

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you all had a very enjoyable Easter break and you read through our new fantastic and interactive end of term newsletter. The feedback from some parents has been great, so we all look forward to the next one!

Careers Week was launched at the Lower School this morning and students in Key Stage 2 had two guest speakers who talked about some of the things that they use in their careers and how they got there. Various props were used and as I am sure you can imagine, some of the guesses from our young people were fantastic and some a little funny. Information on this and other events at the school including our trips can be found on our twitter page news feed. It also leads nicely into our first ever Year 6 'Suited and Booted' event. Our students will be supported by our Year 12 Business students from our Sixth Form. They will learn about interview techniques and how to talk about themselves in the interview process. We are all really looking forward to seeing how they get on.

Across both schools, we have all been really impressed in how our students have returned after the Easter break. Uniform, punctuality and attendance have all been excellent with purposeful and dedicated learning taking place. Visitors to the school have all commented what a calm and welcoming place Preston Manor School is. For me though, the icing on the cake was the Year 1 trip to Buckingham Palace and Horse Guards Parade yesterday. I am sure that they will remember this in the years to come.

Inevitably, the exam season is now fast approaching and this will impact on our Year 6, Year 11 and year 13. Please do take the time to talk to your son/daughter about how they feel and any support that they need outside of school. It will be the first time since 2019 that schools have had formal examinations in the summer season but looking at our progress information, we are very confident and happy that each of our year groups will perform amazingly well. There is still time to get ready for the exams and it is important that we all work together for the benefit of our young people.

I would like to remind parents that next **Friday (29th April)** is a **staff training day** and **both schools will be closed to all students**. Part of the day will have a focus on developing the culture, vision and values across Preston Manor School centred around *Ambition, Responsibility and Excellence*. After all, we *ARE* Preston Manor School and it is a school that we are all immensely proud of. More information on this will be sent to parents over the coming months and how we will work with our students in these three key areas. I will also add that **Monday 2nd May** is a **bank holiday** so all students should return as normal on Tuesday 3rd May.



I would like to thank our year 8 parents who joined us for our virtual Parents' Evening last night to talk about their son/daughter's progress and learning. Your support was fantastic and once again the feedback has been excellent.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in grey ink, which appears to read 'R Denial', is placed above the printed name.

**RUSSELL DENIAL**  
*Executive Headteacher*