

THE WEEK AT POOL ACADEMY

FRIDAY – 12.6.26

MESSAGES:

Welcome to this week's edition of The Week at Pool Academy. In this issue, we celebrate another busy week of student achievements, from the Python Programming Workshop and our Year 9 trip to the Royal Cornwall Show to recent competitive rounders fixtures and Year 10 culinary sessions. We also highlight Miss Roberts' inspiring rugby success at Twickenham and feature the excellent work taking place in Year 9 Geography.

As our Year 11 students reach the end of their examination period, we would like to congratulate them on their hard work, resilience and determination throughout the exam season. We look forward to celebrating with them at the Year 11 Leavers' BBQ on 17th June and the Prom on 24th June as they mark the end of this important chapter of their school journey.

- The Department for Education in England is introducing major updates to the Free School Meals system for the 2026/27 academic year. These changes significantly expand who qualifies for meals. Previously, families on Universal Credit only qualified for free school meals if their annual household earnings were below £7,400. Starting September 2026, all households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free meals. If you are on Universal Credit but earn more than £7,400, your child is likely now eligible. We will send more information in the coming weeks, with information on how to apply before the new term starts.
- Kernow Health will be visiting Pool Academy on 3rd July to deliver the DTP, Meningitis ACWY and HPV vaccinations for any students who missed these earlier in the year.
DTP and MenACWY immunisations:
If your child is in Year 9, [please see this letter](#). If your child is in Year 10, [please see this letter](#).
HPV immunisation:
If your child is in Year 8, [please see this letter](#). If your child is in Year 9 or 10, [please see this letter](#).
If you have any questions, please call Kernow Health on 01872 221105 and they will be happy to help.
- Holman Youth FC is currently looking for: [Girls to join their Under 16 Girls' team](#) and [New players \(boys and girls\) in secondary school Years 7, 8 and 10](#). Players of all abilities are welcome, whether you're already playing football or looking to get involved for the first time. See the links above for further details.

STUDENTS:

Our Year 9 students had a fantastic time taking part in a Python Programming Workshop hosted by Tech Cornwall.

The session gave students the opportunity to develop their coding skills while learning about the exciting range of careers available within Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).



Through hands-on programming challenges, students gained valuable insight into how coding is used in the modern workplace and the pathways that could lead them into the technology sector.

A huge thank you to Tech Cornwall for inspiring our students and helping them explore the possibilities that STEM careers can offer.



Thank you to Richard Lander and Mullion School for travelling to Pool for a triangular rounders fixture this week. Thankfully the weather brightened and we had some very competitive games, resulting in many wins and some draws. Special mentions go to the students who played their first fixture. Well done.

Please note the next game is for Year 7, 8 and 9's, against Falmouth at Home on Tuesday 16th June.



Wildcats, in the house, everybody say it now! The cast and crew were buzzing when the T shirts turned up this week... don't they all look fab! Rehearsals are going well. Due to popular demand we're opening some additional spaces in the ensemble. If anyone missed the first round of auditions and would like to take part we are holding a Singing and Dance Workshop Audition on Monday 22nd June 3-5pm in the Drama Studio. Students should arrive in clothing suitable for movement, such as leggings or jogging bottoms and a t-shirt, and are reminded to bring a bottle of water.





Congratulations to this week's Creative Arts winners! These students have been recognised for their enthusiasm, creativity, resilience, and contributions across art, drama, and music. We're incredibly proud of their achievements — well done, and keep up the great work!

Please see details of upcoming events for Year 11 students who have applied to Truro & Penwith College and their parents/carers:

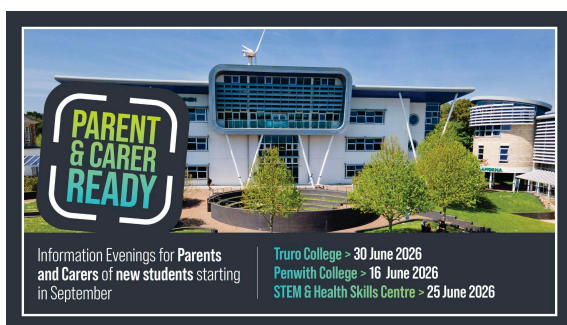
College Ready Sessions for students

Truro College - 19th, 22nd & 25th June 2026

Penwith College - 23rd June 2026

STEM & Health Skills Centre - 18th June 2026

Link to book: [College Ready Sessions by Truro & Penwith College | Eventbrite](#)



Parent & Carer Ready Information Evenings

Truro College - 30th June 2026

Penwith College - 16th June 2026

STEM & Health Skills Centre - 25th June 2026

Link to book: [New Parent and Carer Ready Information Evenings | Eventbrite](#)

Year 10 Food Technology students have recently been completing a practice assessment to help prepare them for their upcoming coursework and examinations. During the assessment, students demonstrated a range of practical skills, including food preparation, cooking techniques, organisation, and time management.

Well done to all Year 10 Food Technology students for their hard work and commitment.





We were delighted to welcome Jade and Sara from Healthy Cornwall to school to run a cooking session with a group of our Year 10 students.

During the workshop, students learnt how to prepare and cook a healthy Spring Vegetable Pasta Bake. Students were also given the recipe to take home so they can recreate the dish for their families and share what they have learnt.

A huge thank you to Jade and Sara for delivering such an engaging and enjoyable session. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained valuable skills and knowledge to support healthy lifestyle choices.



After weeks of revision and exams, Year 11 students enjoyed a chance to relax and have some fun with a lively session of Just Dance.

There was plenty of laughter, friendly competition, and some impressive dance moves on display as students took a well-earned break from exam stress and spent time together with friends.

As this is their last full week together as a year group, the session was a lovely opportunity for students to make a few more memories before they move on to the next stage of their lives. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and celebrating the end of their time at school together.



We would like to wish all of our Year 11 students the very best for the future and look forward to celebrating with them at the Year 11 Prom.



The Year 9s had an amazing day out at the Royal Cornwall Show on Friday 5th June. Despite the occasional heavy showers, all students agreed it had been a brilliant day to be out together as a year group.

Students had the opportunity to walk around the showground and talked about trying out Army lift-and-carry challenges, spending time with their friends on the fairground, visiting food outlets and trade stands, and stopping by a stage makeup artist stand where they enjoyed seeing professional makeup techniques and displays. Students spent time speaking with traders and even picked up the occasional freebie because they stopped to chat. There was also plenty of talk about the animal events that some chose to watch throughout the day.

As we were leaving, many stopped to watch the Royal Falcons parachuting into the main ring with Union Jack parachutes and red, white and blue smoke trailing behind them on the way down. It was a spectacular sight and a fitting end to a fantastic day.

They were outstanding as a year group and worked brilliantly with all the staff who accompanied them. Staff commented on how nice it was to spend a day out of school with them and how well they represented the school throughout the visit.



Two of our Year 7 students recently had the exciting opportunity to travel to Exeter's Future Skills Centre to take part in a special mathematics enrichment day hosted by Exeter Maths School.



The event provided a fantastic chance for students to explore mathematics beyond the classroom through a range of engaging and challenging activities. Throughout the day, they developed their problem-solving skills by investigating symmetry and transformations, explored the fascinating world of magical maths, and tackled a selection of group National Challenge questions from the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT).

The students embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and determination, working collaboratively and thinking creatively to solve complex mathematical problems. The day was both educational and enjoyable, with plenty of opportunities to discover new ideas and meet like-minded young mathematicians from other schools.

A lot of fun was had by all, and our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They returned inspired and eager to continue developing their mathematical skills.



We are delighted that they will have the opportunity to continue their journey with the Exeter Maths School workshops next year in Year 8, and we look forward to hearing about their future successes.

Well done to both students for representing the school so positively and making the most of this wonderful opportunity.

STAFF:

Congratulations to Miss Roberts!

We are delighted to celebrate Miss Roberts, who was part of the Cornwall Women's Rugby team that secured a historic victory in the Gill Burns Division Two Final at Twickenham on Saturday.

Cornwall defeated Durham 46-27, scoring an impressive eight tries to claim their first-ever win in the competition. Adding to the occasion, Miss Roberts delivered a Player of the Match performance, scoring two tries and playing a key role in the team's success.

We are incredibly proud of her outstanding achievement and dedication, both on and off the field.

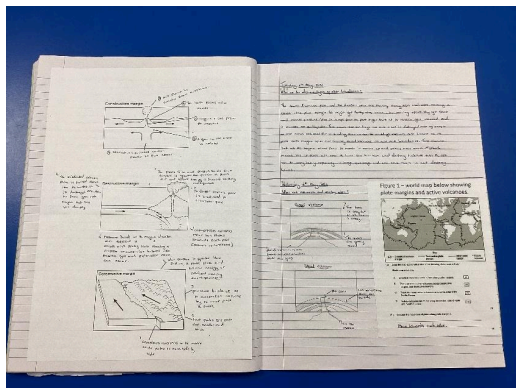
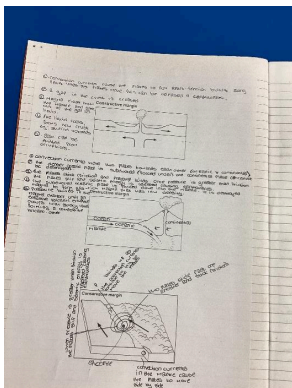
Well done, Miss Roberts!



CLASSROOM CLIPS: GEOGRAPHY (YEAR 9)

Year 9 have been studying why earthquakes occur at plate boundaries and how we can prepare for them. Students know the 3 types of plate boundary – destructive, constructive and conservative. They have learnt the 3 P's in reducing the risk – Prediction, Planning and Protection. Students have planned what they would put in their own emergency grab bag with items ranging from bottled water and food through to battery packs for the essential mobile phone charging! They then learnt about Drop, Cover and Hold practice drills where students in Japan hide under desks for when an earthquake hits. They have also studied how buildings can be made 'earthquake proof', and looked at a high-tech building in Los Angeles that literally floats above the ground on giant rollers and shock absorbers.

Students have produced some fantastic work on this unit and now know what to do if they ever live in an earthquake zone.



Next Week's Sports Bulletin

SPORTING INSPIRATION PROGRAMME 3 – 4 pm Week Beginning 15 th June 2026	
Weekly Extra-Curricular Activities (Please come to the Gym changing rooms at 3pm) <u>Monday</u> Tennis (SBR) - All Years Mountain Biking (JHO) - All Years <u>Tuesday</u> Athletics - Track (TFO) - All Years <u>Wednesday</u> No Clubs - Setting up Sports Day <u>Thursday</u> No Clubs - Sports Day <u>Friday</u> No clubs	Weekly Fixtures <u>Tuesday- 16.6.26</u> Rounders vs Falmouth (Home) Year 7, 8 & 9 - Finish @ 4.45pm

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.					
	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 A)

[Link to the School Calendar](#)

- **Monday**
 - GCSE Exams - Combined Science Physics (Paper 2), 9am / Further Maths (Paper
 - Year 10 Mock Exam - Art (all day)
 - School Production Rehearsals, 3-5pm
 - DofE Bronze Training - 3-4pm, The Hut
- **Tuesday**
 - GCSE Exams - Spanish RF and RH, 9am
 - Year 10 Mock Exam - Geography (Paper 1), 1pm
 - School Production Rehearsals, 3-5pm
 - DofE Silver Training, 3-5pm, Mr Kirby's room
- **Wednesday**
 - GCSE Exams - Spanish WF and WH, 9am
 - Year 10 Mock Exams - Spanish (Paper 1), 11.30am / Combined Science Biology (Paper 1), 1pm
 - Year 11 Leavers BBQ, 2.30pm-4pm
- **Thursday**
 - Year 10 Mock Exams
 - Sports Day
 - Community Quiz Night, 5pm
- **Friday**
 - Year 10 Mock Exams - English Language, 9am / Combined Science Chemistry (Paper 1), 11.45am
 - Crofty Dynamos Cricket, 12.4pm-2.45pm

CAREERS:

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

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

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

