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Dear Parent / Carers,

The beginning of 2024 has flown by! We are now officially just over halfway through this academic year and there are lots of updates to share with you below.

Student Leadership Team

We are really pleased to announce that our new Student Principals are Anais and Alfie, the Deputy Student Principal is Patrick and our new Director of Events is Hassan. They have already taken on the roles of prefects and done brilliant jobs so far. We wish them luck in their new roles.

Attendance and Punctuality

All students are expected to arrive punctually for school in the morning and to arrive punctually for each lesson. A register is taken at the start of the day and during each lesson. Students arriving late are recorded on the register, along with how many minutes late they are.

I wanted to remind you that according to DfE guidelines, registers must be closed after a certain time in the morning. If a student arrives late to registration, they cannot receive a late mark but have to be marked as absent for the whole morning session. If the lateness is due to a legitimate reason e.g. a medical appointment, the absence can be authorised. Otherwise, the session is marked as an unauthorised absence. A text is sent home to parents informing you of this and the fact that you could be liable for a fixed penalty notice if the child receives 10 or more unauthorised absence sessions.

As you may have seen in the news recently, there has been a lot of discussion about attendance to school. Nationally 1 in 5 children are persistent absentees, this means they have less than 90% attendance and miss over 19 school days a year.

Attendance to school is crucial for the development of your child, students should be aiming for 100% attendance. You will soon be receiving a letter indicating how many days off your child has had this year. Please address this with them and if you have any issues with your child's attendance please contact the school on studentattendance@prescotschool.org.uk

Reading

Prescot School's form time reading programme allows students experience a wide range of texts for pleasure. Last term students read extracts and short stories, with students asking if they could borrow the book they had sampled from one of our libraries. This term students in year 7 to 10 are focusing on verse novels to aid fluency:

- Year 7 Weight of Water, Sarah Crossan. 'A poignant and powerful' text about Kasienka as she navigates her teenage years growing up in another country.

OUR VISION

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ACADEMIC POTENTIAL, DEVELOP HOLISTICALLY AND
GO ON TO LEAD HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL LIVES.

- Year 8 *The Crossover*, Kwambe Alexander. A verse novel which delivers 'a real emotional punch.'
- Year 9 *Crossing the Line*, Tia Fisher. 'A powerful story about impossible choices.'
- Year 10 *One*, Sarah Crossan. A love story about 'sisterhood, identity and an unbreakable bond.'
- Year 11 are reading prose; their text is called *Orangeboy* by Patrice Lawrence. The book follows the story of sixteen-year-old Maron who finds himself being hunted after a date ends in tragedy. Students are enjoying the engaging characters and thought-provoking themes.

The texts are engaging, often award winning, and seek to develop empathy. Students often ask if they can read 'one more page!' We've had some great feedback from both teachers and students:

'My Year 9 form are enjoying *Crossing the Line* so much! We had lots of giggles today at "Avocado Face". Thank you so much.' Miss Crangle.

'It's so good already; I love the suspense and characters.' Kaitlin, (Year 11)

Uniform Update

The School Council asked school leaders to consider permitting sports socks with logos. We have considered this and will allow these to be worn from Monday, 19th February 2024. Socks need to be plain white or plain black with one sports logo on each sock - no other pics/images. Plain black or white socks with no logo will also continue to be permitted. We will update the uniform booklet on our website for academic year 24/25 as it gets printed in the summer term.

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
8	14 th March 2024 (4-6pm)	Miss Nolan	anolan@prescotschool.org.uk
11	21 st March 2024 (4-6pm)	Miss Moss	kmoss@prescotschool.org.uk
9 (Options Evening)	18 th April 2024 (4-6pm)	Mr Moran	imoran@prescotschool.org.uk
7	23 rd May 2024 (4-6pm)	Mrs Thompson	sthompson@prescotschool.org.uk

Remaining Assessment Weeks

Year group	Date	Type of assessment
11	19 th February - 1 st March 2024	Mock exams held in the Sports Hall under full exam conditions.
10	6 - 17 th June 2024	Mock exams held in the Sports Hall under full exam conditions.
7	15 April – 3rd May 2024	Internal subject assessments. Maths and English held in the Sports Hall under full exam conditions. Other subjects held in classrooms.
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School Twitter Account

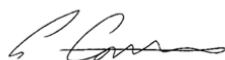
We share many of our 'good news stories' and examples of students' work on our school Twitter account. Thank you to those who follow us. We can see that on average, 500 people see each tweet which helps us spread far and wide all the wonderful things going on in school. If you use Twitter, and don't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

Start of Term

Students return to school on Monday, 19th February 2023 and are to be on site by 08:35am in full school 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 19th February.

Yours sincerely,



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