



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell

14 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

This week I was extremely proud to see all our students and staff observing the 2 minute silence on Friday. It was a very moving moment whilst we as a community remembered the armed forces personnel who partook in World War 1.

Attendance

Congratulations to 9A2 for having the highest overall attendance in school as well as being joint best improved with 9B2. Both tutor groups will receive their rewards during assembly this week.

Anti-bullying week: Reach out

As part of anti-bullying week we want to encourage all our community to wear odd socks this Friday. This is part of the national event to acknowledge the week. The odd socks are a symbol of recognising everyone's differences.

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. 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 on the evening. There is no better way to start the Christmas Season!

If you haven't filled in a Year 7 form or the instrumentalists and Performers form mentioned above, please can you complete it [here](#) to give us an indication of how many people are likely to be attending with you.

Academisation with Enlighten Learning Trust (ELT)

As an update, the school is continuing to work through the due diligence process with ELT. I will continue to update you when I have additional information to share.

Job opportunities

Have you ever considered teaching? One of our partner teacher training providers, the i2i Teaching Partnership, is running some recruitment sessions for those interested in starting a career in teaching. For more information please see the flyer on the vacancies page of our website or click the following link:

<https://thepriorycofe.com/vacancies/>

Behaviour

I am saddened to say that recently I have been made aware of a small minority of students who feel that it is okay for them to disrupt lessons. Therefore, this week I will be visiting each year group during their assembly to remind all students of the high expectations we have for everyone. I will be reminding them of the zero tolerance we have for anyone that may disrupt a lesson. This evening the Senior Leadership Team will be reviewing our Behaviour for Learning Policy to ensure it continues to reflect the zero tolerance we have, and will share this on our website next week. We are a community that shows respect to all, enabling everyone to flourish and achieve their best.

Wellbeing/Safeguarding

Please have a look at Mole Valley's website on ways to support families.

[Welcome to the Mole Valley Family Centre | Mole Valley Family Centre](#)

There are two opportunities that I particularly would like to draw your attention to:

Parenting Puzzle - Raising children can be puzzling at times, but puzzles have solutions – and the Parenting Puzzle provides them.

Freedom Programme - An educational programme exploring the abusive tactics, controlling behaviours and belief systems of a perpetrator of domestic abuse and the effects on survivor's health and well-being.

Winter Concert

The Winter Concert is this Thursday 17th November at 6pm in the main hall . There will be a variety of acts including : steel drums, soloists, rock bands and more! Tickets available on Scopay now - Adults £4, Students £3. If your child wants to perform they need to sign up on the sheet outside of Mr Pohlman's office.

Upcoming events;

Wednesday 16 November - GCSE Design Technology museum trip
- Headteacher Clinic (Virtual)

Thursday 17 November - Winter concert

Friday 18 November - Odd Sock Day

Thursday 24 November - Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening

Monday 28 November - Reigate Interview Evening

Wednesday 30 November - INSET Day

- Year 9 [Options Information Evening](#)

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