

## PRESTON MANOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Since we returned after half term, our schools have been very busy! Today marks the end of the mock exams for our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have been through a gruelling process as we prepare them for the summer exams in the summer of 2026. I have been incredibly impressed with the conduct of our students and their attitude to working through their exams. I spoke to Year 11 this morning before their final exam to tell them exactly how pleased their teachers have been with how they have approached the past two weeks and that whatever the outcome of their exams are, they must look at the aspects that have gone very well but also take responsibility and look at the areas that need some extra work.

Following on from our Primary School's fantastic results in the summer, we also received the results of our Year 4 Multiplication Tables test recently. Just like our KS2 SATS results - we were above the national average once again. A staggering 71% of our students scored 25/25 in the test! The National result was 37% of students achieving 25/25. As you can see how well our pupils did and the amazing result they achieved. In fact, 81% of our students got 24 or 25 out of 25 and goes to show what amazing achievements our Preston Manor Lower School Pupils are now producing every year! I am sure you would all join me in sending our congratulations to the young people for achieving excellence.

At the end of last week, Preston Manor School made the National ITV news on both Thursday and Friday evening! Both clips are available to watch on our social media - 'X' and Instagram @PrestonManorSch. Thursday evening's item was a response I made in relation to some of the issues from the pandemic and the release of the Covid Enquiry Report. We all know how difficult lockdown and the aftermath was for everyone and to some extent, our young people are still trying to catch up on what was missed in that time. Our current Year 11 students were the second group of students to miss their exams as the first few months of that year in 2021 was when schools were closed. The second news item on the National news on Friday was in relation to students accessing online teaching through potentially unregulated 'teachers'. A number of our Sixth Form students featured heavily in this item and spoke eloquently about this topic. Needless to say, they did our school proud - so I would like to say a huge thank you to all of them and well done on their television appearance!

Next week will see the start of December and I don't think any of us can believe how quickly the first 12 weeks of the term have gone. It is always a really lovely end to the term with so many events happening at the school. There will be Upper School and Lower School Christmas fairs, nativities, celebration and achievement assemblies, concerts as well as Christmas lunch! I also hope to be able to provide families with next year's term dates very soon in order that planning for holidays can take place. Like many other schools, Preston Manor is also looking at moving to a two week October half term in 2026. There has been much discussion and consultation on this topic and this will also be confirmed when holiday/term dates for next year are published.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr. R A Denial  
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