



The Priory School

Sixth Form

Educating Students for Success in Life

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NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2023

Message from Mrs Nearney

With only half a term to go until the new block opens there's lots of things underway to get things ready - colour schemes chosen, furniture ordered and most importantly coffee and hot chocolate tasted for our drinks machine!

I was very impressed with the focus of Year 13 in their recent mock exams. It's lovely to hear about all the UCAS offers flying in and hearing about everyone's future plans. Huge thanks to Mr Wright and the Sixth Form team for their hard work in supporting everyone. I was very fortunate to visit the prom venue with Kirsty and Dan - it's going to be a great night!

Year 12 have continued to show great work ethic in their lessons and in the study centre, and it's great to see so many students looking smart and adhering to the Sixth Form uniform policy. Unfortunately, due to poor behaviour by a few students we had to stop access for the Sixth Form to the SEND hub toilets. Sixth Formers will once again be able to use these after half term but must enter via the doors opposite science.

A date for your diary, the next Enrichment event is the 30th March. We've got a packed programme planned and all students are expected to attend.

Mrs Nearney

Dates for your diary:

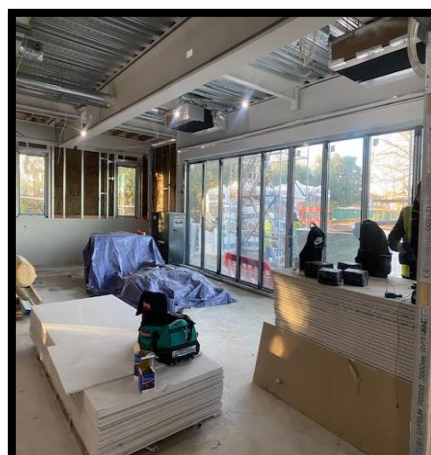
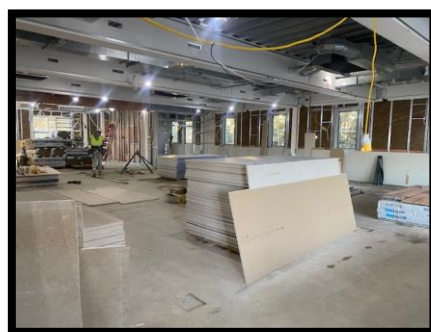
20th, 21st & 22nd February – Poverty Proofing Audit

21st February – RHSE - Period 5

30th March – Enrichment – last one of the year!

31st March – End of term

Latest photos of our new block:



Message from Miss Buchanan

THE BIG APPRENTICESHIP BREAKFAST! On Friday 10th February some of our students attended an apprenticeship breakfast at The Hermitage. In a speed-dating style, they met with companies offering apprenticeships of all levels including degree. Willmott Dixon, Pearldrop, Wilder & Co Chartered Accountants, TJ Fire & Security and Hashtag Digital Media were just some of the companies that students had the chance to network with. We were VERY proud of all our students who represented our Sixth Form brilliantly.



Message from Mr Carr

2023 has got off to a flying start for Year 12 who have had a seamless return back to their studies after the Christmas break. Over the past few weeks Year 12 have begun expanding their horizons looking at Massive Open Online Courses in their enrichment classes, honing skills and developing interests that will be invaluable as they begin to think about their next steps upon graduation from TPS. We are looking forward to the parent consultation evening taking place on Tuesday 21st February after the half term break and wish to remind all parents and carers that they are able to sign up for appointments until Friday 17th February. In the next half term Year 12 will also be having a their Enrichment day Thursday 30th March on the theme of healthy relationships – more information about this will be made available to the students in the coming weeks.



Several of our Year 12 and Year 13 students have had the opportunity to meet with our Careers Advisor from Services for Young People. If you feel you would benefit from a meeting, please let your Head of Year know.



Message from Mr Wright

Year 13 entered 2023 and their last year of schooling with their mock exams that have kick-started the countdown to the final tests in the summer term. It was hugely impressive to see a mature and responsible approach taken towards this process with an opportunity to experience exams in the main hall and begin to develop the correct habits that will support their success. With the results now in, students have a fantastic insight into how things are going – areas of strength can be consolidated and gaps in knowledge and skills can be filled. The key thing when reflecting on the results is to decide on the strategies that will ensure success in the summer – class teachers are the experts here and should be used as a valued source of advice. Revision should be planned to cover the next few months and build up to the final exams. Whilst it is important that a thorough approach is taken there needs to be down time planned into any timetable and as always a mature reflection on work life balance. We will be hearing from our colleagues in the NHS on Thursday 30th March where tips and strategies to cope with the exam season will be shared as part of our last enrichment day of the year.

However as one door closes another opens and it has been incredibly exciting to see university offers for our students. I am always delighted to see the range of courses our young people go onto study – this year literally stretching from accountancy to zoology and stopping off at cyber security, prosthetics and graphic design on the way! It is gratifying to know that students of The Priory will soon be making such an important contribution to the local and national community and spreading the school ethos far and wide.



We are delighted to see so many students receiving offers for their university places and planning the next step towards their future careers!

2024 Entry Dates:

12th July 2023 – Conservatoires open!

2nd October – Conservatoires close

5th September 2023 – Undergraduate applications can be submitted!

31st January – Undergraduate applications deadline!

16th October – Oxford, Cambridge & most medicine, dentistry & veterinary courses closing date!

Sixth Form Get Cooking..... A few of our students cooked up a storm in an after-school culinary session. Korma and rice was on the menu and it smelt delicious!



Thanks as always for your support!

Kind regards

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