

LEARNING SUPPORT AT POYNTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Hi Everyone

We hope you all enjoyed the summer break and wish you a warm welcome back to the new school year. We're very pleased to see how well all our new Year 7's are settling into their new school routine and all the team are enjoying getting to know our new cohort.

It's been a busy start to the new term. During the inset days on the 4th and 5th September all school staff were invited to attend Autism Training, delivered by Cheshire East Autism Team (CEAT). It was lovely to meet with new parents/carers at the Meet the Tutor evening at the end of September. PHS also held a whole school Open Evening on the 5th October, which was a great opportunity to meet with prospective parents/carers and students during a very busy evening!

If you have any questions please contact the Learning Support Team on this email sen@phs.cheshire.sch.uk

New members to the Learning Support Team

We are pleased to announce that Owen Johnson, Megan Short and Jenny Edmondson all joined us in September as Learning Support Assistants.

Owen Johnson

Hi, my name is Owen Johnson and I am a new member of the Learning Support Team. My background of teaching stems from Primary School, and I have recently graduated from University as a Primary School Teacher. I will use my experience and knowledge gained at Poynton High School (I am a former student of PHS) to help and support all the students I work with. I am very much looking forward to working with both the students and other staff members at Poynton High.

Megan Short

Hi, I'm Megan Short and I am a former Poynton High School student, who was assisted by Learning Support Assistants during my time here. I hope to use all my knowledge and experience to help the students I work with. Alongside school I also swam at International Level!

Jenny Edmondson

I'm Jenny Edmondson and I am really enjoying being part of the Learning Support Team here at Poynton High School. Although I have been working in a book keeping role over the past few years, I have had experience working with children from Nursery age to College students.

My son William was diagnosed with Autism and delayed development at around the age of 5 and I have had the pleasure of watching him grow into the wonderful young man he is today. Due to working with my son, I was keen to work with other children with disabilities and hope that this knowledge has given me a good insight into my new role.

Year 7 Meet the Tutor

It was lovely to meet parents / carers during the Year 7 meet the tutor evening. Some really positive conversations were had, enabling us to better understand how we can support our young people. For those of you who would like to get in contact, if you have any questions / queries / information you feel we should know please email the team at sen@phs.cheshire.sch.uk.

We are also looking forward to speaking with Parents / Carers again during the Year 7 review days to be held later this year.

English Enhance

Our new Year 7 cohort have made a great start to the new academic year. The students have enjoyed reading the book Car Boot Genie by Jillian Powell. We have been focussing on inference as well as students writing their own version of an ending to the story. We have also visited the school library, where we looked at the wide range of dyslexic texts available. We are also really pleased to announce that Chris Harrop has joined the Enhance Team.

Year 11 – Post 16 Options

This term is the time to start exploring local colleges and courses on offer. All colleges will have open events where you will have the opportunity to find out more along with getting a feel for the college environment. Traditionally our students have moved on to a variety of colleges including Macclesfield College, Stockport College, Aquinas College and of course Poynton High School's 6th form college – details of the Open Evening are below. More details about Post 16 options can be found in the PHS Key Stage 4 Information Evening presentation which was held on the 28th September – click [here](#) for the presentation.



JOIN US!
SIXTH FORM
OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER
5.30PM - 8.30PM
MEET THE STAFF AND STUDENTS
<https://www.phs.cheshire.sch.uk/sixthform>

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Just Drop In is a free counselling service for young people aged 12-24 living in Poynton, Macclesfield, Poynton, Wilmslow and Knutsford. Appointments can be made through self-referral and arrangements can be made to talk to a counsellor on a weekly basis in school or at offices in Macclesfield.

Call: 01625 665079

Text: 07718 425405

Email: hello@justdropin.co.uk

More information can be found on their website www.justdropin.co.uk

We have also attached further information below regarding Parent workshops in the upcoming months.

Mental Health First Aid - Poynton

For parents and carers
of young people aged 11-18.

**Saturday 20th and 27th January,
9am-5pm,
at Poynton Civic Hall.**

For all enquiries or to book a place, email:

parenting@justdropin.co.uk



Youth Mental Health Aware Course - Knutsford

For parents and carers of young people
aged 8 - 18yrs, living in the old Borough of
Macclesfield.

**Wednesday 15th November,
4:30pm-8pm, at our Knutsford venue**
(44-46 King street, Knutsford, WA16 6DT.)

For all enquiries or to book a place, email:

parenting@justdropin.co.uk



Cheshire East offer free confidential support and information to children and young people with SEND, their parents and or their carers (CEIAS). Further details can be found by clicking the following link:

[Cheshire East Information, Advice and Support](#)