

December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the significant improvements we have been making at The Prescot School. As I am sure your child will have mentioned, we have welcomed many visitors over the past few months from colleagues in the Local Authority to leaders from schools across the country.

The overwhelming feedback from these visitors highlights the positive culture within our school community: the warmth and friendliness of our students, and the strong relationships between staff and pupils. They also consistently comment on the calm, orderly routines that underpin our environment, from movement around the building to the conduct in lessons.

Of course, working with young people means that mistakes happen, as expected. However, we have a robust pastoral support system in place to help students when needed.

Extracurricular Opportunities

I also want to celebrate our extensive extracurricular offer from lunchtime clubs and sporting fixtures to community events such as Christmas carols at a residential home, pantomime visits, and our Saturday booster sessions for Year 11. These sessions have seen an average attendance of over 60% of Year 11 students, and we will be extending them to other year groups in the coming months. Research is clear: these additional opportunities make a real difference to learning.

I would like to thank our staff for the extra time and effort they give every day. Their dedication has been integral to the improvements we are seeing and reflects the culture of support we now have across the school.

Attendance and Punctuality

We have seen dramatic improvements in attendance, which go hand in hand with better achievement, reduced poor behaviour and bullying, and fewer cases requiring emotional or mental health support. Attendance is vital if students are not in school, they are not learning. Learning happens not only in lessons but also through socialising and developing friendships.

Students on average nationally miss no more than 15 days per year equivalent to three weeks of learning out of 190 teaching days. If you are struggling to get your child into school, please contact their Head of Year for support. We would much rather see a child arrive late than miss a whole day. While this does not mean lateness is acceptable daily, we understand occasional circumstances.

All students are expected on site by 8:25am Monday to Thursday and 9:15am on Fridays.

OUR VISION

WE ARE COMMITTED TO NURTURING WELL-ROUNDED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ACADEMICALLY PREPARED, SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE, AND EQUIPPED WITH THE SKILLS TO THRIVE IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD



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Is Your Child TPS Ready?

We have noticed a small number of students arriving without the necessary equipment. Being “TPS Ready” means wearing full uniform, bringing a school bag, pencil case, and a whiteboard set. We are providing all students in Years 7 to 10 with a full whiteboard set, which is a fantastic tool for learning. Please check your child is TPS Ready every day. On rare occasions when equipment is forgotten, students should inform their form tutor, who will loan items and record this. We monitor this to ensure it does not become a regular occurrence.

Ofsted Update

Ofsted has now changed its framework, and monitoring inspections no longer take place. Our next visit is likely to be a full inspection. I welcome external scrutiny and am confident in the significant improvements we have made, while recognising there is still more to do to become a truly great school.

We are also part of a new Department for Education initiative called RISE (Regional Improvement for Standards and Excellence). This partnership has enabled us to work with another academy trust, bringing expertise that is already improving classroom practice in subjects that historically needed development. I look forward to sharing more details in the new year.

Thank You for Your Support

Finally, I want to thank you for your ongoing support. Working together as a community is key to ensuring every child thrives. I also want to wish you all a happy, restful Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Mr M. Reynolds
Principal

Key Dates:

Last Day of Term: **Friday 19th December 2025**: school closes at **12:20pm**
(Legendary Learner Celebration Assemblies, please ensure your child attends).

First Day Back: Tuesday 6th January 2026: all students return at 8:25am.

Dates for your diary

Monday 5 th January	INSET day – no students back in school
Tuesday 6 th January	Students back to school 8.25am
W/c 12 th January	Year 10 Assessment Week
Thursday 15 th January	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 22 nd January	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 3 rd and Wednesday 4 th February	Year 11 Geography Field trips
Thursday 5 th February	Year 8 Parents' Evening