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Poynton High School and Performing Arts College

Head Teacher: Mr M Dean

29th April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Poynton High School – “Bridging the Gap” Residential

Conway Centre, Anglesey

Friday 17th – Saturday 18th June 2022

We are really pleased your young person has accepted a place at Poynton High School for September 2022.

As part of our transition programme, ‘Bridging the Gap’, we would like to invite your young person to join us on a residential trip to the Conway Centre on Anglesey. This will bring together all students with a confirmed place at Poynton High School from primary schools outside of our catchment area and is designed to mirror the residential that our feeder primaries take part in.

Feedback from students and parents following our previous trips over the last 8 years, have said that it was a fantastic trip and really benefitted all students in making new friends and getting to know Poynton High School staff before they start in September. Working with the Conway Centre on Anglesey we have managed to secure such an opportunity for your young person and we hope they will find it an exciting and rewarding experience.

This event will take place from **Friday 17th until Saturday 18th June**. Students will need to meet at Poynton High School at 9:00am for a 9:30am departure and will have an estimated return of 6:00pm on the Saturday. The Conway Centre is an outdoor education centre run specifically for schools. During the day students will take part in a range of team building activities, curriculum sessions run by the teaching staff of Poynton High School and a canoeing session run by qualified instructors from the centre. We really hope this will help your young person make some new friends and reduce any anxieties about the move to secondary school.

Although this visit is to a residential centre and is different to the classroom experience, we expect that students continue to observe the high standards of behaviour that they show every day in school. Students should take indoor and outdoor clothes, as well as suitable clothes for sports events. We have included with this letter a list of the sort of items that students should take with them for the period of time that they are there. Students will sleep in dormitories of up to ten students for which bed linen is provided. Towels and other toiletries should be taken by the students. All waterproofs and safety equipment needed for the activities will be provided by the centre.

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Stockport, Cheshire SK12 1PU

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Email: info@phs.cheshire.sch.uk

There is a small shop which offers sweets and drinks, although this should be a supplement and not the sole diet. We suggest £5 is a sensible amount to bring with them but this is not essential. As we are only there for two days, may we also suggest that the students do not endeavour to contact home. We have, at the bottom of this letter, included the centre number should you feel it necessary to phone but only in the case of an emergency. This call is directed into the office and they would have to find a member of staff to respond to the call. It is not for use in contacting students.

Please do not allow your young person to bring mobile phones, smart watches, electronic games or any expensive equipment. Apart from the normal wristwatch, the only accessory should be a camera if they so require.

Your young person will need to bring a packed lunch with them on the Friday for lunchtime.

In order to give you and your young person some more information about the residential we will be holding an **Information Evening on Thursday 19th May at 4:45pm in the School Library**. At this meeting you and your young person will be able to meet some of the staff who will be going on the residential and we will be able to answer any further questions you may have. Please come to the main reception and you will be directed to the library.

We are asking parents to make a contribution of £104.75 towards the cost of the trip. This includes return transport from Poynton High School, small group activities led by qualified instructors, accommodation, meals (excluding Friday lunch – packed lunch to be taken) and insurance. If you would like your young person to attend could you please click on the link to complete the trip [Consent Form](#) and then return it with the payment (cheques made payable to Poynton High School) to:

Mrs D O'Brien
Bridging the Gap Residential
Poynton High School
Yew Tree Lane
Poynton
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This will be the first time that we have been able to run this trip since 2019. We would like to reassure you that if the trip is unable to go ahead due to national government or local authority guidance, that all attending pupils would be eligible for a refund under the "Conway Confidence Guarantee" that can be found on the centre's website.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 19th May at the information evening.

Yours faithfully



Miss Catherine Holyland
Deputy Head Teacher

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The emergency telephone number for the centre is: **01248 714501**

Suggested Equipment List

Water Bottle
Suitcase or holdall to carry clothing etc. to the centre
Packed lunch for outgoing travel on Friday
Trainers
Sensible indoor shoes
Strong shoes for outdoors
Spare socks and underwear
Sleeping attire
Shorts
Sunscreen
Sun hat/cap
Appropriate casual clothing including tracksuit bottoms and t-shirts
Cagoule or equivalent
Toiletries
Towels
Pen and pencils
Cameras at students own risk!
Watch

No Mobile Phones
No Electronic games
No Aerosol sprays
No tablets or other electronic equipment

Carrier bag to put any wet clothing in

All items of clothing must be named