



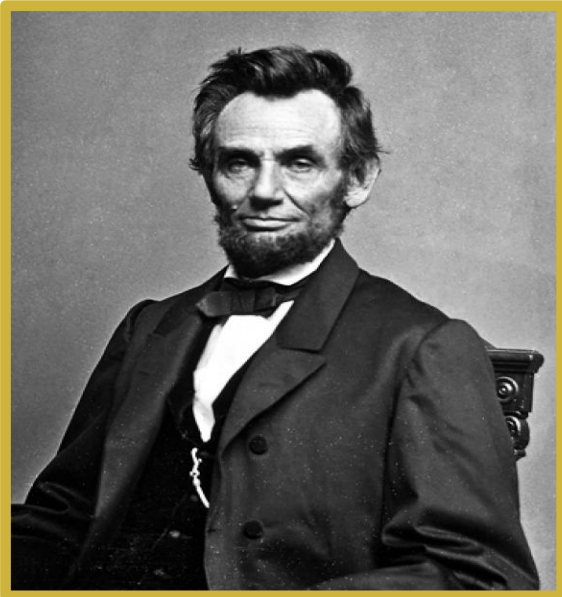
WELCOME TO KS4 EVENING

at

POOL ACADEMY

Tuesday 29th September
5.30 - 6.30pm

Welcome to KS4
Parent information evening



**‘The best way to predict your
future is to create it.’**

Abraham Lincoln

Your child can create the future they most want

100% ownership from students, parents, teachers, subject leads & senior leaders to ensure world-class outcomes

"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." Helen Keller



We are **all** in the wolfpack. We are **all** bringing sky-high support to our Y10s.

What

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The aim of this presentation

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1. Why we do what we do!

2. Changes to the school day

3. Coursework

4. Exams and Yr 11

5. Careers + Work Experience

6. Student Services + Wellbeing

The Prepare Plan at Pool Works!

A8 SCORE:
48 | **OUR BEST FOR YEARS!**



36 → 48 IN TWO YEARS
An average grade of nearly **5** across **8** subjects

POOL ACADEMY IS MAKING MOVES!



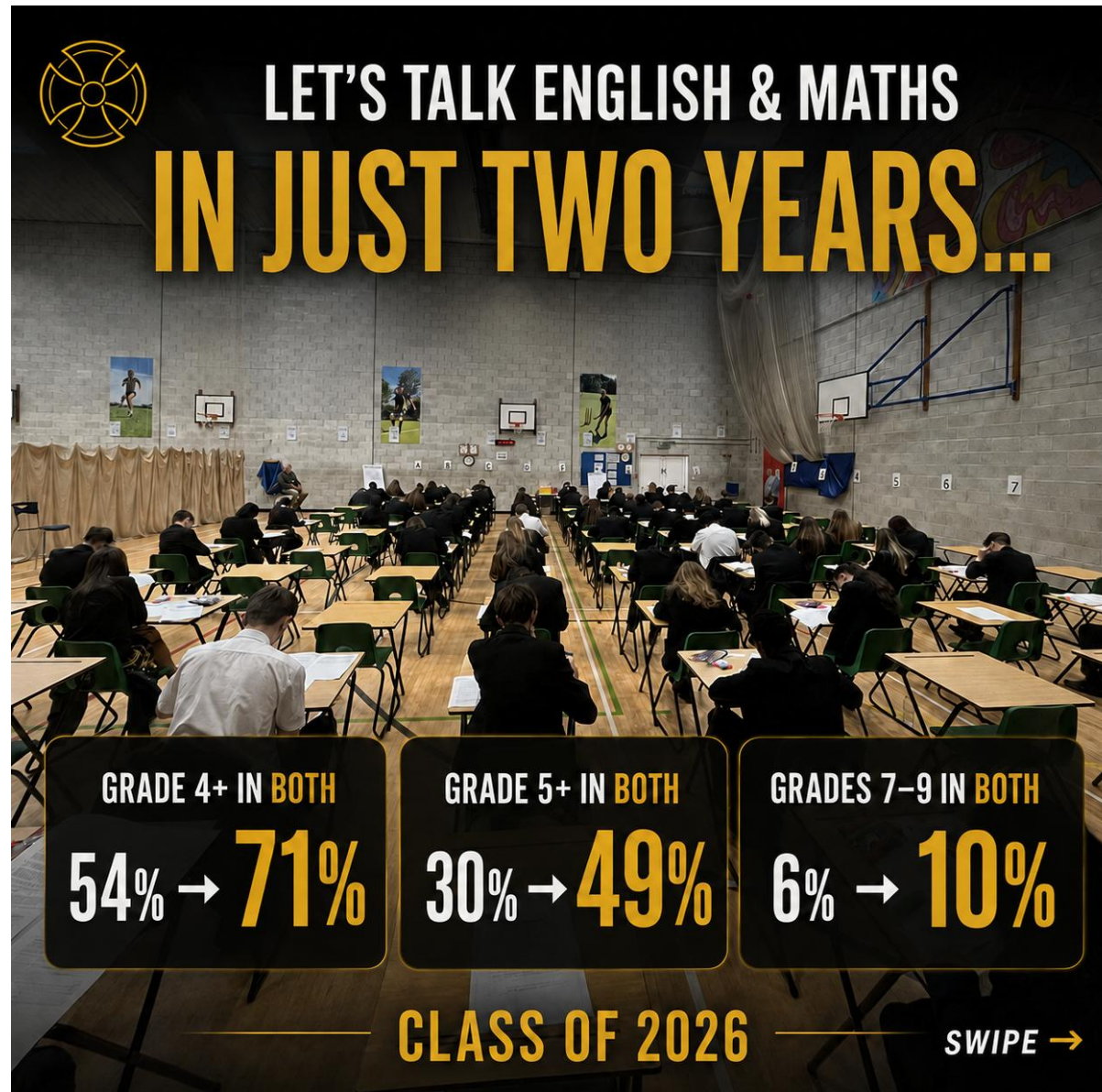
24%
OF GRADES WERE 7+
ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGE

58.2%
OF GRADES WERE 5+
ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGE

75.4%
OF GRADES WERE 4+
WELL ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGE

WELL DONE, CLASS OF 2026!

Engage and you'll see the rewards!



What

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Dream Big

- Have an ambitious goal for your future

Take responsibility

- Attendance
- Punctuality
- Behaviour
- Homework (Revision)

Be Kind

- Treating others with respect says a lot about your own character



What

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2. The school day

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Breakfast Club	0745 - 0825	<i>if they missed it at home!</i>
Period 0	0840 - 0910	<i>specialist time</i>
Social lunch	1325 - 1355	<i>DT4 space to chill out</i>
Monday Period 6	1500 - 1600	<i>specialist time</i>

What

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Monday Period 6

New this year..

- Extra time for coursework in the IT suites supported by Mr Rogers and Mrs Palmer-Round every Monday 3 – 4pm.

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Period 0 - SPECIALIST TIME

New this year..

- Tutor groups reorganised into ones to support students with completing coursework for their options subjects.
- This may be literacy focused, directly coursework focused or a digital award.

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Extra SPECIALIST TIME WHY?

60% of most of the BTEC coursework in the option subjects will be completed by 15th May 2027, with some deadlines in January!

That's 60% of the course done in Year 10



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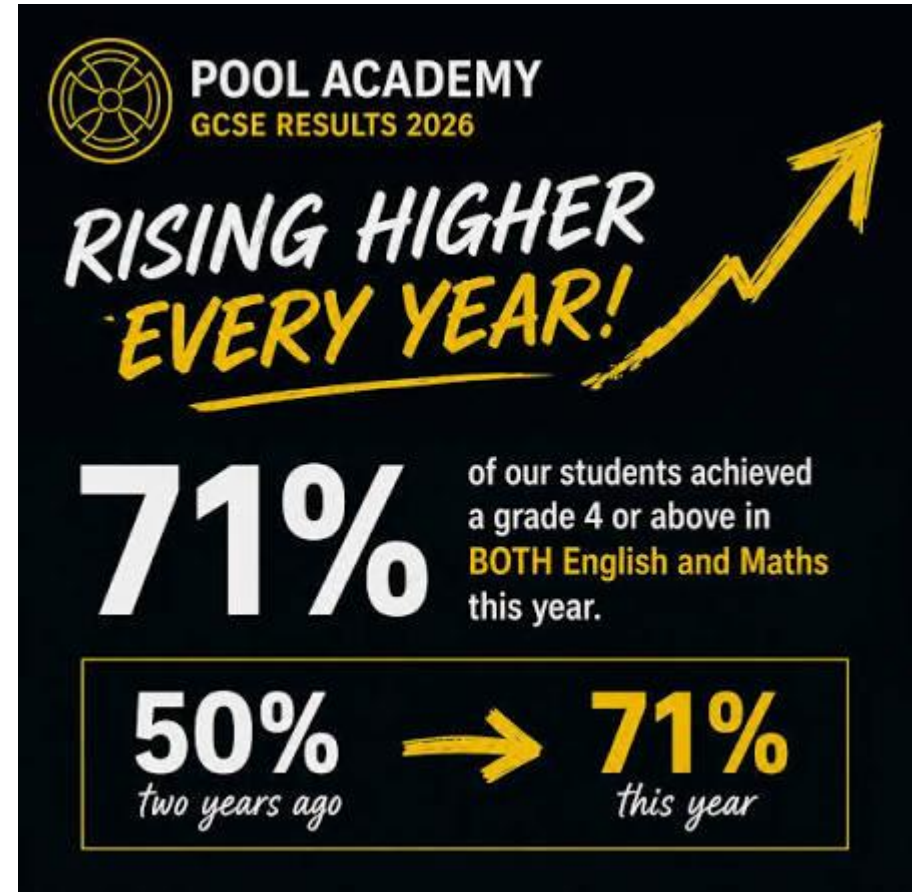
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Year 11

- Period 0
- Period 6
- Mock and real exams
- Revision (homework)
- College applications by Dec 2027
- College interviews



Exams

Mrs Murray (exams officer) smurray@poolacademy.uk

Any problems get in touch in plenty of time!



Mock 1

Year 10
May-July

All subjects

Mock 2

Year 11
Oct - Nov

Core + Hums +
Business + imedia

Mock 3

Year 11
Jan - Feb

All subjects

Real Exams 2028

May-June
All subjects

What

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Careers Opportunities for Year 10

- Thursday 10th December – Careers Fair, 11am–6pm
- Thursday 4th March – Year 10 Parents' Evening (Colleges will be attending)
- Mock interviews 19th-20th Jan
- Cornwall College and Truro College open days for schools July - dates TBC



What

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**Open days and
evenings – check
their websites!**



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Extra Curricular Activities

- More equipment and clubs becoming available at lunchtimes
- Advertised open days/evenings for Colleges and 6th Forms
- School production
- Sports clubs every day including Fridays after school
- Various music opportunities e.g. Samba band and choir
- Homework club
- Variety of trips in this country + abroad
- Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Camps International

What

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Pool Academy

Cambodia Scuba, Summer 2028

Come along to our Parent Presentation on:

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



with booking
code:

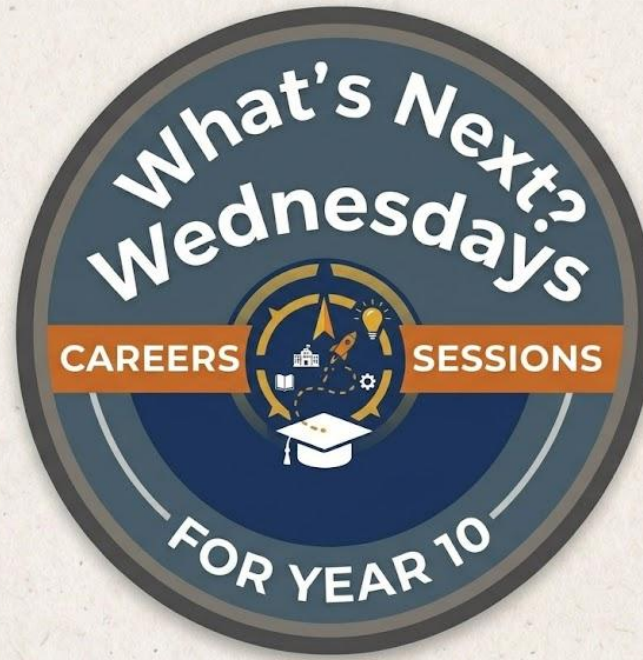
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What

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Year 10 careers support
Unifrog
CV/personal statement writing
Work experience support
Mock interview preparation

What	Why
How	If

- Our careers platform.
- Unifrog starts with Personality and skills quizzes.
- Unifrog gives ideas about what sort of employers are looking for people with skills and interests that match the students.

What

Why

How

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unifrog

- Unifrog can show both national and local employers in specified careers.
- Unifrog offers courses and careers advice via their live streams – many of these are online from 4.30 – 5.30pm.

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- Unifrog will help build CV and personal statements ready to use with work experience providers (some expect this), mock interviews and college applications/interviews in Year 11.

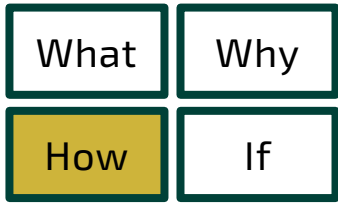
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Finding a placement

It is your responsibility to find a work experience placement

Who completes the essential FORM?

- STUDENTS: page 1
- Employer: pages 2 & 3.
- STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS: sign page 1 & 4

Where can I get a form? Reception

Information Classification: CONTROLLED

CORNWALL SCHOOLS WORK EXPERIENCE SCHEME

Work Experience Placement Approval & Consent Form	Deadline for Return to School _____
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This form is designed to enable the student, employer, parents or carers and the school to share essential information to make sure the health, safety and welfare of the student has been considered and that all the partners approve of the placement taking place.

Instructions for Completion

Step 1 - Parents/carers fill in section 1.
Step 2 - Employer fills in section 2 (pages 2 and 3) and signs page 3 and returns the form to the student or parent/carer or the school.
Step 3 - Parent/carer and the student read details provided by employer and sign consent on page 4 then return the form to the school.
Step 4 - The School completes the Approval and Consent section on page 4.

(Please Note: Employer MUST have Public and Employers' Liability Insurance to cover placement)

Section 1 - INFORMATION ABOUT THE STUDENT

Placement Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Name of School: _____

Telephone Number of School: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Name of Student: _____ DOB: _____ Age in years : _____

Address: _____

Post Code _____ Tel. No: _____ Emergency Contact Tel. No: _____

Name of Emergency Contact: _____

What	Why
How	If



What if I can't find a placement?

- Speak to tutors on What's Next Wednesdays who will support with this.

Industry/Sector	ORGANISATION	ADDRESS	CONTACT NAME:	CONTACT NUMBER	CONTACT EMAIL	APPROVED BY CORNWALL COUNCIL Summer 2026:	Notes
	Adventure Play					Approved	
	Aggie Beach Hotel					Approved	
	AION Industries					Request too late, cant attend	
	AL Evans Window Cleaning					Approved	
	Anson Care Sevices						

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	Mesnes Carpet Centre Ltd					Approved		
	MJL							
	National Trust, St Michael's Mount							
	Nevada Construction							
	Newquay Junior Academy					Approved		

What	Why
How	If



Deadlines

By October half term...

All students to have completed their Unifrog quizzes

All students to have completed as much of their CV as they can.

By November 6th...

All students to have contacted at least one potential employer for work experience.

By December 17th...

All students to have filled out a work experience form, signed by themselves, their parents AND their employer and returned it to Mrs Curnow on main reception!

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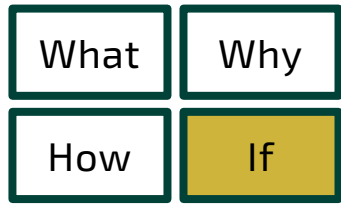
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Support from parents

Outside of School:

1. Being a role model
2. Help them set goals
3. Keep them active
4. Healthy eating
5. Time out
6. Sleep patterns
7. Unplugging
8. Staying cool & calm
9. Belief
10. Be supportive





What if...



I don't get my forms in on time?

Your placement may not be approved by Cornwall Council and you may not be able to go!

My employer cancels the placement?

If before February half term – repeat the process with a new employer.

If after – speak to Mr Roberts first.

I am worried I've made the wrong choice?

Speak to your tutor, Mr Roberts, Mrs Davies or Mrs Curnow as soon as possible so we can support you.

I have other questions?

See Mr Roberts!