



# PRIESTLEY SMITH SPECIALIST SCHOOL

(For Blind and Partially Sighted Students)

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Dear Parents and Carers

It's been another very busy term with lots of changes taking place in school

The new website is now up and running with lots of information to help you to follow your child's learning. The primary department adopted a thematic curriculum in the summer and this term it has really blossomed into a really exciting curriculum with lots of opportunities for experiential learning.

The children have had a day of activities exploring different religions as part of Interfaith week, including visiting a Buddhist temple and a circus of activities exploring different faiths.

More information can be found on our website about the primary curriculum here

[www.priestleysmith.com/primary-curriculum](http://www.priestleysmith.com/primary-curriculum)

In the secondary department as part of PSHE children have been looking at identity and extremism with a visit from Me and You education. Year 7s have made an excellent start to their secondary school education and have tackled the new challenge of moving around the building for each lesson really well. The sixth form have enjoyed visiting the RNC and are doing a lot of work looking at next steps after Priestley and the opportunities on offer post 18. Year 10 are working hard on planning a Christmas Fair for their Community Event in their WJEC course.

Information about our secondary curriculum can be found here [www.priestleysmith.com/secondary-curriculum](http://www.priestleysmith.com/secondary-curriculum)

Thank you for the excellent turn out to parents evening. It was wonderful to see so many faces following the previous years lockdowns and isolations and this term really feels like we are back on track to some sort of normality. In the new year we would like to start some parents groups again and would value any comments you have regarding what would be useful to you

The Autumn newsletter will be published just before Christmas so we have some pictures from the primary Christmas performance to share as well as activities in the secondary department.

School breaks up at 12.30 on Friday 16th December and returns on Wednesday 4th January.

We would be very grateful if you would spend five minutes completing the Parent/ Carer survey to continue to help us ensure we have the best provision for your child. <https://forms.office.com/r/0hdhdFjwWV>

Best wishes,

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