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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have all had a good week so far and it's hard to believe that we are now in March already and the Easter holidays are only four weeks away. This does mean that we are now moving ever closer to our public examination season and all of our Year 6, Year 11 and Year 13 will be sitting exams in less than forty school days time. It is at this time when some of our students start to worry a little about exam pressures so a special plea from me - please take some time to talk to your son/daughter about how they are feeling and how we can all help. Revision and intervention sessions will be available and many have already started.

Last week, we were visited by an independent review team from 'Challenge Partners'. Challenge Partners is a network of schools who visit each other to look at areas of excellence and offer guidance and support in how things could be even better. The review team that visited us were extremely complimentary about our teaching and learning but in particular about our amazing students from Key Stage 1 all the way to Key Stage 5. The team were incredibly impressed at the amount of opportunities that our students have at Preston Manor School and the opportunities they have to contribute to our community. The range of student leadership that our young people have is truly exemplary and as parents, you should be proud of the amazing work that our young people do.

Having up to date contact details for parents and carers is essential and over the next few weeks we will be contacting you all to ask if any details, addresses or contact numbers have changed. This has already started for our lower school parents and we have had a large number of replies. Please do take the time to let us know if anything has changed so we can maintain our excellent approach to working with our parents. Also, please do remember that you can follow us on our social media platforms where you will receive updates and news of the work we are doing.

Yesterday, many London schools were disrupted by the industrial action undertaken by the National Education Union (NEU) and many Home Counties schools were disrupted earlier in the week. Please be aware that on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March, the NEU have further strike days planned. Due to the number of staff that will be absent on those days, it is incredibly likely that Preston Manor School will be partially closed to some year groups with a smaller number of students being in school. I will let all of you know as soon as possible what our plans are for these days a little nearer the time.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



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