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Dear Parent,

End of Year Update

Thank you

I am proud to lead a fantastic team of dedicated and hardworking staff. This year there have been many highlights but the acknowledgement of the vast amount of progress we have made since 2017 is big one. We are delighted that in the autumn term, the impact of all of our hard work was noted by several external visitors culminating in the inspection. The staff team have given their time tirelessly - their sole aim is to provide the best for the students at BPA day in, day out. All of their hard work is greatly appreciated by everyone in school and right across our Trust.

Of course, we will not be complacent and we will continue to ensure our school is a great place to be and learn in. Our staff are proud to work at this school and the ambition we all share for the young people in Burscough and the local area has been galvanised. We are committed to further improvement and providing a great education that prepares every one of our young people for their chosen path.

We are really proud of our students who are the beating heart of our school and community. We are often reminded why we do this job; regularly humbled by their commitment, tenacity and spirit - they delight and surprise us every single day! If you do follow us on social media, we do hope that you have sampled how amazing our students are in their approach to school, their learning, and their never-ending talent.

Summer Term 2

Students and staff have enjoyed what has been a very busy to the end to the academic year, experiencing:

- PSHCE Day
- KGV, West Lancashire College, Runshaw College and Ormskirk VI Form taster events
- Primary school sports days
- West Lancashire District Athletics Championships, Rounders tournaments and extra-curricular activities
- Year 11 Valedictory Assembly and Evening
- STEAM Event at West Lancashire College
- Year 10 Geography field trips
- LUSOM Maths and Physics enrichment
- Trips & Activities Day
- Duke of Edinburgh completion
- LGBT+ Conference
- Computing HOST trip



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We never tire of hearing the feedback from our partners about the manners, appearance, conduct and positive outlook of our students – they always do us all proud.

Student Leadership Team

This is one of the most enjoyable times of the year; listening to genuine passion for our school, our strengths and the ideas to improve it from our Student Leadership Team applicants is inspiring. The difficulty for us comes when trying to decide which of our amazing young people will form the team, we are delighted to announce:

Head Students: Georgia Helme, Eva Styles, Harry Wellman

Deputy Head Students: Katie Evans, Molly Strangeway, Katherine Dilworth, Evie Grimes

A number of other senior roles have been allocated to students due to the skills and qualities they demonstrated during the interview. The leadership team also includes our House and Sports Captains, Leads for Inclusion, Charity, Well-being and the Environment. Another amazing team of young people who are committed to improving their school and the opportunities of their peers. A huge congratulation to all of the students!

Holiday, Activity, Food Programme (HAF)

Over the summer holidays, funding from the government will allow students from BPA who are in receipt of Free School Meals to access a range of activities as well as a food offer. Activities will take place between over the course of the summer. To see what is on offer, visit the brand-new West Lancashire HAF website at <https://westlancashirehaf.com> and bookings will close one week before the activity, so please login and complete the booking form fully in order to reserve a place for the weeks to come. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so we would encourage you to sign up for these places as soon as possible.

Uniform & Equipment

Ahead of September, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the revised Uniform and Appearance Policy. A more detailed letter about uniform expectations accompanies this letter.

It is important that students arrive at school with the equipment to allow them to access lessons and learning. Other subject specific resources will be required as directed but our expectation is that students have:

- A sturdy, dark coloured school bag for school equipment – this should be big enough to fit an A4 folder in
- a charged chromebook in Year 8, 9 & 10
- a pen, pencil, ruler, eraser, whiteboard and whiteboard pen
- the correct subject specialist equipment – calculator, geometry set, PE kit
- a pair of earphones.



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Important Dates

Looking ahead, here are some key dates for early next academic year – you will receive a link to the online calendar in September:

Wednesday 6 September: Year 7 for 8.45am (school buses are running)

Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 come into school from 9.35 for a 9.45 start

Thursday 28 September: Open Evening with students leaving site at 12.30pm

Staffing Update

Looking ahead to September, like all schools we have some staff that are leaving Burscough Priory Academy to take up new roles elsewhere. First and foremost, a huge thank you to them all for their dedication to our school and students. This year, we bid farewell to Miss Gibson, Miss Wilde, Mr Campbell, Mrs Rohit, Mr Fay and Miss Coats who all move on to pastures new. Every member of staff has been hardworking and dedicated, inspiring many students within their subject areas and have made a big difference within the school community. They leave us with our very best wishes and good luck.

It is exciting to let you know that we also have several new staff starting at BPA in September and we are very lucky to have recruited excellent leaders and specialists to carry on the great work. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Edwards (Head of PE), Miss Patel (MFL) and Mr Clarke (Geography). I am sure that they will be welcomed wholeheartedly into our school and it will soon feel like they have always been here.

To Finish

As you know, school closes today for the summer break at 12.30pm, with the buses booked. This will follow a series of lessons and assemblies which will recognise and celebrate our achievements in 2023, a true highlight of our term. A brunch service has been provided during an extended break and students who are eligible for Free School Meals were able to use their allowance. We are well prepared for September and as ever at this time of year, as is customary, class changes for the new academic year are planned and new timetables will be issued on September 6.

We would just like to reiterate our thanks to you, our parents for all of your support over the course of the academic year. Your unending support to enable us to do the very best for your child and our partnership is crucial to the success of the students. It has been another busy year but a joy in so many ways, always coming back to our team ethos and core value – 'Out of Many, One.' So, as we close for the break, to all of the Burscough Priory community, our students and parents and on behalf of everyone in the Endeavour Learning Trust, we wish you a safe and well rested summer.

E Pluribus Unum.

Yours faithfully,

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