

THE WEEK AT POOL ACADEMY

FRIDAY – 17.7.26

MESSAGES:

Our final newsletter of the year highlights some of the fantastic experiences our students have enjoyed over the past week, including the Year 7 and 8 trip to Alton Towers, the Football Development Tour in Barcelona, and the Year 10 Geography trip to Bristol. We also pay tribute to our retiring Principal, Mr Ward, and thank him for his years of dedicated service to Pool Academy.

We would like to wish all of our students, staff, and families a restful and enjoyable summer break. We hope you have a wonderful time to relax and recharge, and we look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students on **Monday 7th September**, followed by the rest of our students on **Tuesday 8th September**.

- This year, we are saying goodbye to Mr Ward (Principal), Mr Turner (History Teacher) and Mrs Sutcliffe (Executive Assistant, Communications and Clerk to Governors), who are all retiring. A thank you letter from Mr Ward is included [here](#). We are also saying goodbye to Mr Clark (Maths Teacher), Mr Jones (English Teacher), Ms Oatham (Cover Lead), and Miss Roberts (Cover Supervisor). We would like to thank them for their dedication and service to the school and wish them the very best in their future endeavours.

We look forward to welcoming Mr Thompson as Executive Principal, Mrs Thompson as Head of School and Mrs Martin as Executive Assistant in September.

We are also pleased to announce two internal appointments. Mr Durant, currently Head of Year 7 and Transition Lead, has been appointed Assistant Associate Principal (Behaviour), while Mrs Day, currently Head of Expressive Arts, has been appointed Assistant Associate Principal (Community and Transition). We congratulate them on their new roles and look forward to the positive impact they will continue to make within our school community.

We are also delighted to welcome the following new members of staff who will be joining our teaching and support teams:

- History Teacher: Anastasia Ougrin
 - Cover Lead: Alex Ould
 - English Teacher: Liz McPherson-Staples
 - PE Teacher: Zack Heard
 - PE Teacher: Jack Dunstan
 - Operational Designated Safeguarding Lead: Steve Connor-Hemming
- To give you clarity before you begin purchasing new school shoes for the upcoming term, we would like to share a [reminder of our uniform expectations with regard to shoes](#).
 - Please see information [here](#) about the Summer Playscheme at Gwealan Tops Adventure Playground, located on School Lane, Redruth.
 - Looking for something to do this summer? Redruth Library is hosting a series of workshops specifically for 11-17 year olds. It's a great opportunity to get involved, learn something new, and connect with others in the community during the break. For more information please follow [this link](#).

STUDENTS:



On Thursday, the school came together to give Mr Ward a truly memorable send-off. As he made his way onto the multi-use games area, he was greeted with a rapturous round of applause and a guard of honour formed by both students and staff.

Mr Ward was surprised with a cricket match featuring staff and students. The atmosphere was fantastic, with the whole school lining the boundary to cheer, clap and encourage the

players. There was plenty of laughter, and a real sense of community as everyone came together to celebrate Mr Ward's many years of dedicated service to Pool Academy.

It was a fitting tribute to a much-loved Principal, and we wish him a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.



Our Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed an unforgettable day at Alton Towers, packed with excitement, adventure and plenty of laughter.

From adrenaline-fuelled rollercoasters to spending quality time with friends, students embraced every opportunity to make the most of the experience. It was fantastic to see so many of them stepping outside their comfort zones, encouraging one another and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

We are incredibly proud of every student who represented Pool Academy on the trip. Their behaviour, manners and respect were outstanding throughout the day, and staff received numerous compliments about how polite, kind and responsible they were. They were a real credit to themselves, their families and our school.

A huge thank you also goes to the staff who gave up their time to make this fantastic trip possible. Their support and enthusiasm helped create a memorable experience that our students will be talking about for years to come.





Last week, 22 students travelled to Barcelona for our annual Football Development Tour. The five-day, four-night trip was packed with football training, fixtures, beach visits, shopping, and plenty of time in the swimming pool.

Throughout the week, the students took part in two training sessions at a training facility in Salou. The boys played a fixture against local opposition, winning 5-0, while the girls secured an impressive 2-2 draw against another local team.

They also enjoyed a full day at PortAventura World, where students experienced some fantastic rides and attractions.

On the final day, the group took part in a guided tour of Barcelona before visiting the Nou Camp. Although the stadium is currently undergoing redevelopment, the students still had an amazing experience with the immersive tour.



Next year's trip will be to Madrid, where students will visit Real Madrid, and will take place from 5-9 July 2027.

For more information about the 2027 Real Madrid tour, please contact Mark Fuller at mfuller@poolacademy.uk.



Year 10 Geographers had a great time away in Bristol investigating the urban regeneration of the Temple Quarter area. There was lots of walking, sketching, annotating and fact finding. In addition, there was lots of fun with an evening at Hollywood Bowl where it got rather competitive, followed by a showing of Moana that resulted in lots of quiet singing! The students were fantastic throughout the trip and were a credit to themselves and the school.



An Extraordinary Opportunity for Year 9 & Year 10!

Imagine spending 4 weeks in Cambodia, working on vital community and conservation projects, trekking through incredible landscapes, and making lifelong memories.

In summer 2028, our upcoming Year 9 and 10 students have the chance to do just that. This self-funded expedition is a unique journey of personal development, with students taking charge of their own fundraising from day one.

Come along to our information evening to find out more about the expedition. itinerary, safety, cost and how we support students with their fundraising goals!

See you there!



Pool Academy

Cambodia Trek, Summer 2028

Come along to our Parent Presentation on:

Monday 5th October, 6pm-7pm, In School



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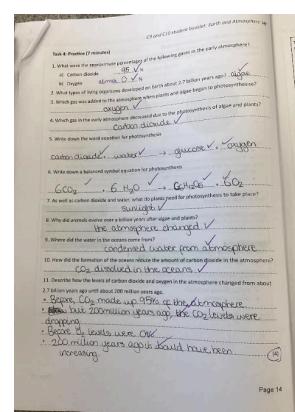
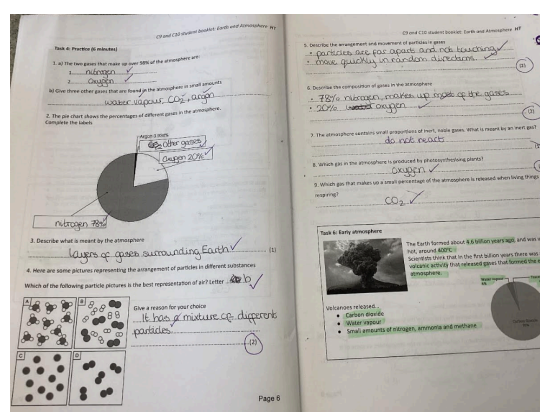
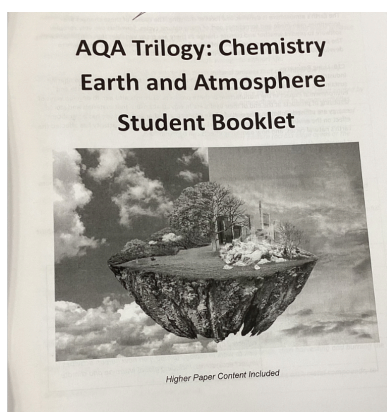
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CLASSROOM CLIPS: SCIENCE (YEAR 10)

The Year 10 students have continued to work hard since completing their mock exams. After spending time reviewing their papers and identifying areas for improvement, they have moved on to studying the chemistry of Earth's atmosphere.

This has been a fascinating topic, exploring how Earth's atmosphere has evolved from one that was very similar to Mars'—with virtually no oxygen and unable to support life—to the atmosphere we know today. Students have also learnt about the different pollutants found in the atmosphere, including sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide, and the impact these have on the environment. A key focus of the topic has been understanding the science behind the greenhouse effect, alongside analysing graphs that show the relationship between atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations and global average temperatures.

As a department, we are incredibly proud of how hard the year group has continued to work right through to the end of term. There have been some fantastic mock exam results, and the students have put themselves in a strong position as they prepare for the challenges of Year 11. We look forward to seeing them build on this success in September.



EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 7TH SEPTEMBER (WEEK A):

- **Monday 7th September**
 - Year 7 only in school
 - School Production Rehearsals, 3-5pm
- **Tuesday 8th September**
 - All year groups return to school
 - School Production Rehearsals, 3-5pm

CAREERS:

Each week we focus on a career pathway to highlight. This week we are looking at a career as a Website Designer.



Please follow [this link](#) to learn more about careers as a Website Designer.

If there is a particular pathway you would like to find out more about, please email enquiries@poolacademy.uk.

PRAISE POSTCARD RECIPIENTS:

Students are awarded a Praise Postcard for their class work, effort and attitude. This week we have given out a total of 122 Praise Postcards! Please see below for this week's recipients.

