



Poynton High School

and Performing Arts College

Head Teacher: Mr M Dean

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to wish you and your families all the best for the summer and to thank you for your support for our school in what has been a challenging year.

As I reflect on the past year I am proud of the way that our staff and students faced the challenges of remote learning, COVID restrictions, changes to examinations and most recently the impact of rising numbers of COVID cases in our area. I hope that all colleagues and all our students manage to spend some time with friends and family over the summer.

Despite the problems we have all faced learning has continued throughout. During the lockdown in January and February students engaged really well with online lessons and registrations through Google Classroom. Following the return to face to face learning in March students engaged really well with lessons and it has been heartening to see the return of some of the extra-curricular activities that we are so proud of. Students have been out on their Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions for Bronze, Silver and Gold. House competitions have been taking place and a large number of Y8 students have taken part in Play in a Week, which sees them learning new skills as actors, set designers, lighting technicians to name just a few roles.

We said farewell to our Y11 and Y13 students who had worked incredibly hard on the assessments we put in place to support the grading process this year and we look forward to seeing them in August for their results days.

A recent highlight for me was the transition days, where we welcomed into school those students joining our Y7 in September. It was great to see them all taking part in the transition activities in their House t-shirts. We look forward to those students joining in our Summer School week and welcoming them all in September.

Further updates are included in our final newsletter of the year which can be found at [PHS July Newsletter 2021](#)

We look forward to the new school year in September and wish you all a happy summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

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