

# PRESS RELEASE

## POOLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

### “Poole Grammar School awarded Prince’s Teaching Institute (PTI) Mark

Ian Carter, Headmaster, Poole Grammar School was invited to Clarence House to receive the PTI mark certificate from HRH Prince of Wales which recognises Poole Grammar School’s English, History and Science departments which were amongst 73 school departments from 51 schools to have been awarded the Prince’s Teaching Institute’s Schools Programme Mark – an award launched by HRH The Prince of Wales on 23 November 2009 at Clarence House, London. The Schools Programme currently recognises and rewards the development of inspirational ideas and activities that enhance the teaching of English, History and Science. The programme, which is open to all state secondary schools in England, was announced in November 2007. The Poole Grammar School departments demonstrated their commitment to their subject specialism both in their own professional development and by furthering their students’ understanding and enthusiasm in and out of lessons. Each department submitted proposals designed to increase challenge within the subject curriculum, for example in English teaching metaphysical poets to Year 8, a far cry from the drudgery of Key Stage 3 tests; developing their staff’s own specialist subject knowledge; enhancing subject-based links outside school; and enthusing their pupils through subject-based activities beyond the curriculum.

**Ian Carter, Headmaster said,** " It was a tremendous privilege to receive this award on behalf of the Poole Grammar School staff who are always striving to provide the very best academically rigorous education we can for our pupils. The PTI has provided a real focus for teachers to get back in touch with their subjects and rejuvenate their interest and so inspire the young men in the school. We are delighted to be amongst the pathfinders with this initiative and see it expanding as other subjects for example Mathematics comes into the PTI fold. We are indebted to HRH the Prince of Wales for sponsoring this organization which has grown up out of the summer schools he originated back in 2002 and has become a most influential organaistion promoting the very best of academic subject rigour."

**Ian Carter**  
**Headmaster**  
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