

THE WEEK AT POOL ACADEMY

FRIDAY – 30.1.26

MESSAGES:

We wanted to share a brief update with our school community regarding leadership at Pool Academy. Interviews for the role of Executive Headteacher have taken place on Thursday and Friday this week. Two candidates were shortlisted following a rigorous recruitment process. As a Trust and school, we hold very high expectations and are committed to appointing only the very best fit for Pool Academy. For this reason, we may choose not to appoint unless we are confident the right person has been found. If we are successful in appointing an Executive Headteacher, we will then move forward with advertising for a Head of School. Interviews for this role would take place over the next few weeks. We understand how important strong leadership is for our students, staff, and families, and we will of course keep you fully updated as the process continues. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Pool Academy.

This week at Pool Academy has been a busy one, filled with fantastic achievements and important upcoming events. We are celebrating the commitment and talent of our students, including Nathan O, who has been selected for an international cricket tour, and Oliver S, who is actively involved with Cornwall Search Dogs. Our Year 9 and 10 drama students delivered a truly impressive performance at the Hall for Cornwall, and we proudly recognise this week's Year 11 'Carousel Champions' for their exceptional dedication to revision.

- Vaccinations for students in [Year 8](#) and also [Years 9, 10, and 11](#) will take place on 11th February. Parents and carers of students in these year groups should look out for an email with full details on how to book an appointment.
- Due to upcoming road closures between 2nd February and 13th February some of the bus stops will be unavailable and students will be required to use the next nearest stop on that route. Bus companies are of course aware of this and will accept students boarding at other bus stops than stated on their passes.
 - POOL-G-46 Tangye Close stop – Students need to board at Paynters Lane End / Penwartha Road
 - POOL-G-49 Bridge Hill Stop - Students to board at Paynters Lane End bus stop instead, Or at the bottom of Bridge Hill on main road, Or any of the remaining bus stops on route such as Portreath stops.
 - (Portreath Square 8am, Portreath Forthvean 8.02am)Please follow [this link](#) for further details of the closure.
- Year 10 History trip to Berlin - This exciting trip is now just over a week away, and we would like to remind parents and students of two important points:
 - All students must be outside the school (but not in the bus bay) by 01:30am on the morning of Monday 9th February.
 - The latest weather forecast for the week we are there is very cold. Please can we ask that parents ensure their child has sufficient warm clothing, including a warm coat, a good hat, gloves, and sturdy walking shoes (preferably waterproof).

STUDENTS:



We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic sporting achievement of Nathan O in Year 10, who has been selected to represent the Cornwall Cricket Squad on an international tour to Sri Lanka and Dubai this February. Nathan has been playing cricket since he was just two and a half years old and is a committed member of Redruth Cricket Club, where he also plays for Cornwall. The team will travel on 11th February and will play five matches against other schools in Sri Lanka and Dubai, gaining invaluable experience. We are incredibly proud

of Nathan's achievement and wish him the very best on this exciting tour. Good luck, Nathan – we can't wait to hear how you get on!



We are proud to highlight the impressive commitment of Oliver S in Year 8, who is an active member of [Cornwall Search Dogs](#) as part of their mantrailing team.

Oliver works alongside his two-year-old dog, Blue, a kelpie cross, and plays a vital role in training exercises. His involvement is hands-on and varied – Oliver not only supports Blue by running trails but also takes on the important role of the 'hide', helping dogs practise locating missing people using scent.

Mantrailing requires patience, teamwork and clear communication, and Oliver's dedication to developing these skills is fantastic to see. His work with Blue shows a strong sense of responsibility and commitment, as well as a real passion for helping others.



Well done, Oliver – and Blue – for representing our school so positively in the wider community 🐾



A group of Year 9 students were able to participate in the Holocaust Educational Trusts yearly webcast for Holocaust memorial day. This year's theme was 'Bridging Generations'. Students were able to listen to the testimony of survivor Paul Sved, from Hungary, as well as the thoughts of his son Richard. Richard now works with charities focusing on both the Holocaust and anti-semitism more broadly. The students were a credit to themselves, paying great attention to what they both had to say and asking thoughtful questions about their experience and the lessons we can learn

from it. This was a valuable opportunity for those involved to hear testimony about a topic they have covered in lessons this year, from somebody who experienced many elements of life under the Nazis and time in a ghetto during World War Two.

On Friday 25th January, seven Year 8 students and two Year 7 students travelled all the way to Parkstone Grammar School in Poole, Dorset. This involved a four-hour drive, and the students played brilliantly. Despite losing, the coach from Parkstone complimented them all and was very impressed. The students never gave up and created lots of goal-scoring opportunities, but it wasn't enough against a school that has twice the number of students we have.



However, it was a great day with lots of singing, laughing, and tea at Exeter services. We eventually got back to school at 8pm after a long day - but what an experience for the students!

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%

Joel A, Eva B, Amelia G, Alex G, Jake H, Tanatswa, Mia N, Michaila, Oliver R, Amelia R, Splendour, Olive, Adelina, Amaiah, Sophia W, Freya, B, Zac, Chris, Hannah Cal, Sam C, Mia E, Lucy F, Neeve, Molyn, Isobel G, Josh M, Luke N, Lowenna, Hannah R, Dinariya, Amelia W, Sonny, Lola, Reuben, Piran, Lillian, Tinoteda, Owen, Poppy C, Harley F, Heath, Norutendo, Amelia L, Termera-Jane, Joey, Latheba, Chelsea.



Last week, our TEVI group got stuck into some gardening activities, and this week we're delighted to share the results of their hard work! The students have been nurturing their daffodils, and it's wonderful to see them starting to bloom. Their enthusiasm, care, and focus have really paid off, and it's lovely to see the group enjoying the fruits of their efforts. Well done to everyone involved!





Our incredibly talented Year 9 and Year 10 drama students took to the stage at the Hall for Cornwall on Wednesday evening as part of the annual Secondary Performing Arts Showcase.

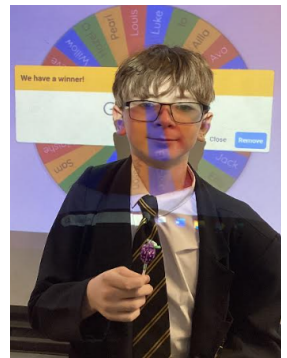
The students performed *St Silvester and the Dragon*, written by O-region's



Simon Harvey, and delivered a truly impressive performance. They excelled with their confident projection, excellent use of the stage, and a professional, focused manner both on stage and behind the scenes.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to perform in such a prestigious venue, and they rose to the occasion brilliantly. We could not be prouder of their commitment, teamwork, and talent.

Well done to our Sparx Reader champions this week! It's fantastic to see so many students dedicating time to their reading and collecting rewards as they go. Keep up the great work and keep those pages turning!



SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 7	
ETHAN M	1033
DIHASNA H	518
LIBBY M	501

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 8	
KARINA S	1417
DULEN K	849
DEWANYA B	765

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 9	
BLAKE R	519
LEAH W	491
STEVE S	401

SPARX READER CHAMPIONS	
YEAR 10	
HENRI H	744
AVA C	485
KANYIMA U	477

🌟 English Star Students of the Week 🌟

A huge well done to our fantastic English stars this week for their effort, resilience, and commitment to their learning:

- 📖 Noru (Y11)
- 📖 Mia N (Y11)
- 📖 Lucy F (Y11)
- 📖 Chris B (Y11)
- 📖 Daniel O (Y11)
- 📖 Dixie (Y7)

Each of these students has impressed their teachers through hard work, positive attitude, and a determination to do their very best. We are incredibly proud of you all—keep shining and setting the standard in English!



Our first-ever Quiz Night was a fantastic success! A huge thank you to everyone who came along and helped create such a fun, community-filled evening. We raised £80 towards the teacher place, with additional generous contributions raised through our raffle and the sale of some delicious home-baked flapjacks in support of our travelling students.

Special thanks go to Tatties and Toast for bravely battling the rain and keeping all our quizzers wonderfully well-fed—the food was absolutely delicious and very much appreciated.

After such a great response (and some popular requests!), we're delighted to announce our next Quiz Night on Thursday 26th March, which will include a Musical Theatre round. We hope to see you there!

CLASSROOM CLIPS: GEOGRAPHY (YEAR 8)

Year 8 Class Clips: Geography

Year 8 geography students have been interpreting choropleth map data as part of their studies on the consequences of uneven development across the world. Prior to this they looked at the different indicators of development and gave explanations as to why certain indicators, such as life expectancy, can give an indication of the level of healthcare in the country, as well as other factors such as education, access to clean water and levels of food insecurity.

Consequences of uneven development.

Infant mortality rate, 2021
The estimated share of newborns who die before they are one year old.

One measure of health is the Infant Mortality Rate. This is the proportion of infants that die before their first birthday. In most HICs the infant mortality rate is less than 0.2%. In Africa and southern Asia many countries have an infant mortality rate of over 2%. Fifteen countries shown on the map have an infant mortality rate of over 5%, 14 of which are in Africa.

Life expectancy, 2021
The period life expectancy at birth, in a given year.

A further measure of health is life expectancy. This is the average age a person can expect to live to in years. In most HICs life expectancy is over 75 years, and most other countries in South America and Asia have a life expectancy of over 70 years. Life expectancy is much lower in Africa where the majority of countries have a life expectancy of less than 65 years. There are four countries in Africa with a life expectancy of less than 55 years.

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'We do' gap fill activities after a previous teacher modelled 'I do' example, provides a good scaffold to enable students to then produce their own 'I do' interpretation using a different development indicator.

Democratic republic of Congo

The DRC is located in Central Africa. It is the 2nd largest country in Africa. It is mostly landlocked.

The DRC has the lowest GDP per capita at \$800, compared with the UK, at \$14,300. This shows that the DRC brings in less money from trade and exports. The DRC has the lowest life expectancy at 57.7 years, compared with the UK, at 81.8 years. This shows that sanitation, fresh water and healthcare are limited. Due to having less trade and exports, DRC has limited fresh food. The civilians are at risk of disease. The DRC has the highest infant mortality rate at 64.5 babies per 1000 of the population, compared to the UK at 4.8 babies per 1000 of the population. This shows that babies are not vaccinated, and have high risks of diseases. Families have more children in hopes that some children survive here younger years.

Next Week's Sports Bulletin



SPORTING INSPIRATION PROGRAMME

3 – 4 pm Week Beginning 2nd February 2026

<u>Weekly Extra-Curricular Activities</u> (Please come to the Gym changing rooms at 3pm)	<u>Weekly Fixtures</u>
<p><u>Monday</u></p> <p>Girls Football (MF) - All Years Boys Football (JHO) - Year 9</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u></p> <p>Fixtures</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u></p> <p>Boys Football (MF) - Year 7</p> <p><u>Thursday</u></p> <p>Fixtures</p> <p><u>Friday</u></p> <p>No clubs</p>	<p><u>Tuesday - 3.2.26</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys Football vs Richard Lander (Home) Year 7, 8 & 10 - Finish @ 5pm • Girls Football vs Richard Lander (Home) Year 9/10 - Finish @ 5pm <p><u>Wednesday - 4.2.26</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hockey vs Falmouth (Home) Year 9 & 10 - Finish @ 5pm <p><u>Thursday - 5.2.26</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U12 Hockey Tournament (Away) Year 7 - Return @ 3pm • Girls Football vs Penryn (Away) Year 8/9 - Return @ 5.30pm

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 3

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.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Piri Piri Chicken with Patatas Bravas, Spicy Rice, Peas	Beef Lasagne with Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Slaw	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans	Sticky Chicken with Noodles, Broccoli, Steamed Coconut Rice	Battered Fish with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans
Plant Based / Vegetarian Main Meal	Quorn Chilli Burrito with Patatas Bravas, Spicy Rice, Peas	Vegetable Lasagne with Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Slaw	Vegetable Toad in the Hole with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans	Vegetable Red Thai Curry with Noodles, Broccoli, Steamed Coconut Rice	Sweet Potato Falafel Gyros with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans
Street Food	Piri Piri Chicken Wrap	Chicken Burrito	Folded Tikka Naan	Pulled Pork Bap	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 B)

[Link to the School Calendar](#)

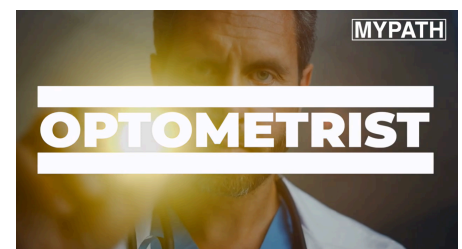
- Wednesday 4th Feb - Year 7 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm-6.30pm
- Friday 6th Feb - Crofty Dodgeball, 12.45pm-2.45pm

CAREERS:

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


Please follow [this link](#) to learn more about careers as an Optometrist.

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



🎓 What's it like to... go to University? 🎓

As part of our careers programme at Pool Academy, we are pleased to be hosting a session in partnership with Next Steps South West and Plymouth University.

 Friday 6th February 3pm
 Pool Academy

This session will support students to:

- Understand different routes into university
- Challenge common myths and misconceptions about higher education
- Link learning to future opportunities and pathways
- Develop informed, realistic aspirations about post-16 and post-18 options

By hearing directly from higher education providers, students will gain first-hand insight to support informed decision-making and next steps planning.

A valuable opportunity to explore future pathways and broaden horizons.

Book your place at main reception or email careers@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 511 Praise Postcards! Please see below for this week's recipients.

