PRIORY SCHOOL
DORKING

12 October 2026

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It is a pleasure to be able to write home to you all again. I would like to thank you for the positive messages during my absence, it was appreciated. It has been great to walk around the school again and see our students working hard and meeting the high expectations that were set at the start of term. It has also been great to read all the positive emails following Open Evening and visitors recognising how polite and articulate our students were.

**A note from the National Children's Society**

Young people are spending more and more time online. Whether for school or socialising, learning or creative expression, so much of their world exists at least partly online. As a result, social media is a big part of most teens' lives. And many parents and carers worry about the content they're seeing or the dangers they might encounter. That's why we've created **Social Media Safety: a guide for parents and carers.** Together with your young person, you can learn about how to set up controls on the content they might see online or on social media. **Click here to access the guide.**

This guide gives you the tools you need, so your young person can stay safe while using social media, and you can feel confident accessing the control settings on major platforms. If you don't have a young person in your life, how about sharing the guide on WhatsApp with someone who might appreciate it? **Click here to share with a parent or carer on WhatsApp.**

**Date for the Diary**

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| 12-16 October | Year 10 Assessment Week |
| 12-16 October | Year 7 Hot Chocolate with Mrs Trimnell begins this week - 7A1 |
| 19-30 October | School Half Term break |
| 02 November | Half Term resumes |
| 09 – 13 November | Year 9 Assessments |
| 10 November | Mock Interview Morning (Year 11) & Careers Fair (Years 9 & 10) |
| 16-22 November | Year 8 Assessments |
| 19 November | Year 10 Reports to Parents/Carers |
| 26 November | Year 7 Parents' Evening & Year 9 Reports to Parents/Carers |
| 30 November – 17 December | Year 11 Mock Examinations |
| 3 December | Year 8 Reports to Parents/Carers |
| 9 December | Priory Carol Service – St Martin's Church |
| 10 December | Flu Vaccination Catch-up |
| 16 December | Priory Christmas Dinner |
| 18 December | Students leave school at 1:00pm |

Best wishes



Mrs Trimnell
Headteacher