

Priory News



"I hated life as a 14-year-old. It's intense when you're a teenager: so much feeling & no experience of managing it. "Just grow up" is cruel advice. Getting older is the best cure."
Jane Campion (1954-present) – Film director & screen writer

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

Megan Reed for her exceptional achievement for gaining a Grade 4 in her Flute exam with Distinction recently.
Ashleigh Batson for her exceptional achievement for baking & decorating 132 cakes & raising £40 for charity.

Year 8

Jacob Harper for his exceptional achievement for gaining a place in the Under-15 County Badminton squad for 2013/14.

Year 9

Morgan Simpson for his exceptional achievement for gaining a Grade 8 Rockschoool qualification in Drums with Distinction recently.

Well done!
Peter Loach

HEAD GIRL & HEAD BOY

We are pleased to announce the **Sixth Form Leadership Team for 2013-2014**. After a gruelling selection process of a formal letter, interview, presentation and vote, we have chosen a team who we believe will be fantastic representatives of The Priory School. They are:

Amy Sprinks – Head Girl
Tom Brennan – Head Boy

Rachael Langley – Deputy Head Girl
James Graham – Deputy Head Boy

Zoe Wheeler
Assistant Head – Head of Sixth Form



The Priory Apprentices Shake it Up!

On Friday 5th July, the whole of Year 9 were involved in Insight into Business Day with Enterprise Skills Company who led the day. Their task was to brand, produce, advertise, market and launch a non-alcoholic cocktail, ready to pitch to a panel of teacher judges in the final hour.

Students chose names for their drink company, including, 'Tropical Treat' and 'Starburst'. Then, using a range of fruit flavours such as orange, strawberry, mango, vanilla, apple juice and lemonade, they had to create their cocktails. They had fun inventing and tasting the drinks, as well as designing packaging, bottle labels, coasters, publicity material.

When the mixture was right, some of the teachers were lucky enough to sample the tasty concoctions. Teams pitched their product to the judges who viewed all the teams' video adverts which the students found a lot of fun to make.



CAREERS DEPARTMENT NEWS



OAKLANDS COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS – 5.30 – 8.00pm

Wednesday 28th August St Albans Campus and Thursday 29th August WGC Campus. For full details of which campus offers which courses, please go to www.oaklands.ac.uk

SOME USEFUL WEBSITES TO VISIT FOR YOUR CAREERS RESEARCH

Excellent information on careers, Further and Higher Education, finance, health issues and 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.

Information 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 PRIORITY. 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 of 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 www.smaartmags.com Colourful digital magazines offering careers, HE and finance advice.

Dates for your Diary 2013

Monday 15th July

Yr 7 PGL Trip (3 days)

Tuesday 16th July

Activities Day

Wednesday 17th July

Yr 6 Induction Eve 7pm

Friday 19th July

Achievement Assemblies

LAST DAY OF TERM

Monday 22nd -

Wednesday 24th July

SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Wednesday 4th September

EXTREME



READING



IMPORTANT NOTE:

Make sure you take care when taking your photo. 'Extreme' does not mean 'dangerous' to you, or to other people.

Competition:

Take a picture of yourself reading somewhere extreme this summer!

Prizes will be awarded for:

- The most interesting location;
- The most interesting pose;
- Best group extreme read;
- Best dressed.

All entries printed in colour (A4 max size) to Ms Spanyol (A8) in September

"You're not looking after your dog"

If you can replace you're for you are, then you are using it in the right context. E.g. "You're (you are) dog" wouldn't make sense, so you need to use 'your' instead.