

# Priory News



## Tea for Two



## Headteacher's Commendation



## Charity Week

During the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015, our third and final charity week will take place. The aim is to raise money for NSPCC. We have had a huge amount of success this year in raising money for PHASE and Comic Relief, among other charities such as MacMillan, The Poppy Appeal and Breast Cancer Awareness.

For our final charity week we are asking students to organise their own charity events in order to be entered into the prize draw. Last term we had fantastic prizes such as a signed Ed Sheeran CD, a guitar and skull candy headphones. We are hoping to replicate the fantastic results of last term where we raised in excess of £1500! To follow all of the events that are taking place at The Priory School, follow us on Twitter @TPS\_Hitchin and @SouthallMrs



**Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.**

Mrs K Southall

## Health Champions

This week Lexi Birks, Year 12, was asked to take part in a live radio interview for BBC 3 Counties Radio and Bob FM. Lexi spoke about the work that the Year 12 Health Champions have been doing this year, in order to gain their Level 2 qualification. She also discussed hard-hitting issues such as mental health and wellbeing and how this can impact young people. The health champions are now working towards delivering their Primary School Health conference on 10<sup>th</sup> July for 3 of our feeder schools. Well done to Lexi and the rest of the Health Champion team!

Mrs K Southall



## Quiz -

Last week's question: **How many wives did Henry VIII have?**

**Answer: six wives**

Well done if you got last week's answer correct.

Drop your answer for the question below into reception by **12th June** for your chance to win a prize:

**In which city would you find Nelson's Column?**

The Priory School twitter account is active and running. Please sign up to follow us and receive information, photos and links to events happening in and out of school, exam results, campus developments and other news snippets. You will still receive regular communications via post and ParentMail and of course more is available through the website. Find us on twitter:

@TPS\_Hitchin



## A Message From Public Health England

It's really important if going abroad for summer holidays to ensure that the whole family is properly immunised. With Measles circulating widely across many parts of the world, including Europe and the USA, it is particularly important to ensure that children have received two doses of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella). Around a third (27) of all new cases of measles in England were infected while overseas.

Uptake of Pre School Booster, which includes the polio booster, is below the levels required. With the recent international spread of wild polio virus this could present a serious risk to those travelling to affected countries.

**Please help us to get the message to all parents about the importance of ensuring their children are fully immunised.**



We now send most school-parent

communications through ParentMail. Please contact the school reception on 01462 622300 for more information on how to register.

## Dates for your Diary 2015

### Saturday 6th June

Silver DofE Expedition  
(returning Sunday 7th June)

### Monday 8th June

Y12 return after study leave  
Charity Week in aid of NSPCC

### Friday 12th June

Non-Uniform Day in aid of  
NSPCC

### Monday 15th June

Y7 Exams week in classrooms

### Tuesday 16th June

Y9, 10 & 12 Sports Leaders Event

### Wednesday 17th June

BTEC Drama Performance in the  
Drama Studio, 7pm

### Thursday 18th June

BTEC Drama Performance in the  
Drama Studio, 7pm

### Saturday 20th June

3 Peaks Challenge  
(returning Sunday 21st June)

## Attendance

Form	Attendance to 22 May 2015	Merits to date	Form	Attendance to 22 May 2015	Merits to date
7AA	97.45%	1495	9CF	96.69%	578
7HB	94.49%	1180	9DM	95.15%	656
7GG	96.37%	1622	9LP	95.22%	628
7LC	96.49%	725	9MH	95.90%	312
7MC	95.15%	828	9RS	96.00%	607
7NP	95.70%	888	9SB	95.31%	510
8AM	95.84%	1179	10BS	96.09%	213
8LA	94.91%	597	10CH	96.83%	399
8MF	94.53%	597	10EG	95.72%	226
8NJ	95.96%	459	10RC	94.71%	166
8SO	93.93%	755	10RO	94.26%	411
8TV	93.88%	329	10TC	96.16%	203

The school's attendance target is 96%.

## The Comet Community Awards

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, The Priory School were fortunate enough to make it to the final of The Comet Community Awards. As a school, we were finalists in the category of 'Community Champions' but we narrowly missed out to very worthy opponents who had raised over £100,000 for the Poppy Appeal. Adrian Koopmann-Rocha and Sohail Mirza in Year 13, who have been exceptional 'Community and Charity' prefects this year, attended the evening. They proudly collected the certificate on behalf of the school and expressed how pleased they were to have even been nominated, let alone make it to the final. Hannah Price in Year 11, was also nominated for 'Young Achiever of the Year' award for all of her hard work in successfully establishing a National NHS campaign on effective communication; Hannah also narrowly missed out on the winning spot, but was delighted to be a finalist. Well done to Hannah and to the Community ambassador team for all their hard work!

*Mrs K Southall*



# Careers—Raising Aspirations

In May, the Raising Aspirations team took a group of Year 9 students to visit the University of Hertfordshire for Pathfinder Day. The day involved members of the university staff giving talks, organising activities and showing students around the campus. Congratulations to the team who won the prize for best promotion of university life, with their innovative “Pros and Cons of Going to University”!

During the same week, Mouri Hall and Kate Allan delivered a careers lesson to all Year 8 students with the theme of Thinking about Careers.

Lively discussions and great questions from students made for interesting and enjoyable sessions. This is the first in a series of lessons that Year 8 students will take part in over the coming year, alongside related events and activities - as they move towards making important decisions about their future pathways, and in particular GCSE options.



Please remember that we are always here to support all students, from Year 7 through to Year 13. Kate Allan can be found in her office next to B5 (Mr Findon’s classroom), Lynne Luckman in her office the Sixth Form Block and Mouri Hall in her classroom A13.

## New Raising Aspirations Blog!

Our new Raising Aspirations Blog is now live. This is a really exciting new chapter for us and the way that we communicate with you. The site is mobile enabled, so please log on via the Raising Aspirations school page: [www.priory.herts.sch.uk/departments/ceiag](http://www.priory.herts.sch.uk/departments/ceiag). Once you are on, you can add a shortcut to your desktop. The Blog will be our main channel of communication going forward and it will contain all of our key information, from national careers news to what we are doing in school, university open days to apprenticeship opportunities. It will be constantly updated and we would encourage all students and parents to log in regularly.

*Mrs K Allan*

## Feedback From a Student...

On 11th May, a group of Year 9 students went on a trip to the University of Hertfordshire in Hatfield. It was a fantastic trip that really inspired everyone to look at going to university as a real option for them. We got to look around the university’s facilities, lecture rooms and dorms and a group of university students and teachers organised fun activities throughout the day. We were even given an example of what a real lecture at university would be like. With the help of the university students, we got to know and understand their daily lives living at the Uni of Herts. All in all, the trip was a great success as it showed the Year 9s what it could be like after they leave school and pursue further education.

*Hannah Isbister 9LP*



## Student Researchers



On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 28 students enjoyed a special learning day that was run by other students – the ‘Research Leaders’: Fin Bevan, Olivia Horner, Luke Bonner, Ros Stephenson and Tamzin Antony.

During the day, the students learned about presenting and other skills that they need such as organising, researching and vocal skills. The students shared top tips with each

other on this topic and also created miniature presentations in groups.

Snacks and drinks were offered to the students and they learned about key skills and how they can help the students in the future. The students will now be creating a big presentation, at least 5 minutes long, which they will have until the end of June to create and film. The presentation should feature a

PowerPoint amongst other things.

The students claimed to have had a great day and the research leaders are already planning for the next meeting!



Miss L Jesson



## Staffing Information

As of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June Miss Loo will be transferring to Acting Head of Year 7 until October. In the interim, until Ms Bochnak-Sales returns from maternity leave, Mrs Southall and Mrs Gordon will be the point of contact for Year 10.

Welcome back to Mrs Timperley who has returned as Head of Technology after her maternity leave.

Mrs F. Nearney

## Numeracy Corner

Answers from last week:

a)  $4 \times 5 - 3 \times 2 = 14$

b)  $(2 + 3) \times (5 - 1) = 20$

c)  $2 + 6 \div 2 = 5$

d)  $8 - (6 - 1) = 3$

e)  $3 \times (4 + 2) = 18$



Remember BIDMAS tells you which operation you should be performing in the correct order:

**B**rackets

**I**ndices

**D**ivision

**M**ultiplication

**A**ddition

**S**ubtraction



Miss L Jesson

## Euan Metcalfe 9CF

Euan Metcalfe 9CF took part in and was very successful in an athletics competition on 10<sup>th</sup> May. Euan takes part in athletics training at Ridlins on a regular basis and this clearly paid off when he won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Shot Put and Discus, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Hammer in the under 15s category of the Eastern Youngs Competition: a County-wide athletics competition.

This is not the first success Euan has had: he won first place for Shot Put in an inter-county competition in March. Well done Euan!



## Year 9 and 10 Athletics

Well done to all of the year 9 & 10 students who took part in the first Athletics meeting of the session. The results are displayed on the next page.

# Physical Education

## Maya Grant

Maya Grant competed in Hampshire over the weekend at a national gymnastics competition for Level 2, her first competition at this level and achieved some great results. She won gold in the All Around, gold on Floor and Bars, silver on Beam and bronze on Vault. Well done !



## Hitchin Town Jaguars

On 16<sup>th</sup> May, Hitchin Town Jaguars U12 team played Stotfold in the Royston Crow Cup Final at The Bury in Buntingford, and won 5-1!

Some of The Priory School's Year 7 students were involved: Ryan Williams, Alfie L'Honore, Finley Hayden, Reece Dunning and Morgan Seaby (who scored 4 goals and was given the match ball!) Well done to all who took part.

## Year 9 and 10 Athletics Results

### Year 9 Boys

Event	Name	Position	Time/ Distance
100m A	Luis Brooker	1st	12.9 sec
100m B	Jamie Peters	1st	12.72 sec
200m A	Jaque Du Toit	2nd	25.57 sec
800m A	Luke Jones	4th	2:52:34 mins
800m B	Callum Filmer	1st	2:42:17 mins
Long jump A	Luis Brooker	2nd	5.01m
Long jump B	Jaque Du Toit	1st	5.06m
Shot putt A	Euan Metcalfe	1st	11.32m
Discus A	Raj Sinnathurai	2nd	19.18m
Relay		3rd	51.68 sec
OVERALL		4th	

### Year 9 Girls

Event	Name	Position	Time/ Distance
100m A	Emily Holt	3rd	15.09 secs
100m B	Alana Iloba	2nd	15.56 secs
200m A	Shaye Irving	1st	29.18 secs
200m B	Abbie Miller	3rd	33.96 secs
1500m	Sian Lawrence	2nd	6.20.77mins
High jump	Holly Dear	4th	1.17m
Long jump A	Courtney Ed-	5th	3.26m
Long jump B	Alana Iloba	1st	3.62m
Shot putt	Emily Holt	1st	7.23m
Discus A	Shaye Irving	2nd	15.24m
Discus B	Ashleigh Batson	3rd	13.49m
Relay		1st	59.84
OVERALL		3rd	

### Year 10 Boys

Event	Name	Position	Time/ Distance
100m	Liam Thompson	2nd	13 secs
200m	Jamie Islam	4th	26.50 secs
400m	Dan Page	3rd	64.69 secs
1500m	Dan Stephenson	3rd	5:42:94 mins
Long jump	Tom Hankin	3rd	4.73m
Triple Jump	Liam Thompson	1st	11.78m
Shot putt	Grady Hayden	1st	8.49m
Discus	Ben Phillipson	4th	14.75m
Javelin	Dan Page	2nd	28.63m
Relay		4th	52.50secs
OVERALL		4th	

### Year 10 Girls

Event	Name	Position	Time/ Distance
100m	Isobel Pearcy	6th	17.19secs
1500m	Meg Stephenson	1st	5.85.18secs
Long jump	Rebecca Blake	2nd	3.48m
Long jump	Megan Shanahan	Guest	2.89m
Shot putt	Shanika Gibbons	5th	5.15m
Discus	Shania Rodgers	6th	8.56m
Discus	Jo Economides	Guest	10.21m
Javelin	Hannah Rodgers	1st	25.64m
Relay		5th	
OVERALL		5th	

# You're not alone so "Let's Talk"

It's tough these days for teenagers – and school is probably only one of the many pressures that modern life throws you. That's why Hitchin based youth support charity PHASE, who are The Priory School's Local Charity of the Year, has made a new short film to highlight issues and let you know that there is someone out there who will listen.



Titled 'Let's Talk' the film was shot on location in and around Hitchin by local film production company Wade Bros Productions and features students from various Hitchin schools who include Serena Gibbons-Cook and Josh Rickard.



The message of the film to young people is: 'If you are struggling, you don't need to suffer in silence... Let's Talk.'

This resonated with Serena Gibbons-Cook who said:

"I wanted to help raise awareness of issues like how difficult it can be when suffering from a mental health issue or a problem that is really getting you down. People often just don't realise what young people are thinking – sometimes it is really hard for

us to find a way to tell anyone, and who is there to tell? I hope that this film helps more young people find PHASE because they are brilliant – a trusted charity who really can help."

PHASE works throughout the schools of Hitchin and the surrounding area, running lessons, drop-in sessions and activities in partnership with the local churches. This range of key support services includes: mentoring, emotional support, self-harm issue advice, spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development.

Donna Wade, PHASE Self-Harm Support Manager said:

"Issues like Self-Harm can be really hard to understand but it is a rising problem for many young people – it is a lot more common than some people think, with figures pointing to 1 in 10 involved in some form of self-harm. This is why PHASE is passionate about supporting young people who struggle with these difficult issues. The Let's Talk video wants to provide a voice to all young people, to talk about their mental wellbeing."



Kieran Murphy, Director of PHASE, who is often to be found in The Priory School said:

"We want PHASE to be a trusted support service that is there for the many young people who are struggling to make sense of life. It can really help to have someone outside of the family who will listen and feed back some good thinking. PHASE can make a really positive difference in the lives of young people in Hitchin and the surrounding area.

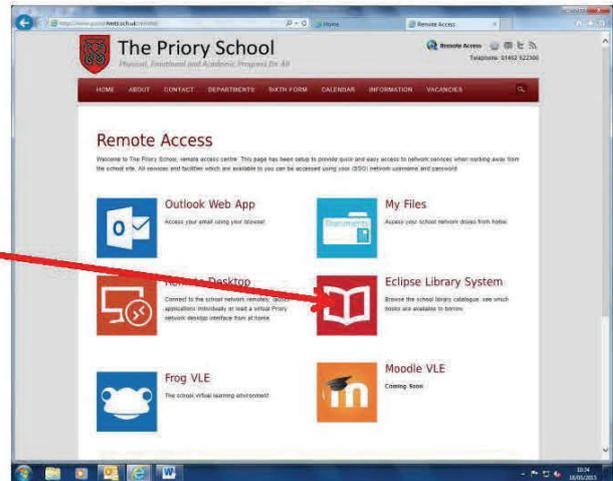


You can view the film on the PHASE website - [www.phase-hitchin.org](http://www.phase-hitchin.org) If you would like to speak to someone about any of the content in this article, please email [letstalk@phase-hitchin.org](mailto:letstalk@phase-hitchin.org)

## Library Catalogue goes Live!

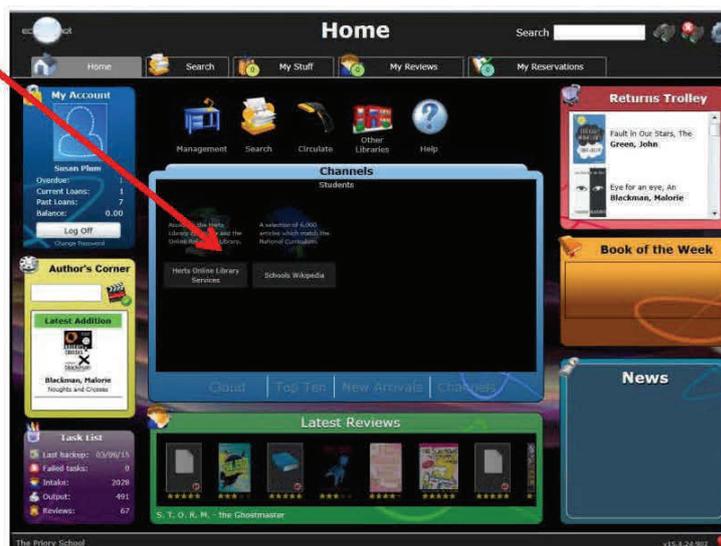
The Library is excited to announce that now students have been given remote access to their schools drives via the School Website, they are also able to use this facility to access the **Library Catalogue!**

This will mean students can check what books we have on a particular topic, or author, reserve them from home and then come into the Library to borrow them. They can also use the catalogue to access websites which have been identified as curriculum relevant, such as Schools Wikipedia, which should help with homework.



Using the channels tab on the front page will also allow students easier access to the Herts Online Reference Library. This allows **free** access to commercial reference publications by means of their public library card.

Mrs Stovin and Mrs Plum



# Come and #SCOUTitOUT at...

## Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

**Quiz Night** - 12<sup>th</sup> Hitchin - St John's Community Centre (5.30 to 7.30)  
**Games & BBQ** - 4<sup>th</sup> Hitchin - St Ippolyts Rec Ground (5.30 to 7.30)  
**Scatter Treasure Hunt** - 7<sup>th</sup> Hitchin - St John's Park (6.30 start)

## Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

**Games** - 9<sup>th</sup> Hitchin - Ickleford Cricket Ground (6.30 to 8.30)  
**Archery** - 6<sup>th</sup> Hitchin - Priory School (7.00 to 8.00)

## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June

**Nature Fun & BBQ** - 17<sup>th</sup> Hitchin - Triangle Gardens (6.00 to 8.00)

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

**Outdoor Activities** - 16<sup>th</sup> Hitchin - Highover School (6.00 to 8.00)

## Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June

**Back to Basics** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Hitchin - Walsworth Rd Baptist (6.00 to 8.00)

## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

**Chocolate Making** - 5<sup>th</sup> Hitchin - HQ, King George's (6.00 to 7.30)  
**Activity Bases** - 8<sup>th</sup> Hitchin - Oughton School (6.00 to 7.30)

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

**Activity Evening** - 11<sup>th</sup> Hitchin - Christchurch (5.00 to 9.00)

Go online to [www.hit hinscouts.org](http://www.hit hinscouts.org) to find more details about all the events above...



Can't make this activity? Want to see what else is on offer?  
Visit [hit hinscouts.org](https://www.hit hinscouts.org) or follow us on Twitter @HitChinScouts  
Come visit us on Saturday 13th June in Hitchin Market Place!  
See reverse for more details...

Did you know that Hitchin Scouts have over **900 members** who meet weekly at one of our **12 Scout Groups** and **3 Explorer Units**?



Want to find out more about what we get up to?  
Why not come and **#SCOUTitOUT**?

**WE'VE GOT LOADS GOING ON! COME AND JOIN US!**

**You've been invited to a Group Activity.** Turn over to find out more...

During the 8th to 21st June, all 12 Scout Groups in Hitchin are putting on an activity that you can come and join in with. It doesn't matter whether you know someone there or not! This is your chance to find out more about what Scouting has to offer. Why not bring your family & friends and come and have a good time.

Here are some of the activities you can come and join in with...

- Activity Bases
- Archery
- Back to Basics & Fire Lighting
- BBQ & Games
- Outdoor Activities
- Garden Nature Activities
- Treasure Hunt
- Quiz Night

Interested? Visit [hit hinscouts.org](http://hit hinscouts.org) for more information or turn over to see which activity you've been invited to...

## #SCOUTitOUT Super Saturday

Saturday 13th June | Hitchin Market Place

10am - 4pm Come and #SCOUTitOUT in the square

FREE activities for everyone including:  
9m High Climbing Wall & Crate Stacking  
Arrows Archery  
#HuntTheNecker Competition  
Chance to learn some Scouting Skills



3pm **Traditional Scout Campfire Songs**

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, leaders, parents, grandparents and friends are all invited to come and take part in some traditional campfire songs in the middle of the town around a REAL campfire!



# IT'S OUR BIRTHDAY! 6TH HITCHIN (PRIORY)

**Please come to our 1st Anniversary Celebration,  
AGM & Archery Evening**

**Tues 9th June, 6pm onwards**

**School Hall, The Priory School, Bedford Road, Hitchin, SG5 2UR**

**Find out what the Beavers & Cubs have been up to in their first year, hear about plans for the future, find out about Scouting in Hitchin, and try some archery**

**Please feel free to bring friends, aunts, uncles,  
grandparents...**

The Scout Association Registered Charity number 306101 (England and Wales) and SC038437 (Scotland)



[hitchinouts.org/join](http://hitchinouts.org/join)





# YEYOUNG'UNS SCHOOL RUN'

**Family Focused Fun Day-** *Bouncy Castle, Inflatable Slide, Toddler Play Zone, Candy Floss, Face Painting and much more!*

**A 1K Course:** *The Course Will Be In The Grounds Of The Priory*

**Treasure Trail:** *Taking Place Between The British Schools Museum And Hitchin Priory. Treasure Maps £5.*

**All Proceeds Going To  
'Hitchin British Schools Trust'**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

**9.45am-12.30pm**

*(Grounds Will Be Open From 9am. Half Marathon To Start At 9.30am)*

**Hitchin Priory; Tilehouse St, Hitchin,  
Hertfordshire, SG52DL**



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