



Executive Headteacher: Mrs L. A. Gwinnett

Dear Parents,

17th July 2020

Message from the Head of School

By any measure, life has been extremely challenging over the last four months and certainly not the start I was expecting at Burscough Priory Academy following my appointment to the Head of School role in early 2020.

The way the whole community has harnessed its resources and how it has supported everyone, especially those who need it most, has been humbling. Students have demonstrated resilience and tenacity with their on-line learning and this cannot fail to stand them in good stead for the new academic year and beyond. The sense of relief as students stepped back into school for their Face-to-Face meetings and intervention sessions has been palpable. As their confidence grew during the sessions, so did the smiles and expressions of relief on their faces. The desire to return to school has been very strong from all students.

Throughout lockdown, our families have supported their children's remote learning, whilst also trying to retain a semblance of order and normality. The feedback and best wishes that you have sent to staff has given us all a boost to continue to do as much as we can for our community. I can honestly say that all our staff teams have worked tirelessly in their various roles and like so many of you, whilst also juggling the demands from their own families. This common purpose has helped the school go from strength to strength and as I have reflecting on what has been achieved over the past fourteen weeks, there couldn't be a prouder Head of School.

Staff Update

Looking ahead to September, like all schools we have some staff that are leaving Burscough Priory Academy to take up new and exciting roles elsewhere. First and foremost, a huge thank you to them all for their dedication to our school and most importantly the students.

Mrs Chalmers has been a teacher at the school for thirteen years and is moving to a new role in the ICT and Computing Department at Audenshaw School in Manchester. Mrs Hunt who teaches Spanish leaves us for pastures new. Finally, from the team of support staff, we say goodbye to Mrs O'Leary who has worked tirelessly in the school office. We say goodbye to them all and they leave with our very best wishes.

At some point in the next month or so, Mrs Tonge and Mrs Ashurst will start their maternity leave as they prepare for new additions to their families. They will leave us to return next year and I know that you will wish them well and an enjoyable period of leave.

It is exciting to let you know that we also have several new teachers starting at BPA in September. We are delighted to welcome Miss Moorcroft to the English department, Miss Marshall and Dr Thompson as teachers of science, Miss Groom to Geography and Mrs Walsh in the ICT and





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Computing department. I am sure that as ever, they will be welcomed wholeheartedly into the team and it will soon feel like they have always been here.

Uniform, Standards and Equipment

Ahead of September, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the Uniform and Standards Policy. We are very proud of the fact that our students wear their uniform with pride and attend school looking smart and ready to learn and all of this information is summarised on the website: <https://www.burscoughprioryacademy.org/parents/uniform>

A reminder of our expectations:

- White shirt with top button fastened and shirt tails tucked into trousers/skirt
- Grey school trousers with school logo or grey skirt with school badge (skirts should be knee length)
- Navy blazer with school badge
- School tie (different version for Year 11)
- Grey V-necked school jumper with purple trim (optional)
- Plain, grey socks in the same grey as the trouser or skirt (*please note this small change)
- If wearing a skirt, socks should be long but no higher than the knee (no patterns or bows)
OR plain black tights (minimum 40 denier) can be worn
- Plain, black, smart, sturdy shoes

We would also appreciate your full support with regards to skirts, which should be strictly knee length. Please ensure that your child's skirt is of the correct length before they return to school in September. If you have any concerns about the length of skirt and the fit, we suggest you contact Whittakers and/or make an appointment to see them. You can contact school on the email address at the bottom of this email if you have a query.

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 always have:

- a sturdy, dark coloured school bag for school equipment
- a pen, pencil, ruler, eraser and whiteboard pen

And Finally

As life slowly returns to near normal, we completely understand that you may have some niggling doubts about your child's return to school. Please be assured that the school within the wider Trust will continue to make plans in line with the latest advice and guidance. The safety and well-being of our students and staff is paramount and drives our planning. We anticipate a full return to school for all year groups in



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September and we will contact you later in the summer to confirm all of the plans ahead of the start of the new academic year.

If you have any questions or queries regarding any of this information, please do not hesitate to contact us at school on enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org

To finish, I would just like to reiterate my thanks for all of your support over the course of the year. 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 lovely summer. We are excited for and look forward to September.

Yours sincerely,

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