Priory News

"There is no original perversity in the human heart."
Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778) – Swiss philosopher

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

Ryan Godfrey, Mia Shephard, Tom Dunnigan, Jack Evans & **Caitlin Lucas** for their exceptional achievement in taking part in the Robotics competition recently & reaching the semi-finals.

Martha Taunt for her exceptional achievement in achieving a performance standard in an external music examination, comparable to a student studying GCSE.

Peter Loach

On-line Parent Payments

Next week you should receive details in a letter identifying how to register for Parental Payments from Parentmail. The letter should include a unique code and instructions on how to register. If you do not receive a letter and would like to register for this service please contact the school on 01462 622300. This term we will be piloting this service for school meal payments and certain journeys. In future all payments to the school can be made via this portal. We will not be removing the ability to pay by cash or cheque.

For support in using the system please go to https://www.parentmail2.co.uk. For log in problems please contact the Finance office on ext 212.

The English Department and the LRC are excited to announce the start of the Yr 8 Spring reading competition:

READING GRAND PRIX

Yr8 Spring Challenge

Students will receive their reading cards in upcoming LRC lessons and can then start exploring a wide range of texts of their choosing, with the chance of winning an exciting prize when the competition closes at the end of Spring term.

Happy reading!

Free School Meals/ School Trips Financial Support

Have your financial circumstances changed recently? Are you entitled to claim for support for your child such as Free School Meals and School trips.

Many parents are not claiming for the benefits their children are now entitled to through a change in working/ home circumstances. We have found this is either due to lack of knowledge about the support available or not wanting to be seen applying for these benefits and your child being identified.

At The Priory School this is not a problem. We have one smart card and this does not identify how the money is added or where the money comes from. All students go through together and at no time will your child be treated differently.

In order to register, you simply register with Herts County Council using the web link: www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/canhelp Alternatively you can phone 0300 123 4048. The application process itself takes about 10mins.

You are eligible to apply if any of the following apply to you:

- Income Support or Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, with a taxable income no more than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after employment finishes or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week

Financial support for school trips is available from the Finance Department at the school. Please contact 01462 622300 Ext 212.

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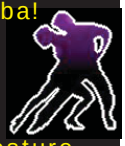
With the school term starting up again, students are using the VLE for homework, coursework and talking to teachers out of school hours. If you or your child have any problems with the VLE then email the school on VLE.Help@priory.herts.sch.uk with what the problem is and we'll be in touch to help you out.

Brazilian Dance

If you are looking for a way to get fit, improve your flexibility and posture, dancing to a variety of rhythms in a relaxed atmosphere, Brazilian Dance is for you!
9 weeks course:
Tues 7pm Beginners from 15th Jan @ The Priory School
FEE: £54 or £7.50 open class. The Priory Students £27 or £3.50 open class
With opportunity to parade locally with Garden City Samba!

Cuban Salsa Course



Learn to dance the Cuban Salsa with Latin style, focus on posture, foot and hip work. Get fit and have fun with your partner!
9 weeks course:
Tues 8.15pm Beginners level from 15th Jan
@ The Priory School,
FEE: £54 or £7.50 open class. The Priory Students £27 or £3.50 open class

For bookings please ring: 07799578962
E-mail: marciamagliari@sky.com

E-Safety

Don't forget to send in your reply slips for the E-Safety Evening on Wednesday 15th January. The evening starts at 7pm and will have a talk and then a question and answer session where you can ask any questions about E-Safety and what you need to know about it.

Running Club

Thursdays 3.30 – 4.45pm

All abilities welcome

You must have a letter from Mrs Emler before you can attend

Dates for your Diary 2013

Monday 14th January Yr 9 Options Taster Week
Wednesday 16th January E-Safety Parents' Evening 7pm
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