



Poynton High School

and Performing Arts College

Head Teacher: Mr M Dean

Friday, 24 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of the third week of the school year I wanted to let you know how well your sons and daughters have settled back into school and to give you some important updates.

Extra-curricular involvement

Students have engaged really well with our extra-curricular activities at lunchtime and after school. It is a pleasure to see so many take part in activities, including football, netball, badminton, girls' cricket, rugby, creative writing, drama, dance, reading groups, senior choir, concert band and many more. We are also delighted to see students playing competitive matches against other schools with some great results! More activities are starting up soon, with Poynton Junior Singers returning next week, and House activities, which include designing a collar bandana for Willow, our school dog, and the launch of votes on House charities. Our 4.30pm bus to Disley is running to help more students get involved in activities. Tickets are available from reception. If your child is not involved in an activity yet please encourage them to have a look at what is on offer.

Students engaging with learning

Students have also made a great start to learning in lessons and it has been great to see Year 7 starting their learning journey in the science labs, drama studio and product design workshops. We set home learning on Google Classroom and really appreciate your support in checking that your young person has logged in to check what work is set. We also hope that you are able to have a look in books to support us in ensuring that students have the highest standards in their written work. Well-presented books reflect the pride a student has in their work and also ensures that they build the right habits to ensure they have books they can use for revision.

Student Leadership Group

We are lucky that we have so many talented students and we are in the process of selecting our Student Leadership Group for this year. Although we have elected Year councils we extend this through our Student Leaders. Students apply by writing to me and giving the letter in to reception by Wednesday 29 September. In their letter, of no more than one side of A4, students should outline their thoughts on a learning, environmental or wellbeing project they would like to see at our school.

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Communication between home and school

We welcome communication from parents and carers and are keen this year to extend your involvement in your child's learning. To make it easier to get through to the right person we have provided information at

<https://www.phs.cheshire.sch.uk/parents/communicationguidelines>

Year Information Evenings

This week we have launched our Year Information Evenings for Years 8 – 12. I hope that these are useful to you and if you haven't yet had a chance to see them, they can be found at <https://www.phs.cheshire.sch.uk/informationevening>. The Year 7 Information Evening will come out shortly.

Our Newsletter

Our newsletter is published each half term and the first edition will be a packed one with articles on our successful Year 6/7 summer school, a review of the summer Year 8 play in a week and introductions to the Head Student Group among others. We also share alumni news and are always pleased to hear about former students' success. If you have an alumni story please email Mrs Walsh, YWalsh@phs.cheshire.sch.uk, and if possible attach a picture. It doesn't matter if students left last year or many years ago we would love to share the news.

Keeping our students and community safe

The safety of all our young people is paramount and we are grateful for your support in encouraging students to complete their lateral flow tests on Wednesday and Sunday nights and to report these results to school and to the NHS. Although face coverings are not worn in lessons, we have retained them in our busy corridors and I appreciate your support in ensuring that students have a face covering with them in school. These measures are helping to keep students learning in school.

We would also ask that parents and carers do not drive onto the school site to drop off students. Please drop them off outside school and avoid using our entrances as places to turn. With 1400 young people moving about you will understand the importance of these measures.

I look forward to sharing more of our news and to meeting you at school events during the year.

With best wishes



Matthew Dean
Headteacher