



19 July 2021

Dear Parents, carers and guardians

**RE: Transition in to year 9**

We have been most impressed in the way in which our Year 8 students have coped and conducted themselves during these irregular times, and we thank you for your continued support throughout this challenging year.

As your child moves in to year 9, they will notice that we switch to our GCSE timetable structure. As such, class names change from our four-band model (N/E/S/W) to our two-band model (X and Y class names). To facilitate the transition in to GCSE study, all students will have new teaching groups from September.

In year 9, we look forward to providing students with specialist teachers for each discrete science (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics), and also start to move our thinking toward GCSE options which are selected as we approach Easter 2022.

Later this week we are also pleased to share with you the end of Year 9 report. You will be able to access this on your SIMS parent app by the end of term.

We look forward to seeing your child again on 6 September at 08:25 when the contact email for the year office will also change to [Year9office@poolehigh.poole.sch.uk](mailto:Year9office@poolehigh.poole.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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