

14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all have had a good week so far. This week's newsletter has a number of announcements that I have headlined below:

### **Regular COVID Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing**

Students should have received another box of LFD tests this week. Please support your child to test twice weekly at home and to [report all results to NHS Test and Trace](#). This helps the NHS to keep track of where the virus is spreading, provide support where it is needed and protect local communities across the country. Anyone with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate and follow self-isolation guidance on the school website. We know that these remain challenging times but working together to stay safe is important to everyone. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Uniform**

Uniform expectations at Preston Manor School remain the same. For guidance on what is expected, please refer to our school website. Unfortunately, there has been a small minority that have been wearing trainers to school. All students should wear black shoes and should have a note from a parent/carer if this is not possible. A school blazer is also an expected part of the Upper School uniform and students should come to school wearing one every day. If any family has difficulty in sourcing any aspect of school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **Punctuality**

I am pleased to say that our drive to improve punctuality at the Upper School has had excellent results with a very small number of students arriving late. This is really pleasing as it means that fewer students are missing learning as school starts with period 1 lessons. We hope that this will continually reduce even further. Can I please ask that you ensure your son/daughter leaves home in a timely manner in order that they arrive on site for 8.40am and the start of learning at 8.45am.

### **School Day Timings Reminder**

As a follow up to last week's letter, I want to reiterate that the timings of the Lower School remain unchanged. The amendments that have been made are at the Upper School which starts five minutes later at 8.45am and concludes five minutes earlier at 3.15pm. The feedback from some of our students and parents in allowing the opportunity to be able to drop off or pick up siblings and other children has been fantastic.

### **Oxford and Cambridge University Applications**

I wrote to you all before Christmas to mention that four of our Year 13 students had made applications to Oxford (1), Cambridge (3). It is a very competitive application process and next week we will find out the outcomes of our Cambridge



interviews. However, this week we found out about our Oxford applicant and I am delighted to say that Suleqa Warsame has been offered a place to study Law at Oxford. This is an absolutely outstanding achievement for her and she truly is a great role model. I know you will join me in sending her our congratulations!

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend

Yours faithfully

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