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PRS Termly Update: Aspiring and Achieving Together

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the academic year, I wanted to share some key updates regarding life here at Princes Risborough School. Our students continue to work hard to embody our core values of being Positive, Responsible, and Successful, and it has been a pleasure to see so many of them truly living our motto.

Academic Excellence Year 11 & Year 13

I am incredibly proud of the dedication shown by our Year 11 and Year 13 cohorts. Based on our latest assessment data, we are currently on track for our best-ever sets of results at both GCSE and A-Level. This is a testament to the hard work of our students and the unwavering support of our staff. It is inspiring to see so many of our eldest students acting as role models for the rest of the school.

Staffing and Curriculum Update

We are currently managing some unavoidable staff absences. In addition to a maternity leave absence, two of our teachers are beginning a period of absence following significant operations. We wish them a speedy recovery and look forward to their return.

To ensure stability, we have been proactive in our planning. While our initial hope for external maternity cover did not progress as intended, we have successfully secured subject specialists and re-allocated the majority of lessons internally. We are currently finalising a minor timetable rewrite to ensure that as many lessons as possible are taught by our existing staff, teachers who already know our students and the PRS way. We appreciate your patience as we protect the quality and consistency of teaching during this time.

New Designated Safeguarding Lead

Safeguarding remains our highest priority. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Wallington is taking over the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Mrs Wallington brings a wealth of experience to this vital position. Please note that the process for raising concerns remains the same: all safeguarding queries should continue to be sent via childprotection@prsbucks.com.

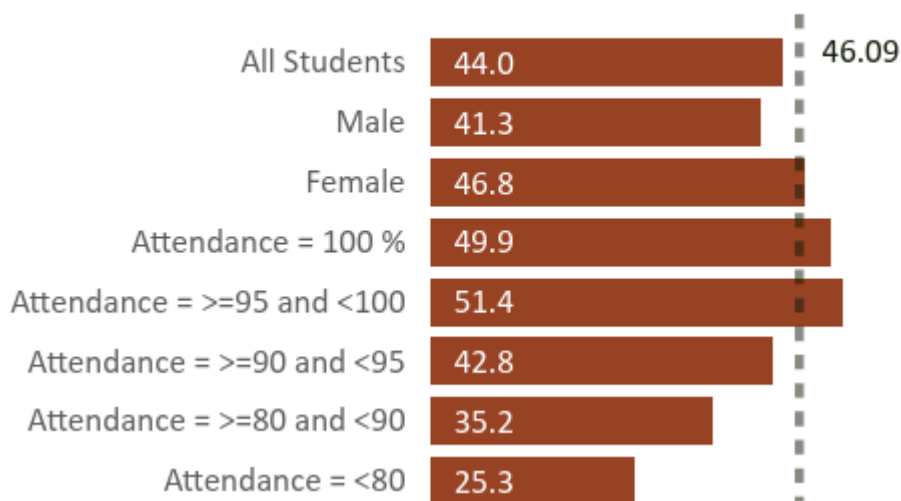
Attendance: Progress and Next Steps

Following my recent meeting with our Governing Body, I want to reflect on our attendance data. We have made significant progress in this area, and I thank the many families who have prioritised school attendance. However, we are not yet where we need to be.



To be Responsible and Successful, students must be present. National data shows a direct link between high attendance, academic outcomes. There is a particularly big drop in outcomes for those with attendance below 90% (categorised as persistently absent), and improving this remains a key strategic priority for all stakeholders at PRS. Being in school every day provides the foundation for a prosperous future, and we will continue to work with you to ensure our attendance figures reflect our high aspirations. The impact of lower attendance on academic performance can be seen below.

A8 by demographic



A Note on Mutual Respect

Finally, PRS is a community built on mutual respect. While we welcome open communication and are always happy to discuss concerns, I must be clear that we will not tolerate any form of abuse, aggression, or intimidation directed towards our staff. Our team works tirelessly in the best interests of your children, and they deserve a safe and professional environment in which to do so. We thank the vast majority of our parents for their continued partnership and professional conduct.

Shrek the Musical!

On a celebratory note, the countdown is on for our production of Shrek the Musical, which takes place in just four weeks! This is a fantastic accolade to the talent of our students. If you haven't yet secured your seats, this is your last chance to get tickets for what promises to be a brilliant show.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Forshaw
Head of School

