

8 October 2021

Dear parent/guardian/carer

### **Year 7 Students**

We hope that your child has enjoyed their first few weeks at Poole High School; from our perspective the year group has made an excellent start. We hope that your child has found time to participate in some of the many extra-curricular clubs that are on offer as detailed on our website: [School Clubs and Activities | Poole High School](#)

### **Homework:**

Students have made a really good start to developing their independent study skills. You will be aware that your child needs to self-quiz on a directed area of their knowledge organiser for 30 minutes each night. We have emphasised the need for them to 'look, cover, write, check, correct' in order that they can develop their long-term memory of key elements in the curriculum. This is reinforced in class. We recommend that this is completed in a quiet area at home; if this is not possible your child is welcome to attend homework club in the library every school night from 3.00-4.00pm.

In addition, your child will have maths Hegarty homework twice a week and should also read every night for 30 minutes. All homework and reading should be recorded in the diary. Please do check and sign your child's diary every week. The tutor will check it once a week.

### **Changes to classes:**

All students in Year 7 undertook CATs tests in the first few weeks which we have cross-referenced to teacher assessments from their previous school. Where we feel that a different class would support their needs better in order to support good progress, a set change has been made. This will occur with effect from:

4 October 2021	Maths class changes
11 October 2021	Core set changes

We will continue to monitor all students' progress. Any changes to timetables will be visible on the SIMs Parent app at the appropriate date.

### **First track point:**

We are in the process of completing our first track point over the next week. We are asking all of your child's class teachers to give a score for attitude towards learning. Key subjects and your child's tutors will provide a score for homework. A copy of this track point will be available on the SIMs parent app towards the end of this half term. This track point will provide us with information about any additional support that may be needed, in addition we will use it to generate your child's 100 score which builds into our reward system. The 100 score includes: attendance; behaviour; attitude towards learning; homework. Any absence this term will result in a low attendance score, but this is easy to build up quickly if your child attends fully.

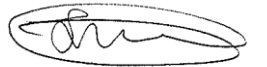
Dates for your diary further information to follow:

Thursday 4 November	Year 7 disco raising money for Children in Need
17 and 18 November	Auditions for the school production 3-5.30pm
Wednesday 1 December	INSET school closed to students
Friday 3 December	Christmas concert
Monday 6 December	Year 7 Carol Service
Thursday 16 December	Christmas Pantomime Trip: "Beauty and the Beast" – The Lighthouse
Friday 17 December	School closes at 12.30pm

Yours sincerely



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