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Dear Parent / Carers,

Yet another half term has flown by! I write this as the sun is shining, melting away the morning frost and glimmers of spring are starting to appear. We are now officially just over halfway through this academic year and there are lots of updates to share with you below.

Teaching and Learning Update

Recently we have been interviewing students to ask them their opinions about the quality of teaching and learning at The Prescott School. We do this as part of our quality assurance process for teaching and learning. Seeing teachers teach, looking at students' books and hearing what our students have to say about their learning, are all great ways for us to identify strengths and our next areas for development.

Students are overwhelmingly positive about how hard teachers work to make lessons interesting and support them in their learning. I have included some positive comments from their feedback below:

- *'The work is challenging but Sir breaks it down into small steps, so we all understand.'*
- *'Learning about different religions is really important as it helps you understand what's going on in the world.'*
- *'Miss has made me realise how important it is to do extra work at home if I want to do well in my exams.'*
- *'I like it when we work independently because you really have to think.'*
- *'I have learned how important it is to see both sides of a situation by studying History.'*

Character Development at The Prescott School

We are introducing a new Character Development Program called "Make it Matter" to be delivered during form time after half term. As well as reinforcing key messages delivered through assemblies, it will equip students with the language, knowledge, understanding, skills and attributes that enable character development and allow them to explore, understand and practise difficult concepts that strengthen character. Student, staff and parent/carer voice has helped shape this program. We really look forward to watching this develop in the coming months and encourage you to speak to your child each week about the content of their sessions.

ClassCharts

As you are aware, the school uses "ClassCharts" as a way for staff to record good behaviour or any student issues within school.

There is a parent / carer version of the app, which allows parents / carers to view their child's progress in real time. This includes information such as up-to-date attendance and punctuality records, timetables, positive and negative behaviour points. The school also uses ClassCharts as its main way to communicate with parents / carers and students. Notices and letters are sent out via the app too.

We know that approximately 150 parents / carers are not accessing the app and therefore may be at risk of missing out on vital communications regarding school logistics and news, as well as updates on their child's progress. If you do not have access to ClassCharts and would like support with how to install this app and use it, please email the school with your name, your child's name and their year group so we can contact you. Please contact us via info@prescotschool.org.uk

OUR VISION

WE WILL ENSURE ALL STUDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR
ACADEMIC POTENTIAL, DEVELOP HOLISTICALLY AND
GO ON TO LEAD HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL LIVES.

PE Research visit

Ofsted will be conducting a PE Research visit in school on Friday, 24th March. This is not related to the Ofsted Inspection programme. The purpose of the visit is to conduct research into the quality of PE in schools. As part of the research visit, the team member will be observing PE lessons and talking to a small group of students about their learning. Your child's name will not be shared in the research report. If you do not wish for your child to take part, please notify Mr Flynn (Head of PE) via jflynn@prescottschool.org.uk

Year 9 Options

Year 9 students will soon be receiving information regarding the options they have, as they start to consider their move from key stage 3 to key stage 4. Options Evening will then be held on Thursday, 20th April. If you are a parent / carer of a Year 9 student, please do spend time with your child reading through the information which will be provided in due course and deciding which subjects will enable them to achieve their potential and future goals. As ever, we are here to support. Please do reach out to Deputy Headteacher, Mr Kevan should you require any further information or assistance in the coming weeks via skevan@prescottschool.org.uk

Remaining Parent / Carer Evenings

For your convenience, please find below dates for the remaining assessment weeks and parent / carer evenings for this academic year.

Year	Date and Time	HOY	HOY Email Address
11	30 th March 2023 (4-6pm)	Miss Nolan	anolan@prescottschool.org.uk
9 (Options Evening)	20 th April 2023 (4-6pm)	Ms van Putten	cvanputten@prescottschool.org.uk
8	11 th May 2023 (4-6pm)	Mr Moran	imoran@prescottschool.org.uk
7	22 nd June 2023 (4-6pm)	Mrs Thompson	sthompson@prescottschool.org.uk

Remaining Assessment Weeks

Year Group	Assessment Week(s)
7	6 th to 10 th March 2023
8	13 th to 17 th March 2023
9	20 th to 24 th March 2023
10	1 st to 12 th May 2023
11	28 th February to 11 th March 2023 GCSEs commence 15 th May 2023

School Twitter Account

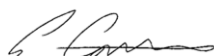
We share many of our 'good news stories' and examples of students' work on our school Twitter account. Thank you to those who follow us. We can see that on average, 500 people see each tweet which helps us spread far and wide all the wonderful things going on in school. If you use Twitter, and don't already follow us, please do via [@prescottschool](https://twitter.com/prescottschool)

Start of Term

Students return to school on Monday, 20th February 2023 and are to be on site by 08:35am in full school / PE uniform as usual. Doors open from 08:00am.

I hope that the students have a restful half term and we all look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 20th February.

Yours sincerely,



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