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Dear Parent / Carers,

This half term has flown by! It has been as busy as ever as we continue to strive to make our provision better each and every day.

After a wintry seven weeks, it is lovely to see the first signs of spring appearing; the lighter mornings and afternoons, daffodils blooming and the sound of birdsong all lift our spirits. This too indicates that we are half-way through the academic year and there are many key events coming up. Please find an overview of these below.

Assessments and Parent / Carer Evenings

Congratulations to all Year 7 to 9 students whose behaviour during their first assessment week this academic year was impeccable.

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

Remaining Assessment Weeks

Year Group	Assessment Week Two
7	2 nd – 6 th May 2022
8	2 nd – 6 th May 2022
9	2 nd – 6 th May 2022
10	Mock Exams 6 th – 17 th June 2022
11	Mock Exams – 28 th February – 11 th March 2022 (GCSE Exams begin 2 nd May 2022)

Remaining Parent / Carer Evenings

Year Group	Date	Time
7	Thursday, 23 rd June 2022	4 – 6pm
8	Thursday, 9 th June 2022	4 – 6pm
9	Thursday, 10 th March 2022	4 – 6pm
Year 11 GCSE Information Evening (students and parents/carers to attend)	Wednesday, 9 th March 2022	5 – 6:30pm

School Cloud

We will be moving to virtual parent / carer evenings after the half term break. School Cloud is the name of the software we will use. To access school cloud, you need an electronic device with access to the internet e.g. phone / tablet / laptop.

You will receive full details in advance of your child's parent / carer evening. However, if you wish to do some preparatory research, feel free to access this link:

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

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. Please do spend time with your child reading through the information carefully 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@prescotschool.org.uk

Buses

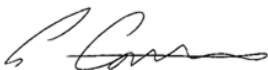
I was contacted by the regional directors of Arriva and Stagecoach after I'd raised concerns on behalf of our students regarding the reliability of buses. Both companies have told me they are very keen to work with the community however, they are experiencing severe staffing shortages. Therefore, at present, we remain no further on. I will of course, update you if I receive any further contact from the companies. You are welcome to raise your own concerns by completing the relevant forms on the bus websites.

School Twitter Account

We share many of our 'good news stories' and examples of students' work on our school Twitter account. If you use Twitter, please do follow us @prescotschool

I hope that students have a restful half term and we all look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 28th February.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs G Cousineau
Head of School