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Dear Parents,

19th July 2019

Looking forward to the new academic year...

The end of the school term has finally arrived and the first thing we would want to do is to offer our heartfelt thanks to you for your support throughout the year. It has been wonderful to receive so many positive comments from parents and the local and wider community. It has been an incredibly busy year and a time of significant change for us as a school. We are obviously aware that we haven't always got everything 100% right, nor have we pleased everyone. With so much to do it is only human that we will make mistakes, but everything we do is with the best of intentions and in order to make a positive difference for our students, every one of them, and our families and local community. We hope you agree that we are moving in the right direction. Undoubtedly students, staff and their families will be looking forward to the summer break. As well as looking forward to the six week holiday we are also focused on preparing for the new academic year and this letter will focus on a few key points for September.

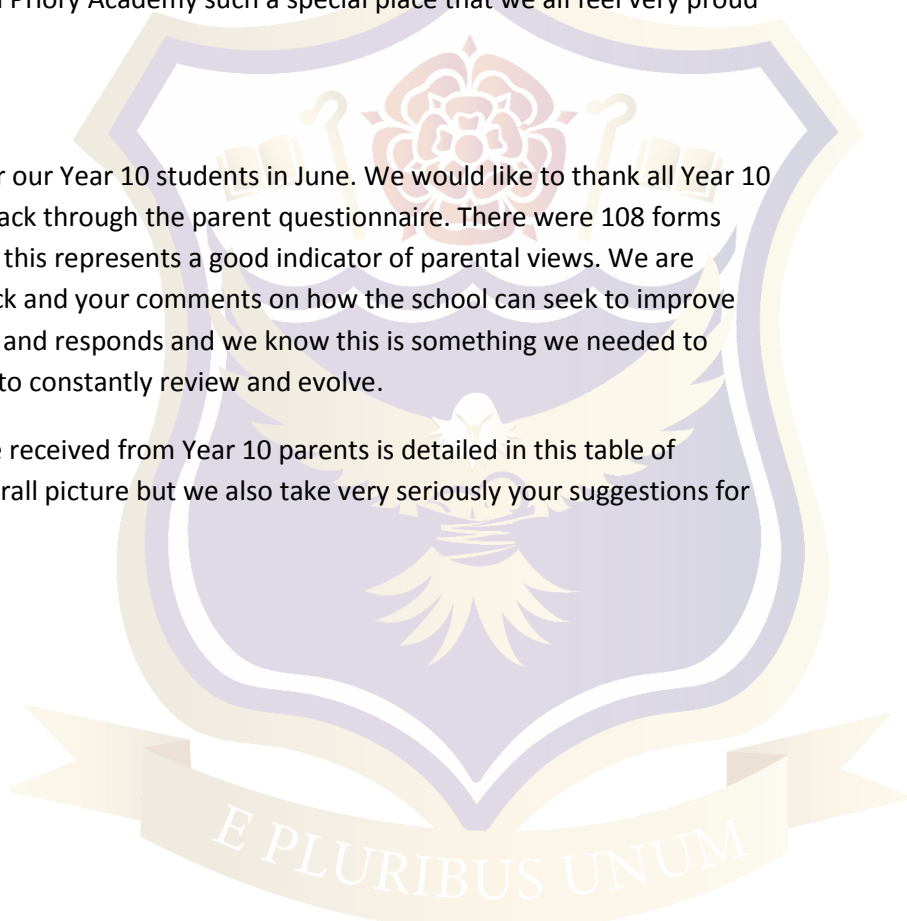
Summer Newsletter

Along with this letter we have attached a Summer Newsletter which will give you a flavour of some of the wonderful events and activities that have taken place at the school over the past year. The photographs and accompanying write ups (some written by students) will give you a fuller picture of the hard work and energy that goes in to making Burscough Priory Academy such a special place that we all feel very proud to be part of.

Parents Evening Feedback

Our most recent parents evening was for our Year 10 students in June. We would like to thank all Year 10 parents who contributed valuable feedback through the parent questionnaire. There were 108 forms returned from families in the school and this represents a good indicator of parental views. We are thankful to you for your positive feedback and your comments on how the school can seek to improve further; a good school is one that listens and responds and we know this is something we needed to improve and is an area we will continue to constantly review and evolve.

The overall summary of the feedback we received from Year 10 parents is detailed in this table of statistics. We are delighted with this overall picture but we also take very seriously your suggestions for further improvement.



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	% agreed
My child feels happy	94%
My child feels safe	100%
My child makes good progress	96%
My child is well looked after	99%
My child is taught well	98%
My child receives appropriate homework	93%
This school ensures that pupils are well behaved	94%
This school deals effectively with bullying	91%
This school is well led and managed	96%
This school responds well to concerns raised	96%
I would recommend this school to another parent	92%
I receive valuable information about my child	97%
I have found Class Charts to be a valuable resource	97%

We also asked you for individual comments on what you feel has improved about the school since September.

The main areas of improvements were identified as:

- Communication
- Leadership
- Class charts
- Behaviour and discipline in and out of school
- Lunch management
- Confidence of students
- Atmosphere within the school
- Well informed of progress and engagement



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The questionnaire also reflected some individual parental suggestions on how the school can continue to develop to meet the needs of the students and families in the local community.

The main areas of suggested improvements still required were identified as:

- Supply teachers (we are now fully staffed in September)
- Quality of teaching
- Consistency of behaviour/achievement points
- Communication
- Management of lunchtimes
- Lack of facilities and clubs

All of the above are areas we will continue to work hard to improve even further.

New Staff and Fond Farewells

In September we look forward to welcoming to Burscough Priory Academy:

- Mrs Day – Director of Science
- Mrs Dawson – Head of Foundation Faculty
- Mrs Clare – Second in Maths Faculty
- Miss Bristow – Teacher of Maths
- Mrs Musson – General Technician

We also welcome back Mrs Livesley who has this week returned from maternity leave.

Sadly at the end of term we also bid our fond farewells to staff who are moving on. This time around we say goodbye to:

- Miss Knipe, (Science)
- Mrs Sefton Miles (Foundation Faculty)
- Mrs Hunt (MFL)
- Miss Coyle (Maths)
- Miss Blundell (Creatives – ICT/Computing)

We would like to thank all of them for their commitment and their dedication to ensuring that our young people have been supported effectively.

Uniform

Thank you for your co-operation, feedback and the general manner in which concerns have been raised throughout this process. We now look forward to welcoming our students back looking smarter than ever



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in a uniform which reflects and embraces the progress and development which has taken place at school over the past year.

Don't forget that we have a measure and sale event this Sunday, 28th July in our main school hall, 11am – 4pm.

Tutor Groups

As you are already aware, from September we will be moving to a vertical tutor group system where students' tutor groups will be part of a new House system. We are delighted at how positively this has been received with an incredibly few issues to iron out. If you find out over the summer that your child has any concerns, then staff will be in school on Monday/Tuesday 2nd/3rd September. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

The new House Progress Leaders are as follows:

House	Head of House	House Colour
Turing House	Mr Collins	Blue
Attenborough House	Miss Holcroft	Green
Frank House	Miss Patton	Red
Yousafzai House	Mrs Livesley	Yellow

Key Dates for the first half-term

Please see below key dates for your diaries during the first half term:

- Wednesday 4th September – Year 7 and Year 11 in school for the full day. Years 8, 9 & 10 attend for their Review Day appointments.
- Thursday 5th September - All students in school for 8.45am.
- Thursday 5th September - Year 7 Parents' Information Evening at 6.00pm.
- Tuesday 10th September - Year 10 Parents' Information Evening at 6.00pm
- Tuesday 10th September - Year 11 Parents' Information Evening at 7.00pm
- Tuesday 17th September - Year 8 Parents' Information Evening 6.00pm



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- Tuesday 17th September - Year 9 Parents' Information Evening 7.00pm
- Thursday 26th September - Open Evening (school closes early at 12.30pm and school buses are arranged for this time)
- Thursday 17th October - Year 7 'Settling In' Tutor Consultation evening

Half term will be Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October 2019 and we will also be taking Monday 28th October as an INSET Day (school closed to students).

We are very much looking forward to another successful academic year, but in the meantime we hope you and your families have a fantastic summer and that you all remain safe and well rested.

Mrs L A Gwinnett

Mr M Berry

Executive Headteacher

Head of School



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