

Welcome to Sixth Form Information Evening

YEAR 11 - 12



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Our aim is to build a school
where all of our students
are happy, feel safe and
achieve exceptionally well.



Meet the Team



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- Julie Hall Head of Sixth Form
 - Dawn McKenna Sixth Form Student Support Coordinator
 - Annie Karatzenis Deputy Head of Sixth Form (Y13)
 - Paula Davison Deputy Head of Sixth Form (Y12)
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- Rob Spurr Deputy Headteacher (Sixth Form Link)



Entry Criteria



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I have a grade 4 or above in
English and Maths GCSE



I have grade 4 or above in 5 or
more GCSEs



I have the required grades to study
the subjects of my choice



Entry Criteria



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I have a grade 4 or above in
English and Maths GCSE



I have grade 4 or above in 5 or
more GCSEs



I don't have the required grades to
study the subjects of my choice



Choose from courses
offered with your grades

Enrolment



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On GCSE results day Thursday 21 August school is open from 8.30am to collect results.

An enrolment Google Form will be emailed with an electronic version of your results. You need to complete this to enrol for Sixth Form.

However, if you have any queries or problems then you will need to come into school on Friday 22 August to discuss this, and complete your enrolment process.

External applicants need to bring evidence of results.

Friday 22 August Enrolment Times



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External applicants, and students who need to make any changes to your enrolment courses need to come in to school to do so at the following times:

11ABU 9.00am
11CBR 9.30am
11DBA 10.00am
11EMA 10.30am
11KCH 11.00am
11KMU 11.30am
11MDR 12.00pm
11MTI 12.30pm
11PDU 1.00pm
11SWA 1.30pm

External Applicants
1.15pm - 3.30pm

Ethos and Culture



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- We aim to help our students develop into independent young people, ready for the world
- We encourage students to develop key attributes and characteristics, as well as academic success
- Our sixth form is a supportive environment, with staff and students working together to build positive futures
- Sixth form students are role models in our community – we aim for every student to make a positive contribution



Pen Portraits



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We would like all students to send us a Pen Portrait over the summer

Parents feel free to send in something too

What do you want us to know about you when you start in September?

y12penportraits2025@ponthigh.org.uk



Bridging the Gap from GCSE to A Level



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Yr 11

Journey to independence

Yr 13

- GCSEs
- Parent Reliant
- Teacher Reliant
- Decisions about next educational steps

- A Levels / CTEC/BTEC
- Self Reliant
- Autonomous Learners
- University/apprenticeships/employment?
- Possibly leaving home!

Personal Development



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WHEN?

1 x Tutorial per fortnight
Drop Down Sessions
Weekly assemblies
Tutor Time Activities



AUTUMN FOCUS

Sixth Form Study Skills
Developing Independence
Making Good Choices
British Values
RSE
Wellbeing

SPRING FOCUS

Exploring Careers
Work Experience
Healthy Relationships
Finance
Democracy

SUMMER FOCUS

Future Steps - University/Apprenticeships/Employment
Personal Statements and Applications
Reflecting on the year - setting goals for year ahead
Making a Positive Contribution

Dress Code



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Males

Suit or smart jacket and trousers
Collared shirt
Tie
Black or brown smart shoes

Females

Suit or smart jacket with trousers / skirt and tights
Shirt or smart top
Black or brown smart shoes

Dress Code

Coats are not to be worn instead of smart jackets around school
Jumpers must be smart, and are not to be worn instead of a shirt or smart top (girls)
Skirts must be an appropriate length for the workplace
Hair styles, jewellery, and accessories must be appropriate for the workplace

The following items are not acceptable uniform:

Leather/denim jackets and clothing
Mini skirts (pleated or tight)
Hoodies
Knee length boots
UGGs
Trainers
Cropped clothing
Vest tops

The uniform in sixth form is **business wear**. Students are expected to look smart and professional, to prepare them for the workplace.



Equipment



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General Equipment

- Students need a smart bag/rucksack large enough to carry folders and files.
- Pencil case complete with all usual items
- Pad of A4 paper
- Lever arch folder
- Folder Dividers
- Bic pen (4 colour)
- Lanyard and Cornell note booklets (to be given by school in September)
- We recommend all sixth form have a locker, for a £5 deposit



First Day in September



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Tuesday 2 September Y12 Induction Day

8.55am

Students will gather in sixth form study area to receive tutor group information.

Period 1

Tutor Groups to receive timetables and get to know fellow tutees

Period 2 – 5

A series of workshops and talks to learn about the following:

- Expectations in the Sixth Form
- Effective Sixth Form study skills
- Extended Project Qualification
- Enrichment opportunities/Volunteering in School
- Future Steps: understanding the process
- Sixth Form Committee

Attendance Procedures



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- Students are expected to be in school every day from 8.55am for the whole of the morning session
- Students must attend every timetabled session eg. lessons, enrichment, registrations, supervised study periods, tutorials and assemblies
- Poor attendance may result in loss of privileges eg. leaving site at lunchtimes, increased supervised study
- All students must attend AM and PM registration
- Students may leave the site during lunchtime but must return before 2.20pm
- If students have a study period lesson 5 they may go home.
- If students are absent, parents must phone in or send an email to sixthformattendance@ponthigh.org.uk to let us know the nature of the absence
- If a student has an appointment and needs to leave the site, parents need to email with the appointment details
- Students must not arrange part time work during the school day (even if they have a study period lesson 5)



General Information



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Food

- Students can still use the school canteen at break and lunchtimes
- All students should bring a water bottle
- There is a coffee shop P1 and 2 providing drinks and snacks (staffing dependant)
- Students can leave the site at lunchtime ONLY to purchase food from local shops and cafes.

Mobile Phone Use

- Students may use their mobile phones for appropriate use in school in sixth form study areas. Mobile phones should not be used around the corridors or in lower school social areas at break and lunchtimes. Phones should be kept in bags during lesson time and registration time.
- We reserve the right to confiscate mobile phones for the school day if anyone is using them outside of these guidelines.

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Driving Lessons

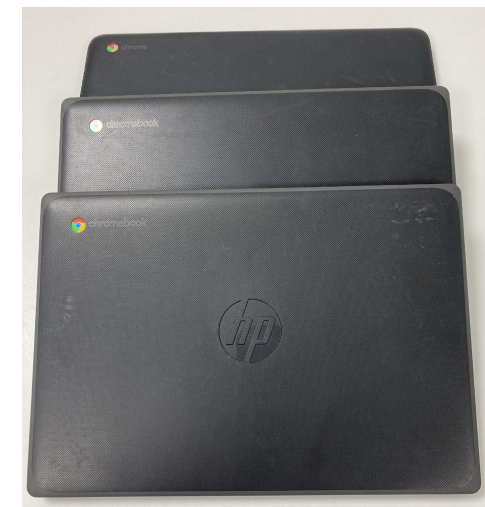
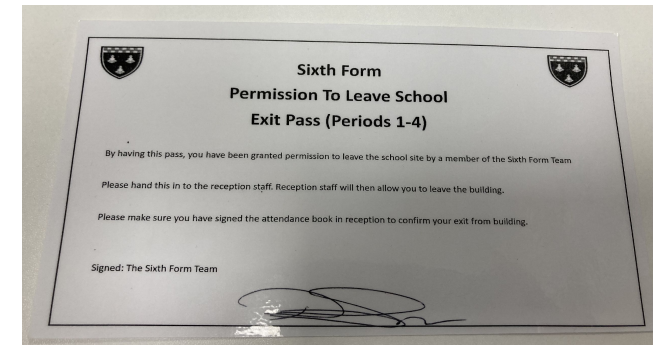
- Students may arrange a driving lesson during a study period, but it must not affect registration or lesson time. Parents need to notify school of these times in advance.

Open Days/ Work Experience

- Students are authorised to take time to visit universities, conduct interviews, and complete work experience
- Please email sixthformattendance@ponthigh.org.uk if any such time off is required so we can authorise it

Chromebook System

We have a chromebook/laptop loan scheme. For a refundable deposit of £50.00, paid in advance, students can borrow a device until they leave sixth form. The device can be used out of school for homework etc. If the device is lost or damaged the refund will not be returned.





A Typical Timetable for a Y12 Student

10 hours of taught lessons per course

2 hours of EPQ

1 hour of Tutorial

1 hour of enrichment / voluntary work

2 hours of supervised study periods (min)

5 hours of study periods per course

AM and PM registration

	1	2	3	4	5
Mon-1	12A/Gg1 Geography JBR F11	12D/Bi1 Biology SRU G4	12B/Ps1 Psychology MDR F15	12C/Ep2 EPQ NTU G19	12C/Ep2 EPQ NTU G19
Tue-1				12D/Bi1 Biology RSP G1	12B/Ps1 Psychology PRB F15
Wed-1	12D/Bi1 Biology SRU G4	12A/Gg1 Geography BED F12	12B/Ps1 Psychology MDR F15	12A/Gg1 Geography BED F12	12E/Ex1 Enrichment Progi HJO S11
Thu-1		12D/Bi1 Biology RSP G1		12B/Ps1 Psychology CNA F17	12D/Bi1 Biology RSP G15
Fri-1		12D/Bi1 Biology RSP F24	12A/Gg1 Geography JBR F11		12B/Ps1 Psychology MDR F15

	1	2	3	4	5
Mon-2	12A/Gg1 Geography JBR F11	12A/Gg1 Geography JBR F11	12B/Ps1 Psychology MDR F15	12D/Bi1 Biology SRU G4	
Tue-2	12SGA Tutorial SGA F15		12A/Gg1 Geography JBR F11	12B/Ps1 Psychology PRB F15	12B/Ps1 Psychology CNA F17
Wed-2	12D/Bi1 Biology SRU G4	12B/Ps1 Psychology PRB F18	12B/Ps1 Psychology CNA F17		
Thu-2	12A/Gg1 Geography BED F23				12A/Gg1 Geography BED F12
Fri-2		12D/Bi1 Biology SRU G4	12A/Gg1 Geography BED F12	12D/Bi1 Biology RSP G1	

What is EPQ?



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- A qualification equal to half an A level
- Completed in 1 year
- Students choose a question to research
- Guidance given about how to research and write an academic report
- Independent project

Assessed Aspects:

- Planning
- Time management
- Research skills
- Reflection
- Quality of evaluation of source material
- Presentation skills



What is enrichment?



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- making a positive contribution to school community
- volunteering
- leadership
- charity
- working with others

- developing new interest and skills

Ponteland High Character Traits

- **commitment**
- **dedication**
- **resilience**
- **compassion**
- **participation**



Bursary / Financial Support



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All students are encouraged to check their eligibility for the following financial support; any student who believes they qualify should make an application. Not only will this support you in overcoming any financial barriers to studying at Ponteland High, but also with university expenses.

To ensure there are no barriers to learning financial support is available for things such as school meals, travel, uniform, study visits, books, stationery, university applications and some trips

1. The Independent Bursary

Available to students who are in care; care leavers; those in receipt of income support; and disabled young people in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.

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2. The Discretionary Bursary

Available to students who live in a household with a gross annual income of less than or equal to £35,000 or are in a situation where you are unable to meet your basic needs.

For further information see one of the sixth form team

You might also be eligible for

Free School Meals

Sixth Form Students may also be eligible for Free School Meals. Here that would simply mean that your account was automatically and confidentially topped up. To find out if you qualify, please follow the link below.

You can apply at Northumberland County Council

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx>

Bursary 16 to 19 Applications

Welcome to the Bursary Application system

All students are welcome to apply for a bursary; we will be in touch following a completed application to let you know the outcome.

Create a new account

Key Dates Autumn Term



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Tuesday 2 September	First day of Y12 in school
Wednesday 17 September	Supporting your Child in Y12 6pm - 6.45pm
Wednesday 8 October	Post 18 Futures Event 5pm - 7.30pm
Monday 13 October	Y12 Assessment Week
Monday 10 November	Y12 1-2-1 sessions
Friday 24 October	Visit a University - Northumbria
Monday 15 December	Y12 Visits to Newcastle University Library for EPQ