen the support we provide for our students. Sessions included work on subject disciplinary literacy, teaching assistant development, and attendance home visit training. In addition, several members of staff successfully completed their First Aid

training, further enhancing the expertise we have across the academy.

A key focus of the day was our introduction to Bedrock, an exciting reading platform that will play an important role in our continued drive to improve literacy across the whole academy. By developing students' vocabulary, reading confidence and comprehension skills, Bedrock will help support success across all subjects and contribute to our culture of reading excellence.

We are incredibly proud of the commitment our staff continue to show in their professional development, ensuring that every student receives the very best support and opportunities to succeed.

Have a wonderful weekend!



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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 life beyond the classroom. This week, students explored **what it means to be a responsible citizen** and how individuals can make a positive contribution to their communities.

Students discussed the importance of respecting others, following rules, caring for shared spaces, and helping those around them. They also considered different ways young people can contribute to society, including volunteering, fundraising, supporting local projects, and having their voices heard on issues that matter to them.

The session encouraged students to reflect on the impact of their actions and the role they can play in creating positive change. It supported our ongoing commitment to developing students' understanding of citizenship, community responsibility, and active participation in modern society.

## PHA SIXTH CHARITY EVENT

PHA Sixth is delighted to invite members of our PHAmily to a spooktacular Halloween charity event in support of the NSPCC.

Taking place on Friday 16 October 2026 from 6pm to 8pm, the evening promises plenty of Halloween fun for all ages, including a scare maze, quiz, live band and more! All proceeds from the event will be donated to the NSPCC, helping to support the vital work the charity does for children and young people.

This promises to be a PHAntastic community event and a wonderful opportunity to support the hard work of our sixth-form students while raising money for a very worthwhile cause. We look forward to seeing you there for an evening of Halloween-themed fun and fundraising! 🎃👻





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## YEAR 7 RESIDENTIAL

Our Year 7 students have the opportunity to enjoy a two-night PGL UNITE adventure weekend at Boreatton Park, Shrewsbury, from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th June 2027!

With exciting adventure activities, team challenges and time to socialise, it's a PHAntastic chance to build friendships, develop confidence and leadership skills, and create lasting memories with their PHAmily.

Total cost will be no more than £200, including travel, accommodation, meals and activities. The final balance will be confirmed once numbers are secured. Financial support is available on a case-by-case basis.

Parents and carers should have received an email via MCAS containing the information letter and consent slip. If you need a paper copy, please contact Mr Francis. To secure your child's place, return the completed consent slip and pay the £45 non-refundable deposit by Wednesday 21st October 2026. Payment will become available through MCAS once the slip has been received.

The poster is for a PGL UNITE 2 NIGHT ADVENTURE WEEKEND for Year 7 students. It features the Pool Hayes Academy logo and the Academy Transformation Trust logo. The main text reads 'YEAR 7 PGL UNITE 2 NIGHT ADVENTURE WEEKEND'. Below this, it states the dates 'FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2027 - SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2027' and the location 'PGL BOREATTON PARK, BASCHURCH, SHREWSBURY, SY4 2BA'. There are four small photos showing students participating in various outdoor activities: a group sitting on a log, a student climbing a rope, a student on a zipline, and a group sitting on a log. At the bottom, it says 'CREATE MEMORIES', 'HAVE AN ADVENTURE', and 'BUILD FRIENDSHIPS'. The footer reads 'FOR YEAR 7 - A SHARED EXPERIENCE AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR' and includes the PGL logo.

If you have any questions, please contact [richard.francis@attrust.org.uk](mailto:richard.francis@attrust.org.uk)



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## SPORT FIXTURES & RESULTS

### Results

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Girls under 15's football team lost to Wombourne.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Year 10 boys football team beat Blue coat 6-1.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Year 7 boys football team drew 1-1 with Walsall Academy.

### Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Year 8 girls football team play at Aldridge.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Year 9 boys football team play at Walsall Academy.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Year 7 boys football team play at Joseph Leckie.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October U15's girls football team play at Walsall Academy.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Year 9 girls Netball team play St Thomas Moore.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Year 11 boys football team play a tournament at Wolves.

## APPOINTMENT REMINDER

If you would like to speak with a member of staff, please book an appointment in advance by contacting the staff member themselves or our reception team.

Staff have teaching and other commitments throughout the day, so we cannot guarantee that they will be available to meet parents and carers who arrive without an appointment. Booking ahead helps us arrange a suitable time and ensure your query receives the attention it deserves.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.





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## BORNEO TRIP

We are delighted to be working with Camps International to offer students an exciting four-week expedition to Borneo in summer 2028.

Parents and carers of students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 are invited to our informal presentation evening to discover more and ask questions. This will take place on Thursday 15 October 2026 at 6pm in the Main Hall. The presentation will last approximately 45 minutes.

This expedition offers students the chance to trek through the Bornean jungle, support conservation projects protecting orangutan habitats, and work alongside rural communities. Along the way, they can build confidence, develop valuable life skills and experience a different culture.

The all-inclusive expedition costs £5,130, with scheduled payment plans available. Students are encouraged to fundraise, with support from Camps International throughout.

Please register your attendance to receive an information pack using the information in the attached image. Can't attend? Register anyway to receive more information.

**BORNEO 2028**  
4-week jungle expedition • Summer 2028

**PARENTS' PRESENTATION EVENING**  
For families of students in Years 9, 10, 11 & 12

 **Thursday 15 October 2026**  
**6pm • Main Hall**

 Register your attendance:  
[register.campsinternational.com](https://register.campsinternational.com)  
School code: **19260**

**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2026**  
Monday 16th to Friday 20th November

 **BREAK THE SILENCE**

**#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK**

 **ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE**

**5 WEEKS TO GO!**



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## POWER UP NOTIFICATIONS

A new Sparx Power Up will be available from:

- Maths = Monday at 8am - **New set day**  
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

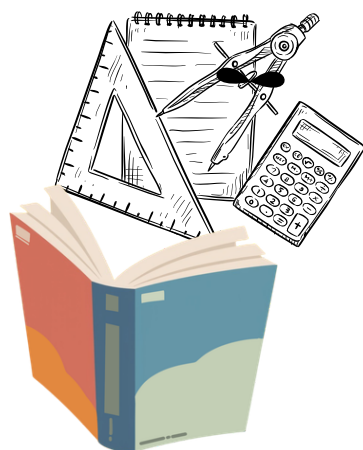
Our students have had a #PHAntastic week and have earnt lots of positive points. As an academy they have achieved **260,838 positive points!** The year group with the most points this week was **Year 7** who managed to achieve **12,856 points**. **7P2** are this week's form leaders and together as a team they racked up **2,289!** 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 **466 hours** and read **283 different books!** In Maths we have answered **95,684 questions!** In Science we have answered **36,389 questions!**

On Languagenut student have earned an impressive **51,480 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 we move further into October, Careers @ PHA is here to share opportunities, raise aspirations and help you discover the many pathways your future could take.

I'm Mr Lewis, your Careers Lead, and this week we spotlight Occupational Therapist as our Career of the Week and explore Health & Social Care as our Industry of the Month, helping every student feel informed, confident and supported.

### MINI CAREERS FACT OF THE WEEK!

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS  
WORK ALMOST EVERYWHERE –  
FROM HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS  
TO HOMES, WORKPLACES AND  
PRISONS.



### CAREER OF THE WEEK – OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

#### What the job is:

Occupational Therapists help people overcome illness, disability or injury so they can manage everyday activities and live more independently.



#### Skills needed:

Empathy, communication, problem-solving, patience, creativity, teamwork.



#### Salary range:

£31,000 - £47,000 (specialist/senior roles £50,000+).



#### Training routes:

- University degree in Occupational Therapy
- Occupational Therapist Degree Apprenticeship
- Health & Social Care courses as preparation
- Registration with the HCPC



## 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

**What happens if I don't get the grades I need for my college choice?**

Colleges offer alternative courses or levels - you won't be left without an option.

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

### UPCOMING DATES!

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Dudley College of Technology  
Open Day

**Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** - PHA Sixth Open Evening

**Thur 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.youngminds.org.uk) (Mental Health Support)

**Childline** – 0800 1111 OR [www.childline.org](http://www.childline.org)

**Kooth** – “Need to talk” online support [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)  
(online support and counselling)

**Frank** – Call 03001236600 OR [www.talktofrank.com](http://www.talktofrank.com)  
(Support for substance misuse)

**Samaritans** – Call 116 123

**Kaleidoscope Group** – [www.kaleidoscopeplus.org.uk](http://www.kaleidoscopeplus.org.uk)  
(Supporting Mental Health)

**St Giles Hospice** – [www.stgileshospice.com/phoenix](http://www.stgileshospice.com/phoenix)  
(Supporting with bereavement)

**Chat Health** – [www.healthforteens.co.uk](http://www.healthforteens.co.uk)  
(General concerns around health & wellbeing)



ASKING  
— 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                            |
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| <br>(No after school activities) | <br>Show Rehearsals (After School)<br><br><br>Library (After School)<br><br><br>Badminton Fitness Club | <br>Netball<br><br><br>Boys Football<br><br><br>Performing Arts Industry Training Yr11-13<br><br><br>Library (After School) | <br>Basketball<br><br><br>Girls Football<br><br><br>Choir MT1 - Room K53 - 3.30 - 4.20<br><br><br>Library (After School)<br><br><br>Dance Club (Year 9, 10 & 11 - After School) | <br>Show Rehearsals 2.35 - 4.00pm |

### 🍴 Lunchtime

| Monday                                          | Tuesday                                                                       | Wednesday                                              | Thursday                                                                                              | Friday                                                                               |
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| <br>Drama Ambassador Meeting<br><br><br>Library | <br>Basketball<br><br><br>Badminton<br><br><br>Show Rehearsals (After School) | <br>Basketball<br><br><br>Badminton<br><br><br>Library | <br>Basketball<br><br><br>Dance Club (Year 7 & 8 - Lunchtime)<br><br><br>Badminton<br><br><br>Library | <br>Library<br><br><br>Chess Club (Lunchtime)<br><br><br>Instrumental Club - Room 51 |

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**WELLBEING WALK**

JOIN US FOR A RELAXING WALK THROUGH THE BEAUTIFUL WALSALL ARBORETUM - A GREAT WAY TO BOOST YOUR MOOD, CLEAR YOUR MIND AND FEEL MORE CONNECTED.

**MEETING POINT: PICNIC TABLES NEXT TO THE GRANGE CAR PARK**  
**WS1 2QB**

Walsall Arboretum  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct  
10am - 1pm

For additional information or to register your attendance, please email walsall reflexions - [bchft.reflexions@nhs.net](mailto:bchft.reflexions@nhs.net)

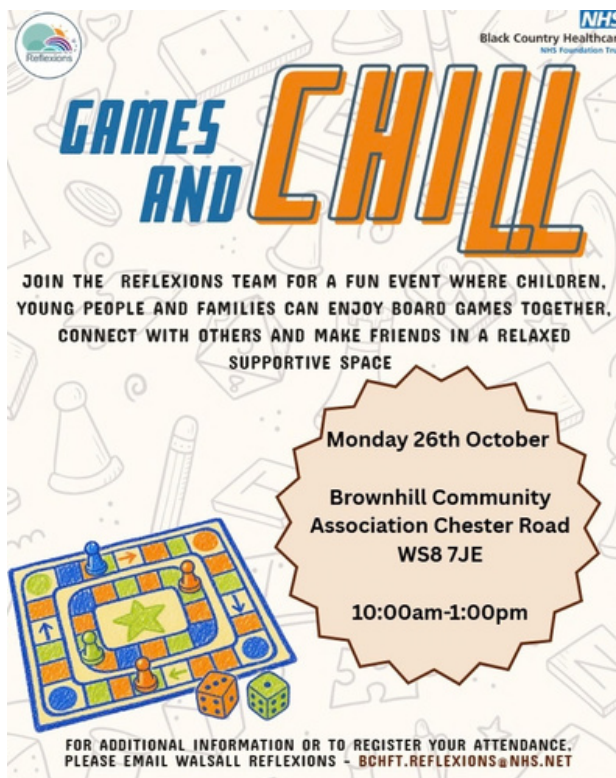


**SPOOKY CRAFTS & CHAT**

Join the Reflexions team for spooky Halloween crafts, fun and friendship! Children, young people and families can get creative, connect with others and build communication skills in a relaxed, supportive space.

**FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2026**  
**10AM-12PM**  
**THE NEW ART GALLERY WALSALL, ONE**  
**GALLERY SQUARE, WALSALL, WS2 8LN**

For additional information or to register your attendance, please email  
Walsall Reflexions - [bchft.reflexions@nhs.net](mailto:bchft.reflexions@nhs.net)



**GAMES AND CHILL**

JOIN THE REFLEXIONS TEAM FOR A FUN EVENT WHERE CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES CAN ENJOY BOARD GAMES TOGETHER. CONNECT WITH OTHERS AND MAKE FRIENDS IN A RELAXED SUPPORTIVE SPACE

**Monday 26th October**  
**Brownhill Community Association Chester Road**  
**WS8 7JE**  
**10:00am-1:00pm**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE, PLEASE EMAIL WALSALL REFLEXIONS - [bchft.reflexions@nhs.net](mailto:bchft.reflexions@nhs.net)



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**POLICE**



**1st October 2026 - Message from West Midlands Police**

### **Abandoned and Derelict Buildings**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're asking parents and carers to remind their children of the dangers that abandoned and derelict buildings pose.

We've received reports of people entering these building and causing damage. While these buildings may seem a fun and interesting place to explore or film in, they present a real risk to safety.

These building can be structurally unsafe, with the risk of the roof, walls and floor collapsing. There can be exposed electrical wiring and hidden shafts and well. Hazardous materials, broken glass and sharp objects can also pose further risk.

Entering these buildings without permission is illegal. It could lead to action taken due to trespassing, criminal damage or burglary. Those found entering could face police action and prosecution, which could impact their futures lives.

We've received reports of young people entering the buildings. So please speak with your children about the dangers of entering abandoned buildings. What may seem like harmless fun could lead to injury, or worse.

We're working with the owners of buildings to maximise security at the sites and ask for everyone's support.

By working together, we can help keep our young people safe and prevent serious injury or harm.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Walsall Local Policing Area  
West Midlands Police



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[westmidlands.police.uk](https://westmidlands.police.uk)