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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have had a good week so far. I wrote to you earlier in the week regarding the NEU industrial action days and the implications for your child on those days. A further update has been sent by Mr Atkinson regarding which classes will be in school at the Lower School. Please note that the Upper School will be closed to all pupils of Years 7, 8 and 9.

I am delighted to announce to you all that the School has been awarded the 'Inclusion Quality Mark Inclusive School Award'. We sent a link to the website where some of the comments from our outstanding report were shared via our twitter feed earlier this week. It is a wonderful recognition of the inclusivity of our school and the work that our specialist team undertake - every day - to ensure that our students receive the best possible guidance, care and support. Our Learning Support Department led by Ms Neale deserves all of the credit, and the opening sentence in the report is, '**Inclusion is at the heart of Preston Manor**'. We are extremely proud of the report and are privileged to have received such an accolade. For a brief synopsis of the report, please follow the link below.

<https://iqmaward.com/news/preston-manor-achieves-inclusive-school-award/>

With each newsletter, I will send out an information sheet to help our parents navigate the often challenging world of online safety. Attached to this week's letter is an information sheet for parents in regard to 'snapchat'. This is a National Online Safety poster that tries to break down a few barriers and help parents in any way they can. The online world is vast and our young people rely more and more on online platforms, but having an awareness of what our children are doing is incredibly important in order to help them stay safe. Online safety is a key feature of our curriculum and our students receive guidance in how to stay, and be safe, whilst using the internet.

In less than two weeks, we will once again be hosting our Annual International Culture Day on Thursday 13th July. This is an absolutely stunning day where students and staff can attend school wearing clothes that represent their culture. After school starting at 4.30pm, we then follow up with our Culture Day which has traditional dancing, food from around the world, singing, Henna, live drumming as well as a fashion show showcasing some of the amazing clothes worn on the day. It is a celebration of our diversity and our inclusivity. There is a small donation to wear cultural dress on the day (no t-shirts, no football shirts and no flags) as well as a small donation to join us for the fair in the afternoon. I know that many people joined us last year and we look forward to welcoming you all once again.

The end of term is fast approaching now and in less than three weeks our schools will close for the summer break. There are two important dates that some of our students will need to remember though.... **Thursday 17th August for A level results** and **Thursday 24th August GCSE results**. Staff will be on hand to help, support and celebrate the excellent result we are all expecting.

Wishing you all lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Denial', with a stylized flourish at the end.

R Denial
Executive Headteacher