



Burscough Priory Academy
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Headteacher Mrs L MacLaren

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Dear Parent,

School Update

It has been a busy first term of 2023-2024 with many highlights and none more so than the day-to-day standards and learning that are evident in school. We have shared lots of updates in a range of ways, especially online. This term, our students have done us proud, driven by their kindness, respect and ambition. Some statistics of note:

- Approaching 35,000 award points across all year groups
- Nearly 800 visits to our library
- 38 Clubs have been on offer to our students at lunch time or after school - just over 1000 participation points have been added to ClassCharts for students who have accessed clubs
- 39 Year 10 reading coaches have been trained
- 13 students have been awarded the E Pluribus Unum award for demonstrating our values
- Over 800 people and approaching 400 families visited us on Open Evening and 46 families have visited us during the school day

Congratulations to all of our students who have been nominated for and achieved Subject awards. The points have been added to ClassCharts in the last couple of days and this should be rightly celebrated.

We would like to say a big well done to Year 7. Their transition, maturity and the pride they take in all aspects of school life is exceptional and they truly are a credit to their primary school and you, their family.

Staffing

This week we are delighted to have welcomed Mrs Huyton back to school today in the English department and Mrs Ward (in RE) will follow early next term, returning from their respective periods of parental leave.

Mr Thornberry has secured a role in a safeguarding team outside of education and we wish him well as he moves onto pastures new. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Oliver to the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead alongside her role of Assistant Headteacher.

Uniform

Overall, we continue to be very proud of our students, their uniform and appearance. The uniform of some students does not meet the [policy](#), the key points for address are outlined here:



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- Skirt length – unrolled and to the knee at the start of the year
- Socks – knee length and pulled up to the knee
- Tights – black and 40 denier minimum
- Make up – discreet
- Jewellery – one plain stud and non-smart watch

Earlier today we have sent some parents an email about the uniform and/or appearance of their child. Your support to address this in time for our return to school is crucial. As a reminder, we do have a sizable amount of preloved uniform in school and if you do need any support with this, please get in touch with us.

Autumn Term 2

After the holiday, the focus on attendance will resume. Since the pandemic, attendance schools in the UK has deteriorated and at BPA it is no different. Whilst we are in line with the national average, we know that for students to really benefit from their education, they must attend in the late ninety percent. Children (and adults) get unwell, but gauging the limitations of this in conjunction with performance in school is important. We ask for your very best support to make sure that all students are in school and benefit from the support of staff and their subject specialist teachers.

After the holidays we will focus again on our standards, expectations and school values following a reboot principle. A new term with a fresh start for everyone and a reminder that ClassCharts will also clear - everyone's points will be banked and the pie chart will be reset.

Upcoming events include:

2 November, Y7 & 8 Talent Show
6 November, Remembrance Week
8 & 9 November, Y11 Drama Exam
9 November, Y7 & 10 Tutor Evening (details to be sent out in the week we return)
16 November, Imperial War Museum Trip (Year 9)
22 November, PSHCE Day
23 November, Y11 Parents' Evening
27 November, A Christmas Carol Performance
30 November, GCSE Awards Evening
4 December for two weeks – Year 11 Practise Exams (see separate letter)
7 December, Christmas Concert
W/C 18th December, Christmas Dinner



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Free School Meal Vouchers

Vouchers for students who are eligible for free school meals have been distributed for the holiday period and sent directly to parents. If you have not received them or have any questions, please contact us on enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org

At the end of today school will close for the half term holiday. 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. We look forward to seeing all students return to school on **Tuesday 31 October 2023 at 8.45am** (Monday is INSET for staff), starting the day with a short session with their Personal Tutor.

E Pluribus Unum.

Yours faithfully,

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