



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell

17 October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Flourishing

This week I had the pleasure of delivering an assembly based on “You said, we did” to each year group. This was a result of questions and concerns raised by students since this half term; I felt it was important to give feedback to students about what has happened as a result of this. Areas covered included;

Safeguarding - A reminder for all our students as to who they could speak to if they felt worried or concerned about anything. They were also reminded about the worry box they can post in or the “Download” tab on the school website. The tab was purposefully added to allow students who were more happy to write than speak about their concerns.

Prefects - Our Head Students introduced themselves and explained the role of prefects and how they are representing the student body.

Shore Centre - Students were informed as to how they could access the Shore Centre if they felt they needed to.

Planners - Students were informed that they are more than welcome to bring in and use a planner if they wish.

Uniform - We have been talking with the student council about different aspects of the school uniform and if it could be changed;

Ties - Last summer a large proportion of the students expressed their dislike of the house ties, so we decided to ask the students to enter a competition to redesign the school tie. The design has now been created by the ‘Kit Shop’ company and will be going back to the student council. If this is agreed then we will be holding a consultation for the tie change to occur next September.

Skirts - The student council have also been looking at different designed skirts which are lower in cost than the current ones we have.

Shoes - The student council and myself have been discussing a slight adaptation to the school shoe rule. This will also help support families, who during the current climate are struggling to purchase both shoes and trainers. With the student council we have now agreed that the following shoe type trainer will be acceptable, please see the attached sheet showing acceptable shoes. This will be a trial period for the year. If these are not adhered to then we will revoke the rule and go back to how it is at the moment. Please note there is no acceptance of trainers such as Nike Air Force which carry the large branded logo down the side.

Year 8 Parents Evening - Thursday 20, October

This virtual event is available via our School's Cloud system, please ensure you book appointments with your child's teachers [here](#).

Parent appointments - face to face

Please can I remind parents that you must have an appointment to see a member of staff before visiting. Due to the nature of our roles, all staff are incredibly busy and can therefore be unable to accommodate unannounced visits. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Year 11 GCSE Poetry Live trip

Please see attached letter regarding the trip.

Christmas market trip to Lille, France

Please see attached letter regarding the trip

Twickenham trip - England v Japan, Saturday 12 November

We have been able to obtain more tickets for the trip, if your child would like to attend please make a payment on ScoPay, if you have any questions contact Mrs Chart kct@priorscofe.com

Half term football camp

Please see attached flyer if your child is interested in attending a football camp over half term.

Important dates

Thursday 20 October - Year 8 parents evening

Week beginning Monday 24 October - School closed for half term

Monday 31 October - School returns

Thursday 10 November - Year 9 and 11 reports to parents

Saturday 12 November - Rugby trip to Twickenham

Wednesday 16 November - Creative Design Museum Trip

Wednesday 23 November - Year 11 East Surrey College interview evening

Thursday 24 November - Year 9 parents evening

Monday 28 November - Year 11 mock examinations begin

Monday 28 November - Year 11 Reigate College interview evening

Tuesday 29 November - & Juliet theatre trip (tickets still available)

Wednesday 30 November - INSET Day

Tuesday 6 December - School carol service

Thursday 8 December - Year 7 and 10 reports to parents

Friday 16 December - End of school term, 1:00pm close for students

This is not an exhaustive list. There are other trips currently being arranged which will be added once confirmed.

Best wishes



Mrs Trimnell
Headteacher