

THE WEEK AT POOL ACADEMY

FRIDAY – 1.5.26

MESSAGES:

Welcome to the latest edition of The Week at Pool Academy.

This has been a week of incredible achievements and dedicated effort across Pool Academy. We celebrate the outstanding sporting successes of Dixie J, who was crowned County Badminton Champion in the U13 Girls Singles, and the Illogan Warriors U13 team, which includes several of our Year 8 students, for winning the CYFL League Cup Final. Recognition for commitment was also high, with the launch of the new Star of the Week award in Expressive Arts, and numerous English stars and Year 11 'Carousel Superstars' being celebrated for their excellent revision work and effort. Our Year 11 students have been pushing hard in both English and Science, preparing for their upcoming GCSE exams.

Please remember that Monday is a Bank Holiday, and we hope you take this time to rest and recharge. Have a lovely long weekend!

- Troon AFC U15 Girls' Team are looking for new players to join their established all girls team. Please [follow this link](#) for further details.

STUDENTS:



We are thrilled to share the exciting news of Dixie J's incredible success at the annual County Badminton Competition. Dixie competed on Sunday at the Sports Hub, Treviglas in Newquay, against players from across the county. The competition includes U11, U13, U15, and U17 categories. For the second year running, Dixie was crowned the County Champion after winning the U13 Girls Singles title. Her success didn't stop with the singles title. Dixie also achieved runner-up status in both the U13 doubles and mixed doubles competitions. This achievement was particularly impressive as she entered with no preparation and was given partners on the day because she simply "fancied giving it a go".

Dixie is already looking ahead to her next challenge: competing in the U15 competition in three weeks' time. Though it is a tougher competition, she can't wait to get stuck in!

A fantastic weekend of achievements for Dixie!



A huge well done to this week's English stars, who have impressed both in lessons and with their homework through focus, effort and determination:

- ✦ Keira W (Y9)
- ✦ Kian W (Y10)
- ✦ Harley F (Y11)
- ✦ Mechaila (Y11)
- ✦ Logan H (Y11)
- ✦ Zac B (Y11)
- ✦ Freya B (Y11)
- ✦ Shannon K (Y11)

These students have demonstrated fantastic commitment to their learning, producing thoughtful work in class and completing homework to a high standard. Their positive attitude and consistency are making a real difference to their progress.



Keep pushing yourselves and aiming high – this is exactly what success looks like!



May is National Get Caught Reading Month so why not treat yourself to something new to read!

We are excited to introduce our new *Star of the Week* award in the Expressive Arts Department!



Each week, students will be recognised for their hard work, creativity, and dedication in subjects such as art, drama, and music. This could be for excellent effort, positive contributions in lessons, or outstanding progress.

Winners will be celebrated weekly, helping to inspire others and recognise the fantastic achievements within our department.

Congratulations to this week's winners!



Apprenticeship Open Day – Redruth Centre

We're pleased to share an exciting opportunity for our students and families!

On Saturday 9th May, The Focus Training Group will be hosting an Apprenticeship Open Day at their Redruth Centre:

📍 Unit 6, The Wilson Building, Wilson Way, Pool, Redruth, TR15 3RU

This is a fantastic chance to explore a wide range of apprenticeship pathways and career progression opportunities, and to find out more about what future routes could look like after school.

As this event is open to local schools, demand is expected to be high. Booking in advance is essential via the online booking form provided.

Further information about available apprenticeships can be found on their website.

We are always keen to support students in exploring their next steps, and opportunities like this are a great way to gain insight into different career routes. If you are interested, we encourage you to secure your place early.

📚 FINAL 2 WEEKS GCSE LITERATURE CHALLENGE 📚

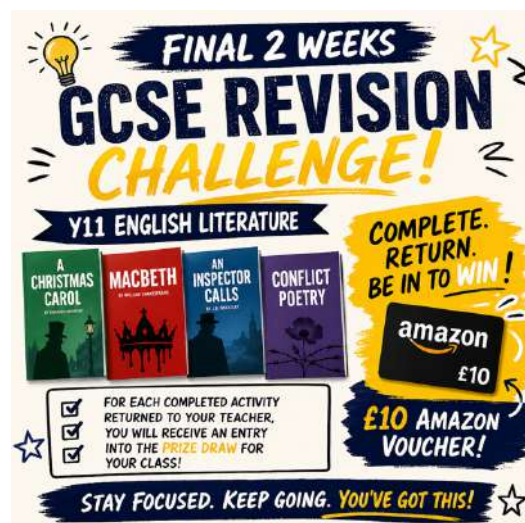
Year 11 — this is your moment.

Over the next two weeks, every revision task you complete and hand back to your teacher = ONE entry into your class prize draw

The more you complete, the more chances you have to win a £10 Amazon voucher and / or other prizes!

- ✓ Every task counts
- ✓ Every submission = a separate entry
- ✓ Small effort = big rewards

Revision booklets will be given out in lessons — stay on top of them and bring them back completed to maximise your entries. This is all about consistency. A few minutes of focused revision each day could make all the difference. Let's finish strong.





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%

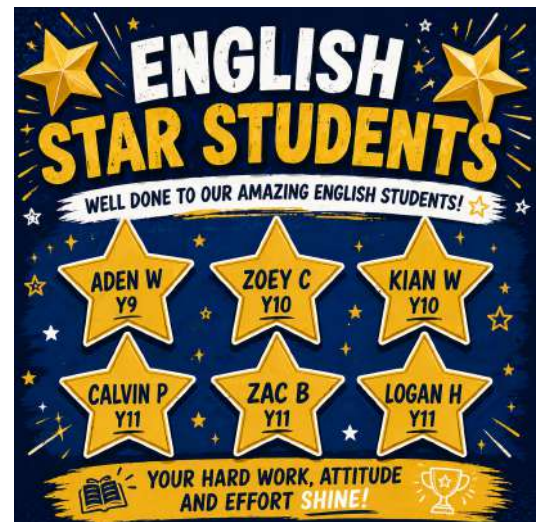
Joel, Eva B, Imogen C-G, Molyn, Amelia G, Alex G, Jake H, Tanatswa, Amelia R, Adelina, Amaiah, Freya B, Evie B-F, Hannah C, Sam C, Lucy F, Neeve, Josh M, Luke N, Lowenna, Hannah R, Oliver R, Ashley, Amelia W, Reuben, Archie, Owen, Poppy, Leon, Megan, Latheeba, Chelsea.



Congratulations to this week's Carousel winners Jade S, 11XE4, Tino M, 11WE4 (pictured to the left) and Sophia W, 11WE2.

☀️ Star Students Shining Bright! ☀️

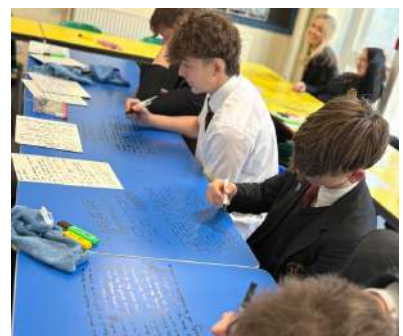
A huge well done to our incredible students for their hard work, attitude and effort — you're setting the standard and making us proud every day. Keep pushing, keep achieving, and keep shining!



We're incredibly proud of our Year 11 English GCSE students, who have shown real determination and focus in PO, additional P6 on a Friday and in their lessons. Their commitment to sharpening analytical skills and developing the ability to write at length independently has been outstanding.

It's been fantastic to see confidence grow week by week, with students engaging more deeply with texts and expressing their ideas with increasing precision and maturity. This progress is a credit to their hard work and resilience as they continue preparing for their exams.

Well done, Year 11 — keep going, the progress you're making is exactly what success looks like.



A massive congratulations to the Illogan Warriors U13 team, who were crowned CYFL League Cup Final champions on Sunday after defeating Newquay in a thrilling match.

The final, held at Helston Afc Kellaway Park, was an intense affair, ending 1-1 after 70 hard-fought minutes. When 20 minutes of extra time could not separate the sides, the cup was decided by a tense penalty shootout. Illogan Warriors held their nerve and scored all four of their penalties, taken by Mason G, Ruan K, Sonny R, and Kaiden J. The standout hero of the shootout was goalkeeper Oliver W, who saved both the first and final penalties from Newquay.

Pool Academy is especially proud of the Year 8 students who are key members of the winning team.

- Sonny R (captain)
- Nate C
- Callum P
- Lucas T
- Finlay R
- Ted J



Well done to the team on this fantastic success!



Our penultimate Quiz Night of the year was a close one, with six teams battling it out and just five points separating 1st and 6th place—proof that every question really did count!

Team “I don’t know flags” secured 3rd place despite a tough round 7, while a team of Year 11s—bravely (and dramatically) named “merciless ICed east winds that knives us”—claimed an impressive 2nd place.



Taking the top spot, however, were our very own team of invigilators, who somewhat ironically named themselves “The Losers.” They walked away victorious, claiming a selection of edible prizes and a food voucher for Tatties and Toast.



A huge well done to everyone who took part—it was a brilliant evening of competition, teamwork, and plenty of laughs.

Our final Quiz Night of the year will take place on Thursday 18th June—make sure you don't miss it!



Get Caught Reading Month has officially begun!

We've already had some brilliant entries from staff, who have been caught reading in a range of creative and unexpected places—setting the standard for the rest of the school.

Now it's over to students to get involved. Take a photo of yourself reading a physical book somewhere unusual (remember: not in school), and send it in to earn 10 house points per entry.

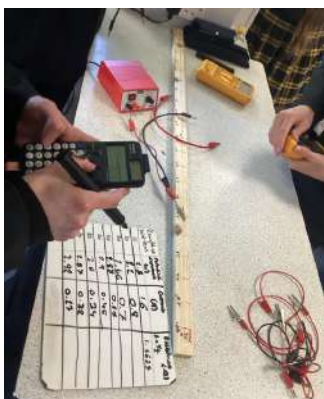
Students can submit multiple entries, so the more creative you are, the more points you can earn for your house.

We'll be sharing our favourite staff and student entries right here in TWAP every Friday, as well as on our social media—so keep an eye out and see if you can spot yourself.

Let's see which house rises to the top... and who gets caught reading next! 📖



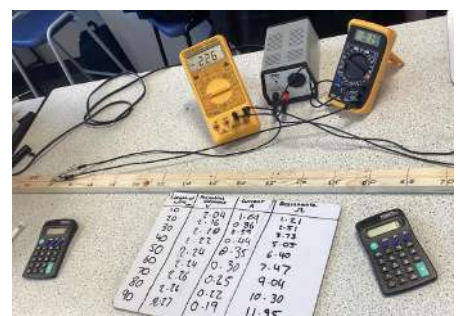
CLASSROOM CLIPS: SCIENCE (YEAR 11)



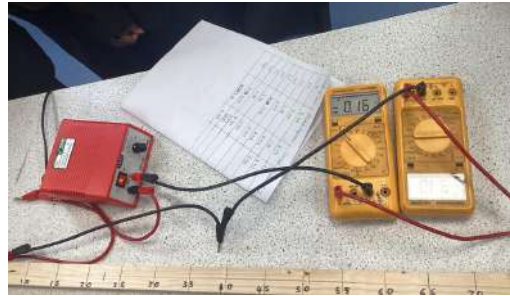
This week the Year 11's have been continuing their preparations for their Physics Paper 1 exam by revisiting the content on Electricity and Atomic Structure. This has included learning circuit symbols, the key differences between series and parallel circuits, domestic electricity including the colours and functions of the wires in a plug as well as a big focus on the properties of alpha, beta and gamma radiation and the concept of half-life.

Mr Buckingham's class also had an opportunity to revisit one of the core Required Practicals by investigating how the resistance of a wire is affected by the length of the wire. To successfully complete


this practical, the students had to understand how to connect an ammeter and voltmeter into a circuit in order to successfully measure current and potential difference.



The science department continues to be impressed by the effort and application of the Year 11 students. Next week we move onto our final preparations for the forthcoming Biology Paper 1 exam.



[Next Week's Sports Bulletin](#)

 POOL ACADEMY <small>AMBITION BELONGING RESPECT</small>	SPORTING INSPIRATION PROGRAMME 3 – 4 pm Week Beginning 4 th May 2026
<u>Weekly Extra-Curricular Activities</u>	<u>Weekly Fixtures</u>
(Please come to the Gym changing rooms at 3pm)	
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday - 5.5.26</u>
BANK HOLIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ESAA Boys Athletics - Carn Brea Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 - Return @ 3.15pm
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday - 6.5.26</u>
Athletics (MCR/TFO) - All Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ESAA Girls Athletics - Carn Brea Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 - Return @ 3.15pm
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday - 7.5.26</u>
Rounders (MCR/SBR) - All Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rounders vs Penryn (Away) Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 - Finish @ 5.15pm
<u>Thursday</u>	
Fixtures	
Cricket/softball (TFO/JHO) - All Years	
<u>Friday</u>	
No clubs	

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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	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
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




Meat 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](#)

- **Monday**
 - Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday**
 - DoFE Silver Training, 3pm, Mr Kirby's room
- **Thursday**
 - Silver DoFE Practice, 3pm
- **Friday**
 - Silver DoFE Practice, 3pm

CAREERS:

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



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

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

