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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a very busy few weeks at our schools recently as so many of our young people have been taking their public exams.

I want to give a huge congratulations to our wonderful Year 6 students who have now finished their SATs exams. Both Mr Atkinson and Ms Siddique have told me how great they have been, how hardworking they have been leading up to their exams and the incredible resilience they have shown throughout this challenging week for them. It will be a nice opportunity this weekend to relax a little as we begin the wait for their results in July.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 are now well under way in their exams too. Year 11 started last week and have had a very busy week with multiple exams on each day, and Year 13 are also in full swing. Again, I have to say to you all as our parents, that we are equally as impressed as proud, in the diligence and resilience that these young people are demonstrating throughout the exam season. I don't recall ever seeing so much positivity from students around exam season!

As mental health awareness week draws to a close, I want to ask you all to take that extra minute to talk to your son or daughter to 'check in' with them, see how their week has gone and what they have enjoyed most about last week. This is important for all of our students and not just those sitting exams.

I am sorry to say that over the recent few weeks, some of our staff have been subjected to verbal abuse either in person or in a phone call - as well as receiving emails that have been rude, and at times, threatening. Working together is extremely important and allowing frustrations to become personal, aggressive, intimidating or threatening is not something that I will allow. Please be aware that should any member of staff be subjected to this kind of behaviour, it will potentially result in a complete ban from school site and communicating with school openly for a period of 6 months in the first instance for that parent. It is a shame that I have had to include this notice in this week's letter because there has been a huge amount of work that has taken place through our parent partnership recently.

On Wednesday evening we held our termly parent partnership remote evening and we had nearly 100 parents join us. We had the opportunity to talk about our recent and prestigious Race and Conscious Equality Charter Mark and our next steps in our drive and ambition to promote and ensure equality underpins all that we do. Last week, Mr Phillips and Mr Ward led a parent focus group to discuss concerns and issues that some of our parents raised previously in regard to certain aspects of the change in our behaviour policy at the secondary school. We had a number of parents join us in person and it was a really productive meeting with a follow up meeting planned in the near future. This is how we want to work together - openly, honestly and productively.

We are entering into the last few weeks of the academic year and next Friday will mark the start of May half term - which I am sure will give our exam students a much-needed revision week! We are also pleased to announce that the proposed date for this year's International Culture Day is Thursday 11th July - save the date! Make sure that you follow us on Instagram and X (@PrestonManorSch) to get all of the latest news and information.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

Yours faithfully

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Executive Headteacher