



Poole High School

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Dear parent/guardian/carer

Re: Year 11 Parent Information Evening

We are thrilled to invite you to our upcoming Year 11 information evening, designed to help both students and their parents prepare for this critical exam year. The event is scheduled for **Tuesday 23 September at 6 pm** in the school Theatre.

With less than eight months before the GCSE examinations commence, it is essential that your child hits the ground running and maintains their momentum throughout the year. Year 11 also marks the final academic year of Key Stage 4, during which students will make important decisions about their future pathways into further education or employment.

The event will be structured into four informative sections:

1. **Meet the key staff involved with Year 11**
2. **How the exam process works – led by Mr K Lean (Assistant Headteacher)**
 - **Timetable:** what does the summer term of Year 11 look like and how many exams will be sat?
 - **Mock examinations:** when are these and why are they important?
 - **Exam Boards:** the rules, conduct, and policies which all schools must adhere to.
3. **How we learn – led by Mrs K Dolman (Director of Teaching and Learning)**
 - **How we learn:** an introduction to cognitive load theory and its implications for parents.
 - **Optimising Learning:** discover the research-driven strategies we use to enhance student learning.
 - **Independent Learning:** learn how we cultivate skills that enable students to learn independently, a crucial aspect of success at the GCSE level.
4. **Applying Learning – led by Mr D Attrill (Director of Intervention)**
 - **Syllabus Design:** how our curriculum is crafted to minimise stress and cognitive load
 - **Reducing the Forgetting Curve:** explore the pathways and strategies we use to help students retain information.
 - **Parental Support:** practical tips on how you can support your child's learning at home.

We hope this event will provide you with a comprehensive understanding of what lies ahead and how to best support your child through the academic year. Your involvement and support are invaluable as we work together to ensure your child's success.

Mrs Phillips, Acting Headteacher, will be available after the event to answer any questions you may have about Year 11 or the school in general.

Yours sincerely

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