

20 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our community who filled in our recent student and parent survey. The feedback and main outcomes are below:

Parental Survey

- **94%** of parents believe they are informed about their child's behaviour at school.
- **86%** of parents said their child is happy at school.
- All survey questions received **72% or higher** positive responses.

Key Parental Concerns and School Actions

669 Bus

- Ongoing work is taking place with the bus company to ensure that behaviour concerns are addressed. As a school we are acting upon everything reported to us so please continue to raise these with us so we can work together.
- On Friday, we met with Surrey Police to discuss further solutions.

Homework

- Staff will continue to be reminded of the importance of acknowledging enrichment activities and homework.
- Last week, there were **415** house points celebrated for completing revision activities outside of lessons for **Year 11** students alone.

Inconsistency in Behaviour

- Staff regularly discuss and analyse behaviour data.
- Systems have been put in place to ensure students who regularly cause disruption to receive quicker support.
- This term we have been focusing on uniform standards, thank you to everyone that have helped to ensure that their child is not wearing fake eyelashes and nails since the start of term.

Staff Turnover

- The school is fully staffed with specialist teachers in each department. Over the past couple of years, we have worked hard to raise expectations for all members of our community. Whilst we recognise that there is a national teacher shortage, we refuse to employ staff to simply "Fill a gap" Therefore, we have had one Science and one Maths supply teacher this term who will be with us until our new Head of Science and our new Maths teacher begins. We hold a robust and lengthy process for interviewing, which consists of a formal interview, a student panel interview and a lesson they teach whilst being observed.
- Last year we introduced a new induction program for new staff, which has had good feedback from those that have been involved in it.
- The school has had staff reaching retirement after many years of supporting and educating so many of our students at the Priory, for these we celebrate and thank them for their services.

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Student Survey

- There was a **15% increase** in students who said they receive praise from teachers.
- **88%** of students said there was a good presence of duty staff, and there was an increase in students feeling more comfortable using the toilets due to the consistent presence of staff.
- **86%** of students said they feel they and their peers are aware of expectations.

Actions from the Student Voice

- Continue with presence of duty staff in current locations.
- Open summertime social spaces for students to use during break and lunchtime. Each day, this will be reviewed, depending on our community keeping the school litter free at the end of social times.
- Senior leaders will continue to remind staff of positive recognition, as students appreciate this and have noticed an increase in those being awarded.
- Ensure all staff consistently follow procedures regarding the removal of students from lessons.

School Ski Trip 2027

Places are now open for current Year 7-10 to sign up to the Priory School Ski Trip 2027 during February half-term. If you are interested, please complete [this form](#) by Monday 27th April. We will be travelling to Saalbach in Austria - a new destination for us with a wealth of ski routes for different abilities. No prior ski experience required, but a 'give it a go' attitude and reasonable physical fitness. The trip consists of five days skiing, evening entertainment, travel, and ski hire for approximately £1800. The price and transport arrangements will be confirmed once the number of students established. Please see the report on the school website for the fun had by students and staff this year skiing.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Please remember to book appointments online. The evening will be in school, enabling face to face conversations.

Future key dates:

20-24 April	Computing Inter House Competition
23/24/27/28 April	Year 11 Art final examinations
30 April	GCSE PE Moderation Day Year 10 Parents' Evening
1 May	2026 BTEC Dance Show
4 May	Bank Holiday
7/8 May	Year 10 Geography trip to Portsmouth and Christchurch
11-15 May	Mental Health Awareness week Music/Drama Inter House Competition
14 May – 22 June	Year 10 exams begin
21 May	National Numeracy Day
22 May	Year 9 Retreat
25-29 May	Half term break

Best wishes,

Mrs Jo Trimnell
Headteacher