

# Priory News



Educating Students for Success in Life

## TERM DATES: ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019

The term dates for the academic year 2018/2019 have been published on The Priory School website and are as follows:



### Autumn Term 2018

Start of Term: For Years 7 & 13 – Tuesday 4th September 2018

Start of Term: For Years 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 – Wednesday 5th September 2018

Term Ends: Friday 21st December 2018 at 12.40pm

Half Term: Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November 2018

Inset Days: Monday 3rd September 2018; Friday 5th October 2018

Occasional Day: Monday 26th November 2018 – School closed

Christmas Holiday: Monday 24th December 2018 to Friday 4th January 2019

### Spring Term 2019

Start of Term: Monday 7th January 2019

Term Ends: Friday 5th April 2019 at 3.30pm

Half Term: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February 2019

Easter Holiday: Monday 8th April – Tuesday 23rd April 2019

### Summer Term 2019

Start of Term: Wednesday 24th April 2019 – School starts for all students

Term Ends: Friday 19th July at 12.40pm

Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019

Inset Day: Tuesday 23rd April 2019

### LUNCH WITH THE HEADTEACHER

Congratulations to Grace Aldridge (7MH) who won the competition for designing The Priory School Christmas card for 2017.

As her reward Grace chose lunch with the Headteacher, which she attended on Monday 22nd January with four friends.



Responsibility

Respect

Resilience

## Dates for Your Diary

**12th to 16th February**

Half Term

**W/c 19th February**

Feeling Good Week

**Monday 19th February**

Post 16 Subject Market Session

**Thursday 22nd February**

- Year 9 Learning Pathways Evening
- District Year 10 Netball & Year 7 Girls' Football Tournaments at Marriotts School
- Youth Speaks Semi-Final at Hitchin Boys' School

**24th to 27th February**

Disneyland Paris (Year 12 & 13 Business & Economics students)

**Monday 26th February**

District Year 9 Netball Tournament at John Henry Newman School

**Tuesday 27th February**

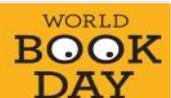
Year 12 Consultation Evening

**Wednesday 28th February**

Post 14 Subject Market Session  
Year 11 Trip to Tate Britain

**Thursday 1st March**

World Book Day



### WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World Book Day there will be cake sales and competitions.

Years 7 to 9 will be able to pay £1 and dress up as their favourite literary character. Plus Readathon will launch, with great prizes for whoever raises the most money!

# Teaching and Learning

## ROTARY YOUTH SPEAKS PUBLIC-SPEAKING COMPETITION: FIRST ROUND



On Monday 22nd January, The Priory School entered four teams in the first round of the Rotary Youth Speaks Public-Speaking Competition:

### Intermediate

- Lola Malone (7KA), Felicia Austin (7KA) and Emily Carpenter (7KA) spoke about university fees.
- Sam Johnson (8CA), Elliot Mainwaring (8HF) and Sky Griffin (8CV) spoke about the dreams of children vs. the dreams of adults.

### Senior

- Sam Grady (10HB), Erin Berry (10AA) and Molly Root (10AA) spoke about the importance and influence of Shakespeare.
- Harry Huckle (11NJ), Ethan Macrae (11CH) and Euan Gilfillan (11TV) spoke about the media's power to ignore.

The Priory School were up against teams from Hitchin Boys' School (HBS) and Fearnhill, so competition was strong, but for the Intermediate level Felicia's team took second place and Elliot's team came first! Then for the Seniors, the sixth form team from HBS came second and Ethan's team took first place! These three teams proceed to the District Semi-Finals: Intermediate teams at Etonbury Academy, Arlesley, on Thursday 8th February and Senior teams at Hitchin Boys' School on Thursday 22nd February.

We are over the moon for the teams. For some of them this was their first time attending this competition, let alone competing, and so they did the school extremely proud with their confidence, eloquence and sheer hard work.

Erin Berry (10AA) commented: "We are all very excited that we had this opportunity and we are proud as a school to have three teams proceed to the next round."

As always, feel free to come and support the students.

Miss Anderson Bonner, English Department



# Teaching and Learning

## YEAR 7 UPDATE

- Congratulations to our three winners so far in the weekly competition for 100% Attendance and Outstanding Behaviour!

Ellie Stallard 7MH  
Teyte Baker 7SF  
Thomas Buck 7KA



- Remember to return your reply slips and money for the Year 7 Disco on Thursday 15th March.
- Please follow the year group on Twitter: @TPS\_ClassOf17

Miss Gresser, Head of Year 7

**Year 7 Disco!**  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Time: 7.00pm- 9.00pm  
Entry fee: £3  
Place: The Priory School Hall  
Refreshments available!!!

A large poster for a Year 7 Disco. The background features silhouettes of people dancing. The text is overlaid in a stylized, glowing font. The title 'Year 7 Disco!' is at the top in large black letters. Below it, the date 'Thursday 15th March', time 'Time: 7.00pm- 9.00pm', entry fee 'Entry fee: £3', location 'Place: The Priory School Hall', and 'Refreshments available!!!' are listed in a red, glowing font.

## THE PRIORY SCHOOL HOSTS RAF ROADSHOW

On Tuesday 6th February, the RAF visited The Priory School and presented their Roadshow to an audience of Year 7 students. The fun presentation informed students of the array of career choices available including scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians. It also included a Jet engine demo! At the close of the presentation several students jumped at the chance to ask questions.



# Teaching and Learning

## INTER-SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY QUIZ

On Tuesday 16th January The Priory School took a group of Year 11 students to represent the school at the North Herts Teaching Alliance Inter-School Geography Quiz.

Other schools at the event included Hitchin Boys' School, Hitchin Girls' School, Knights Templar and Barclay. We submitted two teams made up of four Year 11 GCSE Geography students and they represented the school fantastically, placing 4th and 8th out of 18 overall.

The teams were tested on flags, landmarks, hazards, maps and music, being particularly successful in the flag round.

I would like to thank the students for how they represented us and say well done from the whole Geography Department.

Miss Shields, Geography Department



# THE BIG MATCH



Wednesday 21st March 2018 at Hitchin Town FC 5pm-9pm

Charity Football Match **Hitchin Boys vs. The Priory School**

## TICKET DETAILS TO FOLLOW



5 pm Year 10  
5.30m Year 9  
6pm Year 11  
6.30pm Girls match KS3  
7pm Staff  
7.30pm Year 7  
8pm Year 8  
8.30pm Seniors



# Teaching and Learning

## MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING FAIR

On Wednesday 24th January we held a Mental Health & Wellbeing Fair to promote boys' mental health and wellbeing.

A range of charities, services and agencies attended the event - Samaritans, The OLLIE foundation, the Herts Wellbeing Team, Mind in Herts, CookeryEatery and many more! We even had students leading their own stalls, including a stall on autism, LGBTQ+ & relationships, and sport & fitness.

Students were encouraged to visit the stalls and talk to the people leading them in order to get more information about looking after their wellbeing. The slogan for the fair was "JUST TALK", in order to encourage boys to talk about their concerns and worries. Recently, shocking statistics have been released on mental health in young men; we want to do everything that we can to combat these frightening statistics and encourage boys to open up and talk about their problems.

To see more photos from the event follow me on Twitter @SouthallMrs or #JUSTTALK.

A big thank you to everyone who attended the event and showed their support!.



## FEELING GOOD WEEK

Following on from the success of our Boys' Mental Health Awareness Week, w/c 19th February is 'Feeling Good Week'!

We will be encouraging students and staff to do things that make them feel good – go for a walk, eat your favourite meal, watch your favourite film and most importantly be kind to those around you.

As part of the week, on Tuesday 29th February we will also have an LGBTQ+ exhibition in school during lunch time to promote local LGBTQ+ events.

Watch out for some pictures in our next newsletter!



Mrs Southall, Assistant Headteacher

# Teaching and Learning

## LITERACY QUIZ

The quiz below has been created by Literacy Leader Jessica Halford (8CA).

Ms Farman, English Department

## Literacy Quiz!

### Punctuation Wordsearch

E T Y A R C O M M A B S Q Y S  
M X B R A X X Y Z U P I U N T  
U K C D W Z U G Y E J U E X E  
D N O L O C I M E S U H S D K  
P Z I B A N M C A A P A T A C  
B O F R R M H R D Y Y Z I S A  
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M C J S A A C T W Z E X N A B  
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BRACKETS  
COLON  
COMMA  
DASH  
EXCLAMATIONMARK  
FULLSTOP  
HYPHEN  
QUESTIONMARK  
SEMICOLON  
SPEECHMARKS

### Guess the Zoomed-in Book Cover



### Authors Dingbats



# Sports Results

## BASKETBALL

The Year 10 basketball team had their first game of the season vs Nobel on Monday 22nd January.

Priory showed great team spirit to work hard for each other and play some very good basketball.

The score was tied at 20-20 going into the final seconds of the game, but with 10 seconds left on the clock, Adam Rogers made a jump shot from just inside the 3-point line to make it 22-20 to Priory.

A hard fought win, which they fully deserved!

Mr Omar, PE Department



## CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Molly Deane (8AN) and Jessica Astill (8CA) from Year 8. They competed in the Hertfordshire County Cross Country Championships in St Albans on Saturday 3rd February.



It was a difficult course with testing conditions. Both students performed really well and finished in the following positions:

24th place – Jessica

53rd place – Molly

Helen Foy, PE Department

## FOOTBALL

After a long-awaited fixture against a strong Knights Templar School team, The Priory School's Year 9 boys came out strong within the first half, going 2-0 up at half time courtesy of a penalty from Brave Omondi and a goal from Carlos Acosta Clarke.

Knights Templar School came out fighting after half time to draw a goal back making it 2-1. Then a third goal from Lewis Dugan-Rees sealed the deal confirming another victory for TPS.

If the Year 9 team win their final match on 28th February then they are guaranteed a place in the district final to compete for the trophy.

Mr Jessney, PE Department

## HIP HOP CHAMPIONSHIPS



Congratulations to Millie Warne (9AR), Kaitlin Moore-Haines (8CV) and Adam Rogers (10MC) who have all qualified to represent Team GB at the European Hip Hop Championships later this year.

We are all extremely proud of you. This is an amazing achievement, well done!

Miss Follano, Drama Department and Head of Year 9

## Local News

Dear All

### 240KM IN 24HRS

I am part of a team taking on the challenge of running 240km in 24 hours. It will all take place on a treadmill at Archers Gym, Hitchin. Over the event I will be running over 30km, which will be an extremely difficult task as I've run about three times in the past 12 months!!

All monies raised will go to Phase and the work they do with children and young people in building their wellbeing and resilience, navigating the challenges of teenage life and supporting those that are struggling with issues such as self-harm and anxiety.

Phase are looking to develop work with children in Year 5 (aged 9 to 10) helping them gain the knowledge, understanding and emotional tools to better equip them for life ahead. Sadly many issues for young people begin around the age of 10 to 11, therefore starting positive prevention before that age will help many to have the capacity to cope with the teenage years.

Any support you can give will help make this work a reality.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/240in241>

Regards

Kieran

[kieran.murphy@phase-hitchin.org](mailto:kieran.murphy@phase-hitchin.org)

[www.phase-hitchin.org](http://www.phase-hitchin.org)



## Do you drink Tassimo coffee? Recycle your pods that help Hitchin's young people

Our Lady's Church is collecting used Tassimo pods and donating money to Phase in return!

**Recycle your Tassimo pods at:  
16 Nightingale Road, Hitchin**



Follow us on social media!  
@PhaseHitchin



# Local Events



**THE EDSV ACADEMY**



Levels 1 2 3

Duration: One to four years  
Campus: St Albans Campus

WORK HARD IN SILENCE - LET YOUR SUCCESS MAKE THE NOISE

PERFORMANCE BASED ACADEMY FOR BOTH MALE AND FEMALE FOOTBALLERS

**2016/17 SEASON:**  
ECFA LADIES CHAMPIONS  
MEN'S NATIONAL FINALISTS

**ACADEMIC OPTIONS**  
If Oaklands College offer it, we'll try to support it.  
Our aim is to assist you the best we can to reach the career of your choice, therefore, all applications are dealt with on an individual basis.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**  
**FOR ACADEMICS:** Requirements will relate to which course you wish to study. Exact details can be found on the course page within this prospectus.  
**FOR FOOTBALL:** We prefer you to have played at a minimum of County standard, or had experience with professional clubs; however, a trial process will determine selection.

**TRAINING PRINCIPLES**

- Qualified Physiotherapists present at ALL training sessions & games.
- GPS Tracking Data.
- Recorded Home Games.
- Video Analysis Sessions.
- Strength & Conditioning sessions.
- Coached by ex-Premier League Professionals & Professional Academy Coaches.

**SUCCESS STORIES**  
We have had the privilege of many successes; however here are just a few.

**ACADEMIC**

- High success rate for academic achievement.
- Student of the Year winners for the previous three years.

**INDIVIDUAL**

- Beth Lumsden - Arsenal FC.
- Nick Thompson - Stevenage Boro FC.

**TEAM**

- 7 League titles in 5 years.

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**MORE INFORMATION**





Holiday cookery camp for boys & girls aged 4-11 featuring unique food adventures each day!

February Half Term camp in HITCHIN  
February 12-14 2018  
Monday - Wednesday | 9am - 5pm

Kitchen skills \* Science experiments \* Ingredient talks  
Seasonal decoration \* Visitors & trips \* Planting & growing  
Food art \* Flavour mixing \* Star bakes \* Lots of tasting!

**Please DON'T pack a lunch (or tea) - all meals included!**

**Going Bananas!**

- **Food Focus** - Bananas in sweet & savoury recipes | Wholefood fuel for growing bodies | Winter warmers and one-pot cooking | Spice of life: how spices flavour our favourite foods
- **Tackle it** - Disposable food & drink packaging | Getting enough of our 5-a-day | Snacks & snacking



**£40**  
per cook  
per day

Get in touch to book your child's place:  
[www.cookeryeatery.co.uk](http://www.cookeryeatery.co.uk)  
info@cookeryeatery.co.uk  
07795 627 482



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per day

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07795 627 482



School funding may be available. However, prior agreement must be obtained from the school.

# GCSE English Revision workshops for your child

Subject	Date	Timings	Venue	Cost
AQA GCSE English Literature Paper 1: Macbeth	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February, 2018	9:00am – 12:00pm	Samuel Ryder	£45
AQA GCSE English Literature Paper 1: Romeo and Juliet	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February, 2018	1:00pm – 4:00pm	Samuel Ryder	£45
AQA GCSE English Literature Paper 1: Jekyll and Hyde	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February, 2018	9:00am – 12:00pm	Samuel Ryder	£45
AQA GCSE English Literature Paper 1: A Christmas Carol	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February, 2018	1:00pm – 4:00pm	Samuel Ryder	£45
AQA GCSE English Literature Paper 2: Cluster 1 – Love & Relationships	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2018	9:00am – 12:00pm	Samuel Ryder	£45
AQA GCSE English Literature Paper 2: Cluster 2 – Conflict	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2018	1:00pm – 4:00pm	Samuel Ryder	£45
AQA GCSE English Language Paper 1	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018	9:00am – 12:00pm	Samuel Ryder	£45
AQA GCSE English Language Paper 2	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018	9:00am – 12:00pm	Samuel Ryder	£45
AQA GCSE English Language Papers 1 & 2	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	9:30am – 2:30pm	Stevenage HDC	£85
AQA GCSE English Literature Papers 1 & 2	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018	9:30am – 2:30pm	Stevenage HDC	£85
AQA GCSE English Language Papers 1 & 2	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018	9:30am – 2:30pm	Townsend School, St Albans	£85
AQA GCSE English Literature Papers 1 & 2	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018	9:30am – 2:30pm	Townsend School, St Albans	£85

If you require additional information regarding these workshops, please contact: [anne.coad@hertsforlearning.co.uk](mailto:anne.coad@hertsforlearning.co.uk) or telephone: **01438 844882**

To book please visit: [hertsforlearning.co.uk/training-and-events/training-courses](http://hertsforlearning.co.uk/training-and-events/training-courses)



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# Local Events

During February half term, Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club will be holding full and half day tennis camps each day.

This is open to members and non-members alike and is suitable for children aged 5 - 15 with all abilities of tennis.

There are options of Breakfast and Late Stay which offer multi-sport activities for those who like to try a variety of sports.



**FEBRUARY HALF TERM  
TENNIS CAMPS**  
MONDAY 12TH - FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

**ALL INDOORS!**

**Full day & half day options!**

[WWW.LSTC.ORG.UK](http://WWW.LSTC.ORG.UK)  
**01462 675444**

**Letchworth**  
Sports and Tennis Club

**9.00 - 16.00** (breakfast 8.00 - 9.00 / late stay 16.00 - 18.00)



**THE ARENA** **North Herts' Football Facility**  
In conjunction with Hitchin Town Football Club

**February Half-Term  
Football Fun**

5-14 yr old boys & girls

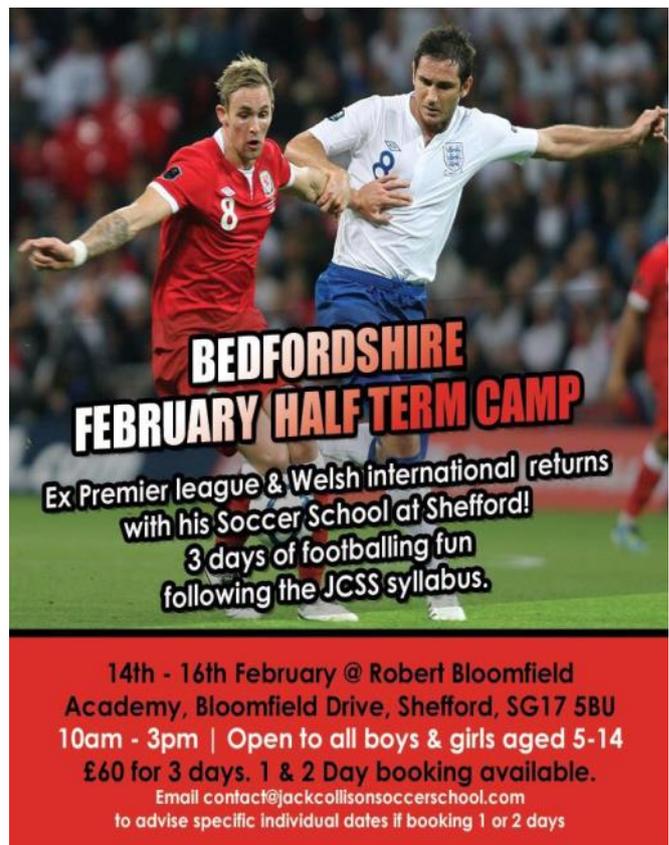
**13th - 15th Feb 2018**  
**9.30am-3.30pm**

**Earlybird Offer\***  
**£15 per day /**  
**£40 all 3 days**

To book, please download a form from our website & return with your payment to us at the address below.

\*EARLY BIRD OFFER APPLIES TO PAYMENTS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE 7TH FEBRUARY 2018.  
PRICES AFTER THIS DATE ARE £20 PER DAY / £55 ALL 3 DAYS

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[www.northhertsarena.co.uk](http://www.northhertsarena.co.uk)  
The Arena, Norton Road, Baldock, SG7 5AU



**BEDFORDSHIRE  
FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMP**

Ex Premier league & Welsh international returns with his Soccer School at Shefford!  
3 days of footballing fun following the JCSS syllabus.

14th - 16th February @ Robert Bloomfield Academy, Bloomfield Drive, Shefford, SG17 5BU  
10am - 3pm | Open to all boys & girls aged 5-14  
£60 for 3 days. 1 & 2 Day booking available.  
Email [contact@jackcollisonsoccerschool.com](mailto:contact@jackcollisonsoccerschool.com)  
to advise specific individual dates if booking 1 or 2 days

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# Local Events



## HITCHIN

TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB



### FARNBOROUGH

» SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 3PM - ELSP

### CHESHAM UTD

» MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 7.45PM - ELSP

### GOSPORT BORO

» SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 3PM - ELSP

### SLOUGH TOWN

» MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 7.45PM - ELSP

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## HITCHIN

TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB



# QUIZ NIGHT

## 7.30pm Friday 23rd February

**£5 a head** (includes refreshments)  
**max 6 per team**

Funds raised towards Top Field regeneration

REGISTER YOUR TEAMS ASAP WITH KATE DELLER,  
MICK DOCKING, ROY IZZARD OR PETER ELSE

# 07954 376132

# 07966 366664

# Pinoocchio

A Pantomime by  
Dawn Cairns  
at  
St. Faith's Church  
Woolgrove Road,  
Walsworth, Hitchin  
on  
**Friday 16th February  
7 pm**  
**Saturday 17th February  
3 pm and 7 pm**

More details and Tickets  
Adults £7  
£4 Under 12 years  
from Box Office  
01462 451015

