

THE WEEK AT POOL ACADEMY

FRIDAY – 3.7.26

MESSAGES:

As we reach the end of another busy and successful week at Pool Academy, we are delighted to share some of the highlights from across our school community. From celebrating sporting achievements and exciting educational trips to Year 10 Geography fieldwork, healthy eating in Food lessons, and a fantastic Sports Day, our students have once again demonstrated enthusiasm, resilience and pride in all they do.

We hope you enjoy reading about everything that has been happening this week. As always, thank you for your continued support.

We wish all our students, families and staff a wonderful, restful weekend.

- A reminder that parents and carers are warmly invited to an informal evening with our Head of School, Mrs Thompson and Executive Principal, Mr Thompson, who will take up their roles in September, on **Wednesday 8th July from 6.00–7.00pm** in the main hall. This is an opportunity to hear about their priorities for the year ahead, ask questions and meet the school leadership team. If you would like to attend, please complete [this Google form](#). We look forward to seeing you there.

STUDENTS:



We are thrilled to celebrate the recent sporting success of Ella M in Year 8. Ella has successfully passed her trial for the Plymouth Argyle Junior Premier League and will be playing for the team throughout the 2026/27 season.

This is a fantastic accomplishment, and we are incredibly proud to see our students excelling and competing at such a high level. We look forward to following Ella's progress on the pitch next season. Well done, Ella!

Exciting history trips are being planned for next academic year for students studying GCSE History in Years 10 and 11 (from September). Further information can be found [here](#).

Letters with full details are now available from the History Department. If you are in Year 10 or Year 11 in September and are taking GCSE History, please collect a letter as soon as possible.





This week Year 10 Geography students have been to St Ives to conduct their fieldwork for their GCSE. They spent a morning on Porthmeor Beach doing beach profile measurements and wave counts to see if the waves affect the seafront properties. The afternoon was spent in a busy town centre doing pedestrian and traffic counts as well as a land use survey, with the aim of investigating whether The Wharf should be pedestrianised. Despite the mixed weather, the students had a great day, coping with the seagulls stealing a few sandwiches and a brownie!! They were exceptionally well behaved and were a real credit to themselves and the school.



Our commitment to promoting healthy habits continues this week as Year 10 students took to the kitchen to explore the importance of a balanced diet. Putting theory into practice, students prepared fresh fruit salads, highlighting the benefits of choosing nutritious, minimally processed ingredients.



We would like to say a big thank you to all the staff at BF Adventures for all the fun activities they have put together for our students. Through the whole academic year it has been widely varied even through the seasonal weather. Some highlights so far are below. We wonder what today brings!



On Wednesday, Year 10 students had a fantastic day at Cornwall College, exploring what their futures could look like through a range of exciting taster sessions.

Each student took part in two subject sessions linked to their interests and future career pathways, giving them valuable insight into post-16 education and the opportunities available beyond school. It was a brilliant chance to experience college life, meet expert staff and ask plenty of questions.

Students came away inspired, with lots to think about as they begin considering their next steps after GCSEs.

A huge thank you to Cornwall College for providing such an engaging and informative experience. We look forward to continuing to work together to help our students make informed choices about their futures.



It was third time lucky as we finally managed to hold our annual Sports Day on Thursday after a couple of weather-related postponements.

The wait was certainly worth it, with students enjoying a fantastic day filled with energy, enthusiasm, and friendly competition.

There was a wonderful atmosphere as students cheered each other on and celebrated one another's achievements. A huge thank you goes to all the staff who helped organise the event and ensured the day ran smoothly.



CLASSROOM CLIPS: FOOD (YEAR 9)



Year 9 has been fantastic this year. I have seen some great products being made. Engagement with lessons has been high and there has been so much development and high levels of achievement. The wide range of dishes we have made has enabled students to expand their skill base and whether they pursue this subject next year or not I'm confident they have all gained useful experience. We have made a range of pastry products including pasties and profiteroles. Cottage pie was very popular and pineapple upside down cake has once again been a favourite! (Ms Strana)



Next Week's Sports Bulletin

		SPORTING INSPIRATION PROGRAMME 3 – 4 pm Week Beginning 6 th July 2026	
Weekly Extra-Curricular Activities (Please come to the Gym changing rooms at 3pm)		Weekly Fixtures	
<u>Monday</u> Mountain Biking (JHO) - All Years <u>Tuesday</u> Athletics - (MCR/TFO) - All Years <u>Wednesday</u> Rounders - (MCR) - All Years <u>Thursday</u> Cricket - (TFO/JHO) - All Years <u>Friday</u> No clubs		This is the last week of clubs. Well done to all the students who have attended clubs over the last year and competed in the many fixtures and tournaments.	

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. Spring 2025					
	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](#)

- **Monday**
 - Work Experience (Year 10)
 - School Production Rehearsals, 3-5pm
- **Tuesday**
 - Work Experience (Year 10)
 - History Trip - Bodmin Jail and Restormal Castle (Year 9)
 - School Production Rehearsals, 3-5pm
- **Wednesday**
 - Work Experience (Year 10)
 - Trip to Plymouth Argyle
 - Meet the Executive Principal and Head of School Evening for Parents and Carers, 6pm
- **Thursday**
 - Work Experience (Year 10)
 - History Trip - Bodmin Jail and Restormal Castle (Year 9)
 - SEN Extra Transition Session, 9.30am-11am
 - Festival on the Field, 4.30pm-6.30pm
- **Friday**
 - Work Experience (Year 10)
 - Alton Towers Trip (Years 7, 8 and 9)

CAREERS:

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

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

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

