



Poynton High School
and Performing Arts College

**Your journey
starts here**



A warm welcome to Poynton High School

Thank you for your interest in our school. Poynton High School is a very special place with a long established record of providing a first class, inspiring and challenging education for all our students. We are a large 11-18 school serving the communities of Poynton, Disley, Adlington, Pott Shrigley and further afield out towards Macclesfield and Stockport.

With a long established reputation for high academic standards we are consistently one of the highest achieving schools in the North West. We constantly strive to deliver the best results with our enthusiastic and talented team of staff who see it as their job to help every one of our students to achieve their individual potential. Through a wide and engaging curriculum, including Welfare Education, Drama, Music, Dance, PE and many forms of Performing Arts and Community programmes, we also develop our students' wider personal skills and help to equip them for a successful future in our changing world.

We are proud of the academic standards our students achieve, but equally proud of the way in which they grow up to be responsible, hard working and healthy adults who contribute fully to their community.

Becoming a member of our "Poynton Family" is the start of an exciting journey for us all. The three way relationship between our students, their parents and our staff is at the heart of our continued success and I very much look forward to welcoming you to Poynton High School and working with you as your son or daughter progresses through our school.

I hope that this prospectus gives you a taste of our vibrant and successful learning community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any more information or if you would like an opportunity to visit us in action.



Mr David Waugh
Head Teacher, Poynton High School



Inspiration

The start of a journey...

The transition between primary school and Poynton High School is an important part of your journey. Our experienced and caring team regularly visit our feeder primary schools to ensure smooth transfer for students moving up from Year 6 to Year 7. Students are also invited to the school to familiarise themselves with the layout, buildings and members of staff before they join our Poynton community.

To support transition we have a residential course in North Wales, Activity Days and an opportunity to experience a high school day for all Year 6 students. We feel it is essential for students to feel welcome in September and feel comfortable in their new environment. Through this thorough transition process our newest students soon feel part of our Poynton Family.

Where additional support is needed we provide this with our SEN Team and Learning Support Team. Students who have abilities significantly ahead of their Year group are formally identified on our More Able Register. By working together we can make sure that every student grows academically and as a confident, successful person in their own right.

We are proud of our safe, happy and secure learning environment and our caring staff are there at the start of an exciting journey, where they encourage and guide our students to embrace all the great opportunities they are given.

“There are very effective links with the primary schools and transition is a clear strength of the school. This helps students to make a strong start to their Key Stage 3 learning” Ofsted January 2014





Achieve

Our school provides a warm and caring learning environment for all students throughout their time with us on their journey to success. A Poynton student walks through the doors of our school and experiences a place with the highest standards and expectations. Our skilled and passionate teaching staff see it as their job to get the best from each and every student. We offer a combination of academic excellence and the practical and emotional skills needed to succeed in a competitive world.

Each student belongs to a Form Tutor Group and will stay with the same form tutor throughout Years 7 - 11. Their progress and welfare are supported by two Year Leaders in each year and a wide pastoral and welfare team. Throughout their school life students are monitored and encouraged to achieve their full potential. Progress Review Days, Annual Reports, Interim Reports and Parents Meetings are just some of the ways we involve parents and carers with their child's progress.

With a focus on excellence in learning we are consistently one of the highest achieving schools in the North West of England with record breaking GCSE and A-Level results.

The vast majority of our students opt to continue their education in our thriving and highly successful Sixth Form. Our students benefit from a state of the art building and develop the skills and knowledge for a lifetime of success. Each year our students progress on to a wide range of degree courses at some of the best universities, including Oxford and Cambridge. Others move into apprenticeships or employment in often very diverse fields. Our Careers Education and Guidance Team offer advice and support to enable students to make effective decisions about their future lives.

“...teachers use their expertise and passion for their subject, coupled with their knowledge of their students to enthuse and involve them in the lesson” Ofsted January 2014





Celebrate

Beyond the classroom

At Poynton High School we make sure that the school day is a real learning experience but we also ensure education is not limited to the classroom.

With a wealth of extra-curricular activities and trips we allow students to learn new skills and develop new interests. Everyone is encouraged to develop their confidence with a wealth of activities and clubs, such as the Student Council, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, charitable fundraising and a myriad of clubs from cookery to chess, science to cross-country....we even have our own student Water Polo Club!

We encourage students to widen their horizons with many trips and visits throughout the year, including an annual ski trip, individual subject trips and field trips both here in the UK and overseas. These include a Performing Arts trip to New York and foreign exchanges to experience new cultures and languages.

Poynton also has a great reputation for PE and sport and we regularly enjoy both team and individual success at District, County and National level. Our large team of specialist PE staff, along with other qualified staff, coach over 20 sports teams. With a sports hall, gymnasium, swimming pool, squash courts, tennis courts, netball courts and football and rugby pitches, Poynton High School is well equipped for students to enjoy and build confidence through team sports and to develop their own individual fitness and wellbeing.

Our school also enjoys a purpose built dance studio, a hall theatre and a drama studio. We work hard to give our students an opportunity to discover and develop their creative talents in the Performing Arts. We have numerous concerts and clubs throughout the year and all students are offered the chance to receive tuition in a wide variety of musical instruments.



“....good teaching has been a key factor in the consistently high level of overall student achievement at all key stages over recent years.”

Ofsted January 2014

“Our son has nearly completed his first year under the well managed guidance, support and care of your teaching and support team. We could not be more happy and pleased with not only the progress he has made but how well he has settled and adjusted into life in secondary school. He is utterly motivated each day to go to school and is proud to wear the Poynton High School uniform.”

Parent of Year 7 student May 2014

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