



# THE PRIORY SCHOOL

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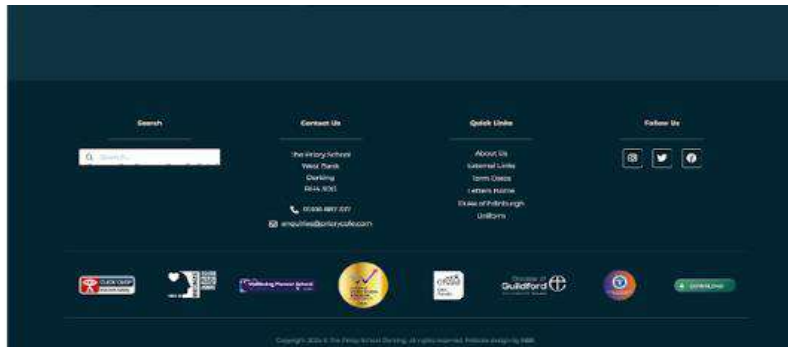
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school we are constantly encouraging our students to communicate with us; we do this via assemblies, tutor time and posters around the school. Previously, I have also updated parents and carers about the use of our “Download” app via the school website, where students can report any worries or concerns directly to a member of the safeguarding team. This facility is used by many students and enables us to respond to worries quickly.

The “Download” button is on our website. The green button at the bottom right hand side of the front page as seen below. Please encourage your child to use this facility.



## Year 11 GCSE examinations

Our Year 11 GCSE examinations have started today. Please note the timetable change to facilitate the exam timings:

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

## BTEC Dance show

This week is your last chance to purchase tickets for the BTEC dance show taking place this Friday, 10 May at Leatherhead theatre. Ticket prices are £6.50 for under 18s and £8.50 for Adults.

## Increase in 'Sextortion': financially motivated sexual extortion

Following the tragic case in Scotland of a young boy who died by suicide after being tricked online in to sending compromising pictures, the National Crime Agency (NCA) has contacted all schools and asked them to share advice with parents. You can read the full letter [here](#) and we have summarised the advice below.

- Organised crime gangs are targeting young people online, posing as teenagers and encouraging young people to exchange nude pictures online often using platforms such as Snapchat, Whatsapp or a range of chat rooms
- They then demand payment or threaten to share the pictures online
- Cases have increased by 150% between 2022 and 2023 with more than 22'000 cases last year
- The NCA has advised parents to:
  - Talk to their children about the dangers of sharing nude or semi-nude pictures online
  - Talk to them about the fact that unless they know someone in real life, they may not be who they appear to be online
  - Reassure them that if this happens, they are not to blame and they must report it to a trusted adult
  - Familiarise themselves with the variety of online places to report such crimes
- Parents are also advised that if their child becomes a victim of 'sextortion':
  - Reassure them that they are not to blame
  - Block the messages and contact but do not delete any messages as they may be needed as evidence
  - Not to pay; there is no guarantee that a payment will stop the demands for more money or prevent the sharing of images
  - Use online tools such as 'Report Remove' or 'Take it Down' to get the images removed

For any further advice, please contact the school or read the full letter from the NCA linked above.

## Upcoming events;

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 <b>INSET DAYS</b>	- 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
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



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