



Poynton High School

and Performing Arts College

Head Teacher: Mr D. Waugh

28th April 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and young people,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you as the Director of Learning for Year 7 & Transition at Poynton High School, following you gaining a place with us for September 2020. However, this is going to be a very different transition into Year 7 and I want to take the time to highlight some of the ways in which we want to make sure that you feel part of the Poynton High School community, before physically stepping into the building. Much of this will be done through communicating with you via email and our website to take part in challenges, complete bridging units of work to prepare for high school lessons and interact with the transition team to answer the questions that all Year 6 students will have before starting high school. I hope that together we can make this transition as interesting and informative as possible.

Admission Information and Student Registration Form

The admission packs were sent out with a letter from Mr Waugh on Friday 24th April. If you have not received this letter, please check your junk folder in case it has been redirected there. Failing that, we may not have an up to date email address to contact you with, please let us know the best email address to contact you on via an email to transition@phs.cheshire.sch.uk

The letter from Mr Waugh, the Admissions Information and the Student Registration Form can all be accessed via the school website via the following link:

[Poynton High School website - Admissions](#)

Communication with the Transition Team

- Website www.phs.cheshire.sch.uk/transition2020
This will be the main source of information and will have all challenges, tasks and general parent/student material ready for the whole family to prepare for joining Poynton.
- Twitter [@PHS_Transition](https://twitter.com/PHS_Transition) [@PoyntonHigh](https://twitter.com/PoyntonHigh) [@PHS_Headteacher](https://twitter.com/PHS_Headteacher)
Please sign up to these if you can for quick information about PHS in general and specific points for students joining us into Year 7 in 2020.
- Email We will contact you to say when new content and information is available for students to take part in via the email address you have received this email on. If you need this updating please contact us at transition@phs.cheshire.sch.uk to provide the best way of contacting you.

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Challenges

Challenges will be set weekly and will run in addition to work set by your primary school. These challenges are optional for students to take part in but will give students the opportunity to discuss questions that they have with the transition team and take part in some lesson based challenges. It will also allow us to get to know you a little better and prepare for your arrival. The challenges will be shared via a weekly email and will be posted on the transition section of the website as well as our Twitter account.

Challenge 1: Write a letter, in no more than 250 words, to me (Mr Latch) and Miss Gyves (Students Welfare Officer: Year 7 & Transition) telling us a little bit about you. This could include what you love or are really good at in school, what hobbies you enjoy and generally what makes you smile every day. You may also like to include a picture of yourself so that we can start to put a face to your name. These can be shared by emailing the [transition team](#).

Bridging Units

Our English, maths and science teams have produced bridging units of work for students to complete at home for them to prepare for their first series of lessons in these subjects. These will be launched following the May half term holiday. The work will be designed to give a level of challenge that is expected in Year 7 and provide a basis for the work that students will be attempting when they join us.

We would hope that all students will take part in these units of work and we look forward to seeing the work they have completed in their first lessons of Year 7.

We very much look forward to working with you, in order to make the transition to high school as seamless as possible in such unique circumstances. Over the coming weeks, we hope to be able to answer many of the questions that you will have about coming to high school. There will be opportunities in the challenges to ask questions that we will attempt to answer for everyone. I would, therefore, encourage you to take part in the challenges over the next few weeks and keep a note of the questions that you think of so we can answer them for everyone before commencing your high school journey.

I hope that you and your whole family stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully

Mr Eddie Latch
Director of Learning
Year 7 & Transition