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# Poynton High School and Performing Arts College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to those parents who are new to our school and welcome back to those who are already part of our partnership. I hope that these updates are useful for you.

### **Welcome to our new students**

It has been a real pleasure to welcome the new Year 7 students to Poynton. They have made a really impressive start to school, with one student telling me on her very first day 'I already know my way around' – truly impressive! It is good to see them gaining House points already in the lessons they have attended.

We have also welcomed students to other years in school, and to our Sixth Form, and I hope that they enjoy their time at school and succeed both academically and in wider school life.

### **Congratulations to the class of 2024**

I spoke to Years 7-11 on Wednesday and celebrated the impressive results of the students who sat their examinations in the summer. We were really proud of the results achieved and these are testament to the efforts of our students over the years. As always, attainment is very strong, with the GCSE students achieving the highest attainment overall that we have ever had in a non-COVID exam season. Above all we were delighted with how well these grades enabled students to move on to their next steps in education and employment.

At GCSE (2029 entries):

- 35% of all GCSE entries were awarded the highest grades 7-9 (a 7 is equivalent to the former A grade)
- 58 students had 7 or more of their GCSEs at grade 7 or above
- One student gained 11 GCSEs at grade 7 or above
- Another student gained grade 9s in every subject that she sat
- 81% of all GCSE entries were awarded 4-9 (a 4 is equivalent to the former C grade)
- Students made very good progress from their starting point in school and this has enabled them to move on successfully to their next steps.

Year 13 (443 entries):

- 20% graded A\* or A
- 76% were graded A\*-C
- 88% of university applicants gained their first choice of university

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- Students are heading all the over the country to study, from Veterinary Medicine at Bristol and Architecture at Cambridge to some high-quality degree apprenticeships.

### **My Child at School App (replacing the Class Charts App)**

As you are aware we have moved to Bromcom as our Management Information System. Parents will have access to the parent portal which is called 'My child at school'. Some parents have already accessed the portal but if you are not yet registered you will receive an invitation. The invitation subject on the e-mail is 'Create password for your new MCAS account'. Please be aware the initial e-mail invitation may go to your junk folder. All parents/carers with parental responsibility will get their own invitation.

Once you have set up an account you can also download the app for My Child at School from the app store, it works on both iPhones and android phones.

We will launch the student app with our students next week.

### **MyEVOLVE**

We have used EVOLVE to enable parents to pay for trips, lockers, revision guides etc for a while now. To use this service for the first time you should register for myEVOLVE. The link below will allow you to set up a myEVOLVE account that is linked to your child. If you already have an account with us there is no need to register again.

<https://evolve.edufocus.co.uk/myevolve/setup.asp?id=poyntonhigh>

Further information about EVOLVE can be found at

<https://www.poyntonhigh.org.uk/parents/parentpay>

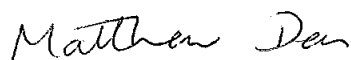
### **Extra-curricular opportunities**

When I talked to Year 7 I emphasised how important it is to get involved in the life of the school and this is true for all students. There are a wide range of opportunities available, including sports, House activities, music, drama and a variety of clubs. As always, we expect that lots of our Year 9s will embark on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and will join the Year 10 students doing Silver and Year 12 doing Gold. We are updating the information on the website about extra-curricular activities but students will also find out about them through Google Classroom and formtime. Please encourage your child to get themselves involved to build skills and have lots of fun!

Students have made a great start to the new year and we are looking forward to working with them in lessons and in the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities in school.

Thank you for your support of our school this year and for your patience as we encountered some technical glitches this week. I look forward to seeing you at our school events this year.

With best wishes,



Matthew Dean  
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