

THE WEEK AT POOL ACADEMY

FRIDAY – 26.6.26

MESSAGES:

Welcome to this week's edition of *The Week at Pool Academy*! As we move ever closer to the end of another successful academic year, there is still plenty to celebrate across our school community. This week's newsletter showcases the enthusiasm, creativity and achievements of our students, from impressive performances in STEM competitions and classroom learning to fundraising, environmental projects and the memorable Year 11 Prom. A big well done to all the students for enduring the hot weather this week and a reminder that we will be back to normal uniform expectations as from Monday. We hope you enjoy reading about the many opportunities our students continue to embrace and wish everyone a wonderful weekend.

As you will be aware, Mr Ward will be retiring from the role as Principal at the end of this academic year.

We are delighted that Mrs Thompson has been appointed as Head of School from September, supported by Mr Thompson as Executive Head. Mrs Thompson has recorded an [introductory video](#). She has also written a [letter](#) to parents and carers inviting them to a meet-and-greet session on 8th July and to join a parent working group.

In addition, Mrs Thompson has also written to parents and carers of students with an Education, Health and Care Plan. This letter can be found [here](#) and also includes an invitation to join a parent working group.

- We would be very grateful for any donations of school uniform that is no longer needed. The PE Department would also welcome any spare PE kit. Donated items can make a real difference to other families in our school community. If you would like to donate, please hand any items in at Main Reception. Thank you for your support.
- Kernow Health will be visiting Pool Academy on 3rd July to deliver 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.



STUDENTS:



Year 10 students recently enjoyed creating healthy, balanced sandwiches. They explored the main food groups and learned how different foods support good health.

Using their knowledge, students planned and prepared nutritious sandwiches while practising key food preparation skills.

Well done to all our Year 10 students for their creativity, teamwork, and excellent sandwich-making skills!



Your Voice Matters: Complete 'The Big Future' National Survey!

A message for all students: Ensure your voice is heard at the highest levels of government by completing the Children's Commissioner's final national survey, The Big Future.



This survey is your chance to share the changes you want to see in your communities, your biggest concerns, and your hopes for the future. Most importantly, the Children's Commissioner wants to know what you think a good childhood should look like today.

Please complete the survey before the deadline of Friday 23rd October. You can access the survey [here](#).



We are pleased to highlight the fundraising efforts of one of our students, Iris, who is currently raising funds for a school trip to Kenya this summer.

To help reach her final fundraising goal, Iris will be selling ice creams at the school gate every Friday until the end of term.

We encourage the school community to support Iris in her efforts if you are able. Every purchase brings her one step closer to her goal!

Yesterday morning, the TEVI Group enjoyed creating bug hotels using a variety of natural materials and foliage collected from around the school gardens.

During the activity, we discussed the importance of bug hotels and how they help support local wildlife by providing safe spaces for insects to live, rest, and hibernate. The students also explored which bugs might use the hotels.

It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience that encouraged creativity, teamwork, and an appreciation for the natural world.



Year 10 Students Shine at the Camborne School of Maths and Science Olympiad



On Thursday, four of our Year 10 students proudly represented the school at the Cornwall Schools Science Olympiad, competing against students from a number of other schools in a challenging and exciting day of STEM-based activities.

The competition consisted of three demanding challenges: a lab work challenge, a knowledge round, and an engineering challenge. Each event tested a different set of skills, requiring students to demonstrate scientific understanding, problem-solving abilities, teamwork, creativity, and practical application of their knowledge.

Our team, made up of Doug B, Dylan B, Daisy O and Asha R, performed exceptionally well throughout the day. They achieved joint first place in both the Knowledge Round and the Engineering Challenge, an outstanding accomplishment that reflects their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm for science and mathematics.

The students worked collaboratively under pressure, displaying excellent communication skills and resilience as they tackled a variety of complex tasks. Their success in two of the three challenges highlights the strength of their scientific knowledge and their ability to apply it effectively in practical situations.

Despite their impressive performances, the team narrowly missed out on a place in the final showdown, finishing in a highly respectable third place overall. While they were disappointed to miss the final by such a small margin, they should be incredibly proud of their achievements and the way they represented the school throughout the competition.

Congratulations to Doug, Dylan, Daisy and Asha on their fantastic performance. They were excellent ambassadors for the school, and we look forward to seeing what they achieve in future STEM competitions. Well done to all four students!



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!

On Wednesday evening, our Year 11 students celebrated the end of their secondary school journey in style at the Penventon Hotel. Despite the soaring summer temperatures, everyone arrived looking absolutely amazing, dressed to impress for a memorable evening with friends and staff.

The prom was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all that our Year 11 students have achieved and to reflect on the memories they have made throughout their time at school. It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces enjoying a well-deserved evening of laughter, dancing, and celebration.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the evening such a success and, most importantly, congratulate our Year 11 students. We are incredibly proud of everything you have accomplished and wish each and every one of you the very best for the future. Good luck in your next chapter – we know you will go on to achieve great things!



CLASSROOM CLIPS: COMPUTING (YEAR 9)

Year 9 Computing students have been exploring the role and growing importance of visual identities and branding within the digital world around them. They have developed an understanding of the theory behind visual identities, exploring how design choices such as colours, typography, imagery, and layout can communicate meanings, emotions, and values to an audience. They then explored how these elements help develop brand recognition and foster customer loyalty.

Students have also completed a range of Photoshop skill builder activities to develop their confidence with digital design tools and techniques before creating their own logo concepts. Using this understanding, students are now beginning to develop their own brand concept for a provided brief for Cornish Honey company, considering how their designs can create a strong identity and represent the product's origins, quality, and unique characteristics.

"I've found it very interesting to learn and expand my knowledge on brands and visual identities. I particularly enjoyed merging animals into my own creatures and look forward to using those skills to develop a logo for Hidden Hive Honey." Maddoc B



Next Week's Sports Bulletin



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SPORTING INSPIRATION PROGRAMME
3 – 4 pm Week Beginning 29th June 2026

Weekly Extra-Curricular Activities (Please come to the Gym changing rooms at 3pm)	Weekly Fixtures
<u>Monday</u> Tennis (SBR) - All Years Mountain Biking (JHO) - All Years <u>Tuesday</u> Athletics - (MCR/TFO) - All Years <u>Wednesday</u> No Clubs - Setting up Sports Day <u>Thursday</u> No Clubs - Sports Day <u>Friday</u> No clubs	<u>SPORTS DAY NOTICE</u> All students will be involved in a range of activities from the track, field events and games on the field and Astro. Even though the weather is looking cooler for next week, please can all students still ensure they have a HAT, SUNCREAM and a WATER BOTTLE for the day.

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.

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	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


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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**
 - Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip, St Ives
 - Year 9 Sports Leaders at Treloweth School
 - DofE Bronze Training, The Hut, 3-4pm
 - School Production Rehearsals, 3-5pm
- **Tuesday**
 - Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip, St Ives
 - Year 6 Transition Day, 8.45am-2.30pm
 - DofE Silver Training, Mr Kirby's Room, 3-5pm
 - School Production Rehearsals, 3-5pm
 - Year 6 Parent Information Evening, 5pm-6.30pm
- **Wednesday**
 - Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip, St Ives
 - Year 10 Cornwall College Taster Day
 - Year 11 GCSE Art Exhibition, 3.30pm-5pm
- **Thursday**
 - Sports Day
- **Friday**
 - Vaccination Mop-up sessions, Kernow Health Team
 - Crofty Multi-Skills Festival, 1-3pm

CAREERS:

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

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

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

