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Poynton High School and Performing Arts College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a busy week at Poynton High School:

- geography and biology field trips
- a high aspirations trip to Chester University for Year 10
- the arrival of the Spanish students for the exchange
- the brilliant art exhibition
- the Year 11 leavers' day and prom
- we also, of course, had our Ofsted inspection!

I hope this letter gives you an update, as well as information about the industrial action next week.

Ofsted Inspection

On Monday we had a call from Ofsted and welcomed a team to school for a two day inspection. Thank you to our students who were brilliant throughout the inspection. The lead inspector spoke to many as she, and colleagues, were in lessons, meetings and in student social time and she said that our students were brilliant ambassadors for our school; articulate, honest and proud of what they achieve. I could not ask for more!

Thank you as well to all the parents who completed the survey. The inspection team commented on how many of our parents made written comments and they have read through them all; this was a really useful part of the inspection.

I want to give a final thanks to all my colleagues in school who have worked so hard over time and during this week to make a success of the inspection. You will be aware that I cannot share the findings with you at this early stage but I am really looking forward to publishing the report. I hope that this will be available before the summer if Ofsted can progress it quickly enough. This would certainly be a lovely end to our school year for us all!

Year 11 Leavers' Day

Today we said goodbye to our Year 11. Our students were brilliant in the breakfast and the leavers' assembly, which was a real celebration of their time at school. There will be more on the leavers' assembly (including the musical performance from the Year team) and tonight's prom in

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the next newsletter. My best wishes to all our Year 11 students for the summer holiday and I look forward to seeing them as they collect their exam results in August.

Industrial Action 5th and 7th July

You will be aware that the NEU has scheduled two days of industrial action next week. As I write this letter it does not appear that the government has agreed to sit down for meaningful talks with the trade unions so unfortunately the action is likely to take place. As in previous strikes we will have to limit the number of years we have in school as we will have restricted staffing. Due to Play in a Week we also do not have access to the hall this week so will only be able to have the gym to house students whose teachers are not in school on that day. The table below gives an overview of the impact for each Year group.

Year Group	Wednesday 5 th July	Friday 7 th July
7	In school	Learning from home
8	In school if they are involved in Play in a Week. Other students will be learning from home.	In school whether doing Play in a Week or not
9	Learning from home	Learning from home
10	Learning from home	Learning from home
12	In school	In school

Please note that the Key Stage 3 Awards Evening and the German Exchange will not be affected by the industrial action.

The year groups that are in school will attend their normal timetabled lessons and if they should have been taught by a teacher who is not in school they will be supervised by members of the senior leadership team in the gym.


What about vulnerable students?

Last time we invited the students who are vulnerable into school and will presume that the same students will attend again this time. These students will be supervised while working in the library. If you had a place last time but do not want the place this time then please let us know.

What about transport, uniform and catering?

School transport will run as normal for those students in school. The restaurant will open as normal for students in school. Any student in school will be expected to wear correct school uniform and bring their equipment for the day. If they are in Play in a Week they should follow the expectations for that.

What about students who are not in school?



These students will be learning from home and will be expected to join lessons or complete work through Google Classroom. Students should go to the Google Classroom page for their timetabled lesson at the start of the lesson and follow any instructions on the page. If there is no online lesson or work set for that particular lesson then they should complete one of the activities posted on the Google Classroom year page, which will include the use of Seneca, Dr Frost or another online platform. Students are also encouraged to use the day to complete homework, revise, organise their exercise book or read. Guidance on expectations in live lessons online can be found at [Poynton High School & Performing Arts College - Google Classroom \(phs.cheshire.sch.uk\)](https://poyntonhighschool.co.uk/google-classroom)

If your child is in Year 7-11, not in school but usually receives Free School Meals we will provide a packed lunch from the school canteen if you requested one last time. If anyone now wants one but did not request last time then please email info@phs.cheshire.sch.uk.

Thank you for your understanding over the industrial action and for your support during the Ofsted inspection.

With best wishes,



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