



20 July 2021

Dear parent, guardian or carer

Once again, thank you so much for all your help and support throughout the last challenging academic year, I am looking forward to a safe return to a more normal Sixth Form life from September.

START OF AUTUMN TERM - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (please refer to the whole school end of term letter about arrangements around beginning of term in September).

YEAR 12-13 SUMMER WORK — 'Year 12 into 13' students studying both A Level and BTEC courses will have been set some summer work to complete over the six-week break, by their subject teachers (via Google Classroom). It is vital that students maximise this time, especially for subjects where wider reading, independent research and coursework forms a key component. They should have the ADAPT and Brainscape Apps on their phone to help them keep on top of revision and preparation for Year 13. In addition, students have already started working on university and apprenticeship applications. They need to continue to research and prepare for these as the time will pass so quickly when we're back.

Selected students will be resitting the Progression to Year 13 exams. These will take place after school during the first week in September. Please support your son/daughter with their continuous revision towards these. If you want to see the latest results from the Progression exams, these are available via the SIMS Parents App.

### YEAR 13 WORK EXPECTATIONS

Please bear in mind that next year, all non-contact periods will continue in the same manner as this year, we will be expecting all students to take full advantage of our facilities to enhance their learning during Directed Study. We will support them every step of the way.

Teachers will be setting work every lesson and this will need completing prior to their subsequent lesson. After school sessions to support them to succeed in the Sixth Form will also occur.

PLAN OF THE YEAR AND ATTENDANCE — Please remember that good attendance is absolutely essential in order to achieve good results, this being the case more so than ever this year. At Poole High School, we expect an attendance level of over 95%; this is also something, which the government promotes for all students up to the age of 19. If you consider 90% means one day off for every 10 working days, it is clear that this is not an unreasonable target for all Sixth Form students.

We request that you do not plan any holidays during the academic year. They will not be approved. It also makes it very hard for teachers to ensure that students are ready for their exams and able to achieve the very best outcomes. Students must be in school at all other times, enabling them to focus and use their allocated study time wisely.

DRESS CODE AND EQUIPMENT- Please remind students that the Sixth Form dress code must be adhered to and this includes their ID lanyards and photo badges. These must be worn at all times when on site to ensure we safeguard all students appropriately. The dress code is designed to prepare students for their future as an employee; it must therefore be appropriate for the environment in which students are studying. We expect students to dress in a smart/casual fashion to help establish the right mindset in the Sixth Form environment. All details regarding the dress code can be found on our website.

In the coming year, the Sixth Form team will be as follows. We will write to you in September to confirm how you can contact us and with more information about the year ahead. Please visit our website for any other information you might need or email us at [sixthform@poolehigh.poole.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@poolehigh.poole.sch.uk).

Mrs E Nash	Head of Sixth Form
Mrs C Ramirez	Pastoral Leader
Mr R Payne	Progress Leader
Mrs J Buller	Assistant Head of Sixth Form — Pedagogy Leader
Mrs P Wright	Pathways Leader
Mrs V Wilson	EPQ Co-ordinator
Mrs Cowan	Sixth Form Support Manager
Mrs H Amey	Sixth Form Support Assistant

I hope that you all enjoy a happy and safe summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E Nash  
Head of Sixth Form  
Assistant Headteacher