

24th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year 11 prom was a great success on Friday, it was lovely to see so many members of our community support the students with this annual event. May I wish all our Year 11 students every success for their future and I look forward to seeing them again on the results day. Parents of Year 11 students will continue to receive communications from the school until after result day.

This week is a very busy one with Year 5 taster sessions beginning, Year 10 mock examinations, the Year 10 East Surrey College visit, the Year 9 residential trip to Alton Towers, and the Year 7 Five Fridays event. Please ensure that you are aware of all relevant information if your child is involved in any of these activities.

## **Five Fridays**

Thank you to the parents and families who came to support 7A2 on Friday afternoon and were served tea/coffee and homemade scones. I would like to encourage families of 7A3 to join us this Friday (28<sup>th</sup> June) from 2:30-3:25 for the same experience. It is a great opportunity to watch your child work alongside their peers in confidence to provide a lovely experience for you.

#### Year 11 Canteen balances

If any Year 11 students have a sibling in the school, any balance over £1 will automatically be transferred to the oldest sibling in the school. Balances over £5 can be refunded if requested by  $1^{st}$  July. Please contact kct@priorycofe.com to request a refund.

#### Second-Hand Uniform

Our Friends of the Priory School sell good quality preloved uniform items. If you have a child in any year, but particularly in Year 11, who no longer needs uniform items, please do consider donating them to us. You can drop them off at the main reception.

#### **School Attendance**

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following currently applies:

The amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 **per parent/carer per child** if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

The fee is changing from 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024. The following will apply:

 If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

- 2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
- 3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s444 Education Act 1996.

# Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

## Upcoming events;

26 June	- Year 10 East Surrey College taster day
27-28 June	- Year 9 residential trip to Alton Towers
24 June-5 July	- Year 10 exams
28 June	- Year 7 Five Fridays (7A3)
1-7 July	<ul> <li>OMG chaplaincy events week</li> </ul>
2 July	- Year 6 Induction Day
5 July	- Year 7 Five Fridays (7B2)
8 July	- DTP/MENACWY and HPV catch-up vaccinations
	<ul> <li>Year 10 Reigate College taster day</li> </ul>
9 July	- Sports Day
11-12 July	- School production
12 July	- Year 7 Five Fridays (7A1)
16 July	- Sports Day reserve
18 July	- Awards evening
22 July	<ul> <li>Year 10 reports to parents/carers</li> </ul>
23 July	- 1:00pm, end of term

Best wishes

Mrs J Trimnell <u>Headteacher</u>

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