

# Preston Manor Upper School

## July 2020

### Diary Dates

<b>Wednesday 2nd September</b>	-	Staff Inset
<b>Thursday 3rd September</b>	-	Staff Inset
<b>Friday 4th September</b>	-	Year 7 begins Year 12 enrolment
<b>Monday 7th September</b>	-	Years 8 –11 and 13 - staggered start

## THEATRE

### A trip to the theatre?

Students have had the opportunity to attend the theatre (remotely) by viewing free streaming events from our artistic collaborative partners such as the National Theatre and English National Opera. For more opportunities like this be sure to look at the summer school work for years 7-9.



### Celebrating literacy

To ensure we continue to promote a love of literacy through remote learning, students from yr7 - 12 have taken part in a weekly extended writing challenge, with prize winners selected from each year group every week! Be sure to look out for our summer read this year, Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker-Rhodes. Our fantastic read will be available as an e-book so all can access it.

### Award winners

On 9th April Preston Manor was awarded the All Together Gold Award for commitment to stopping bullying and improving the wellbeing of our students.



# Jack Petchey



Congratulations to the winners of the Jack Petchey awards for this term.

## March - Brandon Njoku 100

**REASON** – Brandon has been a member of the BBC (Black Boys Council) since year seven and now has a key role in the committee using his natural leadership skills. He has helped organise presentations for the annual parent celebration evening. This has included working with external adults to create meaningful and inspiring performances linked to recognising the achievements of the Black people in our society. He has also been part of workshops that the BBC have presented to the lower school. involved in many aspects of school life.



**BOUGHT** -He spent his money on goal nets for the football posts on the field and personalized footballs.

## April - Thomas Stevens 10A

**REASON** – Thomas has shown great commitment to his post as an autism ambassador. He has organised fundraising Activities such as a bake sale to buy equipment for Compass, which is the base for the autism centre in our school. He has put together a power point presentations for Autism week to be shown in assembly and for staff, to raise awareness of the issues that Autistic students might have. He has provided suggestions for staff in ways on how deal with autism so that they can support autistic students helping to improve their Experiences of school life. He is always polite and has a positive attitude, which includes a smile on his face.



**BOUGHT** -He spent his money on items for compass including a lava lamp and Lego building kits.



## May – Daniela Lane 8M

**REASON** – Daniela has been involved in many aspects of school life. She is committed year 8 buddy, helping the year 7 students settle into our school. She is always willing to help others out and as a talented artist she used her own time to make lovely craft items that were sold at the Christmas fair to help raise money for a girls school in Ghana. She has also shown great determination in fighting for a cause she totally believes in. She has set up the first Feminist Club that our school has had. She has presented in all year group assemblies to publicize the club she has created and is passionate about.



**BOUGHT** –She bought many books on the subject of feminism for the LRC.

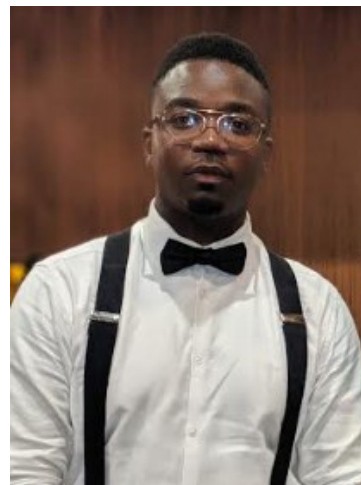
## Jack Petchey Leader Award

This year's winner of the leader award went to

**Assad Ngochi.**

He won this title after receiving the most amount of student votes on Firefly in March. The students wanted to recognize all the work he has done as the ASD of year 11 helping students to make the most of their opportunities at school and also being a brilliant Science teacher.

He now has the pleasure of applying for a grant for £750 to spend on something for the school. So watch this space to see what he will spend the money on.....



# The Behaviour Panel News



The behaviour panel received some excellent news at the beginning of the summer term from the Anti-Bullying Alliance. The Panel had taken part in the 'All Together Programme' which helps school tackle bullying. We had to complete an audit of the school's current practises and then carry out a survey to find out what the students felt about the bullying in our school and to highlight any areas of the school that was a hotspot for bad behaviour.

Having completed the survey, we then had to write an action plan, to improve our school practise. This included introducing a one-way system in the corridor to ensure that students weren't creating a log jam and there was a continuous movement of students, preventing students from being squashed or injured. We also had to ensure that the parents had a chance to comment and amend the schools anti-bullying policy.

All these steps were put in place and then we had to carry out another survey to see if the changes had made a difference.





# The Behaviour Panel News



On 9<sup>th</sup> April we received the following email:

*"Thanks for all the work you've done on the All Together programme. I'm very happy to let you know that you've done a great job of demonstrating your work to reduce bullying and we're awarding you All Together School GOLD status."*



So well done to all those that took part in the survey and helped improve the schools Anti Bullying Policy.



## KINDNESS MEMO

Since the lockdown the Behaviour Panel decided that it would be a good idea to send out a positive message every day to all students to help them through this difficult time of not being at school and seeing their friends. So they chose quotes and sayings that are reassuring, and serve as motivation to be productive and ones that have a positive outlook on the future. The Behaviour Panel hoped the upbeat sayings and phrases would hopefully cheer everybody up during this uncertain time. Each day a new message is emailed out.

# CAREERS UPDATE

## CIEAG rebranded!

Preston Manor Careers has rebranded! We are proud to present the careers vision: 'A.I.M. for Tomorrow's World Be Ambitious. Informed. Motivated'.

## D.I.V.A. Programme - Skills sessions

The students on the D.I.V.A. programme have kept the debate going in the D.I.V.A. Classroom! 'Think Thursdays' has continued to give our students a voice to talk about subjects that interest them.

The past few months the students have been discussing current affairs, here some of their views:

**02/04/2020 Question: "Are the British public taking the Covid - 19 lockdown seriously?"**

*'Personally I think the older majority are taking the pandemic seriously and the lockdown but in younger people there is some neglect in acknowledging the seriousness due to the lack of cases of the virus affecting youth in comparison to the amount of cases in regard to older people.'*

**07/05/2020 Question: "Students do not need to sit exams anymore because their final grades can be based on their assessments and PPE in Year 10"**

*'I think exams still need to be done in year 11. Reason being there is a whole other year of information you need to understand in order for you to achieve the highest grades you can. you could do bad in your year 10 exams however excel when it comes to GCSEs. However a lot of pressure is put on you in year 11 which could put towards you not succeeding because of how your feeling causing you to do better in year 10 than in year 11.'*

**18/06/2020 "Why is it considered 'controversial' to say 'All Lives Matter' and not 'Black Lives Matter'?"**

*'I believe that by saying 'Black Lives Matter' this isn't saying that other lives are seen as insignificant or of minor importance, this is simply allowing people to acknowledge the fact that Black Lives are constantly being targeted and black people are constantly being oppressed.'*

**02/07/2020 "Brent should go into local lockdown - everybody stays home and only does essential travel" How far do you agree?"**

*'I agree that Brent should go into local lockdown because many people are ignorant to the fact that this disease is real and it kills people. I also agree with this statement because if it doesn't go into a local lockdown many people could get so relaxed and start doing normal everyday life routines again and this could contribute to the spread of it even more or even a second wave of the virus.'*

## CV Feedback

Making the Leap.



Year 10 and Year 11 students had the opportunity to complete and send their CVs to Making the Leap and HSBC. All the students received detailed feedback on how to improve their CVs.



## Mentoring Department news

### Peer Mentors (PM's)

Peer mentors attended a whole days training on how to engage with mentees, communicate effectively, resolve issues, making good choices and managing the mentoring relationship. Peer mentors also attended sessions run by external professionals on LGBT, consequences of Exclusion, far right extremism, radicalisation, grooming and, Identity and Belonging at the Civic centre.



One of the inspirational Presenters - Mariah Idrissi: Model, public speaker, online personality.

Unfortunately the Peer Mentoring was cut short due to Covid - 19. The PM's had a great start to their mentoring relationships with a 'Bonding Trip' to the British Museum.

The aim of the Peer Mentor Bonding trip is to give the Mentors and mentees a chance to spend some quality time together out of school in a different environment.

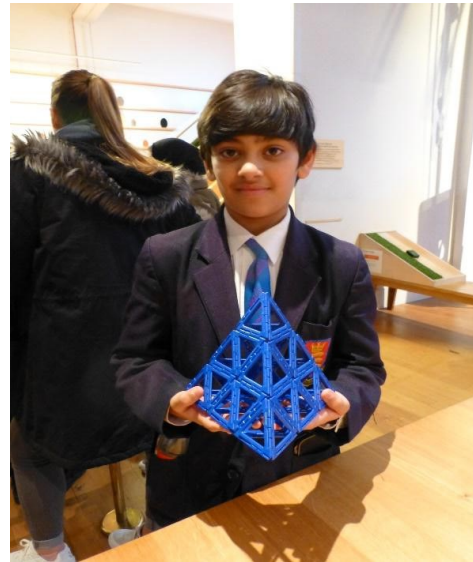
This experience gives the students a great foundation to start to build their mentoring relationships on.

26 mentors and 26 mentees went on the Peer Mentoring trip, along with 6 members of staff.

The students were booked into two events at the Science museum. The first event was a science show all about different types of Gasses, liquids, chemicals and lots more. The students were called up to help with demonstrations which they really enjoyed.



The second event we booked was a trip to the 'Wonderlab'. This is a place where students are allowed to touch and try out all of the exhibits.



The Wonderlab had over 50 hands-on exhibits, the gallery includes live experiments at the Chemistry Bar, lightning demos at the giant Tesla coil, slides, and our brilliant Explainers to facilitate engagement.





Wonderlab encourages students to be curious, to look closely at details and to be creative — skills that are invaluable to scientists.



The mentees also got to explore the museum independently with their mentors. This was the perfect opportunity for the mentors and mentees to get to know each other.

All mentors and mentees had a great time at the Science museum and were perfectly behaved. The staff received numerous compliments from other schools and the public about how calm and polite our students were.



The Peer mentors did a great job working with their mentees and we saw a great improvement in attitude, managing emotions and behaviour from mentees.

The Covid -19 situation put a halt to the mentoring sessions but PM's submitted heartfelt voice messages saying goodbye and reassuring mentees that they will see each other in September for an end of peer mentoring party with pizza! Mr. Carboo will be sending out these messages at the end of term.

## BBC and STARS annual celebration

### BBC & STARS Celebration Jan 2020



This year's S.T.A.R.S. and B.B.C. Celebration was the biggest and best ever! Mr. Carboo runs the B.B.C. and S.T.A.R.S. groups put together a show that was action packed. Volunteer Hepburn Harrison-Graham who runs workshops with the B.B.C. co-presented the show.

There were over 100 families members/guests and numerous staff that attended this event. The show consisted of a short film, a parents quiz, Golden awards ceremony, speeches, presentations, recap of all the BBC achievements over the last year, and a live spoken word show. We also provided hot food and refreshments for all the guests.

Parents and families reported that they thoroughly enjoyed the show and feel their child has really benefited from the work Mr. Carboo does. Parents reported their child feeling happier, a renewed sense of worth, increased confidence level, and much higher self-esteem.

## BBC and STARS Christmas Charity event

The BBC and STARS run three events at the annual Christmas Charity fair.

1. Tin Can Alley
2. Steady Hand Game
3. Point Pong

These games have become a popular feature of the Christmas event. All the games are manned by BBC and STARS members voluntarily. The games were made by the BBC and STARS members and we annually raise over £100 at this charity event.



**BBC Members ran various games - Tin Can Alley**



## The Carboo Cup Tournament



The Carboo Cup tournament ran in the Winter term 2019. Students from years 7 - 11 took part in the tournament, as well as male and female students. It is great to see all the students from different year groups playing together. The younger students learning from responsible older students, and the older students being role models as well as organising, managing and encouraging their teams.

The final of the Carboo Cup was on Wednesday 18th December. The final was attended by large numbers of students and staff. West Ham won the final 1 - 0 against the odds. Rahman Yesufu was an excellent captain and deserved the win.

There is a full live Match of the Day Video that will be shared with all students. The program contains pre match interviews, commentary from Mr. Carboo and Mr. Harrison, replays, stats on the match and all the action. Look out for this great final which will be emailed to all students and staff at the end of term.

## BBC Black History Month Play

The Black Boys Council performed a play about racism in sport. The B.B.C. performed the play to all year groups in the upper school and also Yr5 and Yr6 in the lower school. The highly respected black Boys Council (B.B.C.) have been involved in many projects in 2019. Mr. Carboo and actor and BBC advocate Hepburn Harrison-Graham took the B.B.C. to the Lower school to perform the B.B.C. play.



## **LRC Notifications**

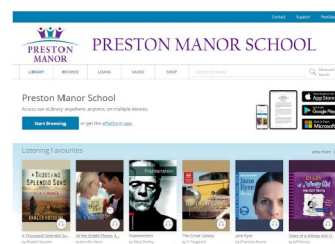
Greetings from Preston Manor LRC, thank you to all those that have been handing in book reviews. Quick reminder to keep your LRC books safe with the aim to return them when we are back in September 2020.

### **Reading books Online!**

Finished reading your Library book, then why not go to Preston Manor's eLibrary, 'ePlatform' where you'll be able to access a whole lot more!

<https://prestonmanor.eplatform.co/>

To login you'll need to enter **your full name** ( as it appears on the SIMS/ Go4Schools) and the password '**library1**'. Don't forget to send your book reviews to the LRC's email address [library@preston-manor.com](mailto:library@preston-manor.com) so that we can hear what great books you have been engaging with.



### **Competitions to enter during this Summer!**

Although the LRC is currently vacant and slightly deserted. We still want to carry on with our termly competitions. Below has a list of competitions you can participate in, which all have great and amazing prizes to win! (click the titles for the link)

[Through Their Eyes- Poetry Competition](#)

[SOS Sagas: Missing-Creative Writing Competition](#)

[Spine Chillers 2020- Creative Writing Competition](#)



**Even more competitions to enter!**

[Book Trust- Time for Generation Lock Down to Write](#)

(Deadline 17th July 2020)

[Foyle Young Poet Competition](#) (Deadline 31st July 2020)

[TSS Short Stories Competition](#)

[BBC Play Writing Competition](#) (Deadline 31st August 2020)

[Louise Rennison Do Something Funny Competition](#) ( Deadline 31st August 2020)



## YEAR 8 STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Year 8 students continued to collect reward points during remote learning.

14 students achieved their Bronze Certificates

11 students achieved Silver Certificates

4 students achieved Gold Certificates

We would like to congratulate the students on their achievement





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