

Priory News



EARLY CLOSURE.

On Friday 20th December 2013 the school will be closing at 12.30pm. For your information the bus companies who have agreed to pick up at 12.40pm are Landmark E191 & 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 2.30pm.

Are you entitled to financial support and losing out?

The following table shows what financial help you can get depending on what benefits you receive.

What can you apply for if you are receiving the following benefits(s)?	Free school Meals	Free SaverCard	Free Traincard	Help with music fees	Help with cycle training
Income Support or Income-based jobseeker's Allowance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (100%)	Yes (50%)
Income-related Employment Support Allowance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (100%)	Yes (50%)
child Tax Credit, with a taxable income no more than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (100%)	Yes (50%)
Pension Credit (Guaranteed Credit)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (100%)	Yes (50%)
Support under part VI of the Immigrations and Asylum Act 1999	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (100%)	Yes (50%)
Child Tax Credit, payable at a rate higher than the family element, ie, more than £547.50	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (50%)	Yes (50%)
Working Tax Credit, Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support (not including second adult rebate)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (50%)	Yes (50%)
Working Tax Credit during the four-week 'run-on' period	Yes	No	No	No	No

Please check out the application processes at: <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/canhelp/>



THE PRIORY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

TICKETS STILL ONLY £3.00
WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER
TICKETS ON SALE NOW
UNTIL 13th DECEMBER



Available from the Catering Manager Lesley Parker in the café

Come and join in the fun
We have Christmas music,
tables set with Christmas table cloths,
napkins, crackers, drinks mince pie and sweets.

Roast Turkey, stuffing, pig in blanket, roast potatoes, two vegetables, gravy



A choice of dessert.



UK Senior Maths Challenge

Students at The Priory School achieved 2 golds, 8 silvers and 7 bronzes in this year's UKMT Senior Maths Challenge. Over 74,000 students from across the UK took part, with the top 10% receiving a gold certificate, the next 20% silver and the next 30% bronze.

Gold certificates were awarded to Robert Chapman and Scott Mardell.

Silver certificates were awarded to Bradley Kimmance, Isaac Waby, Callum Chivers, Ethan Dale Lewis, Sarah Tooke, Connor Dalgarno, Elliot Willard and Coral Gordon.

Bronze certificates were awarded to Amy Sprinks, Emma Lenton, Simon Waitland, Sam Mcguire, Alex Woolston, Emily Clements and Tim Ballard.

A special well done to Robert and Callum who were the best in their year group.

PSA Christmas Craft Fair

The PSA would like to thank everyone who supported this year's Christmas Craft Fair whether by sending in a raffle or tombola prize, helping in the kitchen or on a stall and coming along to the event on the day. As a result of the marvellous donations we had an excellent array of raffle prizes. There were many delightful and varied crafts on display in the Hall; the students gave the Cafe a lively atmosphere with their innovative and interesting stalls and the Junior Choir provided musical entertainment. We would also like to thank Miss Gresser, the Choir members and their families who baked some wonderful cakes and ran the cake stall. Even though there were a number of other events taking place on Saturday, with your support, we have managed to achieve a fantastic profit of £1,300.

In addition we would like to thank Showcard Print for printing the banner, posters and flyers for the Fair and the following local businesses for donating prizes for inclusion in the raffle: Hair by Talents, Knit Knacks, Pizza Express, Stephanie Rose, Step Up To Beauty, The Town Fryer, The Wardrobe, Waitrose and Wilkinson.

Gill Claxton, Chair of the PSA

CAREERS DEPARTMENT NEWS



MEDLINK: 3-DAY CONFERENCE FOR YEAR 12 & 13 STUDENTS CONSIDERING MEDICINE AS A CAREER

Sunday 15th – Tuesday 17th December or Tuesday 17th – Thursday 19th December
Nottingham. Visit www.Medlink Conference

WARSASH MARITIME ACADEMY OPEN DAY

Friday 24th January 2014 10.00 – 4.00

For students interested in officer cadet training with commercial shipping companies. Please see poster on Careers noticeboard or visit www.warsashacademy.co.uk and click on 'Events'

SOME USEFUL WEBSITES TO VISIT FOR YOUR CAREERS RESEARCH

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

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

The Priory School running club recently took part in a 5K Christmas Run at Fairlands Valley. Harriet Parsons came 1st (even dressed as a reindeer!) and as a club we raised £60 for the charity Age UK.

The running club will also be participating in a 1 mile Santa Run in aid of Unicef, at the Priory School on Saturday 21st December. For details of this please speak to Mrs Emler or Mrs Parsons.



Tea with Mr Edwards

A couple of weeks ago I went to tea with Mr Edwards. I won it by having over 20 merits. My name was pulled out of a hat with other pupils who also have 20 merits. I was allowed to take 5 friends with me and I took Cydney Kharlow, Hannah Deacon, Sophia Crawley, Freya Brawn and Leoni Glass. We sat down with nice warm hot chocolate, donuts, crisps and of course, biscuits. While we were sitting down we had a chat about our hobbies and what we would like to do when we are older. I had a wonderful time and would love to do it again

By Courtney Edwards 8MH



This Week's
Sports Stars

Amy Gooderham has been selected to train for the Bedfordshire FA girls development centre

Dates for your Diary 2013

Tuesday 10th December
Yr 8 Trip to London
Yr 11 Trial Exams End

Wednesday 11th December
Yr 9 Parents' Evening
Post 16 Career Guidance

Thursday 12th December
Post 16 Formal Xmas Dinner

Friday 13th December
Yr 7 Day Trip
UCAS Deadline

Monday 16th December
Christmas Concert

Wednesday 18th December
Xmas Lunch
Staff & 6th Form Panto

Thursday 19th December
Presentation Evening

Friday 20th December
Post 16 Progress Check Home
LAST DAY OF TERM

Monday 23rd December
Friday 3rd January
XMAS HOLIDAY

Monday 6th January
INSET DAY

RETURN TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 7th January

Friday 10th January
Yr 11 Exam Results

Monday 13th January
Yr 9 Options Taster Week

Monday 20th January
Yr 9 Options Evening
Post 16 Option Interviews

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