



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell



13 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who reached out last week to offer support and share their condolences with us. It has been a difficult time for us as a community. Staff and students have been keen to set up something to remember Shay within school. Therefore, we have set up an option on ScoPay for people to donate, if they wish. Contributions will enable us to purchase a bench, a cherry tree, and a plaque within our Memorial Garden. This can be found on ScoPay under "Products > Donations – Memorial Fund".

I would like to introduce two new members of staff within our Maths Department, Miss Aji who joined us towards the end of last term and Mr Leo who joined us last week.

I am also pleased to announce the following staff changes;

Mrs Sterling, leading our Careers programme for students
Mrs Lister, taking over as Head of Year 7
Miss Roach focusing on SENCO role

We want all members of our community to make the most out of the new year and fresh starts. Last term we were working hard as staff to create greater consistency. The consistency means that every lesson:

- All students are greeted by their teacher on the classroom door.
- Their first learning activity is on the board for when students arrive, this is accessible to all students and allows everyone to engage straight away, this is called a Do Now task.
- Students' learning is planned so that every student can access it with relevant support.
- Students are expected to present their work well, this includes writing a date and title, underlining both with a ruler.

Students know that they have one chance to correct disruptive behaviour, if they fail to re-engage after an intervention to help, they will be issued a warning. It is after this that a student will be removed from the lesson to allow others to continue learning.

It is important that we work together with you to ensure the best for your child. You can support us by ensuring that;

- Your child meets our school uniform expectations, no trainers, fake eyelashes, fake nails, jewellery etc.
- Your child is in school by 8:50 at the latest, ready for their first lesson to begin at 8:55.
- Your child has the necessary equipment every day: pens, pencils, rubber, ruler etc.
- You contact school and speak with the relevant member of staff if your child reaches out with a concern.
- You monitor social media use by your child and ensure that it is appropriate and not being misused, causing upset to others in our community.

I look forward to a positive term, with us continuing to work together as a community.

Gym and Dance Show 5th and 6th February

The Show is on Wednesday 5th February and Thursday 6th February starting at 6.00pm and tickets are now available on ScoPay and cost £4 per person. At both shows, the Green Power team will be holding a raffle to raise funds for their next season. Also, the Friends of the Priory PTA will be selling refreshments during the interval of the show.

Y11 Parents' Evening reminder

Details of how to book Parents' Evening is included in the letter below. If you have any trouble logging in please contact Mrs Chart on 01306 878796 or by email at kct@priorycofe.com
<https://thepriorycofe.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Initial-letter-to-Year-11.pdf>

Community Events

We have been asked to share details of the following events. See flyers attached:

Surrey Minds Together, formerly known as Dorking Minds:

- ADHD Community Support Group – First Tuesday of every month
- Supporting Dysregulation in our Children & Ourselves - Sunday 26th January
- Wellness Wonderland – Sunday 9th February

Home Start - Parents Nurture Programme

- Parenting Programme beginning 15th January 2025.

Key events for this term:

16 January	Flu vaccinations (catch up session)
	Year 9 "Straw Poll" Deadline
23 January	Year 11 Parents' evening
25 January	DofE Bronze training day
30 January	Year 9 Options Evening
04 February	Year 11 Mock Interview Day
05 & 06 February	Gym & Dance Show
10-16 February	National Apprenticeship Week
13 February	Year 10 Reports
14 February	INSET Day
17-21 February	Half term
24 February	Year 9 deadline for GCSE Options
25 February	Revision workshops for Year 11 and parents

Best wishes,

Mrs Trimnell
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