

Priory News



"One must have a good memory to be able to keep the promises one makes."

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900) – German 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 8

Sophie MacDonald for her exceptional achievement for producing two large topic summary sheets as homework, showing interest in the topic and dedication to her progress. This involved a large number of hours to produce and to demonstrate great subject knowledge, exceeding her target level.

Liam Webb for his exceptional achievement for working hard to produce a piece significantly above his 'End of Year target' in his last English writing assessment.

Wendy Alton for her exceptional achievement for entering and winning a logo design competition, a national competition across England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, for a local charity. The logo will be used for their merchandise and stationary.

Well done!

Peter Loach



Year 8 Grafham Water Trip

On the 20th June Mr Foster, Mrs Folgate and Ms Bochnak-Sales took 27 Year 8 students on a trip to Grafham Water. The students enjoyed various activities and learnt how to problem solve, work in a team, resolve conflict, make new friends, take on leading roles, overcome their fears and try to excel in things they never thought they could do. It was great fun to see students working together to solve unusual problems (like getting out of tangled handcuffs), to complete the Grafham Challenge (an obstacle course completed blind folded), to build rafts (out of barrels, wooden posts and ropes) and paddling them into the open water. Three out of four rafts actually completed the challenge but there was even more fun when students started falling into the water. It was a great experience and all students and staff will remember it for a long time!



Aerial Extreme Visit

Last week on Thursday a group of Year 7 students went on a trip to Aerial Extreme to build self-confidence. Aerial Extreme is a high ropes course with 3 different courses; the Junior Course, the Adventure Course and the High Course. Everyone was nervous at the beginning but Tom and Matteo zoomed around the first course and finished it before some of us started! Myself and Jamie went around the course together giving each other encouragement as we went along! A few other people had a go at the High Course, completing it before some people had finished the Adventure Course! It was a great experience, building confidence to do other things and not always stay quiet. Mr Pope said, 'Think of each obstacle like a tricky maths question, it seems hard but after some thought you'll do the obstacle just like you would the maths question.' So over all I think that everyone had an amazing time completing the high ropes course and it's definitely improved self-confidence.

James Adcock 7SM

Lost property will be on display on Thursday 18th July (the day before we break up) in main hall. ANY REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE RE-CYCLED

Glider Competition



on Monday 24th June, four Year 10 students took part in the MBDA Glider Competition. They were Olivia Mason (Project Manager), Hannah Fleetwood (Mathematical analyser), Matthew Bankes (Aeronautical Engineer) and Sam Dacombe (Mechanical Engineer). They competed against 15 schools from Hertfordshire. There were four trophies that could be won and our students won the trophy for 'Best Teamwork'. The organisers were very impressed with how well our students worked on their glider design and their use of aerodynamics.



Report of Cambridge Trip

On Tuesday 11th June the Year 7 Gifted and Talented students went on a trip to Cambridge to find out what going to university is like. When we arrived we walked to the river where we had a guided punt along the River Cam. Our tour guide was excellent and knew almost everything you could know about the colleges, bridges and various other things along the river. Some interesting facts I learnt were that Cambridge gets its name from the River Cam running through it and that there are many bridges that go over it. Cambridge University was founded by Oxford University students who had been excluded of false conviction. The university has won 75 Nobel prizes since its opening. Many famous people, such as Isaac Newton and A.A. Milne studied at Cambridge. Most student accommodation is on the riverside because when the university was first built people would throw their waste into the river so it was much cheaper to live there because of the bad smell. New Court, a building along the river, is now student accommodation, is completely symmetrical and has never had a clock in its clock tower. Luckily during the punt the rain held off!

After this we went to the Sydney Sussex College and had lunch with a first year student and a fourth year student which was great. We were able to ask them all about going to university at Cambridge, what it was like to move away from home, what grades they had to achieve, why they chose to come here, how much work they had to do and what subjects were available to study. Overall I think it was a brilliant day that all of us will greatly benefit from in the future if we choose to study at Cambridge, or indeed, any university.

Sian Lawrence 7SM



Dates for your Diary 2013

Monday 1st July Yr 7 Charity Week UCAS Parents' Eve 7pm
Tuesday 2nd July Yr 11 Induction & Taster Sessions
Wednesday 3rd July Summer Concert 7pm Study Flex (3 days)
Friday 5th July Yr 9 Insight in Business Day Yr 7 G&T English Masterclass
Monday 8th July Yr 10 Enterprise Day
Tuesday 9th July SPORTS DAY
Wednesday 10th Post 16 Conference
Thursday 11th July Year 6 Induction Day
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

This Week's Sports Stars



Sam Cole - 7DM

Achieved 2 new personal bests in the 100m freestyle (17 seconds faster than previous PB) and 100m backstroke (15 seconds faster than his previous PB) Well done Sam!!

Ellie Nellis has just finished her first season playing girls' football for Hitchin Belles Under 13's. They won their league and lost no games all season.

On Sunday they had their football presentation and Ellie won the trophy for the most improved player.

Daniel Hill's team (Stotfold FC) won the Royston Crow U12 division 3 trophy with 53 out of a maximum of 60 points.



On Tuesday 25th June some of our talented tennis players competed in the annual Letchworth Tennis Tournament. The students involved were Alex Walby, Jamie Wiseman, Patrick Rutherford, Craig White, Henry Tucker, Lewis Ainsworth, Liam Brennan and Alex Shilling. All students involved played fantastically, but the outstanding performance of the day came from Yr 7 students Alex Walby and Jamie Wiseman, who battled their way through to the final to play against JHN! Despite a gallant attempt, they lost out narrowly, leaving with a runners-up medals. A massive thank you to their superb tennis coach, 6th former, Rachael Langley.

Ben Hankin currently plays for Hitchin Cricket Club in the 3rd Team (Saturday matches), Sunday team and U14 Colt Team.

Please see the link <http://hitchin.play-cricket.com/scoreboard/bowlingstats.asp?fromForm=1&seasonID=26&filter=0&sortBy=5&top=10>.

This shows he is currently the leading wicket taker across any of the 5 teams (i.e. all players at the club).

Chloe Cole - 9RM

3rd place in Ickleford Riding Dressage Test
Well done Chloe!!

Already an established Rugby player Oliver Woolsey also competes in U14 British cycling events. Last weekend he was in a Grass track event in Woodbridge Suffolk. He took 1st place in U14/U16 Category



Should you be a Sports Star of the Week? Let the P.E Department know your sporting achievements