



Burscough Priory Academy
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Headteacher Mrs L MacLaren

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Dear Parent,

End of Year Update

Thank you

I am proud to lead a fantastic team of dedicated and hardworking students and staff. This year there have been so many highlights and none more so than the foodbank collection that took place last week. The village's Foodbank which is based at Burscough Methodist Church supports so many people in our community and will provide a lifeline to some this summer. The generosity of the last week or so has been truly humbling – we certainly are one, out of many.

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.

We are really proud of our students who are the reason we do this job; their commitment, tenacity and spirit give regular reminders about how to be young and a good person - they genuinely bring joy to every day. If you do follow us on social media, we do hope that you have been able to observe just how amazing our students are in their approach to school, their learning, and their seemingly never-ending talent.

We have all enjoyed what has been a very busy to the end to the academic year. 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. In school or out, they are a credit to us all. If you do have any stories of success, community participation or anything else, please let us know using the enquiries email address.

Celebrating our 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. They have received their badges to recognise their responsibility and are wearing them with pride. We are delighted to announce:

Head Students – Grace, Jack & Romilly

Deputy Head Students – Megan, Poppy, Kate, Lily-Sue, Daisy & Olivia

Deputy Lead for Sport – Charlotte

House Representatives – Ethan, Caitlyn, Calista & Annabel

Senior Prefects – Isaac & Mckinnley

Reading Team – Scarlett & Maisie

Inclusion & Wellbeing Team – Lauren, Hannah & Eve

Kindness, Respect and Ambition Council – Phoebe, Alex, Toby & Kinzi

Sports Council – Lewis, Violet, Lottie, Eric & Alfie



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Free School Meal Vouchers & Holiday, Activity, Food Programme (HAF)

As is customary, the vouchers for students who are eligible for free school meals will be distributed via the Edenred Platform. Please look out for the email, in junk as well. If you have any difficulty, please get in touch with us.

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 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 have your email and code available so that you can** 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. Please note that unlike previous years, Lancashire County Council are administering the programme, hence the email from an external source and not school.

Information about 2024 -2025

Here are the revised timings for the school day, noting that the start and end is unchanged. This starts on 4.9.24 and the students have been updated today, in assembly:

8.50 – 9.15	Legal Registration & Tutor time
9.15 – 10.15	Lesson 1
10.15 – 11.15	Lesson 2
11.15 – 11.35	Break
11.35 – 12.35	Lesson 3
12.35 – 1.35	Lesson 4
1.35 – 2.15	Lunch
2.15 – 3.15	Lesson 5*

**Year 7, 8 and 9 start to exit the building from 3.10 onwards*

After much consultation with staff and students, we have made the decision to move Tutor time to the morning so that a key part of this can be about preparing for the school day and week ahead. The legal registration session for attendance marks, in line with statute, will close at 9.15am to safeguard our students. After this, late, without a good reason or evidence, an unauthorised absence will be recorded. This reinforces the need for a punctual start to the day.

Break and lunch have changed time as you may note, bringing us in line with a lot of schools in West Lancashire. Breakfast is really important and we would advise our students to eat first thing. Students who are eligible for free school meals are entitled to a breakfast and use their fingerprint in the normal way. If a student does not use their allowance in the morning, they will be able to use it at break time. However, we would always urge students to eat first thing so that they are fuelled for the morning, have a snack later on, followed by their lunch.



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Furthermore, our fantastic Catering Team have been busy revising the offer so that more cold options (sandwiches and pasta) will be available at break because this may be a more preferable time to eat.

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.

- Skirts must be **knee length at the start** and unrolled of the year to allow for growth
- Shoes must be **leather look, sturdy shoes** in line with the **models in the uniform letter**
- **Mid-calf socks are permitted** (not long ones rolled down)
- Regular fit, charcoal grey tailored shorts with grey socks and shoes in line with expectations are now permitted
- All books in school will be A4 next year. School bags should be large enough to hold books and folders of this size.

Important Dates

Looking ahead, here are some key dates for early next academic year – the link to the online calendar is on the website and will be updated over the summer in preparation for September:

Wednesday 4 September: Year 7 for 8.45am (school buses are running)

Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 come into school from 10.05 for a 10.15am start

Thursday 26 September: Open Evening with students leaving site at 12.35pm, buses are booked.

Staffing Update

As a reminder, we are delighted to let you know the pastoral structure for 2024-2025:

Director of Key Stage 3 – Mrs Connelly			Director of Key Stage 4 – Mr Collins	
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Mr Sawyer	Mrs Graham	Miss Daly	Mrs Statter	Miss Pardoe Matthews

Mrs Oliver will become the Designated Safeguarding Lead in school, with effect from 4 September.

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 Bristow, Miss Butler, Mr Clarke, Mrs Murray, Miss Patel, Miss Perkins, Mrs Walker and Mrs Williamson 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.



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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 Mr Mather (MFL), Mr Carroll (Head of English), Mrs Chesworth (Reading Leader), Mrs Hudkins (Music & Drama), Miss Nolan (DT - Food), Mr Joynson (Maths) and Mr Taylor (Reading Intervention). I am sure that they will be wholeheartedly welcomed into our school and it will soon feel like they have always been here!

To Finish

As you know, school closes at lunch time, 12.30pm for the summer break, with the buses booked. This will follow a series of lessons and assemblies which will recognise and celebrate our achievements in 2024; a real highlight of our term.

We look forward to meeting the students who are booked onto Summer School on Monday and Tuesday 19 and 20 August. This is for students in Year 6, moving to 7 who are booked on. This is followed by Exam Results Day for Year 11, on Thursday 22 August from 9.30am.

We would just like to reiterate our thanks to you, our parents, for all of your support over the course of the academic year. This enables 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 'Out of Many, One.' A distinct feature of this year has been our staff and students working so hard to drive kindness, respect and ambition so that we can truly be '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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