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HEADTEACHER COMMENDATIONS (HTCs)



On Friday 17th January, Year 9 student Alex Reed and Year 10 student Alice Blackford were presented with bronze badges for their third HTC nomination, and Year 9 student George Cook was presented with a red badge for his first nomination. All three nominations came as a result of their achievements at the UK Mathematics Trust Junior/Intermediate Kangaroo. Well done everyone!

APPRENTICESHIP FAIR: 11TH MARCH

TPS is hosting an Apprenticeship Fair on the evening of 11th March. If any companies or training providers would be interested in having a stall at the event, please send an email to: Sally.Emler@priory.herts.sch.uk.

EXAM INVIGILATORS REQUIRED

We are currently recruiting exam invigilators, with a required start date of May 2020. Previous experience is not necessary as full training will be given, but we do require flexibility to work either mornings and/or afternoons. You will be required to start at 8.30am for morning sessions and 1pm for the afternoon sessions.

For further information please contact the Examination Manager Janine Cane on 01462 416974 or email: emma.shipp@priory.herts.sch.uk.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 20th January

- Lunchtime KS3 Spelling Bee qualifiers, Hall
- Ski lessons ahead of Ski Trip, Snow Centre, Hemel Hempstead

Tuesday 21st January

- GCSE Art exam visit to Tate Modern
- 2.45pm Year 8 Football v John Henry Newman (H)

Wednesday 22nd January

- Lunchtime KS3 Times Tables Bee qualifiers, Hall
- Year 9 Basketball v Thomas Alleyne (H)
- Senior Netball v St Christopher & Princess Helena (H)

Thursday 23rd January

- 3.30-4.45pm Secondhand uniform sale, Reception
- KS3 Spelling Bee & Times Tables Bee Finals Day, Hall
- 3.30-5.15pm Year 7 Netball Tournament (H)
- 4.30-7.30pm Year 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 24th January

- 3.30-4.45pm Secondhand uniform sale, Reception

Tuesday 28th January

- Morocco 2021 Launch Meeting, Hall: students 3.30-5pm; parents/carers 5-5.30pm
- Year 7 Basketball v King James (A)

Wednesday 29th January

- 2pm U13 Girls County Cup Semi Final v Parmiters (A)

Thursday 30th January

- 3.30-5.30pm Year 8 Netball, John Henry Newman
- 6-9pm Swimming gala, Hitchin Swimming Pool

Friday 31st January

- Learning Pathways booklets home to Year 9

Saturday 1st February

- 8.30am-1pm County Cross Country, Westminster Lodge, St Albans

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A MESSAGE FROM MURAL ARTIST AND ILLUSTRATOR CLARA NICOLL

Hi, my name is Clara Nicoll and I am a mural artist and illustrator.

All the staff and students were lovely to me during my week at The Priory School, thank you for all the lovely compliments! A few asked questions (thank you again), but for those who have questions but didn't ask, here is a bit of information about my work.

I was commissioned to paint a mural in the dining room and felt that something that encouraged thought and debate would be of interest to the school. We talked about democracy and what democracy could mean to the individual, and came up with the key words **Equality, Justice** and **Diversity**. My brief was to come up with an image that compassed those words.

The school and I decided on the following images in the mural: a diverse range of students; the Houses of Parliament; a parliament of rooks; the scales of justice; and the LGBTQ flag. This was painted in the style of Russian propaganda posters from World War 2 to create a striking painting that could be seen from the far end of the dining room. The colour scheme of this kind of art also fits in well with red, black and silver.

I put together a draft drawing, which was amended until we got the image just right. I then asked people I knew to pose so that I could make up a portfolio. I made a jpeg of my work and projected it on to the wall so I could get the composition just right and then handpainted it on. Once the mural is finished I will apply a hard-wearing varnish to protect the image.

If you would like to share the mural on social media, please do and tag @claranicoll on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AT TPS

The Priory School Eco Committee have now created an action plan as part of the application for the Eco Schools Bronze Award:

1. Turning Lights Off

Students will be designing a sticker/sign to be placed by the doors of classrooms to remind people leaving to turn off the lights.

Students will be designated as 'light monitors' to turn off lights in classrooms that are not being used.

2. Litter picks

Once every two weeks Mr Rainforth will take a group of students out to conduct litter picks around the school site.

Initially this will be for the Eco Group, but over time this will be opened up to the wider school community to get involved with.

3. Single Use Plastics

Removal of polystyrene and plastic cups from staff meetings and encouraging staff and students to bring their own reusable water bottles to school.

As part of this initiative, we have partnered up with a local charity called Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) to help reduce our plastic consumption in school.

More to follow over this term so watch this space...

BEFORE & AFTER SHOTS

TPS Site Improvements: Spring Term 2020: Side Gate



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DID YOU KNOW?

Does Your Child Have a Job?

If your child has a job it is important you are aware of the laws surrounding this and the number of hours they are legally allowed to work. We must all also be aware of the impact of employment on school work.

Here are some of the laws relating to this:

This guide will give parents more information about the work their child is able to do whilst in compulsory education. It also provides information as to the responsibilities of the employer.	
No child under the age of 13 years of age may be employed. No child of school age can be employed before 7am or after 7pm at any time (even during the school holidays).	
On schooldays	any child may only work 2 hours a day. 1 hour may be before school and 1 after school, or 2 hours after school may be worked.
Sundays	a child of school age may only work 2 hours on any Sunday and then only between 7am-7pm
Aged 13-14 Years	Saturdays 5 hours a day (maximum 12 hours in any week) School Holidays 5 hours a day (maximum 25 hours in any week)
Aged 15-16 Years	A child remains subject to these regulations until the end of June, even if they become 16 years old in that school year. Saturdays 8 hours a day (maximum 12 hours in any week) School Holidays 8 hours a day (maximum 35 hours in any week)
Every child must have two consecutive weeks away from work during the school holidays each year.	

Parents may be fined up to £1,000 if they are found not to be complying with these regulations.

There are also laws about the type of work children of different ages are permitted to do. Further information can be found here: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/young-people-and-work/apply-for-a-childs-work-permit/apply-for-a-childs-work-permit.aspx>

ONLINE SAFETY

Our Computing department recently conducted a survey of 500 students around online activity and the results are as follows:

- 65% spend over 3 hours on their device a day
- Only 18% said that they think their parents know *everything* they're doing online
- 55% of parents don't have any rules about using the internet at home
- 52% said they rarely or never speak to their parents about the Internet
- 40% have a public social media account that anyone can see and follow
- 38% have live streamed themselves on the internet
- 67% keep their smartphone by their bed at night – and 70% of these admit to regularly looking at their phone after they should have gone to sleep
- Only 20% are using the Apple & Google apps to control screen time & digital wellbeing
- 25% (125 students) agree or strongly agree their smartphone has a negative impact on their health and wellbeing
- 40% of students have sent a message to someone and regretted sending it
- 30% have followed inappropriate accounts for their age on social media

As the use of the internet, social media, email and mobile technologies are becoming increasingly important in the lives of our children, we would like to invite you and your child to an Online Safety evening on Tuesday 4th February at 6.30pm. There have been many stories in the news recently about school children contacting strangers online, cyberbullying, and addiction to devices, and we would like to support you in protecting your child.

There will be practical techniques that you can use to support your child in staying safe as well as an insight into hot topics such as live streaming and ever evolving social media platforms. Places can be booked by using The Priory School parents' evening booking system: <https://thepriory.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>.

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TPS FUNDRAISING AND CHARITY WORK

Welcome back everyone and we hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday.

Our work with Humanitas is continuing to flourish and there have been continued events running over the past half term.

A massive thank you to those students who put themselves forward to create the three videos below for Humanitas. We look forward to receiving the videos back from our partner school in Ayensuako very soon. These will be shared via the Daily Bulletin.

November	Reader Leader – video of older students reading with younger students
December	Video Christmas message from students
January	Tour of the school

A massive thank you to Year 13 BTEC students who chose Humanitas as their charity for their assignment. In total, they raised £270 from a staff charity football match, bake sale and quiz night.

On Open Evening, we had a Humanitas stand. A massive thank you to charity rep Isaac for helping out on the night and talking to parents about the work that we do to support Humanitas.

On the final day of the Autumn term, we also held the annual KS3 Christmas Extravaganza run by students from Year 7 to Year 9. A collection of stalls were set up in the sports hall where students could try to win a variety of prizes. Mr Freeland held his annual Christmas quiz in the gym which was another roaring success! A huge thank you to all of the students who volunteered for this and to form tutors for helping to orchestrate it. All proceeds went to support Humanitas.

In total, for the whole of the term, we (as a school) raised over £1,000 to support Humanitas and the work they are doing in Ghana to promote equality and education. Well done to everyone and anyone who has participated in an event or helped organise something.



Changes to Fundraising in School

If you wish to run/organise a charity event, you need to come and see Mr Rainforth to get a form to fill in to have your event authorised first. Alternatively you can email him to receive a form.

The rationale for this is:

- To standardise the charity process in school
- To ensure that we do not have multiple events running at the same time
- To monitor more closely what events are being run across school

This will include fundraising of any description including raising money for World Challenge, prom or individual charities.

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LOCAL AUTHOR MATT ADCOCK VISITS TPS



On Wednesday 8th January, local author Matt Adcock was invited into The Priory School to meet 'Students of Darkness'. In preparation for World Book Day 2020 (March the 5th), a group of budding authors and illustrators are working on an ambitious, student-led project that will see them publish an anthology of short stories on the theme of 'Darkness and Dystopia' which is also the working title.

The aspiring writers, from Year 7 to 13, have been hard at work creating dark tales and encouraging each other, collaborating through the Google Classroom platform. They are working on all stages of the process, including designing the cover page, editing and marketing of the book. All proceeds from the anthology will go towards buying more books for the school library, fuelling the desire for more diverse and interesting fiction.

The project is being overseen by Mr Mayers, a Lead Practitioner of Media and Computing, who is also a children's author. He helped publish Matt Adcock's debut novel: Complete Darkness, which was released in October 2019 and has topped several Amazon bestsellers charts since. Mr Mayers said, "I invited Matt in to speak to the students because they demonstrated a real interest in stories based around the theme of crime, horror, and darkness. It's pleasing to see so much talent in the school, I thought 'what better way to enhance students' love of reading than to encourage them to publish their own work to a global audience'. I just didn't expect them to lean so heavily into the dark side, so it was only natural that Matt, whose book is set in a dystopian London hellscape, would be a good person to take notes from and inspire their writing..."

The author Q&A session allowed the young people to ask questions about writing fiction, discuss their own ideas, learn about the creative process and get some writing tips and insight from Matt, who talked about the inspiration behind his book. Matt said, "Having read through the various work-in-progress stories I was really impressed with the creativity, energy and writing skill that the young people have shown. This book project is going to be an awesome achievement and a great way to showcase new young writing talent. I had a lot of fun talking to the students who have some really nicely scary ideas – they chose the theme of Darkness & Dystopia and are really delivering with dark near-future tales. The short stories include tales of mind control, robotic enforcement, assorted killers and even guilt and punishment – my personal pick is the baddie who turns children into jumpers! It's wonderfully grim stuff and I'll certainly be getting a copy on World Book Day. I think we can all look forward to seeing where this writing journey takes them."

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YOUTH SPEAKS: ROUND 1

On Monday 13th January we had the first round of Youth Speaks, a debating competition organised by the Rotary club. We entered an Intermediate team (made up of Tilly Keegan 8SR, Ruby Deane 8SO and Erin Burke 7OB) who debated the issue of assisted suicide, and a Senior team (made up of Alice Blackford 10CA, Sam Johnson 10CA and Elliot Mainwaring 10HF) who spoke about life sentences – very happy topics, I'm sure you can agree!

Both teams had worked together in and out of school to prepare for this competition and knew their topics extremely well. On the night, they were up against tough competition from HBS, Fearnhill and Princess Helena College, but both our teams spoke with clarity, confidence and passion – they did TPS very proud indeed.

Unfortunately the Intermediate team didn't go through, but considering it was their first time at the competition they did amazingly well. The Seniors on the other hand came first, beating Princess Helena College, and they go through to the next round next month.

Congratulations to both teams!



ESFA GIRLS UNDER 13 PLAYSTATION 9-A-SIDE SCHOOLS CUP: ROUND 5

On Monday 13th January the U13 girls football team travelled to Bromley in Kent for the Round 5 of the ESFA national cup to play Hayes School.

On a very muddy pitch and in windy conditions, the girls put in a fantastic first half performance to lead 3-0 at half time, with goals from Ruby Seaby (2) and Daisy Morris.

We continued to create chances in the second half, coming close on many occasions. Leah Robinson put in an excellent second half performance in goal to keep the hosts from scoring. Despite this we conceded two goals bringing the score to 3-2 with 10 minutes to go. Both teams continued to attack, but our resilience showed through with an excellent defensive performance in the last 10 minutes to run out 3-2 winners.

The girls will go on to play either Southend High School for Girls or Blenheim High School in Round 6. Date tba.

Well done to Leah, Cerys, Meeley, Hattie, Maddy, Ruby, Harrie, Daisy, Annalise, Lily and Olivia.



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EXTRA CURRICULAR PE CLUBS

	LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	GCSE Badminton SO Just Dance HF	Meetings for Staff
TUESDAY	Year 7 and 8 Basketball NJ/CO Spikeball SH OCR Sport Science/Studies Revision & Coursework	Netball- MUGA SO/HF Climbing SH/RF
WEDNESDAY	Year 9 and 10 Basketball BC/CO/NJ	Badminton All Years SO Year 7 and 8 Rugby Club Hitchin RFC Year 7 and 8 Hockey Club CO
THURSDAY	Year 7 and 8 Badminton SO Year 7 and 8 Dodgeball HF	Boys Football BC/CO/NJ Girls Football JM Netball Fixtures

TPS CLUBS/ACTIVITIES SPRING TERM 2020

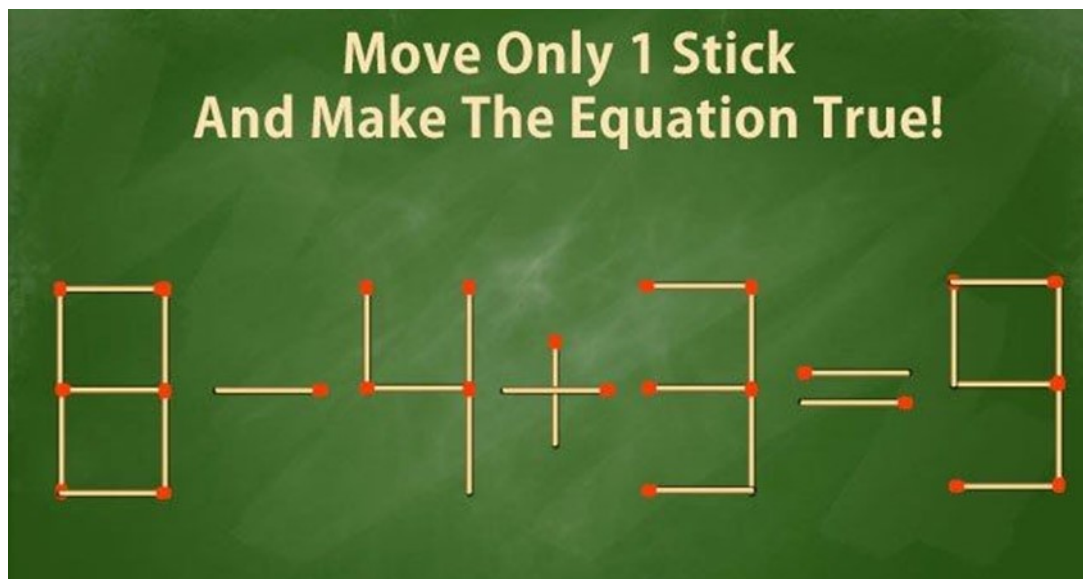
Details of every lunchtime and after school club/activity available to TPS students can be found in the Curriculum section of our website:

<http://www.priory.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/OSHO-Spring-2020.pdf>

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NUMERACY PUZZLE

Can you solve this puzzle?



Please send answers to 13tantony@students.priory.herts.sch.uk stating your full name and form group.

All correct solutions will receive an R1!

Any 16+ year olds looking for a Saturday job?

- Exciting opportunity to work as a Saturday assistant for a company in Hitchin.
- Opportunity to work extra hours during the summer
- Ideal for anyone looking to go into business or just interested in how a business is run.
- Start date – April/May 2020.
- Must be at least 16, responsible and professional – you will be interacting with customers.

If you're interested or want more info, speak to **Aoife** in sixth form or email –
13abrooks@students.priory.herts.sch.uk

Local Events/News



GCSE Mathematics and AQA English 2020 revision workshops

Purposeful revision in a supportive environment

Designed to motivate and challenge students in an engaging, focused and active learning environment, our revision workshops are led by subject experts with a wealth of experience in providing additional support



Half-day workshops £45.00 and full-day workshops £90.00 incl. VAT

Taught in groups of up to 30 students by two subject specialists, these tried and tested revision workshops will:

- boost your child's confidence and enable them to feel 'exam ready'
- provide each student with exam strategies and revision techniques to help them succeed
- share high quality examination responses to support their own learning
- give your child the opportunity to complete a range of revision activities, addressing the skills needed with immediate feedback
- provide high quality resources to take away to support their independent revision

Parents and schools can book places through the **HfL CPD Hub** at cpd.hertsforlearning.co.uk
For more information regarding these workshops, please contact: training@hertsforlearning.co.uk or call **01438 845111**

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2020 GCSE Mathematics and English Revision workshops for your child

Saturday workshop sessions at The Samuel Ryder Academy, St. Albans

GCSE Mathematics - Foundation Tier: Number Course code: MAT/20/41/S	18th January, 9.30am-12.30pm
GCSE Mathematics - Higher Tier: Number Course code: MAT/20/165/S	18th January, 1.00pm-4.00pm
AQA GCSE English Literature: A Christmas Carol Course code: ENG/20/50/S	29th January, 9.30am-12.30pm
AQA GCSE English Literature: An Inspector Calls Course code: ENG/20/51/S	29th January, 1.00pm-4.00pm
GCSE Mathematics - Foundation Tier: Algebra Course code: MAT/20/42/S	1st February, 9.30am-12.30pm
GCSE Mathematics - Higher Tier: Algebra Course code: MAT/20/43/S	1st February, 1.00pm-4.00pm
AQA GCSE English Literature: Macbeth Course code: ENG/20/52/S	8th February, 9.30am-12.30pm
AQA GCSE English Literature: Romeo and Juliet Course code: ENG/20/53/S	8th February, 1.00pm-4.00pm
GCSE Mathematics - Foundation Tier: Ratio & Proportion Course code: MAT/20/44/S	19th February, 9.30am-12.30pm
GCSE Mathematics - Higher Tier: Ratio & Proportion Course code: MAT/20/45/S	19th February, 1.00pm-4.00pm
AQA GCSE English Literature: Poetry: Power and Conflict Course code: ENG/20/54/S	29th February, 9.30am-12.30pm
AQA GCSE English Literature: Poetry: Love and Relationships Course code: ENG/20/55/S	29th February, 1.00pm-4.00pm
GCSE Mathematics - Foundation Tier: Geometry and Measures Course code: MAT/20/46/S	7th March, 9.30am-12.30pm
GCSE Mathematics - Higher Tier: Geometry and Measures Course code: MAT/20/47/S	7th March, 1.00pm-4.00pm
AQA GCSE English Language: Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing Course code: ENG/20/56/S	14th March, 9.30am-12.30pm
AQA GCSE English Literature: Unseen Poetry Course code: ENG/20/57/S	14th March, 1.00pm-4.00pm
GCSE Mathematics - Foundation Tier: Fractions, Probability and Statistics Course code: MAT/20/48/S	21st March, 9.30am-12.30pm
GCSE Mathematics - Higher Tier: Graphs, Probability and Statistics Course code: MAT/20/49/S	21st March, 1.00pm-4.00pm
AQA GCSE English Language: Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives Course code: ENG/20/58/S	28th March, 9.30am-12.30pm

3 hour session £45*

Easter Holiday English sessions at Townsend School, St. Albans

AQA GCSE English Language Papers 1 and 2 Course code: ENG/20/59/S £90*	Monday 6th April, 9.30am-3.30pm
AQA GCSE English Literature Paper 1 Focusing on: Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet; A Christmas Carol and Jekyll and Hyde Course code: ENG/20/60/S £60*	Tuesday 7th April, 10.00am-2.30pm
AQA GCSE English Literature Paper 2 Focusing on: An Inspector Calls; Love and Relationships Poetry, Power and Conflict Poetry and Unseen Poetry Course code: ENG/20/61/S £60*	Wednesday 8th April, 10.00am-2.30pm

Pre-examination GCSE Mathematics sessions at The Samuel Ryder Academy, St. Albans

Student Revision morning 1 Paper 1 preparation Course code: MAT/20/38/S	Saturday 16th May, 9.30am-12.00pm
Student Revision morning 2 Paper 2 preparation Course code: MAT/20/39/S	Saturday 30th May, 9.30am-12.00pm
Student Revision morning 3 Paper 3 preparation Course code: MAT/20/40/S	Saturday 6th June, 9.30am-12.00pm

£37.50* per session or book all 3 for £85*

Parents and schools can book places through the **HfL CPD Hub** at cpd.hertsforlearning.co.uk
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*All prices quoted are inclusive of VAT



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Open Events
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Choose your course and campus...

St Albans Campus

Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL4 0XR

Open Evening Tues 4th February

5-8pm

Welwyn Garden City

The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6AH

Open Evening Wed 5th February

5-8pm

- Adult Short Courses
- A Levels
- Agriculture
- Animal Management
- Apprenticeships
- Art, Fashion & Design
- Brickwork & Construction Trades
- Business
- Carpentry
- Computing & Technology
- EFL / ESOL
- Electrical Installation
- Equine Studies
- Higher Education
- Hospitality & Catering
- Horticulture
- Motor Vehicle
- Plumbing
- Public Services
- Sports Studies & Academies
- Supportive Learning

- Access to Higher Education
- Apprenticeships
- Applied Science
- Business
- Childcare
- Computing & Technology
- Construction & Civil Engineering
- Engineering
- Hair & Beauty
- Health & Social Care
- Higher Education
- Media
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Supportive Learning
- Travel & Tourism

Dates for your diary...
St Albans Campus

Open Evenings

Wed 29th April 5-7pm
Thurs 18th June 5-7pm

Dates for your diary...
Welwyn Garden City

Open Evenings

Tues 28th April 5-7pm
Thurs 18th June 5-7pm

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