

THE WEEK AT POOL ACADEMY

FRIDAY – 27.2.26

MESSAGES:

Welcome back to Pool Academy for the first week after half term! We hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and enjoyable break.

This week's newsletter is packed with news and upcoming events, including details on the upcoming Science Festival and Quiz Night, a huge well done to our Carousel Champions and English Star Students, and an update on the Kenya Expedition thanks to the generous support from the Rotary Club.

You'll also find a recap of the successful Year 9 Options Evening, the Classroom Clip featuring Year 10 iMedia and an overview of exciting future events like the Careers Fair and a visit from the University of Cambridge.

- If your child is in Year 9, 10 or 11, you will recently have received a message asking you to update your child's photograph consents using [this google form](#). There is still time to do this before the deadline of 9th March. We like to share photos of our students, and would love to include your child in these!

STUDENTS:

Pool Academy students and families are invited to the incredible Science Festival this Saturday 7th March, at Penwith College in Penzance!

Explore the Land, Sea, and Life Zones with exciting talks on everything from Forensic Geoscience and Manta Rays to Living Soil and Fire Science. Activities are suitable for ages 11+, 14+, 16+, with family-friendly workshops for younger children too!

Booking is highly recommended as spaces are limited for talks.





Our Year 11s have been hard at work on their Carousel revision homework in preparation for their GCSE exams. Well done to all our students who have completed the homework, with a special congratulations to this week's Carousel Champions, who will be presented with a special certificate in assembly in recognition of their great effort and commitment to achieving brilliant results. This week's champions, who scored 100% in all their revision quizzes are:

Carousel Superstars! 100%

Eva B, Hannah C, Amelia G, Alex G, Jake H, Tanatswa, Oliver R, Adelina, Amaiah, Ethan W, Sophia W, Hollie W, Freya B, Evie B-F, Hannah C, Sam C, Lucy F, Melyn, Isobel G, Josh M, Luke N, Natasha, Lowenna, Amelia W, Zac, Reuben, Tinotenda, Harley M, Hannah R, Poppy C, Temera-Jane, Alesha P, Karl, Norutendo.



☀ English Star Students ☀

A big well done to our latest English Star Students:

- ☀ Noah T
- ☀ Hollie W
- ☀ Natasha P

These students have been recognised for their fantastic effort, positive attitude and commitment to their learning in English. We are incredibly proud of your hard work and enthusiasm — keep shining!

Rotary Club Visit and Generous Support for Kenya Expedition - This week, Miss Smith had the pleasure of attending a local Rotary Club meeting to share details about the upcoming Kenya expedition. She spoke about the exciting — and challenging — experiences the students will undertake, and the impact the trip will have both personally and within the communities they will be supporting.

We are incredibly grateful to the Rotary Club for their warm welcome and generous donation of £250 towards the Travelling Teacher place. Their support will make a meaningful difference in helping make this expedition possible.

Miss Smith is looking forward to returning in the Autumn to share highlights and experiences from the trip.

Thank you again to the Rotary Club for their continued support of our students and wider school community.



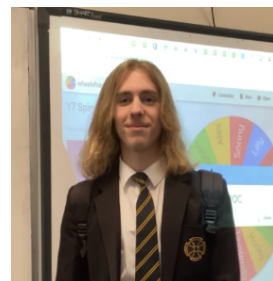
We had a fantastic turnout for our Year 9 Options Evening this week! Students and parents/carers had the opportunity to speak with teachers and subject leads about the courses on offer, helping them make informed and confident choices for the future.

We were also delighted to welcome representatives from the Army, Police and Cornwall College, who provided valuable guidance on future pathways and opportunities beyond school.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported such a positive and informative evening. We're excited to see our Year 9 students take their next steps!



Well done to our Sparx Reader champions this week! It's fantastic to see so many students developing positive reading routines and being recognised for their efforts. Keep turning those pages and striving for even more success!



SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 7	
MACI W	2734
ETHAN M	2084
MITCHEL O	1106

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 8	
KARINA S	1182
OSCAR E	860
AJAY R	775

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 9	
STEVE S	1018
BLAKE R	888
KAITLYNN S	886

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 10	
NOKUTENDA V	585
AVA C	567
TARAN G	410



Pool Academy's next Quiz Night will be in the Main Hall on Thursday 26th March, from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm! Last time we had a fantastic turnout, and we're looking forward to another fun evening of community, challenge, and friendly competition.

Teams can be up to 8 people and could include families, friends, or students. Parents don't need to bring children if they'd prefer, and students are welcome to take part independently.

A strict no-phone rule will be in place to ensure a fair contest — so leave your phones out of sight!

By popular demand, the Musical Theatre round has been added, alongside a variety of other quiz challenges.

We'll share details of refreshments closer to the event — come ready for a fun evening of quizzing and community spirit. Entry is £1 on the door, and cash will be appreciated for any food, drinks, or treats available on the night.

We can't wait to see you there!

CLASSROOM CLIPS: iMEDIA (YEAR 10)

The Year 10 iMedia group have made great progress on the Cambridge National course so far this year. They have completed the Visual Identity unit, creating a branding package for Little Land of Fun - a fictional theme park - and a three fold leaflet (see example work from Phoebe C). Their work combines both paper and computer-based tasks, giving them experience with a range of media tools and methods. They are now working on producing a character and storyline for a short comic strip which is focused on healthy eating, applying their skills in graphic design and storytelling to create an engaging and informative media product.



"I really enjoyed coming up with a visual identity and leaflet that was suitable for the families that would go to Little Land of Fun. I am really happy with how I managed to find the right colours and themes to make it look like a fun place to go."

Phoebe C (Yr 10)



"Creating a logo for Little Land of Fun was quite a challenge but I managed to make something that appeals to the target audience. Overall, making the leaflet was a fun and enjoyable experience and I learnt lots about how to use Photoshop."

Tevin J (Yr 10)

Meanwhile the Year 11 iMedia group have now completed the course, having sat their final exam in early January. They will all be receiving their final exam results on the 19th March, straight after which they will have their final subject grade confirmed - their first in a busy year of exams and assessment!



The Cambridge National in Creative iMedia is a hands-on qualification designed to bridge the gap between classroom learning and the professional digital world. Students master industry-standard software to create high-quality digital products. The course focuses heavily on the "pre-production" phase, teaching students how to plan, manage, and execute projects just like a professional studio. They develop a versatile portfolio that serves as a direct gateway into high-growth careers in film, gaming, digital marketing, and animation. Year 9 students will have the chance to select Creative iMedia for key Stage 4 in the currently running Options process.

[Next Week's Sports Bulletin](#)

 SPORTING INSPIRATION PROGRAMME 3 – 4 pm Week Beginning 2 nd March 2026	
<u>Weekly Extra-Curricular Activities</u> (Please come to the Gym changing rooms at 3pm) <u>Monday</u> Girls Football (MF) – All Years Badminton (SBR) – All Years <u>Tuesday</u> Girls Rugby (MRS) – All Years <u>Wednesday</u> Hockey (SBR) – All Years <u>Thursday</u> Fixtures <u>Friday</u> No clubs	<u>Weekly Fixtures</u> <u>Monday – 2.3.26</u> - Boys Football vs Helston (Away) Year 9 - Return @ 5.20pm <u>Tuesday – 3.3.26</u> - Boys Football vs Truro School (Away) Year 7 & 8 - Return @ 5.30pm - TBC - Girls Football vs Truro School (Away) Year 9/10 - Return @ 5.30pm - TBC <u>Thursday – 5.3.26</u> - Hockey vs Helston (Home) Year 7, 8 & 9 - Finish @ 5pm <u>Friday – 6.3.26</u> - U15 Girls County Cup Football (Away) Penryn College - Return @ 3pm

Parents and carers are invited to come and enjoy watching their child play in our school teams **from 4.15pm onwards**.

If you need to use the toilets, parents / carers will need to use the facilities near the sports hall. Students are to use the facilities by the PE changing rooms.

Enjoy the game and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Next Week's Menu

Lunch Week 2 All our ingredients are locally sourced and delivered fresh by local suppliers. Our eggs are free-range and Red Lion stamped, our fish is sustainably sourced and MSC approved and our meat is British Red Tractor accredited wherever possible. Spring 2023					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Beef Ragu with Diced Herb Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Penne Pasta	Katsu Chicken Curry with Coconut Rice, Potato Wedges, Slaw	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli	Pulled Pork with Cajun Wedges, Slaw, BBQ Beans	Battered Fish with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans
Plant Based / Vegetarian Main Meal	Vegetable Chilli with Diced Herb Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Penne Pasta	Spinich & Lentil Curry with Coconut Rice, Potato Wedges, Slaw	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli	Mac & Cheese with Cajun Wedges, Slaw, BBQ Beans	Sweet Potato Falafel Gyros with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans
Street Food	Piri Piri Chicken Wrap	Chicken Burrito	Folded Tikka Naan	Pulled Pork & Stuffing Wrap	Chicken Gyros
Takeaway Tubs	Penne Arrabiata or Tomato & Chorizo	Penne Arrabiata or Tomato & Mascarpone	Penne Arrabiata or Chicken & Tomato	Penne Arrabiata or Mac & Cheese	Penne Arrabiata or Roasted Vegetable
Pizza Slice	Margherita or Pepperoni	Margherita or Ham & Tomato	Margherita or Chicken & Sweetcorn	Margherita or American Hot	Margherita or BBQ Chicken
Jacket Potato	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings
Desserts	A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE CAKES	A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE CAKES	A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE CAKES	A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE CAKES	A SELECTION OF HOMEMADE CAKES



Meal Deal

Main Meal with vegetables and dessert





All of our main meals, sandwiches & desserts are freshly made on site every day.



EVENTS NEXT WEEK (WEEK A)

[Link to the School Calendar](#)

- Wednesday 4th March - Fashion Show, 5pm
- Thursday 5th March - Careers Fair, from 3pm

CAREERS:

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

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

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



We're thrilled to be welcoming visitors from the University of Cambridge into Pool Academy on Tuesday 10th March!

Students will get a chance to hear about:

- ✨ What it's really like to study at Cambridge
- 💷 Costs, bursaries, and entry routes
- 🚀 How top universities connect to future careers

 On the day:

- Year 9 Assembly
- Year 11 Workshop (P1)
- Year 10 Workshop (P2)

If your child is in Y10-11 and interested in attending a workshop, they can sign up with Mrs Clark in En5 now!



We're excited to be hosting our Careers Fair on Thursday 5th March! 🎓 ✨

Students will have the chance to explore future pathways with a wide range of exhibitors, including Camborne College, Cornwall College and Truro and Penwith College, alongside over 20 local and national businesses.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us from 3pm–5pm to speak with exhibitors, ask questions and help support your child in planning their future.

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to explore careers, courses and opportunities all in one place!

Exciting Engineering Apprenticeship Opportunities with Pall

Students interested in a career in engineering are invited to explore the "Earn while you learn" apprenticeships available at Pall. These opportunities offer hands-on experience in cutting-edge filtration technology for aerospace and other industries.

Apprenticeship Pathways:

- Craft - Fabrication: Learn to transform sheet metal into precision components using skills like welding, bending, and forming.
- Craft - Machining: Dive into precision machining, from manual turning to advanced CNC programming, producing components for industry leaders like Airbus and Rolls-Royce.
- Technician: Ideal for those focused on design and process improvement, this pathway focuses on engineering design, CAD/CAM, and problem-solving.



Apprentice Open Day

Tour the dedicated apprentice training area and learn more at their upcoming Open Day on Tuesday, 17th March 2026, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

To register your interest in the apprenticeships, please send an email with the subject line ROI REDRUTH to: redruth_apprenticeships@pall.com

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 513 Praise Postcards! Please see below for this week's recipients.

