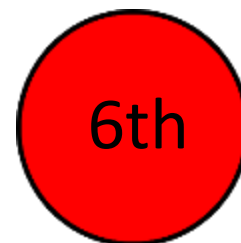




The Priory School

Sixth Form

Educating Students for Success in Life



NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER

Message from Mrs Nearney

Well... where has the last term gone? It feels like yesterday we came back, fresh faced and relaxed from the summer holidays! A massive thank you (again) for your patience and understanding during the building work. Having recently toured the new build, I can assure you the wait will be worth it.

Well done to all the Year 13 students completing UCAS or applications for their further study. I've been very impressed with the quality of the personal statements. And well done to Year 12 for settling into Sixth Form life so quickly. Your work ethic in the Study Centre has been great!

On a more negative note, there are still too many students arriving late for school or not adhering to our school uniform. Please set yourself a target to rectify this in the New Year if it applies to you.

Please enjoy your time over the festive break and have a lovely Christmas.

Dates for your diary:

14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
15 th Dec	Lip Sync Battle
16 th Dec	Term ends 12.40pm
4 th Jan	Year 12 return/Year 13 study leave begins
6 th Jan	Market Place Event
9 th Jan	Year 13 exams start
18 th Jan	Year 13 study leave ends
19 th Jan	Lessons return to normal



If you need help with your Personal Statement, please speak with your Form Tutor, look at the UCAS board in the Hall, talk to Mr Wright, Mr Carr or Mrs Shipp.

DEADLINE FOR UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS: 25th JANUARY 2023



[YEAR 13 STUDY LEAVE / LESSONS](#)

Please remember to check with your BTEC teachers to see if you need to attend lessons in these subjects during study leave!

Year 13 update from Mr Wright

Ever since your reception class Christmas has always been a special time in school – maybe you were Mary, maybe a shepherd or perhaps the tail end of a donkey. Whilst you are now all older and wiser it is still an important part of the calendar. As we approach your final Christmas at school and another milestone is ticked off on your life journey, make sure that you enjoy the time and maybe reminisce about Key Stage 3 festivals in the sports hall and teachers being silly in the school extravaganza. Your upcoming break is important in a number of ways, firstly ensure you spend quality time resting and recovering from the longest term of the year but be mindful about revising effectively for the mocks – aim for a sensible work life balance . You have broken the back of your Year 13 learning and have the opportunity to prove your success with the exams that I am sure will cement your achievements and provide a great launch pad for the remainder of the year.

A new year brings new opportunities and resolutions – we have spoken a lot about mind set shifts and making commitments so on the 1st January think about what is the best resolution you can make for 2023. This time next year you will have been four or five months into your next exciting adventure and school may seem far away so I hope you grasp the chance to enjoy your time with your friends and see out 2022 in good spirits. Merry Christmas, good luck with the mocks and I look forward to celebrating more of your success in the new year.

Sixth Form & Staff Panto – postponed!

Due to the snow, the panto will now be on Thursday 5th January 2023.

HAMPERS! HAMPERS!

To raise money for our Year 13 Prom, we have four amazing hampers to be raffled off. Tickets are only £1.



13RB with the support of their family and some social sciences students have collected over 321 items for Hitchin Foodbank.



We are so proud of their contributions and kindness.

Year 12 update from Mr Carr

As the scent of chestnuts roasting on an open fire gently wafts through the decked halls of the Sixth Form study centre, our year tw-Elves have been as busy at work as ever! The students have put in a fantastic effort this term and we hope they have a well-deserved rest over the Christmas holidays.

Over the last few weeks our students have had talks from the Lister Hospital about a range of volunteering as well as the Herts Fire Department, who briefed the students about road safety in their Learn2Live presentation. Students have also had the chance to attend a briefing on applying to competitive university courses and what they can do to boost their applications – for any students who missed this talk or would like more information about this, the slides have been posted on the Year 12 'Levelling Up' classroom.

Wishing everyone a very happy holiday season and we're looking forward to seeing the students refreshed and eager to hit the ground running in 2023!



Careers and apprenticeships update:

Many students are applying for degree apprenticeships with companies such as GSK, Airbus, HSBC and M15! Keep an eye out for the "Career of the Week" in our student bulletin and check Google Classroom for notifications of apprenticeship opportunities as they are advertised – some of these have very quick deadlines for applications! If you would like to know more or need help applying, please see Miss Buchanan.



Thanks as always for your support!

Kind regards

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