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PARENT & CARER NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMY

Written by Mrs L. Macey

As we move closer to half term, I would like to thank our students, staff and families for their continued support in ensuring a positive and productive start to the academic year.

Over the past few weeks, all teachers working with Year 10 students have carefully reviewed teaching groups and considered where adjustments may be beneficial. Following these discussions, some students will move groups after half term. These changes have been made with one clear objective: to create the best possible learning environment, improve focus in lessons and support every student in achieving their full potential.

We are also incredibly proud of our Year 11 boys' football team, who represented the academy superbly at a Wolves tournament on Thursday. The team demonstrated determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the competition, progressing all the way to the final. Although they were narrowly defeated by Q3 Academy, reaching the final was an outstanding achievement and we congratulate all involved.

On Thursday evening, we welcomed families to an online information meeting about the Borneo Expedition 2028. This exciting opportunity offers students the chance to develop independence, leadership skills and global awareness through a truly unforgettable experience. We look forward to

KEY DATES & EVENTS

PHA Sixth Halloween Charity Event: Friday
16th October

KS4 Blood Brothers Trip:
Wednesday 21st October

PHA Sixth Shrewsbury Prison Trip:
Thursday 22nd October

Barcelona Sports Trip:
Sunday 25th - Thursday 29th October

Half Term:
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

Year 11 Unlocking Your Potential Evening:
Tuesday 3rd November

PHA Sixth Open Evening:
Tuesday 3rd November

supporting those students who choose to embark on this remarkable adventure.

Finally, we are excited to welcome families to our Charity Halloween Event this evening, organised by our fantastic PHA Sixth Form students. The event will take place from 6.00pm to 8.00pm, with tickets available to purchase on the door. We hope many of you will join us for an evening of fun while supporting a worthy cause.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to ending this half term on a high and celebrating the many successes of our school community.



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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 why respect is important and how treating others with kindness, fairness, and consideration can help create a safe and inclusive school community.

Students discussed what respect looks like in everyday life, including listening to others, accepting different opinions, respecting personal boundaries, and including people rather than leaving them out. They also considered the impact of unkind behaviour and bullying, reflecting on survey findings about pupils' experiences of acceptance, kindness, and bullying in school.

The session encouraged students to reflect on their own behaviour and consider how small actions can make a positive difference to others. It reinforced our commitment to promoting respectful relationships, challenging unfair treatment, and ensuring that all students feel valued, accepted, and safe within our school community.

YEAR 7 MUSIC UPDATE

Our Year 7 students are singing and developing their vocal accuracy this half term in Music. They are working on structuring and singing a range of styles. We are delighted how Year 7 are applying their knowledge, understanding and skills and very much look forward to our next half term as we approach the Christmas period - The Music Department





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ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

The countdown to Anti-Bullying Week is on! From Monday 16 to Friday 20 November, our PHAmily will be supporting Anti-Bullying Week 2026, with this year's theme: Break the Silence.

We have lots planned to celebrate kindness, encourage everyone to speak up and recognise those who make a difference:

- Monday 16 November – Odd Socks Day: Wear your odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique! Minimum donation: 50p.
- Bookmark designing in Art lessons.
- Kindness Raffle: Win hot chocolate and cake with Mrs Macey!
- Break the Silence Poster Competition: Win Love2shop vouchers!
- "Who Helped You?" Wall: Recognise someone who has helped or supported you.
- Friday 20 November – Disco: Round off the week with a celebration!

Everyone deserves to feel safe, valued and heard. Together, let's spread kindness, support one another and break the silence on bullying.





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SPORT FIXTURES & RESULTS

Results

Monday 12th October - Year 8 girls football team lost 3-0 to Aldridge.

Tuesday 13th October - Year 9 boys football team came second in the tournament held at Walsall Academy.

Wednesday 14th October - Year 7 boys football team came second and fourth in a tournament held at Joseph Leckie.

Wednesday 14th October U15's girls football team game was called off against Walsall Academy.

Wednesday 14th October - Year 9 girls Netball team played 5 games at St Thomas Moore. They won 3, drew 1 and lost 1.

Thursday 15th October - Year 11 boys football team finished runners up in a tournament at Wolves.

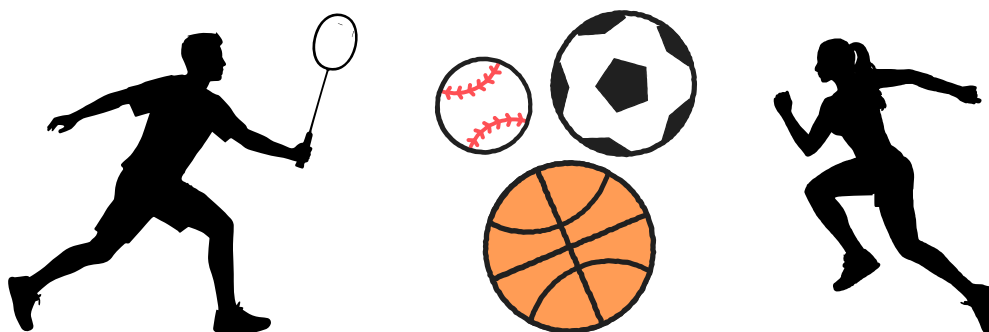
Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 20th October - Year 8 boys football team tournament at Shelfield.

Wednesday 21st October - Year 7 girls netball team play at St Thomas Moore.

Wednesday 21st October - Year 8 girls netball team play at St Francis.

Wednesday 21st October - Year 11 boys football team tournament at Streetly.





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POWER UP NOTIFICATIONS

A new Sparx Power Up will be available from:

- Maths = Monday at 8am - 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

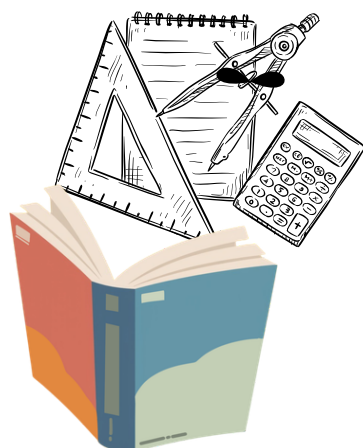
Our students have had a #PHAntastic week and have earned lots of positive points. As an academy they have achieved **290,240 positive points!** The year group with the most points this week was **Year 7** who managed to achieve **9,140 points**. **11P1** are this week's form leaders and together as a team they racked up **1,744!** 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 **604 hours** and read **374 different books!** In Maths we have answered **128,135 questions!** In Science we have answered **64,856 questions!**

On Languagenut students have earned an impressive **1,908,400 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 we move through October, Careers @ PHA is here to share opportunities, raise aspirations and help you explore the different pathways your future could take.

I'm Mr Lewis, your Careers Lead, and this week we spotlight Electric Vehicle Engineer as our Career of the Week and explore T Levels in Routes Reveal, helping every student feel informed, confident and supported.

MINI CAREERS FACT OF THE WEEK!

EV ENGINEERS WORK BEYOND CARS - DEVELOPING ELECTRIC BUSES, LORRIES, MOTORCYCLES AND EVEN AIRCRAFT.



CAREER OF THE WEEK - ELECTRIC VEHICLE ENGINEER

What the job is:

EV Engineers develop electric vehicles, batteries, motors and charging technology for the future of transport.

Skills needed:

Engineering, problem-solving, maths, technology, teamwork.

Salary range:

£30,000 - £55,000 (specialist roles £65,000+).

Training routes:

- College Engineering courses
- Engineering and Manufacturing T Level
- Engineering degree apprenticeships
- Electrical/Mechanical Engineering degrees



Routes Reveal

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

What are T-Levels? - T-Levels are two-year, career-focused qualifications designed with employers. Think of them as a mix of classroom learning and real work experience - around 45 days in industry.

Who are they for?

Students who want hands-on learning, a clear route into a specific industry, and progression into apprenticeships, university, or skilled employment.

Examples at local colleges:

- Health & Science
- Education & Early Years
- Digital Production
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Business Support
- Construction (various trades)

Where can they lead?

Higher apprenticeships, university courses, or entry-level roles.



ASK MR LEWIS

What if my work experience goes badly?

It's still useful - you learn what you don't want and build resilience.

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

UPCOMING DATES!

Tue 3rd Nov - PHA Sixth Open Evening

Thur 5th Nov - Walsall College Open Day

Thur 28th Nov - University of Wolverhampton -
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)



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
 (No after school activities)	 Show Rehearsals (After School) Library (After School) Badminton Fitness Club	 Netball Boys Football Performing Arts Industry Training Yr11-13 Library (After School)	 Basketball Girls Football Choir MT1 - Room K53 - 3.30 - 4.20 Library (After School) Dance Club (Year 9, 10 & 11 - 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 Dance Club (Year 7 & 8 - Lunchtime) Badminton Library	 Library Chess Club (Lunchtime) Instrumental Club - Room 51

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PHA SIXTH presents..

HALLOWEEN

ULTIMATE CHARITY EVENT

ALL MONEY
RAISED GOES
TOWARDS
THE
NSPCC

**16TH
OCT
2026**

- SCARE MAZE
- QUIZ
- LIVE BAND
- & MORE

UNDER 5: FREE
6-16 : £2
ADULTS: £3
FAMILY: £7

costumes are welcome..
6-8 PM we want to see
you there!



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**SANDWELL DEAF
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**



**WE'RE
BACK!**



**Youth Club for
Children and
young people**

Age: 8 – 17

AMAZING!

Who can join?

Deaf

Hard of Hearing

Deafblind

Hearing aid users

Cochlear implant or
other hearing device
users

What to expect:

Make new friends

Share experiences

Enjoy creative
activities & games

Take part in fun
sessions & gaming

Be yourself in a
supportive space

First Meet

19th October

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Yew Tree and Tamebridge
Community Centre,
Redwood Road,
Walsall,
WS5 4LB

**LET'S
GO!**

EVERY MONDAY –
TERM TIME ONLY
No club during
school half terms or
holidays.

Don't miss out! Let's
have some fun!

**FOLLOW US
IN OUR
SOCIAL MEDIA!**



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