



# PRESTON MUSLIM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Assalamu Alaikum, I hope and pray this letter finds you in the best of health and Imaan.

I would like to begin by welcoming you all to the new school year. I am looking forward to another school year that is packed with learning and activity.

I am delighted to say that, once again, the school is celebrating excellent GCSE results with over 150 of the new highest grades of 8 and 9. Last year our score for pupil progress placed us as 15<sup>th</sup> in the whole country. An amazing achievement. This year our progress score has risen even higher. Special congratulations go to so many pupils: Zainab Saiyed, Wahida Walibhi, Aisha Reyaz, Fatimah Patel, Ayesha Amla, Haleemah Rawat, Aakifah Mohamed and Zahida Khan. We know that the achievement of all our pupils is a testament to the hard work and dedication of those young people, their parents and their teachers. Well done to all of them!

As we start a new school year I would like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention some important information. Outstanding achievement is only possible through outstanding attendance and support, and I must remind parents that it is school policy not to authorise any leave during term time except in exceptional circumstances, and as for support, the school will support your daughter through a range of intervention strategies to ensure she not only achieves but rather exceed her targets.

At PMGHS we have high expectations of all our pupils, particularly with regard to the standard of their uniform and how they conduct themselves. All pupils should take pride in their appearance and by wearing the uniform, being a representative of our school in the wider community. We are focusing this year on reducing the level of 'social chat' that takes place in the classroom, distracting pupils from the business of learning. I do expect pupils to speak quietly as they make their way around school and to demonstrate excellent standards of conduct, manners and respect, for themselves and for others, both in and out of school.

As a way of being more environmentally minded and reducing unnecessary printing, we will continue to send out letters via ParentMail and put other information on the school website: [www.pmghs.com](http://www.pmghs.com) If you need information about holidays and other key dates the school calendar can be found on the website You can also follow us on twitter @pmghs. Please ensure that we have your most up-to-date contact details, including your email address so that we can always get in touch with you.. On a related matter – all pupils have been issued with contactless payment cards which they use to pay for food at break and lunchtime. It is essential that all pupils have their cards with them at all times as it will become the only way



to pay in the future. Any pupil who has lost their card should speak to Student Support who will explain how to replace it.

The school continues to grow in numbers. We now have more pupils on roll than ever before and so picking up and dropping off are particularly busy times around school. For the safety of all our pupils we request that parents use the school's car park to drop off and collect pupils. Even better if you are able to park couple of minutes away from the school and to ask your daughter to walk and meet you there. If using the carpark, please park and wait in the parking bays rather than obstructing the through route. There is a one way system in place, where you can enter from the gates furthest from the school and exit from the gate closest to the school. Please do not park on the pavements or double yellow lines in front and around both school buildings as this is not safe for pupils and obstructs the view for other drivers. For the safety of all our pupils we need to work together to reduce congestion around the school.

As we go into autumn and winter it is especially important that girls dress appropriately for the weather conditions, whether that be wet or cold. We are well stocked with coat hooks and girls will not have to carry outside coats around school with them. I would suggest that they carry a small folding umbrella to ensure that they do not arrive at school wet and have to spend the day in damp clothing.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Student Support Office and a member of the team will be happy to assist you.

I would like to thank you for all of the support that you give so generously to the school. I welcome you to the new term and look forward to working together for another productive year.

Yours sincerely

Mufti Javid  
Headteacher

