



Poole High School

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Dear parents, guardians, carers

This term has been one of our busiest within the academic year, with many achievements to celebrate and experiences to reflect upon. As we approach the holiday break, I wanted to provide you with some key information.

Attendance: Please refer to the attendance letters which have been emailed to you today. Non-attendance has a huge impact on student achievement and your co-operation and support with this matter is essential for your child's future success.

A-levels and GCSEs

As with the end of every academic year, we were sad to say goodbye to our Year 13 students along with some of our Year 11 students. I know all of the staff will join me in wishing them the best of luck as they move on and I look forward to celebrating their future successes. A polite reminder that A-level Results Day is Thursday 15 August and GCSE Results Day is Thursday 22 August.

Sonar Magazine

Please can I draw your attention to the information in the school newsletter which will be released via a text link this week which celebrates so much of the activity in school this term. It also has some important guidance regarding the autumn term.

School uniform

The school uniform exists so we can focus on learning, not fashion. Please can you continue to support the school regarding the requirement **of knee length skirts**. We fully understand that as students grow, this can be difficult and accept a tolerance of two inches only. **White socks** are not uniform, please ensure socks are black ankle length only. **Trainer-style shoes** and **suede / velvet material shoes** are not uniform. Expectations are clearly laid out on. Please ensure your child does not bring prohibited items into school. When items such as jewellery are confiscated, we cannot guarantee their return the same day.

Driveway closures

A polite reminder that the driveway is closed to prioritise cyclists (8:10am to 8:35am; also, from 2:45pm to 3:15pm, daily). Please ensure your child, if cycling wears a cycling helmet.

Summer Activities

BCP are offering numerous free activities throughout the summer break. Please see the links below for further information.

Follow **BCP Council Family Information** and **BCP Council Family Hubs** on Facebook.

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The Parks Foundation: [Home - The Parks Foundation](#) also on Facebook. The individual cafes have their own Facebook pages where they publicise their own events or you can view them on the Parks Foundation website. Also, **Kingfisher Barn Visitor Centre**.

BCP Family Hubs: see timetables for individual Hubs as the offer varies. Activities and drop-ins for all ages including teens. [Family hub timetables \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

Up in BCP: Summer activities. No cost - £10 [www.upinbcp.co.uk](#) [Summer Activities \(upinbcp.co.uk\)](#) Booking form is available on their website.

BCP Libraries: Summer Reading Challenge: [Summer Reading Challenge | BCP \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#) Presentation: [SRC School Assembly Presentation \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

Information: [Summer Reading Challenge](#) **What's on in Libraries:** [Libraries Whats On \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

Family events: [Family Events - Bournemouth](#)

BCP Family Information Directory: Holiday Activities: [Search Results \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

Primary Times: [Family activities and events for primary school children | Primary Times](#)

BCP Mumbler: [Summer Holiday - Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Mumbler](#) [Free Things To Do with Kids in Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole this Summer - Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Mumbler](#)

Soft Play Cafes: [Kids Play Cafe](#)

Return to school

School resumes on **Wednesday 4th September for Year 7 and 12 students** and we look forward to welcoming all other years back on Thursday 5th September.

A reminder please to ensure that your son/daughter arrives promptly to school each day, ready to start at 8.25am in full school uniform and has a fully equipped pencil case including a calculator.

Wishing you all a restful summer.

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