

# PrioryNews

Educating Students for Success in Life

## TPS AWARDED GRANT FROM EDUFUND UK

The Priory School would like to thank EduFund UK for their kind donation of £10,000 for the long jump pit.



## ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AT TPS

As part of a strive to be more environmentally aware, sustainable and reduce our environmental impact, we are starting an eco-committee made up of staff and students.

This is very much in the embryonic stages. However, our first meeting on Wednesday 22nd May has generated a group with a clear passion for making a positive difference.

Our aim is to achieve Eco-Award status and as part of that to drive forward changes that will have a positive impact on the local environment as well as the wider environment.

## PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Our next Parent Information Evening is on Tuesday 11th June 2019 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm: 'Developing Resilience to Support'. The session will be delivered by Kieran Murphy from Phase and will cover:

- Why building resilience is important for good mental health
- How we can do this at home together
- Top tips to move forward

If you wish to attend this session, please book online using the following link: <https://thepriory.parenteveningsystem.co.uk>.

## Dates for Your Diary: June

### Monday 3rd June

7pm Year 12 Post 18 Pathways Information Evening, Main Hall

### Wednesday 5th June

- Car Designing Workshop (selected Year 8 & Year 9 students), PE Classroom  
- 6-7pm Parent Information Evening: Washington Trip, Main Hall

### Friday 7th June

- Student Service Uniform Day  
- Year 12 Post 18 Pathways Student Conference  
- Periods 4 & 5: Year 10 Reward: Film Afternoon  
- 3.30pm Year 12 Study Leave Begins

### Tuesday 11th June

6.30-7.30pm Parent Information Evening: 'Developing Resilience to Support', Main Hall

### Friday 14th to Wednesday 19th June

DofE Gold and Silver Qualifier, Lake District

### Wednesday 19th June

- 6.30-8.30pm KS3 Arts Celebration, Main Hall  
- Year 10 Fun Chinese Kitchen Workshop

### Thursday 20th June

- Year 10 Hunstanton Fieldwork Visit  
- 7-9pm Sports Awards Evening, Main Hall

### Friday 21st June

North Herts College Taster Days at TPS

### Monday 24th June

- Year 9 Enterprise Day: Sci Hi, Main Hall  
- Charity Week 3 starts

### Wednesday 26th June

Year 11 Prom

### Thursday 27th June

- Year 12 lessons recommence  
- World Challenge Build-Up Day  
- 7-8pm Celebration Evening, Town Hall

### Friday 28th June

- Non-Uniform Day  
- World Challenge Mongolia Trip leaves  
- Year 9 Rewards Trip  
- Cooking and Gardening Club Celebration

### Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th June

DofE Bronze, Dunstable Downs

## SPORTS FIXTURES

See page 7 for a complete list of sports fixtures for June.

# Teaching and Learning

## HEADTEACHER COMMENDATION AWARDS

### Red Badges

**For their success at the District Cricket Competition and qualifying for the county finals:**

Uju Okenwa 7SO

Abbie Thomas 7KL

Meely Maxwell 7KL

Matilda Deards 7NJ

Aaliyah Orobosa-Ogbeide 7NJ

Maddie Woodcock 7SR

**For being part of the team that won the District Football Championships:**

Leah Robinson 7KL

Annalise Chitre Jeffs 7KL

**For becoming a published author twice at the age of 12:**

Shreeya Radia 8RF

**For outstanding work in English:**

Dominic Band 9CA

George Gallon 9CA

**For being part of the Robot Rumble team:**

Sam Bevan 9CA

Bilal Samsudeen 9RO

### Bronze Badges

**For being a fantastic representative of The Priory School at an external event held at the school teaching young people from across Herts to do magic:**

Max Carroll 10BC

**For success at the District Cricket Competition and qualifying for the county finals:**

Ruby Seaby 7RC

**For being part of the team that won the District Football Tournament:**

Daisy Morris 7NS





# Teaching and Learning

## TPS FUNDRAISING NEWS

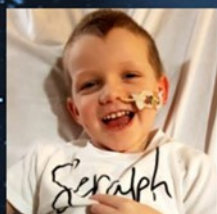
### SUPER SERAPH FUNDRAISING

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the Non-Uniform Day on 3rd May and an even bigger thank you to those of you who donned superhero outfits! Great fun was had throughout the day and in total we managed to raise £1,300.

## TPS Superhero Day!



**#PrioryProud**



## WE MADE IT !!!!

We are pleased to announce that the fundraiser we have been raising money for in school and outside of school have reached their target of £237,000 which means Seraph is able to have and afford the treatment he needs in America!

**£242,526** donated of £237,000 goal



# Teaching and Learning

## FEED UP, WARM UP

We are at it again! A number of KS5 students (as well as teachers) will be doing a 5km fun run on 26th May for the charity 'Feed Up Warm Up', which is a local homeless charity doing some amazing things for local people who find themselves in an unfortunate situation. They are currently trying to raise £5,000 for a van that means they will be able to reach out to more people around the town. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

[justgiving.com/crowdfunding/feedup](https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/feedup)



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## NEWS FROM OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The Outdoor Education department at The Priory School has been celebrating the news that our DofE completion rate has reached 119%, putting us first in North Herts and third in the entire UK! This very welcome news has spurred us on as we enter this year's expedition season.

So far we have had two hugely successful trips go out — a Silver/Gold practice to the Peak District and the Bronze practice to Henlow. The students on each trip have again surpassed all expectations with their positivity and resilience, even when faced with torrential downpours and thick fog. We are also facing the final preparations for the World Challenge expeditions to Mongolia and Morocco this summer. The Mongolia team should be receiving their visas shortly, whilst both teams have now had their projects confirmed and the final itineraries are live on myworldchallenge. Here's looking forward to the Gold/Silver Qualifier in the Lake District and the Bronze Qualifier at Hudnall Park!





# Raising Aspirations

## VISIT TO CHILLI B'S, HITCHIN

The winning teams from the Year 7 Enterprise Day visited Chilli B's on Bucklersbury in Hitchin on Wednesday 8th May to try their sandwich creations: Beefhemian Wrapsody and Mamma Mia Melt. The verdict was that they were both amazing! Thank you to Chilli B's for giving our students this amazing experience and to E.L.S.A. Education for organising the event.



### OPEN EVENTS

Come along to one of our open events at our Hitchin, Stevenage and Engineering & Construction Campuses.

Thursday 16th May 2019 | 5pm – 7.30pm

Saturday 22nd June 2019 | 10am – 1pm



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Everything we do is about getting our students where they want to be in life. The courses at **North Hertfordshire College** are designed to prepare them for their next step – whether that's university, an apprenticeship or a career.

We understand what employers are looking for from young people and our courses provide our students with the skills and knowledge that any future employer will require.

### OUR COURSES

#### HITCHIN CAMPUS

Cambridge Road, Hitchin, SG4 0JD

- Business
- Catering
- Creative & performing arts
- Hairdressing & beauty therapy
- Public services
- Sport & fitness
- Tourism & events

#### STEVENAGE CAMPUS

Monkswood Way, Stevenage, SG1 1LA

- Childcare
- Health & social care
- IT & computing
- Science
- Higher education, Access to higher education
- Supported studies
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships

#### ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CAMPUS

Fulton Close, Stevenage, SG1 2AF

- Construction
- Engineering
- Motor vehicle
- Apprenticeships

For more information on our courses visit [www.nhc.ac.uk/courses/](http://www.nhc.ac.uk/courses/)

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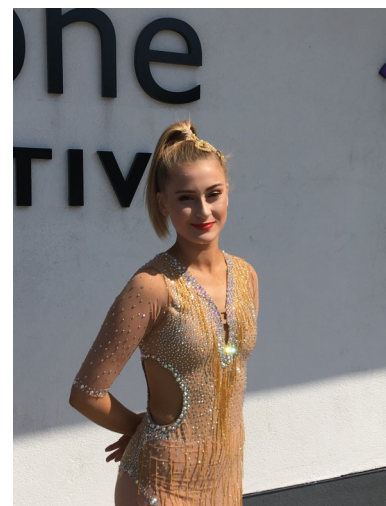
# Sports News

## BBTSA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Mila Crook in Year 12 for her achievements in baton twirling. She took part in the BBTSA National Championships at Easter with the following results:

- 2nd place in dance twirl
- 4th place in solo
- 11th place in poise
- 4th place in 2 baton

Mila also qualified for the finals for fancy. She finished in 1st place in group unity. She will go on to compete in France this Summer. Mila will also compete in the British Open and a Dutch Open Competition later in the year.



## STREET DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Kaitlin Moore-Haines in Year 9 for qualifying to represent Team GB in Italy this month for the Street Dance European Championships.

Kaitlin qualified for the following categories:

- Solo Hip Hop
- Duo Hip Hop
- Group Hip Hop
- Team Hip Hop
- Solo electric boogie
- Duo electric boogie
- Solo battle hip hop
- Group battle hip hop



## EUROPEAN HIP HOP DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Millie Warne in Year 10 has just returned from the European Hip Hop Dance Championships where as part of the Team GB Battle Crew she won silver medal for the second year running!

Millie also competed in many other different categories and achieved some really great international placings against a very high standard of competition.

Well done Millie!



# Sports News and Fixtures

## HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Jessica Astill in Year 9. Jessica came 2nd in the Hertfordshire County Championships in U15 300m with a personal best time of 41.74. This time is an English Schools qualifying time.

Jessica also came 5th at the recent Hertfordshire County multi-events championships.



## JUNE FIXTURES

### 5th June

Years 7 & 8 Athletics

### 6th June

Rounders vs KTS and Fearnhill (A)

Year 8 Cricket vs Fearnhill (H)

### 8th & 9th June

County Athletics Championships at Hemel

### 11th June

Year 9 Cricket vs TAA (H)

### 12th June

Rounders vs St Chris (H&A)

Year 7 Cricket vs Greenway

### 13th June

Years 9 & 10 Rounders Tournament at TAA

Year 10 Cricket vs Nobel (H)

### 17th June

Girls Tennis Tournament at Letchworth Tennis Club

Year 7 Cricket vs KTS (H)

Year 10 Cricket vs KTS (A)

### 18th June

Years 7 & 8 Rounders Tournament at TAA

Boys Tennis Tournament at Letchworth Tennis Club

Year 8 Cricket vs Barclay (H)

### 19th June

Years 7 & 8 Athletics

### 20th June

Year 8 Calypso at Letchworth (1.30pm)

### 26th June

Junior District Athletics Championships at Ridlins

### 27th June

Year 9 Calypso at Letchworth (1.30pm)



## Local Events/News

**JW19 Soccer Camps**  
**Grassroots Soccer**  
**at St Christopher School**  
 30<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> Aug  
 Or/and  
 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Aug  
 Summer Camps  
**Book early to save disappointment**



**'Keeping football fun!!'**

Book through Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jw19-soccer-camps-tickets-56597266949>





Watford FC Girls are rebranding to LGDA from 1<sup>st</sup> June

**\* NEW NAME \* SAME TEAM \***



### OPEN TRAINING SESSIONS 2019/20

Saturday 8th June	
U8/9/10	10:00 - 11:00
U11/12	11:30 - 13:00
U13/14	13:30 - 15:00
Sunday 9th June	
U15	10:00 - 11:30
U16	11:45 - 13:15
U18/18+	13:30 - 15:00

**To be held at Sun Postal Sports, WD17 3BN**

Please email: [admin@londongda.co.uk](mailto:admin@londongda.co.uk)

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**LONDON GIRLS DEVELOPMENT  
ACADEMY OF FOOTBALL**

# FOOTBALLERS WANTED!





For the new season (starting September 2019), Hitchin Belles FC are looking for eager footballers to join our all girls team at Under 14s level. We are an FA Charter Standard club with FA qualified coaching staff.

Hitchin Belles provides a safe, caring and structured environment, where girls are able to develop their footballing skills, make new friends for life and participate in a sport that they love!

For further information please contact Andy on 07766 334877 or [andrewsoutham@hitchinbelles.com](mailto:andrewsoutham@hitchinbelles.com)



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## JACK COLLISON

FORMER WEST HAM & WALES INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER

### HALF TERM SOCCER CAMPS

ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY, SHEFFORD, SG17 5BU  
28TH, 29TH AND 30TH MAY

**BOOK TODAY AT** [WWW.JACKCOLLISONSOCCERSCHOOL.COM](http://WWW.JACKCOLLISONSOCCERSCHOOL.COM)

TEAM: 3PM OPEN TO ALL BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 9-14. 3 DAYS, 1 OR 2 DAYS OPTIONS AVAILABLE. EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT. \*SEE WEBSITE. EARLY AND LATE PICKUP AVAILABLE.





## May Half Term Netball Camp in Hitchin!

**Led by expert Netball Coaches!**

### uPlay Sports Netball Camp

Hitchin Girls School  
Highbury Road, Hitchin, SG4 9RS

**Tuesday 28th May 2019**  
**10am - 3pm**

Qualified UKCC netball coaches and DBS checked. First Aiders on site

**Ages 8-13 (School Years 3 to 8)**  
**Cost: £35**

**BOOK NOW!**

Go to [www.uplaysports.co.uk](http://www.uplaysports.co.uk) to secure your place on this course and for more information or contact

Sophia by email: [office@uplaysports.co.uk](mailto:office@uplaysports.co.uk)



## MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS

### HITCHIN GIRLS SCHOOL

A fun, action packed day of sports activities for children aged 5-14

#### Activities include:

Obstacle courses, ULTIMATE FRISBEE, Badminton, KWIK CRICKET, Football, BASKETBALL, Bench ball, ATHLETICS, Dodgeball, UNI-HOCKEY, Parachute games & more...

**May Half Term 2019:**  
**27th May - 31st May**

Full day £24: 9am - 4pm  
Early drop £5: 8am - 9am  
Late stay £5: 4pm - 5pm  
Morning £16: 9am - 1pm  
Afternoon £14: 1pm - 4pm

## TENNIS CAMPS

### SPLIT DAY CAMPS

**Both available**  
**27th - 31st May**

**TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

[www.uplaysports.co.uk](http://www.uplaysports.co.uk)

Email - [office@uplaysports.co.uk](mailto:office@uplaysports.co.uk)

Prices from £14

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## COOKERY Camps

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

May Half Term Camp in CENTRAL HITCHIN  
Tuesday - Wednesday | 9am - 5pm  
28 & 29 May 2019

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!**

### Incredible Edible Plants

Food Focus:  
Plant foods - cooked & raw \* Edible plants - even flowers \*  
Big salads - mealtime main event \* Floral-Flavoured Star Bakes



£40 per cook per day

Book your place online: [www.cookeryeatery.co.uk](http://www.cookeryeatery.co.uk)  
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## COOKERY Camps

Holiday cookery camp for boys & girls aged 8-16 featuring unique food adventures each day!

May Half Term Camp in LETCHWORTH  
Thursday & Friday | 9am - 5pm  
30 & 31 May 2019

Kitchen skills \* Science experiments \* Ingredient talks  
Seasonal decoration \* Visitors & trips \* Planting & growing  
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# Local Events/News



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## Teens and Sleep: The Importance for Well-being

Talk

### Summary



It is very common for young people, and adults, to have difficulty sleeping. It is normal to struggle with sleep around important events, even positive ones such as parties or holidays. One or two nights of poor sleep does not necessarily forecast a problem and most young people can cope

with that and catch up. However, if someone has been sleeping badly for a few weeks, this may be a good time to try and change things.

Sleep problems can sometimes be triggered by something bad or difficult happening. For example, being bullied or having negative experiences with friends can lead to trouble sleeping. Young people are also often under pressure from school to perform well in exams or coursework, and may be involved in other hobbies that bring pressure from competitions or exams. However, sometimes sleep problems seem to appear out of the blue. This is not uncommon in young people due to natural changes in sleep cycles that arrive with adolescence.

Our speaker is an expert in the field of sleep and adolescent wellbeing. In this talk she will discuss the changes in sleep that occur during adolescence, its effect on school work and mental wellbeing, and practical things that can be done to promote better sleep. These techniques can also be useful for all members of the family.

### Who is this talk for?

This talk is for parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 10 and above.

### What parents will gain from this talk?

An understanding of the biological, psychological and social changes that affect sleep in adolescence.

Information about the relationship between sleep and mental wellbeing, and how improving one can have an impact on the other.

Knowledge of the current successful strategies for managing difficulties in sleeping.

Advice on practical changes which can be implemented to encourage better sleep quality.

### Event Details

Date: Mon, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

Time: 19.30-21.00

Location: The Maltings Theatre, St Albans, AL13HL

Cost: £19pp

### About our speaker

**Dr Faith Orchard** is a Chartered Psychologist conducting research examining the development, maintenance and treatment of child and adolescent anxiety and depression, based at the Anxiety and Depression in Young People (AnDY) Research Clinic at the University of Reading. Faith's work is currently focused on the role of sleep in adolescent mental health, and she has developed the 'Sleeping Better' programme which is being piloted in the local Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, as well as in local schools. Faith has published a number of journal articles on child and adolescent mental health, and presents her research internationally, as well as delivering teaching on sleep for professionals in schools and mental health services. She is passionate about improving the lives of young people and their family, and regularly engages with the local community in the development and dissemination of her work.

Booking is essential. Book NOW

Events are regularly updated, for a full list of future events visit: [www.keystoneworkshops.co.uk](http://www.keystoneworkshops.co.uk)



## How can we lead a healthier lifestyle?

- We want your ideas & thoughts about our new service
- Find out about resources to support you and your family

### Who?

All parents of children aged 0-18 years

### Where?

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Farnham House, Stevenage, SG1 2FQ

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Berkhamsted Library, HP4 3HB

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Welwyn Garden City Library, AL8 6AJ

### When?

All sessions arrive from 5.45pm for refreshments; session will run 6-7pm

## Free refreshments available

Book your place now by emailing us at [PublicHealth@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:PublicHealth@hertfordshire.gov.uk)



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# Orlando

Depart LONDON HEATHROW from £729pp

**Price Includes:**

- Travel: 5 August 2019
- Return indirect flights from London Heathrow to Orlando
- 10 Nights in the 4\*, Rosen Plaza Resort
- Deluxe Guestroom, Room Only
- Based on 2 adults & 2 children
- Regional departures are also available

**Also Available:**

- Excursions
- Group rates
- Extra nights
- Car parking & Car Hire
- Alt. hotels, departures & add-on

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# Antalya Region

Depart LONDON LUTON from £770pp

**Price Includes:**

- Travel: 3 August 2019
- Return flights from London Luton to Antalya
- 11 Nights in the 4\*, Mysea Hotels Incekum
- Twin Room, All Inclusive
- Regional departures are also available

**Also Available:**

- Excursions
- Group rates
- Extra nights
- Car parking & Car Hire
- Alt. hotels, departures & add-on

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