



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell

28 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Congratulations to 11B2 for having the highest attendance last week and 10B2 best improved attendance last week.

House Points

Congratulations to 7B2 for achieving the most house points last week.

Uniform Consultation

Thank you to everyone that gave a response to the consultation of a new school skirt. We had an overwhelming response of preference for Skirt A, which can be seen below.



I will now have further conversations with our uniform providers in preparation for September. The change will take place from September 2023 for our new Year 7s. We will then filter the new skirt throughout the school when a new one needs to be purchased.

FOTPS

The Big PTA Cash Draw – 3 WEEKS TO GO!

Purchase tickets and be in with the chance of winning up to £5,000 in each of the 6 draws [here](#). Each £3 ticket (50p per draw) will generate a number that will be entered into all 6 draws as well as help raise funds for the school. The Big PTA Cash Draw is a [nationwide PTA raffle](#) of tickets organised by Parentkind. Draws will run daily from 14 to 16 December 2022 and they will announce the winning numbers on the site and let you know if you are a winner via email. For more information, terms and conditions, and FAQs, please visit www.bigptaraffle.co.uk

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS HOUSE HAMPERS

We are also having our very popular hampers raffle. The students have been asked to bring in a donation to go in their House Hamper, if they can. The Friends of the Priory committee will make up Christmas hampers with all the donations and these will be raffled off before the end of term. Students have a list of suggested items to bring in and please make sure the item has a long shelf life. *Raffle tickets will be available to buy on Scopay from next week.*

EASYFUNDRAISING

Great news, The Friends of The Priory School Dorking PTA is part of **#easyfundraising!** Sign up today and start raising donations with all your Christmas shopping and more. Supermarkets, Insurance, pizza delivery, Currys, Norton, Funky pigeon are just a few. In fact over 7,000 brands will donate, so you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. These donations really do make a difference. It's a FREE and easy way to help during these difficult times! Plus, for a limited time, once you've raised your first £10, easyfundraising will double it! Visit [here](#).

For any questions, more info or to join or get involved with The Priory school PTA email us at fotps@priorycofe.com

Wellbeing/Safeguarding

Do you or someone you know find it difficult coping with overwhelming feelings and emotions? If the answer to this questions is yes, then take a few minutes to look at this:

<https://www.papyrus-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Coping-Strategies.pdf>

Year 9 GCSE Options Information Evening

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have confirmed attendance at the Year 9 GCSE Options Information Evening on Wednesday 30th November at 6pm. Please remember that we are expecting all students to attend with a parent or carer. If you have not yet confirmed attendance please use the link below. I have also included a link to the original letter.

[GCSE Option information evening confirmation form](#)

[GCSE Options information evening letter](#)

Behaviour update

It was good to see our students taking more responsibility of organising themselves to get to their detentions last week. As parents and carers, please can you ensure you are going through the Edulink log with your child so they know if they have detentions. Additionally, if students need to remind themselves of when their detentions are during the school day they can find a list outside the Finance Office. By being organised students can prevent having to stay for after-school detentions. Can you also remind your child that the school does not permit chewing gum in school.

Community Carols

Year 7 - Parental form to complete

As is tradition at The Priory, Year 7 form our mass choir at our carol service each year. This year we are hosting it as a community event in the grounds of St Martin's Church, right in the centre of Dorking. If your child is in Year 7, please read the Community Carols letter and fill in the consent form by Friday. The letter is [here](#).

Other Instrumentalists and Performers - [Parental form to complete](#)

If your child is involved in the Community Carols as an instrumentalist or a performer in another year group please can you complete the form [here](#).

Please Reply to Your Invitation! - [Parental form to complete](#)

Our Community Carols is a whole school and wider community event. We would encourage you, your child and your wider friends and family to join us on 6th December. The evening runs from 6pm-7pm and, weather permitting, there will be carol singing with a few short readings in the grounds of St Martin's Church.

If the weather is challenging we will of course move into the church. Friends of The Priory School will be selling hot drinks and festive treats in the evening. There is no better way to start the Christmas Season!

If your child is not in Year 7 and not playing or performing as mentioned above and you would like to join us, please can you complete a form [here](#) to give us an indication of how many people are likely to be attending with you.

Upcoming events;

Monday 28 November -	Reigate Interview Evening
Tuesday 29 November -	& Juliet - theatre trip
Wednesday 30 November -	INSET Day
	- Year 9 Options Information Evening
Tuesday 6 December -	Community Carols at St. Martin's Church, Dorking
Wednesday 7 December -	Year 8 Christmas Market Trip
Wednesday 14 December -	Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 December -	School closes at 1:00pm for students
Tuesday 3 January -	School starts for Spring Term

Best wishes



Mrs J Trimnell
Headteacher