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Poynton High School and Performing Arts College

Head Teacher: Mr M Dean

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your family have enjoyed a good break at some point over Easter. We are looking forward to welcoming all our students back to school at 8.45am on Tuesday 18 April for the start of the summer term. I hope that they are rested and ready for learning in this important final term of the year.

Writing this letter I am struck by how much has changed over the past year. The letter I wrote at the end of the holidays last Easter was entirely taken up by COVID to update you on the changes to national guidance. Over the past year we have all learned to live with COVID and it has been brilliant to see students back to engagement in all the normal activities that we would expect at school. Over Easter for example we have had 120 students out on educational visits to Barcelona and on a joint music tour to Belgium with Wilmslow High School. You may have seen some of the great pictures on twitter! I hope that over the next half term all our students seize as many opportunities as they can to involve themselves in school life.

Our latest newsletter

I hope you manage to read our March newsletter which showcases some of the many activities that students have undertaken in the last month. It can be found at [PHS Newsletter March 2023 \(office.com\)](#)

High Expectations of Students

As I wrote before Easter we have high expectations of our students and are grateful for your support with them. As in all schools we have worked hard with students to reinforce expectations and rebuild the behaviour routines that were interrupted by some of the effects of COVID. As we return after Easter we will go back to the expectations that we had before COVID and are also reintroducing the conduct cards which worked really well previously. I look forward to seeing students rewarded with an H4 for having a clean card at the end of this half term!

As a reminder:

- Students will wear correct uniform to school
- They will not wear 'hoodies' to school. Any seen will be confiscated and collected by students from reception at the end of the day
- They can wear coats to school but must not wear these in the building

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- At break and lunch students can use the library, restaurant, their year group's toilets or attend a club or an activity in the school building but we do not expect that students are hanging around in corridors or the locker areas. There is plenty of space outside where they can stretch their legs and get some fresh air. If weather is bad then we will tell them where to go inside for wet break.

Student attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring that our students' attendance remains higher than it is nationally as this will really help their progress. We do understand that students will from time to time be ill and that this will affect their attendance but we also know how important it is for students' academic and social development for them to be in school as much as they can be. This term is particularly important as almost all year groups have examinations and there will be lots of opportunities for students to get involved in activities beyond lessons. Thank you for letting us know if your child is absent and for your support in getting them back to learning in school as soon as they possibly can.

Information about the first day back


The first day back is a **Tuesday of Week 1**. Please ensure that students pack for the right day and the right week. You can see their timetables on Class Charts in case they need a reminder.

Celebrating our students

The new term is a fresh chance for students to 'Be their Best' and make us, and you, proud. I look forward to celebrating students through the award of House Points and badges, the raising of the House flag and through our Key Stage 3 Awards, Sports Awards and Governors Celebration Evenings in the final half term. However many points students gained last term they should aim to exceed that total through involvement in lessons, working with others and taking part in extra-curricular opportunities.

Good luck to them for the final term of the year.

Best wishes,



Matthew Dean
Headteacher