

Priory News



"If we do not plant knowledge when young, it will give us no shade when we are old."
Lord Chesterfield (1694-1773) – British Statesman

PARENT VIEW

Thank you to those parents who have so kindly volunteered ten minutes of their time to complete the online Ofsted survey of twelve questions about our provision at The Priory School. Those responses have proved very favourable, for which we are most reassured and grateful. For example, 91% of respondents would recommend our school to other parents. Can I please urge the rest of our parents to complete the questionnaire, please, as soon as you can on the link below. We are aiming for a response rate to match 500, which would exceed our last parental response and was praised by the previous inspection as being more than double the usual rate nationally (492).

Thank you for your anticipated support in this collective demonstration of your confidence in us.
<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/12940/current>

Headteacher's Commendations

(When a Headteacher's Commendation (HTC) is awarded a letter of congratulations is sent home and a badge of excellence, with a certificate, are presented in assembly to those students who, at whatever level, show exceptional achievement in an activity, in or outside of school. We also announce their success in our weekly Priory News.)

Year 9

Faye Lahiffe, Ruby Hall & Molly Hague for their exceptional achievement in producing an excellent Internal Safety Video. Molly Hague for her exceptional achievement in taking part in the Standalone 10k race in Letchworth recently.

Year 12

Zoe Hague for her exceptional achievement in taking part in the North Herts Road Runners annual run in Letchworth recently & finishing in the top 300 & second in the under 20 female age group.

Rachael Langley for her exceptional achievement in completing a tennis coaching course & starting up a tennis club for Years 7, 8 & 9 students.

Peter Loach

Year 7 G&T Student and Parent information evening

If you have received an invitation to the above event on Wednesday 24th October at 7pm, then you are most welcome to join us for a short information evening. Please can you return your reply slips indicating whether you are able to attend.

If you did not receive a letter, but you have further questions regarding the Gifted and Talented provision for Year 7 students, then please do not hesitate to contact me on

lindsay.creak@priory.herts.sch.uk

Many thanks

Lindsay Creak

Lead teacher for Gifted and Talented provision.

Christmas Craft Fair

Entrance 50p

Stalls offering a wide variety of handcrafts including: Textiles, Cards, Artwork, Jewellery, Ceramics, Wreaths, Accessories, Cakes, Chocolates & Children's games stalls.

Refreshments with hot and cold Food available

Saturday 1st December 12 - 3 pm

For stall hire please email psa@priory.herts.sch.uk, or call 01462 459468

The Priory School, Bedford Road, Hitchin SG5 2UR.

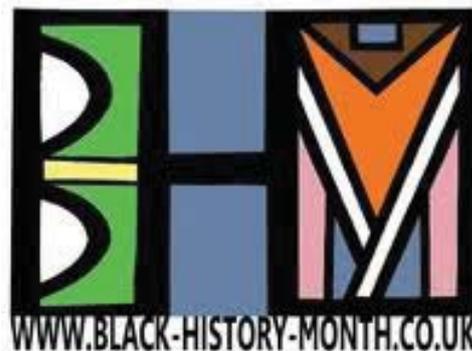
We want your bottle tops!

How many bottle tops do we throw away each week? Did you know, that they can be put to very good use?

We want to help someone who really needs it to get a free Wheelchair. When we have collected the weight of a wheelchair in bottle tops, this will be possible.

We are collecting plastic bottle tops, any size or type will do. Please bring washed ones into school and leave in the large container marked Bottle tops in the foyer.

Thank you



WWW.BLACK-HISTORY-MONTH.CO.UK

Black History Month

Tuesday 23rd October

12.30-1.20 in the main hall

Come along and try the authentic tastes of Asian and Caribbean food and join in the celebrations.

CAREERS DEPARTMENT NEWS



WEST HERTS COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS

Wednesday 7th November Dacorum Campus Hemel Hempstead 6.00 - 8.00pm
Saturday 10th November Kings Langley Campus 9.30am – 12.30pm
Saturday 17th November Watford Campus 9.30am – 2.30pm
Please see careers noticeboard for details of courses based on each site.

OAKLANDS COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS 2012/13

Tuesday 13th November WGC Campus; Wednesday 14th November – St Albans Campus;
Thursday 15th November – St Albans Park Campus.
See poster with details on Careers noticeboard.

SOME USEFUL WEBSITES TO VISIT FOR YOUR CAREERS RESEARCH

Excellent info on careers, Further & Higher Education, finance, health issues & lots more
www.cascaid.co.uk/careerscape register and enter Licence Code helpinfo15
www.youthconnexions-hertfordshire.org Comprehensive advisory website covering CV layout, job applications and interviews, college courses, exams, money matters, Higher Education courses, housing, health and relationship problems.

Info on opportunities is on www.apprenticeships.org.uk or call hotline on 08000 150 600
u-explore.com click on LAUNCH U-Explore tab. On Login page, click 'Not Registered Yet' signpost to create your own account. School Code PRIORY. This is the latest engaging online resource with excellent insight into the world of work and business.

www.Channelmogo.org information site for all young people in Hertfordshire
This covers all aspects of a Connexions Library – careers, job applications, Higher/Further Education, health related issues, student finance, GAP years.

<http://www.careersbox.co.uk> films on a variety on jobs and information on careers

www.prospect4u.co.uk An excellent dedicated careers website

For CVs and preparation for interview please visit www.alec.co.uk

Job Centre's database of jobs www.direct.gov.uk/findajob

National recruitment websites www.hertsdirect.org/atozoflinks/jobcareer

Dates for your Diary 2012

Monday 22nd October
Yr 11 Charity Week
Yr 11 6th Form Options Evening 7pm

Wednesday 24th October
Yr 7 G&T Evening 7pm

Thursday 25th October
Yr 9 Parliament Trip

Friday 26th October
'Wear It Pink' Day

HALF TERM
Monday 29th October -
Friday 2nd November

RETURN TO SCHOOL
Monday 5th November



Women's European Champions League – Arsenal Ladies v Barcelona Ladies

On Thursday 15th October, a group of Year 7 and 8 girls went to Borehamwood stadium to watch Arsenal Ladies v Barcelona Ladies, an exciting football match.

Everyone was frantic on the way there and as we pulled up at the car park, our wait was over. I was really excited as I had been chosen to be the Arsenal mascot. I couldn't wait to go out on the pitch.

As I waited to go on, my hands started to shake, but standing by the Arsenal Ladies Captain 'Katy' all my worries were over. We walked onto the pitch and got together for a team photo, lots of cameras started flashing as I stood there feeling lucky and proud to be chosen.

I enjoyed the rest of the match and Arsenal Ladies won 4 – 0.

By Hannah Deacon 7MD



My name is Mr Cussen and I have been a History teacher for seven years, before coming to The Priory School. I like lots of different types of History, but especially Spanish, as I lived there for four years and taught myself Spanish. Living abroad was a fantastic thing to do and I would recommend it to anyone.

I'm really enjoying my time at The Priory School so far. The students are really friendly and want to learn, which makes being a teacher a real pleasure.

Hi, my name is Mrs Matthews and I started teaching Science at The Priory School in September 2012. I teach Biology to Key Stage 5 and Chemistry and Physics to Key Stage 4. I am passionate about my subject, finding it fascinating in so many ways. I especially enjoy exploring the practical elements of Science and the way the world and the organisms within it work. I am looking forward to being involved in your learning.



My name is Ms Mulholland and I am a Religious Education and Citizenship teacher at The Priory School. I completed my undergraduate and MA in philosophy, locally at the University of Hertfordshire. I am looking forward to teaching at The Priory school and having a form that I take from Year 7 to Year 11.