



September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to welcome you back to the 2021-22 academic year at Princes Risborough School (PRS). We had a great summer with our Year 11 and 13 students performing extremely well in their GCSEs, A-level's and BTEC qualifications and living up to our "Aspire and Achieve" motto. The site team have also worked tirelessly over the holiday continuing to improve the learning environment, refurbishing numerous Maths and Business Studies classrooms, whilst relocating the learning support department. We have a number of new interactive screens, a completely new IT infrastructure to support our Google classrooms and Chromebooks, plus a new minibus.

Along with an improved environment for students, we welcome a number of new teaching and support staff whom all exude the PRS values of Positive, Responsible and Successful. I would specifically like to highlight the recruitment of Mrs Kallay, as our Assistant Headteacher SENDCO, who will promote the progress and learning of all SEND and ARP students as well as supporting whole school leadership.

Our focus as a school this year is based upon our curriculum intent: to ensure that all students leave PRS with excellent academic outcomes and go onto be: **Positive** in their future choices and ambitions; **Responsible** and active citizens in their communities; **Successful** in the world beyond the school gates. This intent will be at the heart of everything we do in the classroom and we are actively increasing extra circular opportunities for PRS students through enrichment activities, trips and experiences. See the school website for up to date information on which activities and clubs are running:

<https://www.princesrisborough.bucks.sch.uk/Students/Extra-Curricular-Events/>

Although not explicit in our curriculum intent, it is under pinned by high and consistent expectations for all stakeholders. Please can you continue to support the school by making sure students attend school every day, on time and in the correct uniform?

Thank you for your support of mass Covid testing that we had to undertake twice for every student at the beginning of term. The operation ran very smoothly and all students demonstrated impeccable and responsible behaviour. I would like to publicly thank the community volunteers and PRS staff that enabled this to run so smoothly so that we could get back to learning and teaching quickly and safely. Covid-19 has not gone away so we ask all students to continue testing at home with the Lateral Flow Devices on a Sunday and Wednesday and report the results back to us. As well as, still focusing on hygiene, cleaning, ventilation and face coverings for those who travel to PRS on buses or public transport.

Concerning student safety and community spirit, we have noticed an increased number of cars driving up Clifford Road and onto the school site at the beginning and end of school. Please can I remind everyone that this is not permitted to park on the school side because we must allow students a safe and clear route out of school. As per our school travel plan, available on the PRS website: "We specifically ask parents not to park in or drop off on Merton Road, Clifford Road or Hawthorn Road. Where a car must be used we ask parents to drive only part of the way, and drop their child(ren) off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked". Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

The start of term is a busy period so I wanted to remind everyone of some key dates:

- Monday 20th September - School photographs
- Wednesday 29th September - Open evening, school closes at 12:30pm
- Thursday 7th October - Year 11 Progress evening
- Friday 22nd October - Inset day

OPEN EVENTS AT PRINCES RISBOROUGH SCHOOL - September 2022 Entry

For all open events, please call our reception on 01844 - 345496 to book a space for your family.

Event	Date	Time
Open Morning - tours of the school	Monday 27th September 2021	9:00 - 10:30 am
Open Morning - tours of the school	Tuesday 28th September 2021	9:00 - 10:30 am
Open Evening - Headteacher's presentation and tours of the school. You will get an opportunity to speak to subject teachers and the SEN department	Wednesday 29th September 2021	5:00 - 7:30 pm
Open Morning - tours of the school	Thursday 30th September 2021	9:00 - 10:30 am
Open Morning - tours of the school	Friday 1st October 2021	9:00 - 10:30 am
Open Morning - tours of the school	Thursday 7th October 2021	9:00 - 10:30 am
Open Morning - tours of the school	Friday 8th October 2021	9:00 - 10:30 am
Open Morning - tours of the school	Thursday 14th October 2021	9:00 - 10:30 am

Open evening and mornings are aimed at future PRS cohorts and we appreciate that we have not seen many of you in school for a long period of time, if ever due to the pandemic. Therefore, we would like to offer you the opportunity to reconnect by coming into PRS, to meet with myself, senior leaders and governors, plus have a tour of the school so you can see first-hand all the positive changes that have taken place in the last two years. The times available this half term are:

- Monday 4th October at 1:30 pm
- Monday 4th October at 3:30 pm
- Thursday 7th October at 11:15 am

Please book via the school office on 01844-345496, we very much look forward to welcoming you.

We are really looking forward to a Positive 2021-22 at PRS.

Yours sincerely



Simon Baker
Headteacher