



Executive Headteacher: Mrs L. A. Gwinnett

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Dear Parents and Carers

Approaching the end of a busy term...

It does not seem five minutes ago that students and staff were starting the new academic year and here we are with the Christmas holidays almost upon us.

It has been an extremely busy term at Burscough Priory Academy. We have come such a long way in a short space of time. Although we recognise we still have a way to go, we are incredibly proud of our students and how they have responded to the changing expectations and processes they now experience. The feedback and support from our parents has also been overwhelming, we know that together we are stronger and we genuinely appreciate this partnership.

I would like to take this opportunity to share some of our most recent successes with you and update you with coming events.

The Year 11 students will finish their first set of practice examinations on Thursday. We have been blown away with their positive approach and their impeccable behaviour. We have witnessed a year group who are hungry for success and who have obviously taken their preparation very seriously, thank you to the parents of Year 11 for your support on this. After the break we look forward to reviewing the outcome of these exams and using the information to formulate personalised plans for our students moving forward.

School closes after our end of year assembly on Friday 21st December at 12.30pm.

I am sure that all of our students, particularly Year 11 students, will be looking forward to a well-earned break.

School buses have been ordered for this earlier finish time and any students who would usually travel on the Ormskirk public service will be released at 12.20pm to enable them to catch this bus.

We are also very proud of our Year 9 students for their recent charity work. A group of students volunteered to lead a Christmas Hamper appeal and this has proved to be very successful. These students designed and displayed posters to promote the appeal, encouraging students throughout the school to contribute food. Last week they organised to wrap the boxes, fill them with food and decorate them ready to be taken to St John's Church so they could be distributed. Mrs Wong's Art students contributed to the appeal by making some beautiful Christmas themed tags for the hampers. We are very proud of the students, as they have all worked extremely hard on the project.

Year 9 also took the lead on organising Thursday's Christmas Jumper day when students and staff will be able to wear their Christmas jumper and donate £1 to Save the Children. On the same day it is our school Christmas Lunch so the seasonal knitwear should make a lovely contribution to the festive atmosphere in the dining hall.





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Our brass quartet have also been out in the community. They recently performed at St John's Primary School Christmas Fair. Their performance was well received by students, parents and staff. We look forward to watching them perform at Friday's Christmas Assembly prior to special guest, Reverend David Banbury, delivering a Christmas message to the school.

Next term we welcome two new teachers to our school. Mrs O'Keefe (English) and Mrs Allday (Science). Further teaching vacancies will be advertised in the new year. We will also be seeking a full time (term time) school receptionist, further details will be advertised on the school website. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Whewell (English) and we wish her every happiness for the future.

Key dates for diary:

Monday 7 th January 2019	School reopens
Monday 14 th January 2019	Geography Fieldwork Trip – Year 11
Thursday 17 th January 2019	Year 9 Parents Evening
Thursday 31 st January 2019	Leyland Trucks trip (Year 11 Engineering students)
Thursday 14 th February 2019	Year 10 Parents Evening
Friday 15 th February 2019	INSET for staff – school closed for students
Monday 18 th to Friday 22 nd February 2019	Half term
Wednesday 27 th February 2019	Oxford University Trip (Year 10)
Thursday 7 th March 2019	Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday 21 st March 2019	Y11 Parents Evening
Thursday 4 th April 2019	Y7 Parents Evening
Friday 5 th April 2019	School closes at 12:30 for Easter break

Finally, we look forward to welcoming all our students back into school on Monday 7 January 2019, ready to face the challenges and successes 2019 will bring.

We hope you have a fantastic Christmas break and we would like to wish you a Happy New Year from everyone at Burscough Priory Academy.

Yours sincerely

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