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# Poynton High School and Performing Arts College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## 2024 GCSE Examination Success

I am delighted to be able to share with you more detail about the performance of our Year 11 students in their examinations this summer. We already knew that these students had high attainment and I am pleased that I can share that they also made impressive progress in the five years since they joined us in Year 7. You can view the data in detail on the <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/146387/poynton-high-school> and a summary of the information is below.

At Poynton in 2024, students achieved up to half a grade higher in each qualification on average compared to similar students across the country. This good progress is a result of the hard work of our staff and students, as well as the support of our parents. Current students should aspire to achieve just as well when they sit their examinations in school. The journey to this success doesn't start in Year 11, and students from Year 7 upwards should be working hard to achieve their full potential in school.

### Progress 8 score ?

The academic progress that pupils make from the end of key stage 2 to the end of key stage 4. This is based on 8 qualifications.

The banding for this school or college is 'above average' because the score is greater than 0 but lower than 0.5, and the entire confidence interval is above 0.

<b>Banding</b>	<b>ABOVE AVERAGE</b>
<b>Score</b>	0.29

### Entering EBacc ?

A pupil is considered to have entered for the English Baccalaureate if they entered for qualifications in English, maths, sciences, a language and either history or geography.



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## Staying in education or entering employment ?

This shows the number of pupils who either stayed in education or went into employment after finishing key stage 4 (after year 11, usually aged 16).



## Grade 5 or above in English & maths GCSEs ?

This tells you the percentage of pupils who achieved grade 5 or above in English and maths GCSEs.



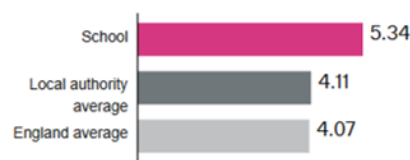
## Attainment 8 ?

Schools get a score based on how well pupils have performed in up to 8 qualifications.



## EBacc average point score ?

The EBacc average points score calculates a pupil's average point scores across the 5 pillars of the English Baccalaureate.



## My Child at School

As you know we have introduced MyChildAtSchool as an online portal to enable parents to access information about their child's performance in school. It enables parents to have anytime access to attendance, behaviour, assessment and student reports, letters or important documents. Parents can also view student timetables and Exam Timetables. This is also available as an app and many parents have found this to be a really useful way of learning more about their child's progress. Information about how to download the app can be found at <https://www.poyntonhigh.org.uk/page/?title=Bromcom&pid=359>

There is a similar app for students and we would encourage students to sign up for this so they can check their timetable when they are at home to help them organise the day ahead. The student instructions can be found at <https://www.poyntonhigh.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1467&type=pdf>

## Foodbank Appeal

Thank you to families for supporting our annual foodbank appeal. Your generous donations will make a real difference to local families at Christmas. If you have any final items to contribute please send them in with your child before we deliver to the foodbank on Tuesday 17 December.

I will write to you again before Christmas and hope that your preparations for the festive season are well underway.

Best wishes,

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