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Headteacher's Welcome

We are excited about welcoming you to Poole High School. Our track record of ensuring a caring culture and very high performance drives its own virtue cycle – a stronger appetite for even greater success for each new group of students.

What does success beyond the application process look like?

Children who thrive here have knowingly joined a school where they will: be intellectually challenged; be accepting of rigorous standards; continue to mature in their social and emotional intelligence with qualities of respect, courtesy and kindness.

We pride ourselves on three things:

- our strong, caring ethos with clear family values and wonderfully nurturing relationships;
- a curriculum choice and learning culture which is second to none, and the envy of many other schools;
- our national profile in examination grades providing us with access to the best university and business destinations available. This follows a year-on-year pattern of high performance - unparalleled locally.

Whether your child has the potential for a top university or a career-boosting apprenticeship through our specialist provision, we know that your child's enjoyment of learning at Poole High School will, with your support, be the stepping stone towards an amazing future.

“A forward-looking, learning community, with a strong family feel.”



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Our Ethos

At Poole High School we have made it our mission to ensure that these three words are not just lofty ideals but the daily experience of every student.

At Poole High School, our ethos is to:

- **Value** each student as a unique individual with their own special contributions. This commitment fosters a culture of respect, courtesy, and kindness throughout our school community.
- **Inspire** every student to achieve their best, both academically and practically. We aim to spark a passion for learning in every student, ensuring that the pursuit of knowledge is central to life at Poole High School.
- **Empower** students with the skills and confidence they need to succeed in life and make choices that positively impact others. We are dedicated to helping every student leave Poole High ready to make meaningful contributions to the world.

We look forward to working with you to make your child's education memorable and positively life changing.

"Education is the most powerful tool we have to change the world."

Nelson Mandela



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Admissions 2024

Year 6 into Year 7 transfer – a summary of criteria

Applications for entry in September have to be made by 31 October. Places are allocated according to the criteria as laid out in the School's Admission Policy (see *website for full details*). What follows is a summary:

Students with a "Statement of Special Educational Needs" or with an "Education, Health and Care Plan" (EHCP) will be admitted to the school (*as is required of all schools*) before all other applicants.

The following criteria will be used to prioritise the applicants:

1. 'Looked after Children' (or previously looked after children)
2. Children of members of staff
3. Acceptance to the 'Expressly Academic 10%'
4. Students who have applied for a place in September and who are not part of the 'Expressly Academic 10%'.

Over-subscription

In the event that category 4 above is oversubscribed then the following sub-categories will be used in order to rank applicants within that category.

4a. Children whose home address is within the catchment area (Appendix A) and who have a sibling at the school who it is anticipated will still be attending at the time of admission.

4b. Other children with a sibling at the school who was on roll on 6 January 2020 and who it is anticipated will still be attending at the time of admission.

4c. Children whose home address is within the catchment area.

4d. Children whose home address is outside the catchment area but with a sibling who it is anticipated will still be on the school roll at the time of admission and who was admitted after 6 January 2020.

4e. Children whose home address is outside the catchment area.

The 'Expressly Academic 10%'

10% of our intake (32 students) can gain a place by taking a test. The test results are ranked and a place is awarded to the highest 32 students of those who accept a place.



Our Results

Results – Summer 2024

GCSE

Students at Poole High School have access to an enviably broader 'study menu' from which they can excel and progress.

Our 2025 GCSE and vocational results continue to be strong and empower multiple opportunities for our students' future. To express this on a national scale, this year, our cohort's progress was in line with the top 10% of schools nationally.

Our English, Mathematics and Science results are particularly strong with 76% achieving the benchmark grade of 9-4 in both English and Mathematics - well ahead of the national average. We are particularly pleased with the performance of our large cohort of 'more able' students - 100% of these students achieved grades 9-4 in English and Maths, with 92% achieving the higher passing grades of 9-5 in both English and Maths. Over 20% of all GCSE grades obtained at the school were grade 7 or higher.

There are many other subjects with exceptional performances. These include: History, Computer Science, Music and Single Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics).

A-Level

Over 80% of our A-Level students achieve a grade A*-C across our wide variety of A-Level and vocational courses making exceptional progress – ranking us in the top 10% for A-Level performance nationally. We are thrilled that the vast majority of our sixth form students secured highly credible university places at their first-choice institutions, with a diverse range of degrees including: Medicine, Aerospace Engineering, Biomedical Science, Journalism, Psychology, Law, Music, Computer Science and Neuro-Science.

Our large sixth form offers students a wide range of A-Level and BTEC qualifications - all recognised by universities and employers. Most important of all, the character and values, we have nurtured 'set our students up' for success in every walk of life.



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