



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week Mr Currie used one of the resources that the charity Mind has to help develop stillness. There are also many other good resources that Mind (<https://www.mind.org.uk/>) have to help with keeping good mental health. To raise money for the charity Mr Currie has decided to shave off his beard in one of four different styles shared below for one week. On Scopay students and families can now donate for the style you would most like to see. All you need to do is go onto Scopay and donate for your favourite, this can be found under "Trips and Events > Mr Currie Option 1 etc". The amount is set to zero so please overtype with your donation amount. The one with the most money at 3.25pm on Friday 20th January will be worn for a week. All proceeds will go to charity Mind.



CLEAN SHAVEN

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HORSESHOE

2



HULIHEE

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ZAPPA

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Attendance

Congratulations to 7A3 for having the highest attendance during the first week of the Spring term. Their attendance was 100% which is fantastic and the first tutor group to achieve this.

House Points

Congratulations to 9A2 for having the most improved amount of house points last week.

Wellbeing/Safeguarding

Please see the poster attached which gives a few reminders about gaming and online safety including considerations to be aware of when socialising online and how to report and block people.

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://www.surreycc.gov.uk/multiply).

Year 11 Parents Evening - Thursday 19 January

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

A message from Independent Catering

Independent Catering are delighted to announce the appointment of their new Catering Manager, Marlene Makinson. Marlene has only lived in the UK for 6 months, moving from South Africa and now living in Dorking. She is a professional chef with 25 years' experience in hotels and restaurants and is passionate about fresh food and fresh ingredients, which drew her to Independent Catering.

Marlene loves working as part of a team. Having only lived in the UK for a short time she says there are some things she needs to get used to that are quite different to home; people's accents, the weather and roads to name a few.

Marlene commented 'What I love since joining Independent Catering at The Priory School, is working with the team and producing tasty, healthy meals for the students and staff and I look forward to seeing them'.

Upcoming events;

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| 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 (ensure you have completed the online consent form) |
| Friday 27 January | - Yr 9 Olympic Park Visit (ensure you have completed the online consent form) |
| 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