

4th March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I want to start by thanking everyone for their support and diligence in a very challenging week due to the significant upheaval caused by the tube strikes. I am pleased to say that our attendance has remained very good throughout the week. The difficulties for some staff in getting to school has been challenging to say the least, with some of our staff making *9 hour* round trips both on Tuesday and yesterday. It has meant that the Upper School has had to postpone both the Year 10 parents' evening and World Book Day celebrations. These events will be taking place over the next two weeks and notifications have been sent to parents.

World Book Day celebrations continued at the Lower School yesterday and some of the outfits were out of this world! After all, it isn't every day that you walk through a school and bump into Dr Seuss, Darth Vader and Horrid Henry. Our students made a real effort and they looked fantastic. I am looking forward to next week where we can celebrate at the Upper School. We are also hoping for a much calmer week in regard to travel.

The week's news has been dominated by the appalling events in Ukraine and the atrocities taking place. If any of our families need support or help during these challenging times, please do get in contact with us. We know that some of our families have relatives and loved ones in the area and we know how worrying this can be. If you are affected by the conflict and you are worried about your son/daughter, please let us know so that we can provide additional support for you.

Time is certainly flying by this year and already we are into March. Of course this means that our summer exam season is now only eight school weeks away and preparations, revision and interventions will be continuing and gathering momentum. If you have a son or daughter who is in Year 6, Year 11 or Year 13, please do take some time to have a conversation with them to see how you can help with work. Due to the disruption that there has been with face to face education over the last two years sitting a formal exam in examination conditions could be quite a daunting task, and we are mindful of any stress and anxiety that this may cause. Talking things through and ensuring that our young people are ready will certainly help. We are keeping a close eye on our students and we will support them all in every way we can.

Following on from an earlier newsletter about the amazing work our Eco students had done, Brent council released a video on their twitter feed (link below). We have also launched our own twitter page where anyone can follow our news and updates. Please use this to follow us:

[@PrestonManorSch](https://twitter.com/PrestonManorSch)

And please use this link to watch the amazing video of our students:

<https://youtu.be/xZXzIhRoZA>



Finally, for all of our latest news, please follow this link which will take you to the latest news part on our website - <https://www.preston-manor.com/news/?pid=114&nid=3>

I hope you and your family have a safe and peaceful weekend and I am sure you will join me in hoping for a much calmer week next week.

Yours faithfully

**RUSSELL DENIAL**  
*Executive Headteacher*