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Dear Parent / Carer,

This half term has flown by. It seems like not that long ago I was writing to you as we broke up for Easter, yet here we are two months on!

Staff have continued to work tirelessly to provide the best provision for students both inside and outside of the classroom. It is wonderful to walk around the building during the day with visitors and have them comment on the calm atmosphere and purposeful learning environment.

Please find below important updates/reminders which will help us start the final half term of the academic year smoothly. As ever, your role is crucial in reinforcing these expectations which help to maintain our high standards.

Year 11

We are all tremendously proud of our Year 11 cohort. They remain so focused on their studies and exams. Day after day, they exhibit resilience, determination and integrity. Their behaviour during the GCSE examinations that have taken place so far is exemplary. Some of our external invigilators have commented that they are the best-behaved students they have worked with. What fantastic feedback!

I'm sure you are all behind me wishing them luck for the remaining three weeks of exams taking place during half term six.

We look forward to celebrating the end of their journey with The Prescott School at the school prom which is taking place towards the end of June.

Uniform / Presentation Expectations

Thank you to the vast majority of families who ensure that their children are dressed in accordance with our rules and expectations each day.

So that there is no lost learning time at the start of the next half term, can you please ensure that your child(ren) continue to adhere to the following:

- **No nail varnish/fake nails of any sort;**
- **No jewellery of any description (including clear plastic retainers);**
- **No trainers/unacceptable footwear as defined by our uniform and presentation rules;**
- **School bag for Year 7s to 9s. A4 sized bag for Years 10 and 11;**

- **No sports logos larger than 5cm on leggings/tracksuit bottoms;**
- **No mesh/waffle leggings;**
- **School PE top only.**

Advance notice that we will be making some minor tweaks to our uniform and presentation expectations for the next academic year. (There will be no major changes.) You will receive an updated booklet before the end of the academic year.

Fizzy / Unhealthy Drinks

Unfortunately, there has been an increase in students who are bringing banned drinks onto our school site.

These drinks are detrimental to children's health, both in terms of the damage they do to teeth as well as the impact that they have on children's brain functions.

For clarity - The only drink allowed on site is water. Please speak to your child to reiterate this. We will confiscate and dispose of any banned drinks brought on site.

Students' Food Accounts

I hope you will have read my letter dated 11th May 2022. In it, I was pleased to announce that following feedback from parents/carers, we have been able to facilitate you capping your child's food/drink expenditure should you wish to do so.

In case you missed it, the link to the letter is here: <http://prescotschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Spending-cap-letter.pdf>

2022/23 Year 7 Cohort

I am pleased to announce that we are currently over-subscribed and have a number of Year 6 students on our waiting list for September.

Our Year 7 transition work is well underway, and the team are liaising with our feeder primary schools to ensure that we have a full profile of each new Year 7 who will be joining us in September.

We are also in the process of planning our Transition Day and Transition Evening for our new cohort and their families, both of which will take place on Wednesday 6th July 2022.

Assessments

From the week beginning 20th June 2022, students in Years 7 to 10 will complete end of year GL assessments. These assessments are done online and take approximately 40 minutes to complete. All students have sat these tests before so are familiar with the format and know that they are nothing to worry about. They are not expected to revise for these assessments however they do need to take them seriously.

The GL tests are nationally standardised assessments which enable us to compare the progress of our students with others across the country. The results will enable us to better

understand the strengths and areas for development of each child for us to best support them to make progress. The results of these assessments will be reported to you on the week commencing 14th July.

Should you have any questions about these assessments please contact Mr Gregory (Assistant Headteacher for Raising Standards) via tgregory@prescotschool.org.uk.

Year group	Assessments to be taken
7	Progress Test English, Progress Test Maths, Reading age assessment
8	Progress Test English, Progress Test Maths, Reading age assessment
9	Progress Test English, Progress Test Maths, Progress Test Science, Reading age assessment
10	Reading age assessment

Remaining Virtual Parent / Carer Evenings

Year Group	Date	Time
7	Thursday, 23 rd June 2022	4 – 6pm
8	Thursday, 9 th June 2022	4 – 6pm

School Closure – Monday 6th June 2022

A reminder that school is closed to all students (except the Year 11 German GCSE examination students) on Monday 6th June. This is in lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Half term six will commence on Tuesday 7th June. Students are to be on site, as usual by 08:35am.

May I thank you for your continued support. I appreciate all that you do to help further improve life at The Prescot School.

I hope that students enjoy their half term break and that the sun shines for the duration!

Yours sincerely,



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Head of School