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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 6 Open Mornings and Evening at Ponteland High School

At this time of the year I am sure you will be carefully considering which school to apply to for next September. This is a major decision for parents and therefore we believe it is useful to see the school in action during a regular day. We are confident in what we offer as a school; we are high achieving with a strong track record of consistent success at GCSE and A level but we are also highly committed to each and every student we teach and never lose sight of the individual child. I hope that you will be able to attend one or more of the events outlined in this letter to see for yourself.

Our students do well because they work in partnership with excellent teachers within a respectful and mutually supportive school environment. We expect a lot of our students and benefit from having extremely talented and committed teachers who have the highest expectations for themselves and their students.

As a school we want all of our students to be happy, feel safe and secure and achieve exceptionally well. In addition, we expect all of our students to experience regular enrichment activities to extend their learning beyond the confines of the classroom. We believe that this is what parents want for their children and we are striving to make this a reality for all.

This all sounds good in theory, but is it true? One way to find out is to visit the school during the working week. To this end, we have planned four Open Morning visits for parents: -

Dates: Monday 4 October; Tuesday 5 October, Wednesday 6 October and Thursday 7 October from 10.00am

Each visit will last approximately 90 minutes and include:

1. Welcome from senior staff
2. Tour of the school, visiting lessons as they take place
3. Opportunity to speak to current Year 7 students
4. Q&A session with senior staff

I sincerely hope that you will be able to make one of the time slots to see the school on a normal day, however, if these times are not convenient then please contact Clare Barker (Headteacher's PA) on 01661 824711 or c.barker@ponthigh.org.uk and we will make alternative arrangements to suit you.



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I would also like to extend an invitation to our Year 6 Open Evening on **Thursday 7 October 2021 at 6.00 pm**, when you and your child are most welcome to attend. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with some of the staff and hear a little more about the life of the school.

Experience has shown us that this event is very popular, so, to make sure families have as much time as possible to explore what we have to offer, the evening is organised as follows:

	6.00pm	6.45pm
Students with surnames A-M	Talk and presentation in the Dining Hall	Visit to curriculum areas, opportunity to view work, talk with staff and meet students
Students with surnames N-Z	Visit to curriculum areas, opportunity to view work, talk with staff and meet students	Talk and presentation in the Dining Hall

We believe that Ponteland High School has a lot to offer and is set for further improvements. I hope that you find the time to visit us in order to see this for yourself.

Yours sincerely



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