

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Preston College

As we begin a new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your family to Preston College. We are delighted that your son, daughter or young person has chosen to join us, and we look forward to supporting them as they begin the next stage of their educational journey.

At Preston College, we believe that the most successful students are supported by a strong partnership between home and college. Whilst our students are encouraged to develop independence and take responsibility for their learning, we know that the continued involvement and encouragement of parents and carers plays a vital role in helping them achieve their full potential.

Throughout the year, we are committed to keeping you informed about your young person's progress, attendance and achievements. We want you to feel connected to their college experience and confident that you have access to the information and support needed to help them succeed.

To support this partnership, we offer a number of ways for you to stay engaged:

- **Parent Portal** – providing access to key information about attendance, progress and academic performance.
- **Welcome Evening** – an opportunity to meet college staff, learn more about student support services and understand how we work together to help students thrive.
- **Progress Reviews (Student Reports)** – two updates throughout the year that provide insight into your young person's attendance, progress, effort and achievement, helping you to monitor their development and identify any areas where additional support may be needed.
- **Parents' Evening** – a dedicated opportunity for you to meet with teaching staff, discuss progress, celebrate achievements and work together to support your young person in reaching their goals.
- **Dedicated Student Managers** – every student is supported by a Student Manager who acts as the first point of contact for students, parents and carers. Our Student Managers work closely with learners throughout their time at college, providing guidance, support and intervention where needed.

Regular attendance is one of the strongest indicators of future success. We therefore place great importance on ensuring that students attend all their timetabled lessons and arrive ready to learn.

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To help us monitor attendance effectively, we send a text message on the day of any unexplained absence. We ask that students, parents and carers work proactively with us by reporting any absence through our absence hotline as soon as possible. This enables us to provide timely support and ensure that any concerns are addressed quickly.

We also encourage you to celebrate your young person's successes with us. Whether it is excellent attendance, academic progress, personal development or enrichment activities, recognising and celebrating achievement is an important part of building confidence and motivation.

Starting college is an exciting milestone and we are committed to providing a safe, supportive and inspiring environment where every student can flourish. By working together, we can ensure that your young person enjoys a positive experience at Preston College and achieves their ambitions for the future.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to welcoming you to our college community and working in partnership with you throughout the year ahead.

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