



Poynton High School and Performing Arts College

Head Teacher: Mr M Dean

March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

It is with great pleasure that I write to you as the Director of Learning for Year 7 & Transition at Poynton High School, having gained a place for your son/daughter with us for September 2026. I want to take the time to highlight some of the ways in which we want to make sure that you feel part of the Poynton High School community, before your child physically steps into the building. My aim as the transition and Yr7 director of learning is to ensure students move from primary to secondary school efficiently as possible and I do this by creating many opportunities for students to meet people, experience activities at the high school, meeting staff and feeling part of our community before they start in September.

Taster mornings

Over the past few years we have been building on opportunities for students to visit the high school before starting with us and last year we had over 200 students experience a taster morning at different times. If your young person is at a feeder primary school then they have possibly already been for a visit but any students from out of zone schools are welcome to our taster morning at Poynton High school on Monday 27th April 9-12pm. If you would like your young person to attend then please fill in the google form. <https://forms.gle/sCeLoMcB1jrr2RN2A>

Admissions

Please keep an eye on your inbox (and junk folder) for a registration link for your young person. This will be sent out after the Easter break.

Menai transition trip

We are very much looking forward to running our transition trip to the Conwy centre again. This is a great experience for students to get a feel of high school activities and to be given the opportunity to meet others. If you have missed any communication regarding the trip please refer to our website for all information. This trip runs for pupils from our PDA schools and out of zone so that no child misses out on the experience. We will also have a meeting for 'out of zone' parents who wish to send their child on our residential on Thursday 14th May at 4.30pm in the school library.

Induction Day & Parent and Carer Information Talk

We hope to be able to welcome our new students for an Induction Day on **Monday 6th July 2026**. The day will give students the chance to meet their new year group and sample a day at high school. As part of the Induction Day we hold a Parent Information talk, which will be held on the same day (**Monday 6th July**) at **7pm** in the school hall. This will be for parents and carers to hear a talk from the senior staff of the school about the ethos and organisation of Poynton High School.

School Website and communication with the transition team

I would like to highlight the school website as a very useful source of information <https://www.poyntonhigh.org.uk/>. For example, you will be able to access the school calendar of events and holiday dates. On the school website are some challenges students can have a go at from now until they start in September. <https://www.poyntonhigh.org.uk/transition> Please check this regularly for the most up to date information. If at any point you have any questions regarding the transition process, please email the transition team at transition@poyntonhigh.org.uk

We are very much looking forward to working with you to make the transition to high school as seamless as possible. Over the coming months, we hope to be able to answer many of the questions that you will have about starting high school. We look forward to working with you in the lead up to welcoming our Year 7s on **Thursday 3rd September 2026**.

Yours faithfully

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| Dates | Activities | Notes |
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| Monday 27 th April (9-12pm) | Out of Zone (OOZ) Taster morning | |
| Thursday 14 th May (4.30-5.30pm) | Out of Zone Menai meeting | In the school library |
| Monday 8 th – Wednesday 10 th June | PDA Menai trip | Vernon 1, Lostock, Worth, St.Pauls, Adlington and Pott Shrigley |
| Wednesday 10 th June – Friday 12 th June | PDA Menai trip | Vernon 2, Lower Park and Disley Primary School |
| Friday 12 th – Saturday 13 th June | OOZ Menai trip | |
| Monday 6 th July | Induction day | Yr6 students |
| Monday 6 th July | Parent talk (7-8pm) | School hall (parents and carers) |
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Additional information...

We also host the following mornings to support our students further...

EHCP
SEND
Welfare

If your young person needs any additional taster mornings in school, we will be in contact with the date and information.

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