



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell

22 April, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware we had one of our INSET days last Monday, as always it was extremely busy for all our staff. This particular session was based on how we as a school ensure that we “intentionally welcome everyone into our community.” To ensure this happens, all our staff have now been trained to carry our restorative practice every day. Ensuring that all students are aware of our expectations and do their best to meet them; staff will be going above and beyond to ensure that students are spoken and listened to, helping establish the big picture for each day.

I recently sent out a questionnaire regarding parental opinion of whether students should continue to wear school ties. This is not because we want to relax our expectations of our students but to acknowledge that society has changed significantly over the years and with regards to students moving on to work after education there are fewer professionals that now wear such professional attire including ties. There are also more students with sensory issues and a shirt done up around the neck causes significant distress for them on a daily basis. We are also aware that many parents/carers end up having to purchase a number of ties throughout the year due to their child losing ties or breaking them; this causes financial implications for some. The results from parents/carers have been very mixed with many in support of losing ties from the compulsory part of the uniform and others raising concerns that the standards will lower if this became the case. I am obviously not taking this decision lightly and will this week be exploring the opinions of our students before a final decision is made.

Year 10 Parents' Evening - Final Reminder

Thursday 25 April 2024 – Online Appointment Booking

This is an important evening and provides you with an opportunity to find out how your child is progressing in year 10. 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.

We will be hosting this via School Cloud, which you can access through the school website or via this link <https://priorycofeschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. The Parents' Evening is open for bookings, please make sure to book your appointments online in good time; you will not be able to book appointments after 11:00am on Thursday 25th April as we need to allow ourselves time for administration.

Emails

If you are emailing more than one member of staff please ensure that the person you want to respond is addressed in the “To” section of your email. For all other staff you want to make aware of your email please put their contact details in the “cc” section of the email. This will avoid any confusion to who will respond to you.

Upcoming events;

22/23 April

- Year 11 Art final exam

25 April

- Year 10 Parents Evening (Virtual)

- Year 11 PE moderation day

- 26/27 April - Year 9 Bronze DofE practice
- 7 May - Year 11 Health & Social Care final exam
- 9 May - Yr 11 GCSE final examinations begin
- Due to public examinations the school timetable will change from 9 May onwards to:
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| 8:55 - 9:55 | P1 |
| 9:55 - 10:55 | P2 |
| 10:55 - 11:20 | Break |
| 11:20 - 12:20 | P3 |
| 12:20 - 1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00 - 1:25 | Tutor Time |
| 1:25 - 2:25 | P4 |
| 2:25 - 3:25 | P5 |
- 10 May - BTEC Dance Show
- 13 May - Everyone to wear green socks to support the launch of Mental Health Awareness Week
- 16 May - District Athletics
- 20-24 May - Eco week
- 27-31 May - Half term
- 3 - 4 June INSET DAYS - Only Year 11 exam students are to be in on these days due to Staff training with the Enlightened Learning Trust
- 5 June - HPV vaccinations
- Inclusion Parents Evening (Virtual)
- 5-8 June - Year 10 DofE practice expedition
- 10, 13, 14 June - Year 10 English oral exams
- 11/12 June - Year 7 Box Hill Trip (TBC)
- 14 June - Year 7 Five Fridays (1)
- 20 June - Year 7, 8 and 9 reports to parents/carers
- 21 June - Year 11 prom
- Year 7 Five Fridays (2)
- 21/22 June - Year 9 Bronze DofE assessment
- 26 June - Year 10 East Surrey College taster day
- 24 June-5 July - Year 10 exams
- 28 June - Year 7 Five Fridays (3)
- 2 July - Year 6 Induction Day
- 8 July - DTP/MENACWY and HPV catch-up vaccinations
- Year 10 Reigate College taster day
- 9 July - Sports Day
- 11/12 July - School production
- 16 July - Sports Day reserve
- 18 July - Awards evening
- 22 July - Year 10 reports to parents/carers
- 23 July - 1:00pm, end of term

Best wishes



Mrs J Trimnell
Headteacher