



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell

9 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please can I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Attendance

Congratulations to 11A3 for having the highest attendance and 11A3 again for having the best improved attendance during the last week of the Autumn Term.

House Points

Congratulations to 7A2 for having the most improved amount of house points for the last week of the Autumn Term, they have achieved this for two weeks running - well done.

Wellbeing/Safeguarding

Please find attached a parent/career bulletin which aims to support families that are struggling financially.

Cricket

Capel Cricket Club are looking for girls who would like to play Cricket in Years 9, 10 and 11. Training will be on a Monday evening from 7.15-8.45pm at Duke of Kent School. It is a mixed ability group and beginners and experienced players are welcome. If you are interested please give Dave Venn a call on 07881 581615.

Year 7 Reading

Many Yr 7s have taken the Accelerated Reader (AR) quiz on the 'Iliad and Odyssey' and have gained a house point for doing so. There is still time for them to complete this so please can you encourage them to go to The Study Centre this week to take the AR quiz before school, at breaktime, lunch or afterschool.

Adult Numeracy Course

National Numeracy are working with Surrey County Council as part of the national 'Multiply' initiative to raise numeracy levels amongst adults in the UK. Multiply courses are free and available to anyone aged 19+ and without a GCSE at grade C (or equivalent) in maths. You can find out more about the Multiply course in Surrey at [Multiply: Free numeracy courses for adults aged 19+ - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://multiply.org/uk/numeracy-courses-for-adults-aged-19+-surrey-county-council).

Year 11 Parents Evening - Thursday 19 January

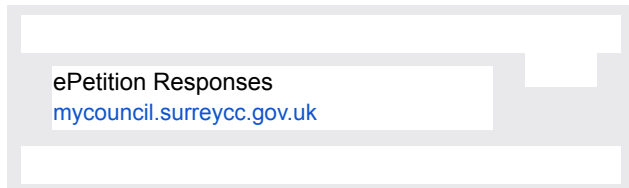
Please ensure that you have booked appointments here. <https://priorycofeschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

93 Bus Service - petition

I have been asked by a parent to share information regarding a petition they have created to try and reinstate the above bus service back to its pre-pandemic timetable of every 20 minutes, instead of the current schedule of once every hour. Their reasonings for this are below:

"I have created a petition to reinstate the 93 bus service back to its pre-pandemic timetable of every 20 minutes. I believe there has been an increase of traffic in Dorking due to parents like myself, unable to get their children to school since this service was cut to one bus an hour. Very often children are left stranded at bus stops due to the bus being full to capacity and driving straight past them. This makes your young adults late for school which impacts their education. Many pupils of the Priory use this service and they are often left out in the cold evenings waiting for this bus that doesn't even arrive sometimes. If they have an after school detention, they miss their bus home and have to wait a very long time for the next.

This bus service is vital to low income families and our elderly and disabled community.



Upcoming events;

Friday 13 January	- Yr 7-9 Flu Vaccines
Thursday 19 January	- Yr 11 Parents Evening
	- Yr 11 Mock Results (3:00-3:25)
	- Yr 11 Reports to Parents
Saturday 21 January	- Yr 9 DofE training (9:15-3pm at the school)
Wednesday 25 January	- Yr 9 Post 16 College Visits
Friday 27 January	- Yr 9 Olympic Park Visit
Wednesday 1 February	- Yr 9/10/11 Maths Challenge
Thursday 2 February	- INSET Day
Monday 6 February	- English Poetry Live Trip
Tuesday 7 - 8 February	- Gym and Dance Show
Wednesday 8 February	- Yr 9 Vaccinations
Thursday 9 February	- Yr 10 reports sent home
Friday 10 February	- Yr 11 Mock Interview Day
	- Last day of half term
Monday 20 February	- INSET Day

Best wishes

Mrs J Trimnell
Headteacher