

Priory News



*"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."*

Luke Chapter 2 verse 13 & 14

Parents are urged not to give up in their battle to swathe their sons and daughters in a warm and rain-resistant coat or jacket. We cannot believe how many students are still coming to school in their jumpers in this wintry weather. But check the Code of Dress in Diaries to ensure the right kind of jacket or coat to purchase, please. Students and parents are also reminded to ensure skirts easily fall to the knee, girls' trousers are not tight and shoes are sturdy. There will be a uniform check in January, so please ensure you have the right uniform to avoid wasted money.

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 7

Ronan Riggs for his exceptional achievement for gaining 100% in his end of unit test on Forces and the Solar System.
Freya Brawn for her exceptional achievement in her recent assessment, produced to a very high standard.

Year 8

Bethany Herrick for her exceptional achievement in organising a Guides charity event which raised £49.83.

Year 9

Ryan Godfrey for his exceptional achievement for being selected for the Hertfordshire County Rugby team.

Year 11

Adam Jones for his exceptional achievement in being selected for the Great Britain Taekwondo team.
Sam Williamson for his exceptional achievement in club cricket, as most improved player of the year for his under 15 team and gaining the best bowler trophy for the men's team.

Year 13

Claire Mistry for her exceptional achievement for her work as a police volunteer and recently giving First Aid to a stab victim.

Peter Loach

EARLY CLOSURE

Students will register at 12.30pm and be dismissed at 12.40pm on our last day, Friday 21st December 2012.

For your information the bus companies who have agreed to pick up at 12.40pm are Landmark E191 and Britannia E169. Unfortunately the other buses will not be able to pick up at 12.40pm therefore students whose bus is not running will be expected to make their own way home, unless they wish to wait for their bus at 2.20pm.



Make sure your child stay safe this Christmas – turn on Privacy Settings on any social networking sites or on any new phones or laptops Santa might be bringing! Check out the school website from January as it will have regular E-Safety news, content and resources you can use and discuss with your child.



Did you know?

The VLE works best using Internet Explorer 7?

You can check your child(s) behaviour, rewards and attendance on the VLE?

You can get help or answers to questions by emailing

vlehelp@priory.herts.sch.uk?

Key Stage 3 PE kit – Girls only

Please can I remind parents that students still do PE outside in the cold weather. When they are outside they are allowed to wear

- Red PE sweatshirt
- New black PE fleece (available from Hawkins)
- Black tracksuit bottoms (no other colours allowed)
- Long sleeve tops underneath their PE T-shirts
- Gloves
- Scarves

Many students are coming to lessons with just shorts and T-shirts and trying to take part in lessons with inadequate clothing on.

Also if your child is excused from PE, please can you make sure they have a coat that day as they will still be coming outside with the rest of the class. On numerous occasions we have students excused from PE because they are ill, yet they have not brought a coat to school with them and stand outside getting cold.

Hooded Sweatshirts in Year 10 and 11 PE lessons

Please could I highlight that students ARE allowed to wear hooded sweatshirts in PE lessons in Year 10 and 11 only.

- However they are not allowed to wear these sweatshirts to, from or during school. If they are found to be doing so they will be given a C2b and a detention after-school for 1 hour .
- During school hours these sweatshirts need to be kept in their bags or lockers, they should not be carried.

I would also like to remind you that students should be bringing 'sports clothes' to wear for PE lessons. Additionally, they are not allowed to wear

- Stripy tops
- Low cut tops
- Tops with no sleeves
- Tops with large and/or offensive logos
- Cardigans/ knitted jumpers
- Jeggings
- If they are found to be wearing any of the articles above or they forget their PE kit including trainers they will be given a C1 for a first offence or C2b for persistent offences.
- Key Stage 3 students are not allowed hoodies at anytime in school.

Thank you

Mrs Emler

Head of PE

Maths Department Einstein Academy

PING PONG

Your last good ping-pong ball fell down into a narrow metal pipe imbedded in concrete 2 foot deep. No ones' hand can fit down the pipe!

How can you get it out undamaged, if all the tools you have are your tennis paddle, your shoe laces and your plastic water bottle, which does not fit into the pipe?

Write your name, form & answer on a piece of paper and put it in the entry box in the LRC.

Last week's solution:
Corporal in the army.
The soldier was wearing his uniform!



Dates for your Diary

2012/13

Monday 17th December
Christmas Concert 7pm

Wednesday 19th December
Cafe Christmas Lunch

Thursday 20th December
Presentation Evening 7pm

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 24th December -
Friday 4th January 2013

RETURN TO SCHOOL
Monday 7th January

Monday 14th January
Yr 9 Options Taster Week

Wednesday 16th January
E-Safety Parents' Evening 7pm

Thursday 17th January
Yr 7 RE Trip

Monday 21st January
Yr 9 Options Evening 7pm
Yr 9 Meet the 6th Form Starts
Yr 10 Charity Week

Wednesday 23rd January
Yr 8 SEAL Day

Tuesday 29th January
Progress Review Day
No lessons for Students

Monday 4th February
Yr 10 Work Experience Preparatation

Tuesday 5th February
Fashion Show 7pm

Wednesday 6th February
KS3 G&T Art Trip

Thursday 7th February
Intermediate Maths Challenge

Friday 8th February
Yr 7 Careers Morning

Thursday 14th February
Swimming Gala

Friday 15th February
Yr 9 MFL Theatre Production

HALF TERM
Monday 18th Feb - Friday 22nd Feb