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Dear Parent,

End of Half Term

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, we would like to give you an update on school life, some information for the final term of 2022-2023.

It feels like only a week since we had the Easter break! Since then, we have seen brilliant levels of engagement and learning from our students which will be recognised on ClassCharts for Year 7 and 10 following their feedback reports. We have achieved the Rainbow Flag and Eco Schools Award, both of which demonstrate our commitment and ultimately culture – Out of Many, One. Year 10 have completed a fantastic work experience series with first class testimony from their employers, we couldn't be any prouder. Many of our students have participated in a range of extra-curricular activities, whatever their interests may be. Thank you for your support, their participation and to the staff that give their time freely.

Year 11

As we finish for the holidays, we would like to congratulate Year 11 on their diligent approach to the exams and preparation sessions. This is a very special of young people and please make sure that they find the right balance between rest and revision over half term.

Year 11 are well aware of the expectation for them to continue to attend school full time after half term – the first week back is a busy week, full of preparation sessions and examinations. However, students will begin study leave after their Chemistry preparation on Tuesday 13 June. From this point, students will be expected to follow their bespoke timetables and attend school for their exams and the preparation sessions that they are yet to sit their exams in. The details of this and the half term intervention programme were shared with parents in the last two weeks. Please contact school on enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org if you need a copy of this correspondence.

But with the final term, when the examination business is complete, the valedictory celebrations will begin. We are excited to mark these milestone occasions with a brilliant group of young people. So, work hard, take care of yourself and then we can all enjoy the festivities together.



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Year 11 Lockers

Correspondence was sent out earlier in the week about clearing lockers and the return of deposits following the inspection of their condition. Please refer to the email sent and if you have any queries, please get in touch with us at school.

Water Bottles

It is likely that the weather will continue to be warm and sunny for at least the next week or so. Could we remind you and your child to bring a reusable water bottle to school so that a drink is readily available to them?

Uniform and Equipment

As we return after the 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. A key feature of our [policy](#) is what we wear (uniform) and how we wear it (appearance). In summary, some key points of note and the ones which we do have to challenge are:

- Knee length skirts. **Unrolled**
- Knee length socks (charcoal grey) or black tights (no bows or patterns). **Not short socks**
- Leather style and sturdy school shoes – **Trainers and ballet style pumps are not permitted**
- One gold/silver stud earring in the lobe of the ear- **No other jewellery**
- A non-smart watch

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

Staffing Changes

Over the last two weeks we have said goodbye to Mrs Hatton as she starts her maternity leave with our best wishes - Mr Campbell has replaced her, an experienced Geography teacher. Miss Reed, has secured another post and is replaced by Mrs Neill in the PDC Team. In the last half term, Ms Williamson will join us to lead our



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reading intervention programme. We are sure that the students will feel the impact of her support very quickly in the coming weeks.

Important Dates

Looking ahead to final half term of the academic year, please make a note of the following key events from the calendar that may be relevant to your child. More details will be shared once the plans are finalised for other events, such as Year 10 Geography field trips, that are planned for the coming weeks:

- Thursday 8 June: Year 10 Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 28 June: Year 11 Valedictory Assembly
- Thursday 29 June: Year 6 Induction Day 1 & Evening
- Friday 30 June: Year 6 Induction Day 2
- Wednesday 5 July: PHCSE Day
- Monday 10 July: Trips/Activities Week
- Thursday 6 July: Year 11 Valedictory Evening
- Monday 17 July: Sports Day
- Thursday 20 July: End of term (12.30pm finish)

On behalf of all of the staff here at Burscough Priory Academy and right across our Trust, we would like to wish you a safe and well rested break. Enjoy some sunshine if we do get it! We look forward to seeing all of our students return to school on **Monday 5 June at 8.45am** for the final half term of the academic year.

E Pluribus Unum.

Yours faithfully,

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