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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 over this year. As usual, we marked the end of the school year with a whole school assembly where more than 1000 students, 100 staff, governors and invited guests gathered together. As always it was a pleasure to be entertained by the concert band, soloists and ensembles and this year we had a brilliant performance from a Year 9 student band.

The assembly is a chance to celebrate our students and our school and this year there has been much to celebrate again. Our teams have had a successful year in sport and we have celebrated students achieving success at county and even national level. Students have also embraced the chance to attend educational trips in the UK and abroad. I am particularly pleased that our long-standing exchanges with schools in Spain and Germany have continued; an excellent way for students to immerse themselves in the culture of a foreign country. Recently I have had the pleasure of seeing student success and engagement in a wide range of areas. The Summer concert was a true celebration of the many talents of our students and left the audience 'walking on sunshine'. Governors were also able to talk to students who were showcasing the work that they have done this year. Their achievements covered all our subjects in school as well as extra-curricular opportunities in and out of school. I am proud of the work of our students and thanked them and the staff who make all these opportunities happen. Further details of recent activities can be found in the newsletter at <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/FLAR8evnSEkKAwfG?ref=Link>

I also talked to students about how proud I am of the way they work with, and support, each other. Success and happiness in school is only achieved through students supporting each other and we have seen real evidence of this through the year. The recent Year 8 Play in a Week in Year 8 highlighted this strength. I had the pleasure of seeing all the teams in action working together to create two brilliant shows of *George's Marvellous Medicine*. Watching students create the giant 10-foot puppets of Grandma or compose the music or paint the set summed up to me what schools should be about. Our students worked together so effectively and whilst doing so learned valuable skills and most importantly had a great deal of fun. All of us need support at times with different challenges and with such a positive approach students can certainly rely on their friends both in good times and in more challenging times.

Year 11 and 13 students have been enjoying their holiday in advance of receiving exam results in August. A level results are available on Thursday 14 August at 8am and GCSE results on 21 August at 9am. It is only the student themselves who can collect the results, unless we have received written authorisation from them for a named person to collect them. That should be sent by the student's own email to exams@poyntonhigh.org.uk. Good luck to all our students for these results.

Students return to school on Wednesday 3 September and we will write towards the end of the holiday to confirm those arrangements. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students, who have had

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such a successful experience through the Menai residential and the transition activities. We hope that these young people are excited to be joining our school.

The holidays are a great opportunity for students to spend some quality time with family and friends over the summer and enjoy a break. As usual we have updated the welfare information that we share before the summer and this can be found at <https://www.poyntonhigh.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1666&type=pdf>. This provides useful advice for students on staying safe in the summer and some contact information that students might find useful when school is closed.

Best wishes to our staff, students and families for a well-deserved summer holiday.

Matthew Dean

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