



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell

7 November, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all the Year 11 parents and carers that have been encouraging their children to attend the after school revision sessions. Departments have been buzzing with students every evening, revising in preparation for examinations.

Please see below this weeks notes;

Attendance

Congratulations to 11A2 for having the highest overall attendance in the school and 10A1 for the most improved since last week. Both tutor groups have been rewarded with some well deserved Quality Street chocolate.

Canteen money

We are getting an increasing amount of students coming to the Finance Office to ask for their parents to be contacted to top up their canteen account. As parents and carers, you can check balances and payments on your child's Scopay account, you can also set up an alert that will send you an email when the account goes lower than a set amount. Please be aware that the canteen will not allow any student to go into negative balance on their account.

Christmas Dinner

Please see attached poster for details. Closing date to purchase tickets via ScoPay is Wednesday 7 December.

Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies all week during tutor time. Our Head Students and their team will be visiting each day.

Year 9 Parents Evening

The School Cloud system is open today at 4pm for bookings.

Journalism Club

We have a new club starting Wednesday lunchtimes. Please see the poster attached.

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The Community Wardrobe

The community wardrobe in Dorking are aiming to reduce clothing waste, recycle and redistribute used clothing and to help those who are in need during difficult times. It is open every Friday from 10am - 1pm and again 3:30 - 5pm. They are also open as a 'one off' this Thursday, 10 November from 7pm to 9pm. They are located at The Dorking Christian Centre, Church Street, Dorking, RH4 1DW.

Wellbeing/Safeguarding

Beating Exam Stress-it's coming up to that time of year for Mocks and GCSEs. Many students really struggle with the increased demands and expectations. There are some really great resources available:

The Mentally Healthy Schools website:

<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/risks-and-protective-factors/school-based-risk-factors/academic-and-exam-stress/>

The Young Minds Website: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/exam-stress>

Childline website: <https://www.childline.org.uk/globalassets/info-and-advice/school-work-and-college/school-and-college/exam-stress/beat-exam-stress.pdf>

Upcoming events;

Thursday 10 November - Year 9 and 11 student reports available via EduLink

Wednesday 16 November - GCSE Design Technology museum trip

Thursday 17 November - Winter concert

Thursday 24 November - Year 9 virtual Parents Evening

Wednesday 9 November - Ski trip information evening for those going on the 2023 trip

Wednesday 30 November - INSET Day

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



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Headteacher