



Executive Headteacher: Mrs L. A. Gwinnett

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Dear Parents,

## End of Term Letter

As we come to the end of this term, we would like to give you an update about the end of term arrangements, our achievements and consider the start of the summer term.

### Reflecting on the Spring Term

Over and above the hundreds of hours of learning:

- Maths have marked national 'Pi' day, English led the activities for World Book Day and Science celebrated National Science Week
- A fantastic Creative Evening - we really do have some talented young people!
- A full extra-curricular activities programme has started: Eco Committee, Debate Club, Pride Academy - LGBTQ+ group, Games Club, Music activities and Chess Club amongst others
- Regular participation in a range of sport and physical activities across West Lancashire and success in several tournaments in the district.
- Two excellent PSHE days included education about staying safe online, first aid and a fantastic trip to the Anglican Cathedral and Mosque in Liverpool. We were delighted that both places of worship noted the excellent attitudes and the conduct of our students
- The Year 9 students took part in the West Lancashire Careers Fayre and showcased their extraordinary focus on careers and their aspirations
- A range of Parents' Evenings for Year 9, 10 and 11 and the Options Evening
- We continue our journey to achieve the 'Rainbow Flag Award' which recognises a school's commitment to a being a fully supportive and inclusive environment for people who form a part of or who are allies of the LGBTQ+ community – three out of five stages are completed and awarded.
- We were delighted to receive the names of the Year 6 students who selected BPA for their high school for September 2023 – the Class of 2028. For the second consecutive year, we are 'oversubscribed,' more choices than places and testament to the school's improvement. We cannot wait to meet the newest members of the school and the transition process has started in earnest.



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Year 11 have nearly completed their coursework in school. As we leave this term, their final full one in school, we would like to wish them all the very best of luck as they move towards the GCSE examinations starting on 15 May 2022, with the speaking exams in Spanish and Art exams in the weeks leading up to May. Of course, we urge them to work hard and revise in preparation for the exams, but we are also looking forward to a range of traditional valedictory activities in the weeks and months to come. Next week you will receive more information about the range of celebratory activities and all of the deadlines that we have agreed with providers and suppliers.

## Staffing Changes

Over the course of this term, Miss Bristow, Miss Sloan and Mrs Walker have returned from their respective maternity leave. In previous correspondence we have bid farewell to the staff who have been in post, covering for them. However, we do say a goodbye and good luck in her new post to Mrs McDonough in English. Mrs Ashcroft, responsible for our reading intervention programme, leaves us after securing a promotion in another Lancashire school. We wish her well and thank her on behalf of all of our students – the impact on reading and the confidence of students has been remarkable. This important position will be readvertised next week.

## Rewards and Awards

The end of term nominations have been completed by the staff team to recognise the engagement and learning of students right across the year groups and range of subjects. This morning, the prize nominees (of which there are an unbelievable 390), received their certificates in House assemblies and earlier this week, the parents of our award winners were notified on ClassCharts. We are very proud of the first-class levels of engagement and the excellence in subject areas that are consistently demonstrated in school and that will be recognised.



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## Uniform and Equipment

Overall, we are really proud of the way our students present themselves. As we return after the Easter break, we would like to remind everyone of our expectations related to uniform; on the first day of term, we will complete a check of standards and your support to enable the students to meet the policy is crucial. A key feature of our [policy](#) is what we wear (uniform) and how we wear it (appearance). In summary, some key points of note are:





- Knee length skirts [which are unrolled]
- Knee length socks (charcoal grey) or black tights (no bows or patterns)
- Leather style and sturdy school shoes – **trainers and ballet style pumps are not permitted**
- Jumpers should be untucked
- One gold/silver stud earring in the lobe of the ear (no other jewellery)
- A non-smart watch


If finances are an issue with regards to replacement items (uniform or equipment), then please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can support you with this.

If your child has any items of uniform that are still in good condition but they have outgrown, then we would be delighted to accept donations in school which we will pass onto students who need them. Over the coming weeks we will begin plans to formalise a pre-loved/second hand arrangement for the school community in collaboration with the existing local and social networks that have done this so well for a while. If you would be interested in supporting this, please get in touch with us on [enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org)

## Support and Signposting – Personal Support and Mental Health

As we move into the Easter break, we would like to reiterate that there is a range of support available when we are and even when we are not in school. For your information, here is a summary of what students regularly see in school:

<b>In School ....</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Personal Tutor</li><li>• Year PBM</li><li>• Email <a href="mailto:pdcsupport@burscoughprioryacademy.org">pdcsupport@burscoughprioryacademy.org</a> <small>monitored during school hours</small></li><li>• House Progress Leader</li><li>• School Nurse/Counsellor</li><li>• Any other adult you feel comfortable talking to</li></ul>
<b>Out of School ....</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A parent or another members of the family</li><li>• Friends</li><li>• Other groups that can help:</li></ul> <div></div>





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On the school website, following [this](#) link there are further help and signposts to reliable information and support. Click on the burgundy writing at the top of this page to search other sources of support.

## Important Dates

Looking ahead to next half term, here are some of the key events, taken from the calendar that may be relevant to your family:

- 24 April – Year 10 Practice Examinations
- 26 April – Year 7 & 8 UK Maths Challenge
- 4 May – Year 8 & 9 HPV Vaccinations
- 9 May – Year 10 Work Experience Week
- 11 May – Year 8 Parents' Evening
- 25 May – Year 7 Parents' Evening

## End of Term

This week is the end of a long spring term and to finish, students will be in normal lessons, have a tutor session and then House Assembly. As published on the website, school closes for students at 12.30pm and the buses are booked. Lunches have been made available for students eligible for a free school meal during the late morning break and Edenred vouchers have been distributed to cover the Easter holiday period.

School reopens on Monday 17 April at 8.45am for all students. Students should be prepared in their full school uniform, with all of their equipment.

On behalf of all of the staff, we would to say thank you for your support and partnership work. We wish you all a safe, well rested and enjoyable break.

E Pluribus Unum.

Yours faithfully,

*L MacLaren*

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**Headteacher**