



**THE PRIORY SCHOOL**

**D O R K I N G**

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell

Monday 11 December, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

It is an exciting time for everyone as we fast approach the end of term ready for the Christmas break. Please ensure that you are fully aware of all the events leading up to the last day of term. Next week you will also receive our termly "PrioryPress" where photos and write ups of all the events that have been happening this term are published.

I am pleased to report that following a period of time in hospital, Mr Noriega is out and recovering well. He will be back with us in January.

### **KS3 Enrichment / Homework update following feedback**

Following the feedback received regarding recent changes to our enrichment/homework program, we have adapted our provision. Please see below the changes; students will be informed of these on the first day back in January so a clear message is sent out.

#### **Enrichment Work**

- Subjects will provide optional enrichment activities each half term
- Students in Year 9 should consider doing enrichment tasks in the subject areas that they intend to take at GCSE level
- Students will receive house points for well completed enrichment work
- Students will not be sanctioned for not completing enrichment work
- The enrichment tasks for all subjects will be published in the first week of each new half term
- They will be put on Edulink in one document called 'Enrichment'.
- PE, Drama, Food, MFL and Geography tasks will be due in the first part of each half term (date will be specified with the task)
- Music, DT, Art History, Computing and RE tasks will be due in the second part of each half term (date will be specified with the task)

#### **Compulsory Homework**

- Maths is a compulsory 1 hour every week on Sparx set on EduLink. A 30 minute lunchtime detention will be set if this is not completed.
- English is a compulsory 30 minutes every week A set on EduLink. A 30 minute lunchtime detention will be set if this is not completed.
- Science is a compulsory 30 minutes every week B set on EduLink. A 30 minute lunchtime detention will be set if this is not completed.

### **Year 11 Parents evening Thursday 18 January 2023**

I would like to invite Year 11 Parents to attend the online Parents' Evening on Thursday, 18 January 2024. This is an important evening and provides you with an opportunity to find out how your child is progressing in year 11 and to discuss their report and the results from their recent mocks.

This is an academic parents evening to discuss progress with subject specialist teachers. We remind you to contact your child's tutor if and when there are any pastoral concerns.

### **Student sickness**

Please can I remind you that if your child is unwell during the school day they must report to Student Services, if necessary we will call parents or carers should they need to go home. It is imperative that students do not contact parents or carers to be picked up. If you hear from your child please contact the school and we will ensure we investigate and respond to you. It creates significant safeguarding concerns if parents or carers collect students without school knowledge and consent.

### **Christmas Lunch (Students not participating)**

We look forward to serving the Christmas Lunch for all students that have bought a ticket on Wednesday. Students that are participating will be issued their ticket on Monday / Tuesday. The canteen and Take 5 will not be selling any food during lunchtime on this day for all those that have not bought tickets. Students will still be able to purchase sandwiches and other hot items during morning break time.

### **Christmas House Hampers for Raffle**

Raffle tickets are available until Wednesday midday. The draw will take place at 2:30pm on Wednesday.

### **Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 15 December**

The school has three MUFTI days each year, our first one is this Friday for all students that have paid their MUFTI money via ScoPay, under trips and events 'Mufti 2023/24', which will cover all three of the Mufti days for this academic year. Students are encouraged to wear their Christmas Jumper; please ensure that children refrain from wearing crop tops during the school day.

### **Year 11 PROM**

The Year 11 Prom is on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024** from 6:30pm to 11:00pm and will be held at Denbies. There will be a drinks reception, followed by a buffet and disco. The cost of the evening is £48.00 and this can be spread out over six payments of £8.00. Please see the attached letter for details.

### **Upcoming events for this half term**

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| Wednesday 13 December | Christmas Lunch   |
| Friday 15 December    | Christmas Jumper day and Last day of term (school finishes at 1:00pm) |
| Tuesday 2 January     | Start of Spring Term  |

Best wishes

Mrs Trimnell  
Headteacher