



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell

11 March, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below today's bulletin;

It has been great to see students carrying out "Random acts of kindness" on individual days over the past two weeks. Last week they gave away free hot chocolate and this week cupcakes. Events like this continue to make us proud of our students and the community we are part of.

This week we see the start of Science Week with the theme of "Time". Students will be taking part in different activities throughout the week.

Academy conversion update

I am pleased to share with you that although the process of joining Enlighten Learning Trust has taken longer than hoped, we are now in a position to share with you the date for joining - 1 May 2024. This means on that date the school and all its staff and pupils will become an academy within the MAT. As a result, there will be changes that staff need to prepare for, therefore ELT will be providing a programme of workshops and training on the 3rd and 4th June 2024. On these dates, the school will be closed to students apart from Year 11 who have examinations on that day. As a school, we are looking forward to joining the Trust and all the opportunities that working with a bigger family of schools brings. Since starting the process in 2022 we have been able to draw and share a huge amount of experiences, and we are keen to build on this further in the coming years.

I will write again soon with further details of the conversion.

Year 7 Parents Evening

Following on from our recent virtual parents evening for Year 7's, I would like to thank those who attended the sessions booked. Unfortunately, some appointments were not available due to the number of groups individual teachers teach. Please ensure that you make contact with individual staff if you were unable to make an individual appointment. As a school, we are now reviewing the system to ensure that moving forward we can facilitate more appointments for this event. Please can I also ask that if you are unable to make an appointment you let the school know straight away. In total 34 appointments were missed which could have been filled with those on the waiting list.

Learning Support assistants (LSA's)

We have an opportunity to recruit a new LSA. If this position is of interest to you, please take a look at the job description [here](#) and contact Mrs Godwin if you have any questions.

i2i Teaching Partnership SCITT - rated Outstanding by Ofsted

The i2i Teaching partnership is running an undergraduate Summer Teaching internship programme. Please take a look at the attached [link](#) and note the application deadline is the 18th March so there is not long left to apply.

Upcoming events;

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| 1 - 15 March | - Yr 11 mock examinations (2) |
| 11 -13 March | - Science week |
| Wednesday 20 March | - Spring concert |
| Thursday 21 March | - Yr 9 Options evening |
| Thursday 28 March | - Yr 9 Options submissions |
| | Last day of term - 3:25 pm finish |
| 29 March - 12 April | - Easter holiday |
| 15 April | - INSET day |
| 16 April | - Start of summer term |

Best wishes



Mrs J Trimnell
Headteacher