

Priory News

Duke of Edinburgh Update



Two Duke of Edinburgh expeditions were successfully completed before the Easter holidays. The Silver DoE team travelled to the Peak District where they faced a 3 day gruelling trek over the Southern Peaks. All the students pushed themselves and as a result, we are now eagerly getting ready for our Qualifying Expedition in the Autumn.

The Bronze DoE programme held it's first training weekend. Based at The Priory School, students learnt how to camp, cook and navigate as well as a range of first aid skills, setting them up for their Practice Expedition to Henlow next month.

The Priory School launched the 2018 and 2019 World Challenge Expeditions to Morocco and Mongolia just before Easter. The students are already working on raising funds needed for the expedition.

The final preparations for the World Challenge India Expedition are well and truly underway. Students are looking into vaccinations and visas as we prepare to depart for the Himalayas at the beginning of July.



Mr R. Findon

Dates for your Diary 2017

Monday 8th May

A Level PE

Moderation Day

Wednesday 10th May

Careers Trip to Airbus Defence and Space in Stevenage

Monday 15th May

GCSE Exams begin

Friday 19th May

Year 11 Study Leave begins

Our Solar System



Science group 7HF have very clearly demonstrated their love of Science, their imagination, ingenuity and indeed their sense of humour in producing models of the Solar System and beyond! In the same vein they also produced some amazing models of Animal and Plant Cells. WELL DONE 7HF.

A selection of their models are on display in Reception.

Mrs Brennan, Science Teacher



New Year 8 Form Tutors



Hello!
I'm Mr Ankers and I'm going to taking over 8CJ from Mrs Taffe. I teach three subjects, Music, Computing and Maths but you'll usually find in Music. I've already started to get to know you and your interests in and out of school.

Looking forward to being 8CJ's new form tutor!



Hello!
I'm Mr Omar, I am a PE teacher here at The Priory School and the new form tutor for 8TC. I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know my form and really looking forward to working with them in the future!

Quiz Night!

**In aid of our Music trip to Australia
in June-July 2017**

Friday 12th of May 2017

arrive 7pm for 7:30pm

at The Priory School

Fish and Chips supper included in ticket price

Licensed bar on the night

Teams of 6 - made up of adults and secondary school age students

Ticket Price: £10

If you would like tickets, please return the following information in an envelope to the Finance Department by Tuesday 9th May;

~ Name under which we will reserve the table

~ Number of tickets required with the correct payment

~ Supper option with the number required; Cod & Chips OR Jumbo Sausage & Chips OR Pancake Roll & Chips (veggie option) OR Cheese and Onion Pasty & Chips (veggie option)

Teaching and Learning

Sorrento 2017

On Monday 27th March 2017 The Priory School launched an exciting opportunity for students to visit Sorrento for 3 nights. Despite having to get up at 2am, it was well worth it and an exciting opportunity I will never forget.

Monday morning we all had to meet at school for 2.15am to get to the airport. Once we arrived in Naples, we had to find our coach and get ready for our first



activity. The minute I started walking on the streets, you could see an immediate change in culture, there were less cars, smaller roads, bigger billboards and surprisingly, less nature.

During the coach ride I looked around and you could see a bigger change in culture. There were lemon and orange trees everywhere. There were houses on hills



surrounded by small and cramped roads, things you normally see in films. After an hour coach ride, we arrived at Solfatara; the sight was amazing however the smell was not. We got off the coach and the immediate smell of sulphur could be smelt. However, it's not every day you get to see sulphur leaking out of a volcano.



We arrived at our hotel, this was the chance to unpack and relax. Luckily, my room had a sea view. It was an amazing sight, every morning waking up and

seeing the sunrise with the occasional seagull on our windowsill.



Tuesday we went to the Isle of Capri, my favourite day. To get there we went on a boat ride. The sights there were amazing. Luckily, that day was one of the warmest too. On the boat you

were able to see all the houses and shops covered in trees and bushes. The sea breeze was so cool it mixed perfectly with the sun's heat. Once we got there, we took a coach to Anacapri. From there we were able to go and explore and think about the uses of tourism in the area. There was an opportunity to go on a chair lift that would take you right to the top of Capri. The view from there was breath taking. You were able to see all across the

ocean, a small glimpse of the houses in the distance as well as all the boats coming in.

Wednesday was the day most of us dreaded... climbing up Mount Vesuvius. All in all, it was amazing. It was extremely hot that day and climbing up a steep mountain in the heat and getting told '*Put layers on today, it may be cold*' before we left wasn't the best advice given that trip. Once we (finally) reached the top we were able to see the centre of the volcano as well as the whole of Sorrento. After the chance to get some souvenirs we headed to Herculaneum, a town that was destroyed in the last huge eruption from Vesuvius. It was amazing to see a real Roman town where people like us lived their daily lives.

Sadly, Thursday was our last day and we had a late night flight, however that day we had the whole day in Sorrento. We started off by visiting the main town of Sorrento. They had so many shops dedicated to lemons. Lemon key rings, bracelets, alcohol and even shot glasses. Sadly, we didn't have

long there since we headed to Pompeii. This day was warm too, some of us even managed to get a tan. Walking around Pompeii was a great experience, since we were able to see all the kinds of things the Romans used to do. If you think about it, both us now and the Romans are



similar. We both do normal things like go to the shops, watch entertainment (however ours is on TV not in a colosseum) and even go for an ordinary walk. We got the chance to get a drink and then it was time to get on the coach, head to the airport and go home.

The whole trip was one of the best experiences in my life and it's one I will never forget about. A huge thanks to Mrs Hall for organising the trip. And thank you for all the other teachers that came along. And thank you everyone for coming along since it was a chance to interact with different people and even meet new ones.



By Rachel Swart-Varnham, 10SA

Sports, Clubs, Activities and Results....

Huge congratulations to Mila Crook of Year 11, who recently competed in an array of National and England Selection Baton Twirling competitions.

At National level, Mila won a 5th in Fancy, a 6th in Solo and 7th in the Dance and Poise sections. She competed in groups of up to 18 athletes and girls placed before her were mainly Scottish athletes who are of a very high standard. Her National Squad Team won National Champions in the Team event.

Mila competed in the England Selections on Easter Monday and won 3rd place in the Junior Women's section to represent England in Italy in July. Mila will also represent England at a smaller International Competition in Holland in June.

She also took part in the selections for the World International Cup in Croatia in August and won the Team event with National squad team Harmony, she won the Artistic Pairs event with her partner Victoria Salisbury and won 5th place in the Artistic Twirl event.

Mr. C Pope

Do you compete at County Level or belong to a Sports Academy outside of school?

If so, please let Mrs Churchman in the PE Department know what sport you do so we can update our database. Alternatively please email Jo.Churchman@priory.herts.sch.uk with the details.

Extra-Curricular PE Clubs



	LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	Year 7 and 8 Cricket	Girls Football – All Years
TUESDAY	Rounders – All Years Year 10 OCR Revision	Athletics – All Years
WEDNESDAY	Athletics – All Years Table Tennis	Wheelchair Basketball Climbing
THURSDAY	Year 11 GCSE PE Revision Year 9 and 10 Cricket Yoga	Badminton - All Years Rounders – All Years
FRIDAY	Tennis – All Years	



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GIRLS' SCHOOL ATHLETICS RECORDS

	YR 7	YR 8	YR 9	YR 10
HURDLES	A.JOHNSON	A.JOHNSON	S.SEABY	A.JOHNSON
	12.60 1992	13.29 1993	13.10 1999	13.80 1995
100M	C.FUREY	T.NANNA	C.FUREY	S.TOMLIN
	13.87 1995	13.27 1992	13.38 1997	13.61 1995
200M	C.NORRIS	S.IRVING	S.IRVING	H.TAYLOR
	29.02 1994	29.05 2014	28.09 2015	27.81 1990
300M				S.NORMAN
				48.56 1994
800M	K.GREY	C.TAYLOR	R.STEPHENSON	J.BUXTON
	2M 52.8 2016	2M 44.00 1999	2M: 47.6 2016	2M 52.10 2004
1500M	E.REEVE	E.REEVE	E.REEVE	S.LAWRENCE
	5M 38.00 1990	5M 57.00 1991	5M 24.06 1992	5M 47.00 2016
DISCUS	A.JONES	N.PRYCE	A.JOHNSON	N.PRYCE
	19.05 1995	20.57 1994	20.88 1994	21.80 1996
SHOT PUTT	S.BAINES	M.JACKSON	N.PRYCE	S.BAINES
	7.64 1991	8.45 1991	9.60 1995	8.35 1994
JAVELIN	B.JORDAN	H.ROGERS	H.ROGERS	H.ROGERS
	17.00 2012	22.15m 2013	27.82 2014	25.43 2015
HIGH JUMP	T.SIMMS	P.SMITH	S.SEABY	D.LARSEN
	1.22 2014	1.35 2016	1.35 1999	1.45 1991
LONG JUMP	R.C-BAZILE	T.NANNA	A.JOHNSON	A.JOHNSON
	4.38 1996	4.50 1992	4.62 1994	4.52 1995
TRIPLE JUMP	H.BATSON	C.TAYLOR	C.PRYCE	A.PRIDMORE
	6.05 1999	7.60 1999	7.43 1999	9.36 1997
RELAY				
	59.97 1995	59.31 1995	59.41 1995	59.65 1996

We hope that some of the records can be broken this year!



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BOYS SCHOOL ATHLETICS RECORDS

	YR 7	YR 8	YR 9	YR 10
HURDLES	C.WALKER 12.37 1999	S.WHITE 12.56 1999	T.HOLLOWAY 12.13 1999	K.WEBB 13.30 1993
100M	A.DUNCAN 12.84 2000	M.HUCKETT 12.50 1997	C.YEARWOOD 12.50 2013	C.YEARWOOD 11.30 2014
200M	N.HARRISON 27.91 2013	T.FORDE 26.86 2011	C.YEARWOOD 25.30 2013	C.YEARWOOD 23.23 2014
300M (first run in 2013)	49.41 2013	D.PAGE 46.41 2013	J.DEAR 44.00 2013	
400M	T.HUMPHRIES 69.43 1995 (last run 2004)	C.STEARN 1.08 2011 (last run 2012)	D.PAGE 1.00 2014	N.GADD 58.46 1991
800M	C.MOSS 2m 32 2013	L.RUSLING 2M 22.0 2015	L.RUSLING 2M 13.00 2016	N.DAVIS & T.COX 2m 28.00 1999/2013
1500M	I.MACBETH 5M 25.00	S.PILSWORTH 5M 13.30 1992	A.WEST 5M25 2011	S.PILSWORTH 5M 05.91 1994
DISCUS	M.FLOWERS 25.61 2000	A.McDOWALL 11.14 1994	E.METCALFE 35.05 2015	E.METCALFE 37.44 2016
SHOT PUTT	A.ENDER 11.90 1999	J.DUGUID 10.25 1990	E.METCALFE 12.00 2015	E.METCALFE 12.29 2016
JAVELIN	C.MOSS 25.05M 2013	F.HOPWOOD 32.67 2016	J.DUGUID 40.00 1991	J.DUGUID 45.50 1992
HIGH JUMP	D.MULLINGS 1.30 1997	C.PRESTON 1.50 2015	D.MULLINGS 1.62 1999	B.FAIREY 1.57m 2013
TRIPLE JUMP	S.WHITE 9.58 1998	L.THOMPSON 10.52m 2013	C.YEARWOOD 11.65m 2013	D.WARD 11.50 1991
LONG JUMP	4.59m 2013	L.BROOKER 4.88 2014	L.BROOKER 5.40m 2015	C.YEARWOOD 5.46m 2014
RELAY	58.89 1997	51.50 2014	48.08 2015	51.41 2000

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Support & Guidance



GENERATION HOPE

Recently I was at a residential weekend for 11-14 year olds in London as part of the youth branch of the charity Hope UK which is an organisation that educates young people on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Some of you might have seen us in Hitchin Town Square when there are events, or you may have seen us at the Health Fair in October where we run stalls. The adults are irrelevant to this piece, because the weekend I was on was for

Generation Hope, which is coincidentally, the aforementioned youth branch. Generation Hope does all the work the adults do, but better. We run detached work on Bankside (outside the Tate Modern), in which we accost members of the public and force them to put on beer goggles and 'walk the line', a game you may have played which is designed to show you how your co-ordination is affected when you're drunk, as well as other drug/alcohol awareness-raising activities. Generation Hope also has created the Youth Council in which we discuss ideas for Generation Hope, and Hope UK. Here in Hitchin we help run stalls at places like Rhythms of the World, not just in the Town Square.

Our lovely youth workers also run sessions for us at things like the residential weekend, in which they teach us life-skills such as how to resist peer pressure, and how to make a good first impression at an interview. We also run sessions for ourselves – at the residential. One of our young people in the 15+ branch, ran one for us, on how to deal with exam stress, and myself and a friend ran one on Body Image and Self Esteem.

Hope UK is also a Christian-based organisation, so we have had sessions on growing in our faith in addition to the others.



If you wish to join or find out more information then go to our new www.genhope.co.uk (you can see pictures, past events and read past reviews), or you can email at: generationhope@hopeuk.org.

by Phoebe Deller, 9GG

Careers & Guidance Information

Are there any parents or carers or family friends who could spare an hour to come in to The Priory School to talk to students about their careers? Or alternatively, attend the Apprenticeship Fair on Wednesday 5th July or the Careers Fair on Wednesday 19th July? If so, please contact Mrs Emler asap at sally.emler@priory.herts.sch.uk

Forthcoming Careers Talks

Journalist - Friday 12th May - lunchtime in the Hall

Neuroscientist - Thursday 18th May - lunchtime in the Hall

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

CHARITY FUNDRAISING UPDATE



Since September there have been some amazing charity events taking place throughout the school. So far we have raised just over £10,800!!! Our target for this academic year was £10,000 so we have already exceeded that! Well done and thank you to those who have been involved, supported and encouraged the students!
Mrs Southall

THE BEST FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL IN NORTH HERTS!

Sunday 21st May 2017

11am—4pm



**WALSWORTH
FESTIVAL**

Walsworth Common & St Faiths Church (1-4pm)

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