

24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a very busy start half term since we returned to school with a lot of events and activities taking place.

Last night was our annual 6th Form Open Evening where we opened our doors to students who are thinking of joining our excellent 6th Form. Students had the chance to walk around various departments, talk to our subject specialists as well as get the view of each course by talking to our students who have already joined us. It was also a great pleasure to welcome so many students from our neighbouring schools and talk to external parents. Attendance at the event was exceptional and every ticket had been taken - even to the point that our main presentation in the hall started early due to the fact that we were full! Further details can be found on our website and the application process will begin shortly.


Our Reception Open Day on Tuesday 5th December is fast approaching and once again, this is another school event that is now fully booked. Due to the popularity of the event, we have now added an additional Open Morning on Thursday 7th December. If you know of any parents that are looking at Reception places for September 2024, then please do let them know that a further date has been added. It is a wonderful opportunity to see our Reception classrooms, facilities and meet our amazing Reception staff.

Also on Tuesday 5th December, we will be holding our Annual Awards Evening in the Upper School hall. Prizes across a range of subjects as well as a number of special prizes will be awarded by our two Headteachers as well as other senior colleagues. I am delighted to announce that our guest speaker on the evening will be Nisha Parmar who is a proud ex-student of Preston Manor. Nisha was a 2018 MasterChef semi-finalist and now a successful celebrity chef. Ex-Manorian, Nisha will talk about her amazing journey with its many trials and tribulations which culminated into a now most fulfilling dream career. With her first book 'Share' out early next year, Nisha's story is one truly of inspiration, motivation and seizing opportunities. Nisha takes great pride in her time at Preston Manor and the richly diverse community she came from. The evening promises to be one of celebration and recognition of achievement.

On a final note this week, I would just like to remind parents that next Friday 1st December is a staff training day and the school will be closed to all students. School returns to normal on Monday 4th December.

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy weekend.

Yours faithfully



Russell Denial  
**Executive Headteacher**