



Poole High School

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Dear parent/guardian/carer,

We are very excited to welcome your child to Poole High School on **Friday 5 September 2025**. On this day, we'll ensure they feel supported, have further opportunities to explore the school site, and take part in a full induction to life as a Year 07 at Poole High School.

The first day is particularly special, as only Year 07 and Year 12 students will be on site. This creates a calm and focused environment, helping your child build confidence from the very start. We understand this is a significant day for you as parents and carers too—starting secondary school is a major milestone. Please be assured that we are committed to making sure your child feels safe, happy, and ready to thrive both academically and personally.

It may be reassuring for your child to know what their timetable will look like on Friday. Each session has been carefully designed to introduce how our school works, highlight key staff, explain routines, and show students how to access support when they need it. You can find the timetable [here](#).

We hope your child enjoys this experience and we will be explaining, in their first assembly, what they can expect across their first few days at our wonderful school. We hope this also sparks some conversation at home about what they got up to on their first day!

Practical Information and Reminders for Parents/Guardian/Carers

Arbor App and Communications

Please ensure that you have downloaded the Arbor Parent App. This application will enable you to find key information such as:

- Timetable (from September);
- Attendance information, you can also report absence this way;
- Reports;
- Your child's details and parental permissions.

Please ensure that all details in Arbor are accurate and up to date. If your child's current school uses this platform, please ensure that you click on Poole High School as your 'selected' school.

For help and guidance in getting the Arbor App, please click [here](#).

If you wish to contact the school, you can contact us using the following Microsoft forms, the link is [here](#). It can also be found on our [website](#). Please be assured that we are monitoring the forms regularly and will ensure your communication is triaged and handled in a timely manner.

Birth Certificates

If you have not already done so, please ensure that a copy of your child's birth certificate has been sent to: admissions@poolehigh.poole.sch.uk for our records.

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Uniform and Equipment

We were so thrilled that so many of you attended our preloved uniform sale. We hope that you feel prepared for September and PMG (our supplier), have been helpful. We consistently apply our uniform policy, please ensure that you are familiar with this. It can be found on the website [here](#).

All students require a clear plastic pencil case and as a minimum requirement they will need:

- 3 black pens
- 3 green pens
- 2 black 'white board' pens
- 2 pencils
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Protractor
- Compass
- Scientific Calculator

It can be helpful to also have a glue stick and a set of highlighters.

Wisepay

You should have received a letter via email from the school finance department, detailing how you can pay for school meals and other activities, items, or events. There will also be the option to purchase a fully equipped school pencil case and scientific calculator should you prefer to do this. Pencil cases will be distributed during registration on the first day of the school term.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meal funding

For those in receipt of free school meals, your child's 'fob' will have £2.90 each day for spending. We recommend students have the meal-deal as this offers excellent value. This includes the main hot meal and a dessert. We do encourage parents to apply for the 'Free School Meals' benefit as you not only have a healthy meal each day but also can then access the Pupil Premium Grant. This grant can help your child to receive supportive interventions but also can be used for other educational experiences too. To find out more and to apply, click [here](#).

Music Tuition

We are delighted and thrilled to be able to offer a wide variety of instrumental tuition delivered by independent peripatetic teachers using the facilities in our individual practice rooms in our custom-built music facilities. The following instruments are available (subject to sufficient interest):

Flute	Piano	Keyboard	Classical Guitar
Bass Guitar	Saxophone	Electric Guitar	Clarinet
Brass	Strings	Ukulele	Drums
Singing			

Lessons will commence in September and take place weekly. All students will receive 10 private lessons per term each lasting 20 or 30 minutes depending on your preference. Lessons have a fee of

£127.50 for 20 minutes or £190.50 for 30 minutes per instrument each term. There can be support in funding lessons for those students in receipt of Pupil Premium and further funding can be applied for through an access to music fund even when this is not the case. Please find further information to book your lessons or to contact the music department to discuss your interest on our website [here](#).

Extra-curricular Activities

In September, Year 7 students will be welcomed to our wide-ranging extracurricular programme. This is a great way for your child to meet new people and make new friends whilst experiencing something new, facilitated by our experienced staff and external providers. A draft version of our programme of activities can be found [here](#). An up-to-date version will be published in the first week of term. Our PE department also offer an extensive range of sports, competitive seasonal teams and seasonal activities. Should you wish for your child to access a sporting activity, we do require an additional consent form which can be accessed through the Arbor Parent App. The PE department would also appreciate your help, where relevant, in completing two forms as detailed below:

Student Sports Participation Survey



This survey helps us identify students who participate in sport outside of school and at what level. It allows us to support and celebrate our talented performers and keep up to date with their sporting achievements beyond school.

Sports Leader Expression of Interest



Each year, we recruit 12 sports leaders from each year group to work with the PE team and our School Games Organiser. Sports leaders help plan and run sports events. If your child is interested in this role, please complete the expression of interest form. We will follow up with application forms in September.

Breakfast and Homework Clubs

Starting from **Monday 8 September**, the school will be open from 7.30am and students can access breakfast club which takes place in our school canteen each morning. A range of breakfast choices are on offer and students can use their usual fob to make purchases. Please be advised, students cannot access school site before 7.30am. There is no need to book.

Each day, after school, homework club is available from 3.00-4.00pm in the library. The club is also free and open to all students. There are several Learning Support Assistants who are on hand to help. There are also specific homework support clubs available throughout the week staffed by curriculum departments. This will be part of the extracurricular programme which will be updated in September with further information.

Please note, students are not required to complete any homework, other than reading, for the first two full school weeks of the term.

We are looking forward to welcoming you as a family into our Poole High Community on **Friday 5th September at 8.20am**.

Yours sincerely



Mrs V Stillman
Assistant Headteacher