



01 December 2022

Dear parents, guardians and carers

As the autumn term draws to a close, please find some key dates for your diaries below:

<b>W/c 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Y7 Careers Focus week</b>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas concert 7pm to 9.30pm (last few tickets available via WisePay)</li><li>• Year 8 (virtual) Parents' Evening 4pm to 7pm reminder to book in appointments via the link: <a href="#">SchoolCloud - Poole High School</a></li></ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Foodbank collection – minibuses at start of school day.</li></ul>
<b>W/c 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last week of Autumn Term</b>
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Foodbank collection – minibuses at start of school day</li><li>• Last day FOPHS -The Big PTA Christmas Raffle.</li><li>• Year 7 Christmas Carol Service – St Marys Church</li></ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 8 Christmas Carol Service – St Marys Church</li></ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas lunch in the Main Dining Hall</li><li>• Sixth form students finish school 12.15pm</li><li>• Delivery of donations to Poole Foodbank</li></ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 7 Poole Lighthouse for the Pantomime</li></ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas themed non-uniform day – Suggested £1 donation to FOPHS (collection at front gate by SLT in buckets). Accessorise non-uniform with Christmas hats, jumpers and accessories.</li><li>• 12.15pm all students to P4 lesson for registration</li><li>• 12.30pm Students dismissed and school closes (lunch available for Free School Meal students).</li></ul>

## Sonar Magazine

Please can I draw your attention to the information in the school newsletter which will be released via a text link w/c 12 December which celebrates so much of the activity in school this term. It also has some important guidance regarding the spring term.

**Friday 16 December, school will close at 12.30pm** for the Christmas holiday. Students that have Free School Meal provision will be notified accordingly.

Also, on **Friday 16 December** we will be asking parents to support students with a Christmas themed non-uniform day – Suggested donation to the Friends of Poole High School (collection at front gate by SLT in buckets). We recommend that students accessorise non-uniform with Christmas hats, jumpers and appropriate festive paraphernalia. A suggested contribution of £1 from each participant to support FOPHS will be appreciated. Please note that the on-site school buses at 12.30pm will not be available on 16 December and students will need to use the local bus routes.

### **Extreme weather**

A reminder that in the unlikely event of school closure due to extreme weather conditions, a school text/email will be sent out to parents, a message will be placed on the school website, the school will notify the Borough of Poole as well as local radio stations (Heart and Wave 105).

### **Increase to school meals**

Regrettably, the school will need to put the cost of the school main meal up to £2.80 and increases to further items from 3 January 2023. This is to incorporate the increase the school is receiving from food suppliers and rising energy costs. Free school meal daily allowance will increase by 20p per day.

### **Friends of Poole High School (FOPHS) Christmas prize draw**

50% of every ticket sold goes directly to your PTA and you will have six chances of winning up to £5,000 – all for only 50p per draw (minimum spend £3). Two draws a day will be taking place between 14th and 16 December 2022, giving six very lucky ticket holders cause to celebrate this Christmas. Ticket sales end 6pm on 14 December, follow this link to access the Parentkind Poole High page and purchase your tickets.

<https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/friends-of-poole-high-school-bh15>

The **Spring Term** will begin at 8.25am on Tuesday 3 January 2023. Please 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.

As always, thank you for working with us and your commitment in making our community such a special place. We wish you all a peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Gray  
Headteacher