

15th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you have had a good week and are enjoying some of the last bits of sunshine.

I have been incredibly impressed with the way that all of our students have returned to school. Already we are at the end of the second week of term and it does seem to have gone by very quickly. Our students are looking smart, purposeful and ready to learn. It was also lovely to welcome our new Reception children this week and once again to have a school full of young people.

As part of our ongoing development, we will continue to drive through our three core values and vision for our students and ensure that it is the golden thread that runs through our school. Firstly, we all have **Ambition** for our students and we want our students to be ambitious for themselves. We are embedding ambition into the classroom in everyday learning and we are raising expectations and aspirations for all.

We also want all of our students to take **Responsibility** for themselves and their learning. This is in every lesson, every club, every trip and support each other. Our school community is absolutely incredible and we want to continue to celebrate this in all we do.

As always, we are in pursuit of **Excellence**. We want to achieve the very best outcomes and amazing progress for every individual that walks through our door. We also want our students to be striving for excellence in all that they do.

Our continued drive for improvement will lead to some changes to school policies and some aspects of practice in order to be ambitious every day. We will write to you all when aspects of school are amended so that everyone is aware. I have been incredibly happy receiving so many kind words and support from our parent body, and as we work through our third year together and through our parent partnership, I am sure that *our* school will continue to go from strength to strength. We **ARE** Preston Manor School.

As a reminder, next week will see us open our doors to many Year 6 students and their parents. It is an event I thoroughly enjoy and an opportunity to showcase our excellence and meet some of our students. There will be two opportunities to listen to the main speech and our student speakers as well as visit our specialist classrooms and facilities - and talk to our fabulous staff! This day does require amendments to the Upper School Day:

- Thursday 21st September, the Upper School will close early at 1.30pm.
- Friday 22nd September, the Upper School will open slightly later than normal with all students to arrive no later than 9.40am

Please note - our Lower School will be open as normal and will not be closing early or starting late. Usual arrival and pick up times will apply.

Wishing you all a good weekend

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Denial', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr R Denial

Executive Headteacher