

## PRESTON MANOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been great to have everyone back in school this week as we have finished our first full week with our students back in. We have all been impressed how your children have started the new term with such positivity.

Both of our schools will have much more time invested in attendance this year following recent Government guidelines. I know we are only two weeks into the new term but if there are any issues that are preventing your child from being in school, please do contact us as soon as possible so that we can work together. Our truly excellent examination results have returned our school to the high standards we were at pre-pandemic and it is now important that our attendance levels return to the high levels they were before the first lockdown came. Both schools' attendance are above national averages, but we want all of our young people in school - learning.

Next week will see us open our doors at the Upper School to welcome Year 6 parents for our annual Open Evening. It is a day that I genuinely enjoy with so many aspects of our school showcased for younger pupils. There will be two presentations on the evening to enable parents the chance to visit us after busy working days. The first speech will be at 6pm with a second speech at 7.15pm. Starting from Tuesday 24th September, we will hold Open Mornings every Tuesday until October half term. This is the opportunity to meet Mr Phillips, our Headteacher at the Upper School who will conduct all of the tours, and see our school in action on a normal day. Booking for Open Mornings is through our website and some of the tours have already filled up - so please do look at this if you are interested: <https://www.preston-manor.com/open-days>

Please note that to facilitate the preparation for Open Evening and get our Upper School ready for the following day, the Upper School will close slightly early on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September** at lunchtime and open slightly later on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> with line ups commencing at 9.40am as opposed to 8.40am. Please note, this does not impact our Lower School.

Yesterday after school, we began work on the action plan for our award of Race and Conscious Equality Charter Mark. Various working groups began to look at the key priorities across our school which involved the curriculum, professional development as well as working closely with our wider community. One of the groups also looked at the school's performance data from Year 11 students and how some of our groups of students not just underperform historically in our school, but how they underperform both locally and nationally. One aspect of the work that we will be doing is working closely with some of you - our parents. We do have amazing relationships with so many of our parents and this is an aspect we will continue to develop.

There are many Welcome Evenings in the calendar over the coming weeks for Year 7, Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13. Please do keep an eye out for these evenings as they will provide a useful insight into what the year will entail and especially some of the expectations that are needed for our older students in exam classes.

Wishing you a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr. R A Denial  
Executive Headteacher