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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a good week so far and are enjoying a little of the early Spring sunshine.

When I joined the Preston Manor community, one of my main aims over the coming years was to continue to develop our all-through school, making connections, developing our curriculum and providing student leadership opportunities throughout all year groups. I visited the Lower School site this morning as some of our Upper School Year 9 Scientists were delivering science presentations and quizzes to lots of students in Key Stage 1 and 2. The excitement of the Lower School students was fantastic and the work of the Year 9 students standing before classes - was absolutely brilliant. It was as if we had developed our own Science Hub of excellence this morning! The session was organised by Mr Shrestha and this is a perfect example of how Preston Manor School can develop our students and work together across all year groups. A huge well done to Year 9.

On Wednesday of this week our Year 10 students had the annual 'Suited and Booted' event. This was an opportunity to have mock interviews, led by leaders of businesses, as part of our fantastic Careers Programme. The Year 10 students dressed for the occasion and some were unrecognisable out of school uniform. The feedback from our visitors was overwhelmingly excellent and the Year 10 students grasped their opportunity to practise their skills. This also links to how we are developing as a school, in all year groups, and across all phases. It is important that every student that joins us has **ambition**. We want our students to be ambitious with high aspirations for the future. We also want our students to be **responsible** and take responsibility for themselves and develop their own leadership skills. Driving our ambition and developing responsibility ensures that each individual achieves personal **excellence** at the end of every key stage.

The Year 6 mock interviews are coming soon.....

I wrote last week about the importance of maintaining very good attendance at school. High school attendance has a positive correlation to examination results because students need to be in lessons and learning with their teachers. Those students who have lower attendance, statistically do not achieve as well. I want to thank you all for being diligent and supporting the school as we look to maintain our good attendance record. It is true that the pandemic has had an impact on the return to 'normal' education, but attendance figures at Preston Manor School remain well above the national average. If any families need additional support, then please do get in contact with us and as always, we will do all we can to help.

We have a range of trips, events and activities taking place across our school over the coming weeks and it is really reassuring to see that our amazing opportunities beyond the classroom are back to where they used to be!

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

Yours faithfully

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