



# THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell

29 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so many Year 11 parents and students attend our GCSE evening last week, I hope everyone found it interesting. Please remind students that if they have any questions they should speak with their form tutor. I, and other members of the Leadership Team, have this week spent 20 minutes with nearly every Year 11 student for a 1:1 progress meeting. It was great to hear of the students' aspirations and their drive to achieve the best possible GCSE grades.

Please find below today's bulletin:

## **Gym and Dance Show**

This week we see our annual Gym and Dance Show return. The first performance is on Wednesday evening, they then perform to over 200 Year 4 & 5 students from our local primary schools, finishing with a final show on Thursday evening. Please come along and support students with this event, it will be great to see parents and carers of our community. There will be limited tickets available on the night so if you wish to attend please buy a ticket in advance on Scopay.

## **Mental Health**

We are trying to set up links with the local mental health team where they can come in and support some of our students with their mental health. However, for this to happen effectively they would like parents' views about mental health provision at The Priory. Please scan the QR code which can be found on the attached document 'Mole Valley Audit for parents and careers' and complete the 13 questions. We really appreciate your help.

## **Parent/carer workshops**

Please have a look at these parent/carer workshops, which are open to all parents in Surrey.

[Parent/Carer Workshops - YMCA East Surrey](#)

They focus on:

- \* Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries
- \* Understanding, expressing and managing emotions

## **Year 11 parents and carers**

Link to [letter](#) regarding important events this term and GCSE examinations.

## **Teacher Training**

Have you ever thought about becoming a Teacher? Details of 'Get into Teaching' Information events can be found [here](#)

## **Friends of the Priory School**

You can help The Friends of The Priory School Dorking PTA WIN one of four £250 donation prizes. The Friends of The Priory School Dorking PTA will get a FREE entry each time a new supporter signs up before the 31st January! It only takes a moment and it's completely free, so please get involved if you haven't already - this would really kickstart our 2024 fundraising! You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 8,000 brands including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, ASOS, M&S and more. Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it! Sign up today - it will make a BIG difference this year:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/prioryschool/dorking/yb4626/s2s/zhbCJtHD/R3021/whatsapp>

## Upcoming events;

31 Jan & 1 February	- Gym and Dance show
2-8 February	- Year 9 exams begin
Friday 9 February	- INSET day
12-16 February	- Half term
Monday 19 February	- Start of half term
	- DTP and MenACWY vaccinations
Thursday 22 February	- Inclusion parents evening
Tuesday 27 February	- Yr 11 Food Technology final practical exam (1)
Wednesday 28 February	- GCSE Drama trip "Woman in Black"
Thursday 29 February	- Yr 7 Parents evening
	Yr 11 Food Technology final practical exam (2)
1-15 March	- Yr 11 mock examinations
Wednesday 6 March	- Spring concert
Thursday 7 March	- Yr 8 and 9 Reports to parents
11-13 March	- Science week
Thursday 21 March	- Yr 9 Options evening
Thursday 28 March	- Yr 9 Options submissions
	Last day of term - 3:25pm finish
29 March-12 April	- Easter holiday
15 April	- INSET day
16 April	- Start of summer term


Best wishes




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Headteacher

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# MOLE VALLEY PARENTS & CARERS

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

**NHS**  
Surrey and Borders  
Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust

joined to the partner  
**Min@works**  
Surrey  
The children and young people's emotional  
wellbeing and mental health service

**The Mental Health Support Team need your help!  
We work with children and young people in schools  
across the Mole Valley District to support with anxiety,  
worries or low mood.**

**Our whole school approach to positive mental health and  
wellbeing requires your help!  
We would like to hear your thoughts on what support you feel  
your child needs in school.**

**Scan the QR code to fill in a short questionnaire.**

