

The Great CAT Bake Off



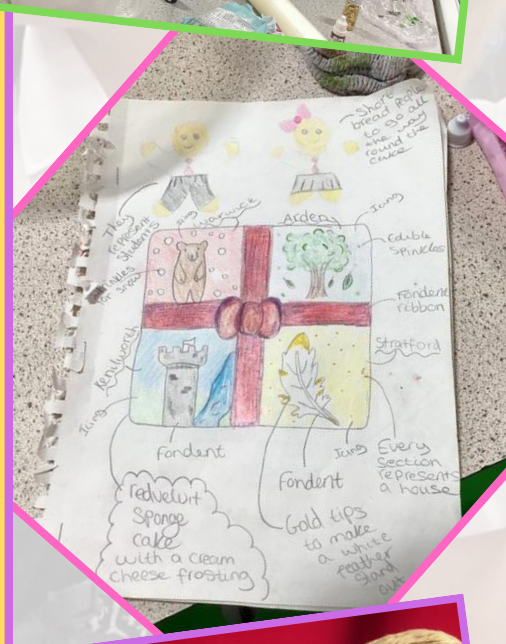
On Friday 28th June we hosted the first ever Community Academies Trust Bake Off at The Polesworth School.

3 of our fellow CAT schools- Birchwood Primary School, Chadsmead Primary Academy and Stondelph Primary School were invited to send teams of 4 bakers to create a cake to celebrate their school.

We also had two of our own teams enter the competition which were a Year 7 and Year 8 team.

Chadsmead Primary Academy were victorious on the day who won the competition with a delicious Lemon cake!

Thank you to all of the schools and their students for attending- it was a great day!



Sports Day 2024

Our Sports Day took place on Thursday 20th June and the weather was perfect for a highly competitive day of athletics. The students' attitude towards competing and supporting each other was excellent. There was a real team spirit for the Houses that got more and more evident throughout the day culminating in the sprinting events in the afternoon. There were some remarkable performances not just in terms of the level achieved but also in terms of the endeavour and character we try to instil within the students at Polesworth through our ME in PE. There were a number of records broken on the day that had stood for many years, please see the table below. A special thanks goes to all of the staff involved in selecting the teams, running the events and ensuring the day ran successfully. Well done to all involved and hopefully it has inspired some students to join the local athletics clubs in Tamworth and Nuneaton to develop their abilities.

Mr Hockridge- Head of PE at The Polesworth School & The PE Department

New Records			
100m	Year 12	12.2	FD
800m	Year 8	2.31	AH
800m	Year 10	2.4	EF
1500m	Year 8	4.59	AH
1500m	Year 10	5.02	JP
Triple Jump	Year 8	10.35	NA
High Jump	Year 9	1.6	JW
Relay	Year 12 Boys	53.09	JR, IH, JF & CD

Houses	House Total	Me in PE Points	Overall Sports Day Total	Overall Position
Kenilworth	1279	40	1319	1
Arden	1171	30	1201	3
Stratford	1098	20	1118	4
Warwick	1236	50	1286	2



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Sports Day 2024

Year 7	Total per Year Group	Position
Kenilworth	301.5	1
Arden	258	3
Stratford	254	4
Warwick	294.5	2

Year 8	Total per Year Group	Position
Kenilworth	254	3
Arden	304	2
Stratford	246.5	4
Warwick	321.5	1

Year 9	Total per Year Group	Position
Kenilworth	336	1
Arden	285	2
Stratford	276.5	3
Warwick	252.5	4

Year 10	Total per Year Group	Position
Kenilworth	289	1
Arden	256.5	4
Stratford	282	3
Warwick	288.5	2

Year 12	Total per Year Group	Position
Kenilworth	98	1
Arden	67	3
Stratford	39	4
Warwick	79	2



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Year 7 Athletic District Results

As we come to an end of the athletic season at Polesworth, we have had a very successful year competing in the district against ten other schools for every age group. We have had some fantastic performances and are very proud of the students' commitment and performances at the Pingles Stadium. We have managed to win three out of the four competitions and have come a close third in the final competition that recently took place. Well done to all involved and hopefully it has inspired students to get involved in athletics at either Tamworth or Pingles Stadium. **The results for the final competition for Year 7 are below.**

Top 10 Positions					Overall Position
Event	Boys' Positions		Girls' Positions		
80m	LH 5th				
200m	HD 2nd	AN 6th	OF 2nd		
300m	JJ 3rd	KK 4th			
600m	HL 5th	CH 6th	BC 5th	BL 9th	
1200m	EC 2nd	JK 6th	HD 5th	RM 10th	
High Jump	JE 4th	ML 10th	MH 5th	BR 10th	
Long Jump	SH 3rd	RA 5th	PW 9th		
Shot Put	KE 5th	WDB 6th	L 3rd	EM 6th	
Discus	AN 2nd	WDB 5th	L 2nd	AP 5th	
Javelin	RW 5th	KE 7th	EC 9th		
Relay	3rd		2nd		
Overall Team	1st		4th		Combined 3rd overall

District Team positions this year

Polesworth Athletics Team	
Year 10/11 Team	Winners – District Champions
Year 9 Team	Winners – District Champions
Year 8 Team	Winners – District Champions
Year 7 Team	3rd Place overall

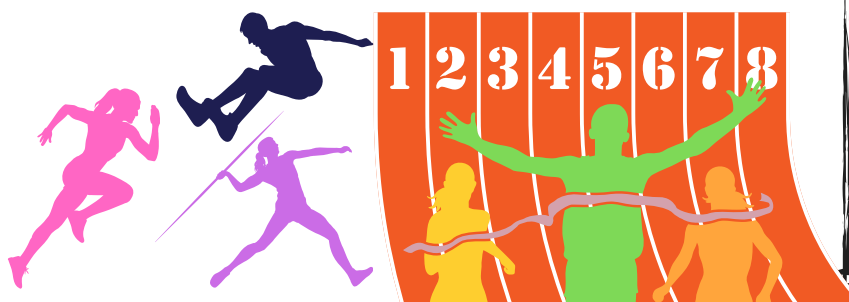
School Uniform Sale

Our School Uniform Sale will be taking place on **Tuesday 13th August 2024** between **12pm-3pm** in our **Main School Hall**.

The sale provides the opportunity to try on our uniforms and also to buy it there and then.

Alternatively you can order uniform directly through our sole supplier by following the link below:

<https://www.yourschoolwear.co.uk/polesworth-school-the-165-c.asp>



Careers Fayre

On Tuesday 2nd July we held our annual Careers Fayre for students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 12. It was a fantastic event attended by a very large number of employers who shared their top tips for pursuing a huge variety of careers.

Thank you to all of the employers who attended and for all of the lovely praise and positive feedback that we received about our students.



Year 8 Black Country Living Museum

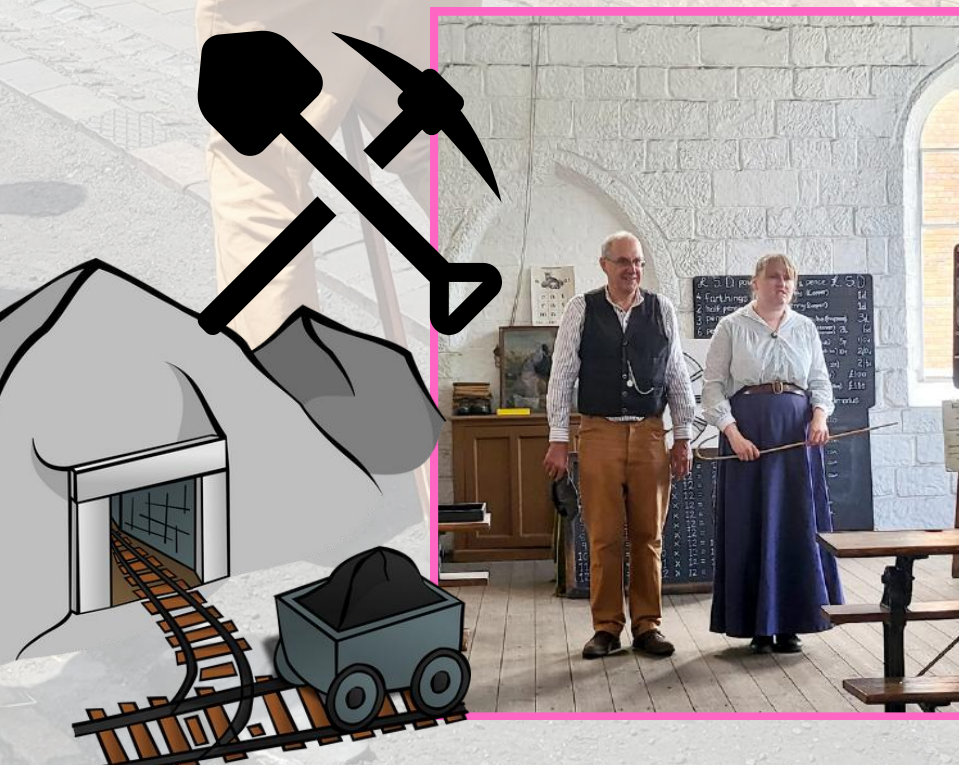
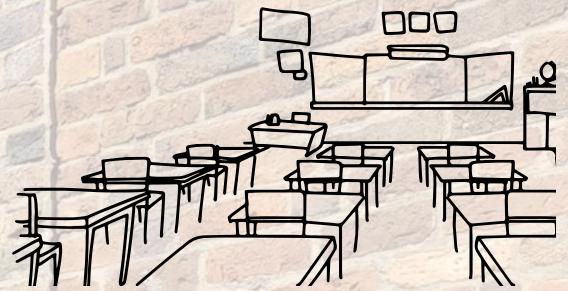
Year 8 History students visited the **Black Country Living Museum** in Dudley this half-term. It formed part of their course on Industrialisation and also links to the 20th Century that they have studied this year and will continue to study in Year 9.

Students were able to immerse themselves in the world of local people from the Black Country by visiting shops, chapels, chain makers and the homes of the workers that lived there.

They experienced the principle industry of the region and the reason the area holds its name: coal. To fully understand the significance of 'black gold', students went underground into the drift mine that used to operate with children from as young as seven opening the shaft door to allow air into the mine or manoeuvring the pit pony through the darkness.

To increase the potential profit-making ability of the industry, Lord Dudley expanded the route through the mine and connected it to the arteries of the canal network that developed through the Midlands. Students travelled through those underground waterways and even had the opportunity to 'leg' the boat, moving it through the narrow passageways as children did for hours on end in the Victorian era. If they were missing a classroom environment they also had the chance to learn 'Reading, writing and arithmetic' in a school lesson from 1913.

Overall, it was a really great day out and helped bring their learning to life. Students were brilliant through the course of the day and some even had time to sample some Black Country chips!



Main School Open Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our **Main School Open Evening** on **Wednesday 3rd July**. We had a great turn out and a fantastic variety of activities and displays within departments from our GCSE and A-Level Art Exhibition, Science demonstrations, Maths challenges, Calamity Kitchen in D&T which involved trying to spot the hazards and taster sessions in our Bistro where visitors were invited to try homemade food from our Canteen and Panini menus as well as snacks and hot drinks.

Science Activities



Calamity Kitchen- Spot the Hazards



Design & Technology

Modern Foreign Languages



Main School Open Evening

Religious Studies



Music



English



Drama



History



Meet our Wellbeing Ambassadors

As part of the school's commitment to raising the profile of positive wellbeing and Mental Health in school, Mrs Asbury has recruited 12 Wellbeing Ambassadors. The ambassadors will be responsible for helping to promote positive mental health within school.

What will this role entail?

- Taking part in mental health events throughout the year, such as Mental Health Awareness Week.
- Helping to organise and run activities to raise money for charities.
- Raise awareness of ways we can look after our mental health by promoting events, handing out information and talking to other students.
- Taking part in several meetings throughout the year to discuss ideas for fundraising and ways we can build positive wellbeing and mental health within school.
- Remove the stigma by getting people talking about mental health.
- Promote positive mental health in our school.
- Signpost students to access support in our school.

Congratulations goes to the following students who were successfully appointed in this role:

ES, Year 12

MP, Year 10

HM, Year 10

EC, Year 9

ED, Year 9

EB, Year 9

MS, Year 9

KT, Year 9

CC, Year 9

BW, Year 9

LJ, Year 8

AT, Year 8

They were fantastic in their interview, and I am certain will make a positive and worthwhile contribution to promoting positive mental health in school.



Year 11 Leavers Events 2024

This year's Year 11 leavers events have definitely been ones to remember! We loved organising them, but seeing you enjoy them has been amazing. We hope we have helped you create memories to last a lifetime! Thank you for being the best year group - we miss you already! Enjoy your summer and we will be ready to celebrate with you for the last time on results day!

Ms Shafiq, Head of Year 11

Mrs Williams, Assistant Head of Year 11

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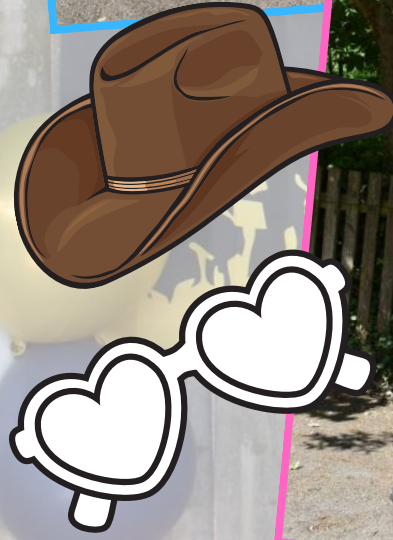
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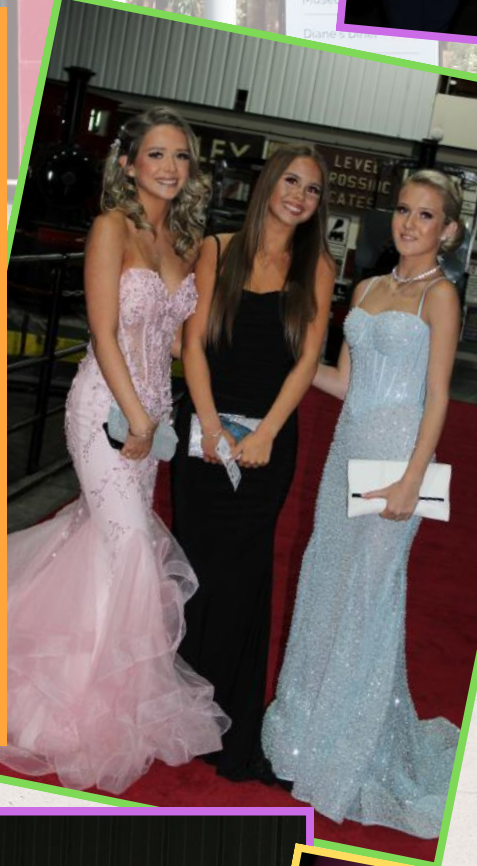
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Mock Election Day

There was a real buzz around school on general election day - Thursday 4th July. At Polesworth, we had our own mock election, whereby students had the opportunity to vote for the party policies they agreed most with. At break and lunchtime N2 was transformed into the polling station, students marked their ballot papers with an X in makeshift voting booths, then placed them in their house ballot box.

Each party name was replaced with a shape and during tutor time, students learnt about the different policies. Some dedicated A- Level Politics students energetically represented each party and encouraged others to get involved. Students across all year groups engaged in the democratic process, curiously asking questions about the policies and enthusiastically trying to work out which party represented each shape.

The results are as follows: the Circle Party (Reform UK) - 40%, the Triangle Party (Greens) - 33%, the Square Party (Labour) - 7%, the Hexagon Party (Conservatives) - 6% and the Rectangle Party (Liberal Democrats) - 5%.

Well done to all those who took part!



Key Dates



Monday 15th July - Thursday 18th July
Year 10 Work Experience

Thursday 18th July
Early finish for students - 12.25pm

Friday 19th July onwards
Summer Holidays

Tuesday 13th August
School Uniform Sale

Thursday 15th August
A-Level Results Day

Thursday 22nd August
GCSE Results Day

Tuesday 3rd September
Year 7, Year 12 and Year 13's first day
Year 12 School Photographs

Wednesday 4th September
Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11's return to school

Thursday 12th September
Year 7 School Photographs

Breakfast Club



From September...

BREAKFAST CLUB IN THE *Bistro*

* Cereals
* Toast
* Bacon Batches
* Sausage Batches
* Hot Drinks
* Cold Drinks
* Pain au Chocolate
* Croissants

Open from 7.45am

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