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# Poynton High School and Performing Arts College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I shared a Christmas message with all parents through the newsletter, which can be found at <https://sway.office.com/0srvpcVVKFqgbxzF?ref=Link>. I did, however, want to write to Year 7 parents specifically to say how impressed I have been with Year 7 this year. Moving from a small primary school to a large high school can be challenging but the Year 7s have managed that transition brilliantly. We have seen so much positive engagement with school life from students, both in lessons and also in a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

Year 7 have achieved a huge number of House points, with record numbers receiving their Bronze Awards. We even have some students who have achieved a Gold Award already. This reflects their commitment in lessons. I was also so impressed to see Year 7 students sign up to be part of Grease after just a few days in school and then to perform so confidently in the show. Other students have excelled in sport, with some notable success this term. This week I had the pleasure of watching the Christmas concert and again Year 7 performed, with some singing solos, and in today's assembly we had poetry readings from students. To read in front of over a thousand students is a real achievement.

Thank you for the positive feedback on the Year 7 Review meetings which were held recently. Later in the year you will be invited into school for a parents evening with teachers so you can discuss your child's academic progress in more detail.

Now that your child has been in school for a term I am inviting you to consider supporting our school through contributing to Friends of Poynton, our dedicated school charity. We are very grateful to all those parents that already support us in this way. These contributions have made a significant difference to students and have allowed us to buy resources and improve facilities that we would not be able to do otherwise. We would be really grateful if you would consider contributing with a regular monthly, quarterly or annual donation or perhaps a one-off contribution. You can find full details on how to do this on our website <https://www.phs.cheshire.sch.uk/parents/giftaid-schoolfund>

Thank you for considering this. We understand that not all parents will be able to contribute at this time but if you are able to I want to thank you on behalf of our students. Any donations we receive will make a huge difference to each child's experience here at Poynton.

I know that Year 7 students will be tired at the end of their first term and I wish them, and you, all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

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