



# THE PRIORY SCHOOL

## D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell



29<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Another busy and exciting week is ahead of us with our annual Open Evening on Thursday. The evening is always a great success and a time where we all come together to showcase our amazing students and staff. It is great to see that we have over 130 students already signed up to help as either a tour guide or in specific departments. If your child would like to participate, it is not too late. Simply complete the consent form [here](#).

Please ensure that you drop your child off on Longfield Road so they access school through the top car park as normal. This will also include pick up; a member of staff will be at the car park at the collection time of 8.00pm when all students will be waiting for you. Students helping need to be in school by 5:30pm and picked up at 8:00pm. Full school uniform must be worn, if your child is in the PE department then they will need to be in the school PE kit.

### **INSET Day**

This Friday is staff INSET so students are not expected in school.

### **Mobile Phones**

As a school we continue to operate a zero tolerance to phones being used on school site without permission. Please ensure that you do not attempt to call/message your child during the school day as it will result in them having their phone confiscated when attempting to read or respond to it. We always allow students to use our phones if necessary and will always relay important messages you need them to have. On the third confiscation of your child's phone, you will be required to collect the device from school yourselves. Until then, it will remain locked in our safe. Thank you for your support.

### **Exams**

Exam timetables for Year 9, 10 and 11 can be viewed on the school website under the examinations section in the curriculum tab. Year 7 & 8 have end of year exams in their lessons during the week of 1 June.

If you haven't yet signed up for the Year 11 Essential Exams Information Evening please do so [here](#).

KS4 revision and support sessions are all running and every student is expected to attend at least two a week. The link to these sessions can be found [here](#).

### **The Mole Valley Mental Health Support Team Survey**

The Mole Valley Mental Health Support Team have asked us to the attached poster and QR code to a survey they have requisitioned for all parents in Mole Valley. Replies to this survey will help the Mental Health support teams to best reflect the needs of the local area. If you would like to take part in this survey, replies are requested by October half term please.

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### **New Police Cadet Unit – A note from Surrey Police**

We are very excited to let you know that we are opening a new Police Cadet unit in Mole Valley. Our hope is to open after the October half term.

It will operate every Tuesday between 6pm-8pm at Ashcombe School. Our unit will meet one evening a week during academic term time and cadet deployments and events also take place at weekends and during the school holidays.

Our Volunteer Police Cadet Scheme welcomes all young people aged 13 to 17 living in Surrey. The scheme provides a safe and inclusive environment for cadets to learn about policing, develop positive relationships with the police and actively support their community.

Why join us?

Joining our Volunteer Police Cadet Scheme comes with a range of benefits including:

- Making new friendships – Connect with like-minded peers and build lasting relationships.
- Exciting activities – Take part in police-related training, games and team-building exercises.
- Community involvement – Support your local area through volunteering and social action projects.
- Personal development – Gain confidence, leadership skills, and an understanding of policing.
- Career insights – Learn about policing in Surrey and explore potential future careers.

Becoming a volunteer police cadet in Surrey can help you develop a wide range of valuable skills including:

- Communication skills – Improve your ability to interact confidently with different people.
- Teamwork – Learn how to collaborate effectively in group settings through team activities.
- Problem-solving – Develop your critical thinking and decision-making ability.
- Leadership – Gain experience in taking initiative and guiding others.

Our weekly cadet sessions include activities, games and team-building tasks. You will also learn all about policing and your community. Your learning will be centred around our cadet curriculum, and this will include inputs on police-related topics involving guest speakers and visits from specialist teams such as police dogs, firearms and drones to name a few! You will also have the opportunity to visit various units and departments within Surrey Police during your time as a cadet. In addition to your weekly cadet session, you will be asked to volunteer an average of three hours every month supporting policing teams and our communities. As you progress, you will be encouraged to take additional personal responsibility in areas such as mentoring new cadets and developing your ideas for cadet deployments into your community.

To get involved email us at [cadets@surrey.police.uk](mailto:cadets@surrey.police.uk) for more information about becoming a volunteer police cadet.

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## Key events for this half term

29 September	2.30pm Tea with Mrs Trimnell
01-31 October	Black History Month
02 October	Open Evening (5.30-8.00pm)
03 October	Staff Inset Day – No students in school
06-10 October	Maths – Inter House Competition
08 October	Essential GCSE Exams Information Evening 6:00-7:00pm
9 & 10 October	Year 8 Denbies Trips
10 October	Mental Health Awareness Day
12 October	GreenPower – International Final Dunsfold
17-22 October	Diwali
20-31 October	Half Term Break

Best wishes,



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