



The Priory School

Sixth Form

Educating Students for Success in Life



NEWSLETTER 15TH JULY

Summer is finally here!

We can't quite believe that Year 12 is nearly wrapped up and your child is halfway through their Sixth Form experience! We'd like to say a big well done to all our students for the resilience they have shown this year adapting to Sixth Form life. We hope they have a fantastic summer. Each subject has set some work to keep them on top of their studies and prepare them for September - please ensure they put time aside to complete these tasks, as they will make the transition from Year 12 to Year 13 a smooth one.

Return to school - Tuesday 6th September

Year 13 will return to school on **Tuesday 6th September at 8.50am**. They will have form time with their form tutors, who will be able to give them their timetables, an assembly with Mr Wright and time to prepare for lessons. Lessons will then commence at 11.30am across all three consortium schools. The only exception to this will be any students requiring a resit paper following the mocks - these students will be contacted individually before the end of term about when they need to sit these

Reminder - New protocols for September

I hope you have all had a chance to read and review the new attendance and working protocols for September. We have shared these with students in assembly this week and would appreciate your support in enforcing them in September. An addition to these is that if students are late they will be expected to enter the building through the door next to the back of the hall where they will be able to sign in and register with a member of staff.

Post 18 Options information day and evening

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Post 18 Pathways evening last Thursday - it was great to hear your questions and to hopefully help the process of selecting what your child will be doing once they leave school. For those unable to make the meeting, following are links to some of the presentation materials delivered by our guests.

[Mr Wright - summary/timeline](#)

[University of Northampton - Personal statement help](#)

[University of Northampton - Overall summary of the application process](#)

[Dr Kate Barclay - Apprenticeships](#)

[North Herts College - Get into higher education](#)

All of the students have access to this information and more through the Google Classroom. Should you need any help or guidance, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Wright.

Results day for Year 12 students

A small number of Year 12 students will be receiving results on either GCSE or A Level results day. Those who have taken Core Maths or Criminology exams will receive their grades on A Level results day - Thursday 18th August. Those who have taken Maths or English resits this year will receive their results on Thursday 25th August. Both sets of results will be sent through to their school email addresses, so it is imperative that they check they have access to these before school finishes on Thursday 21st June.

Work experience - Good Luck

Monday 18th July sees the start of our annual work experience/enrichment week, an exciting opportunity for our students to see the world beyond school and hopefully reinforce some career aims. This is a fantastic chance to see how the world of work operates and gain an insight into what comes next. Year 13 is all about looking to the future and I hope that you all grab as much knowledge as you can. It has been said that school is the best days of your life, but you are in your career for about 50 years so it is important that you make the right choices about what you want to do and some hands-on experience will hopefully reinforce your decision-making. For those working on enrichment, make sure that you really throw yourself into your visits and courses and maximise the learning these opportunities will offer. The week provides great material for your personal statements or covering letters, so make sure you reflect on what you learn about the profession you are shadowing or subject you are exploring as well as what you can learn about yourself. I look forward to hearing about your time and all of the exciting things you will have experienced.

Sports Day - Thank yous

To quote a sporting cliché, unfortunately the weather on Sports Day was a bit of a game of two halves, with a bright and sunny morning of competition turning into an afternoon of rain dodging and a rounders pitch that became unfit for play. However, before rain stopped play it was great to see the year group once again demonstrating their importance to the rest of the school and acting as TPS role models for the younger students. Mr Jessney said "I just wanted to say a massive thank you for all of your support on Sports Day – I hope the students all got something out of it...the day cannot run without everyone pulling together and taking responsibility for all of the different zones and all of the other help assisting those events and supporting the students." From my point of view running the football 4 students refereed about 85 matches between them - without the help of VAR. Clear respect from the players to the match officials was demonstrated throughout! It was the same across all of the other disciplines from netball and badminton to archery - in every instance the year group did us proud and, as always, brilliantly demonstrated Priory values to the Key Stage 3 & 4 students.

The afternoon unfortunately took a different course, with rain stopping the rounders tournament in its tracks as it became too slippery to safely continue. However, this was not before some incredibly competitive competition that bodes well for the students' future exam success. Play of the day was from Isaac Rabel taking an outstanding one-handed diving catch that surely would have gone viral if we had any video footage!

Student Spotlight - Jessica Astill

Last week I had the opportunity to compete for team GB in the U18 European Championships, which was held in Jerusalem. This championship happens every four years, so I was incredibly grateful to be selected as part of the Medley relay team. This included a 100m, 200m, 300m and 400m sprint. I ran the 400m (the anchor leg) at the end of the race.

This opportunity has been one that I had worked towards all season following a bronze medal at the indoor nationals earlier on in the year. In order to qualify for selection, I had to run 55:00 seconds. I hadn't quite run this time, missing out by a fraction of the time; however, at the Bedford Selections I came third in the 400m, securing my place on the GB team.



This experience was so amazing and I'm so thankful for all that I have learnt from it as well as for the amazing people I have met. In the Medley I was not only able to run a new PB of 53:56 but also we gained a new British record for the event and came first, becoming European Champions.

New build update!



Photo taken 11/7/2022 - lots going on!

Thanks as always for your support; have a fantastic summer.

Kind regards,

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