



Prior Pursglove College

NEWSLETTER

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As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and say how wonderful it has been to welcome our students back to college. It has been a fantastic start to the academic year, with students engaging positively in their studies, enrichment activities and wider college life. We are incredibly proud of our 2026 results, which reflect the dedication and hard work of both our students and staff. Alongside excellent academic outcomes, we remain committed to providing a rich and rewarding student experience that helps students thrive both academically and personally. There is already plenty happening across the college community. Enrichment programmes are well underway, guest speakers have been sharing valuable insights and experiences, and we continue to strengthen our partnerships within the local community. We are also busy planning a number of exciting educational visits, including our French trip in February and our Costa Rica expedition in November. Students have already benefited from a wide range of opportunities, including university visits, residential experiences, employer engagement activities, community projects and experiences designed to build confidence, resilience and aspiration. We are particularly proud of the ambition shown by our students and the excellent support provided by our staff in helping them achieve their goals. Thank you for your ongoing support. We wish all students and families a restful and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another busy and successful half term.

Angela Stevenson, Head of Centre

A New Academic Year

We've had a busy start to the new academic year! Some highlights include the UKMT Competition for Girls and the Physics Olympiad, both contributing to our STEM students' problem solving skills in a competitive capacity. Our weekly Open Mic began, offering a space of creativity and expression with music. We've had plenty of bake sales and charity drives, including Macmillan Cancer Support and Breast Cancer Awareness. Our brand new website has also launched with updated information and news, so you can keep up with our students' achievements as the rest of the academic year goes on! Visit www.pursglove.ac.uk to see the latest.



Jesus Christ Superstar Auditions

Prior Pursglove's annual musical returns as our students begin the audition process for Jesus Christ Superstar! An incredible amount of work goes into this yearly production, with staff and students performing their best to give you a show to remember. Tickets are on sale now, with opening night scheduled for Wednesday 2nd December at 7:30pm, and subsequent performances on the 3rd and 4th.



Scan the QR code to
book tickets now!



We'd like to take the opportunity to remind parents of the inclusive spaces we have around college to help your student relax and regulate during their busy schedule. These rooms host comfortable chairs and a calming environment they can use for a break or quiet study. For more information, students can speak to the Student Services Team.

Inclusive Spaces on Campus

Luke Meyer MP Visit

Luke Meyer, Member of Parliament for Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland, visited us to meet with Politics students. With a Q&A session, students discussed a range of local and national issues, gaining valuable insight into current and political affairs. Thank you to Luke Myer for taking the time to visit and engage with our students!



Careers in Adult Care & Therapy Dogs

Michelle Jackson and Gaynor Spence from Caremark visited Prior to talk about work in adult social care and the difference carers make to vulnerable adults of all ages. Michelle has offered every Level 2 student voluntary and paid work experience running alongside their course. The group also met Wilma and Star, two therapy dogs, and saw for themselves how much joy they can bring.



Oxford University Trip

At the beginning of the term, year 12 students had the opportunity to experience a residential at the University of Oxford. They toured the campuses and immersed themselves in the centuries old institution, learning about its history and what opportunities are available to them. A huge thank you to Richard Petty and Trinity College, Oxford for hosting such a fantastic experience for our students!



Adult Education Success

Parents from Whale Hill Primary School in Eston have benefited from our adult education classroom within their children's school, receiving a visit from Anna Turley, MP for Redcar and Cleveland. Many of our adult courses are free for eligible adults across Tees Valley. To see what's on offer, visit adultlearning.atomix.ac.uk



Dates for your Diary

2 nd Nov	PD Day
3 rd Nov	First day of term
9 th Nov	Deadline for UCAS competitive courses
27 th Nov	Long weekend, college closed
30 th Nov	Deadline for all UCAS applications
12 th Dec	Open morning, 10am - 12pm
18 th Dec	Last day of term

UCAS Deadlines

If your student is planning on going to university, please be aware the internal deadline for their UCAS application is Monday 30th November. For any questions or guidance, they can see their tutor in the first instance, and seek advice from the Careers team or staff in the Study Hub.



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