



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell

Monday 12 September, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Please can I thank everyone for the positive start we have had with all our students. It brought a huge smile on our faces seeing everyone looking smart and getting involved with school life again. Lessons have been buzzing and students engaged. By Tuesday lunchtime, I was watching Year 7 students playing basketball during their break with Year 11. It was great to see them socialising and supporting each other within our small community. Tuesday also saw us finally get a chance to celebrate our awards evening. It was lovely to see so many of our students receive trophies and certificates to recognise all the achievements from last year. It was also great to see our Year 11 Hospitality and Catering students preparing food all day in preparation for the evening. Over the summer we were able to upgrade all of our ovens and cooking equipment due to a very generous grant of £20,000 from the Savoy Educational Trust. We cannot thank them enough for this. Our new 'Shore Centre' is now up and running with many students accessing the support necessary to ensure they flourish. Again, I would like to personally thank the many volunteers that gave up their time to help redecorate the centre over the summer.

National Mourning

Monday 19 September has now been announced as the day for the State Funeral for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It will be a bank holiday for the nation and therefore school will be closed. Today, students participated in a specific assembly focussing on recent events, allowing them a chance to reflect and answer any questions.

Green Power Racing Team

Congratulations to the teams who participated this weekend, they have had a great start to the season. Next week they will be racing at Dunsfold Park.

Open evening - 22 September, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Many students wishing to help and participate in this year's open evening have been given a consent form to take home. If your child has one of these, please ensure that you sign the form and it is returned before the day.

School will close at 2:00pm on this day.

INSET Day - 23 September

School will be closed for all students on this day.

Year 8 Denbies Geography Trip - 29 / 30 September

Please see attached letter for details.

'& Juliet' Theatre trip - 29 November

The first theatre trip of the year will be to see “& Juliet”. Tickets are £31.50 which includes return coach fare. The trip is open to students in Years 7-10. Tickets on sale from 9am Tuesday 13 September.

Year 11 exams information

As you are aware this final year of KS4 is crucial to your child's success in their GCSE and BTEC examinations this May. On the 28 September we are hosting the year 11 exam evening from 6pm-6:45pm in the main hall. We will expect every student to attend with their parent(s) or carer(s).

This evening we will be providing the December mock timetable, the exam board compulsory materials and sharing essential information. We will also outline the additional provision available to every child and our expectation of Y11 students. Please click on [this link](#) to indicate how many seats you will require for the evening. If you are unable to attend we would still like your child to attend. Please email Mr Everall (Head of Year) (mel@priorycofe.com) if you are not able to attend..

Important dates for this half term

22 September - School closes at 2:00pm

23 September - INSET Day

23 / 24 September - Year 7 residential trip to Avon Tyrrell

28 September - Year 11 Exams Evening, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

29 / 30 September - Year 8 Denbies trip

29 September - Year 7 meet the tutor evening, 4:00pm - 6:00pm (More details to follow in next week's bulletin)

20 October - Year 8 parents evening

21 October - Break up for half term, school closes at 3:25pm

Best wishes

Mrs J Trimnell
Headteacher