



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell

9th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good weekend. If you were celebrating the coronation of King Charles III, I hope you had a good time. It was a pleasure to see our students participating in the red, white and blue dress code. It was also great to see everyone participating in the picnic and quiz during tutor time, thank you for supporting your child making cakes etc for their tutor group, some of them were extremely impressive.

On 7th June at 6.30pm, Speakers for Schools is holding an evening webinar for parents and carers of students aged 14-19 years. This webinar is also open to educators and students who want to find out more. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

This virtual open evening will showcase our career insight sessions and work experience placements, both virtual and face to face, across all industries and sectors. You will also have the chance to hear from employers including Boots, No.7, PWC and Willmott Dixon about the opportunities they deliver through Speakers for Schools. Remember - all our opportunities are fully-funded, so there is no cost to the school or student, and we offer placements in school holidays as well as in term time.

Book your place on the virtual open evening here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-hybrid-work-experience-session-for-parentscarers-of-14-19-year-old-tickets-517668639837>

National Well-being Awareness Week, 15-21st May

To raise awareness of this week we will be hosting a number of events organised by our very own student "Wellbeing Champions". During the week, the following activities will take place:

- Selling cakes to raise money for charities
- Student-led well-being assembly
- Well-being information will be displayed and updated throughout the week.
- Gratitude jars in tutor groups
- Random acts of kindness day
- Mindfulness colouring activity
- Wear it "Green" Friday 21st May, all students and staff are encouraged to wear green socks with their uniform.

House points

Congratulations to 10B2 for achieving the most improved amount of house points earned last week.

Wellbeing - Please see below a letter shared on behalf of ParentHub

Dear all

We have long understood that, for every stressed teenager, there are equally stressed parents and siblings. We do all that we can to help young people, allowing them to use the magic of nature to help them deal with their anxiety, and to explore new coping strategies. But we also want to help parents...

... which is why we have now launched Parent Hub - a monthly support group for parents.

The first **Parent Hub** session is on 15th May - and the third Monday of each month after that. All parents have to do is to sign up to be part of our list - they will then receive the monthly invite and can book themselves in.

If you can spread the word amongst your parent groups and connections, we would be so grateful.

To join the list, parents simply need to visit this page: greenhub.org.uk/parent-hub/

More about the sessions:

- The sessions are hosted by one of our top team
- And chaired by a professional youth facilitator
- There will be input on key teenage topics
- Along with advice and key strategies for you to try
- We'll help with signposting to important services and resources
- Along with the support of all the other parents in the room, who will share their experiences

The sessions are **FREE** to parents and carers, but we will invite them to make a donation if they wish.

Invigilator Vacancies

We currently have a number of vacancies for the role of exam invigilator. This role involves flexible hours of working with greater opportunities during May and June, although hours are available throughout the year. The advert and application process is available to view on the school website [here](#).

Upcoming events for this half term:

12/13 May	Yr 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition
16/17 May	Yr 10 Geography field trips
18 May	Yr 10 reports to parents
	Yr 10 Parents' evening
22-26 May	Yr 8 Eco week
26 May	End of half term

Best wishes



Mrs J Trimnell
Headteacher