



The Priory School

Sixth Form

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Message from Mrs Nearney

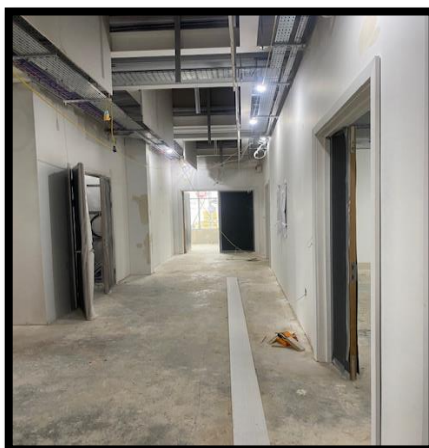
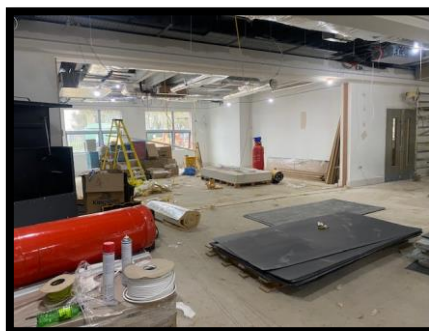
I am unsure where the past term has gone. It seems only a moment ago that we returned from Christmas. With the Year 13 exam season approaching and the Year 12 mock exams later in the following term, it's good to see so many students working so diligently in the study centre. I'm sure you have all noticed that the new block is almost completed. The cladding is on and it's beginning to look like the end is in sight. Although our 'moving in date' has been put back slightly we are still hoping to be in the new block early next term. We held our final Enrichment Day of the year yesterday. It was great to see the students engaging in their days; I hope they all found the content beneficial.

Have a lovely Easter.

Message from Mr Carr

Year 12 will be looking forward to a well-earned rest over the Easter break after what has been as busy a half term as ever. One key focus over the past six weeks has been encouraging our Sixth Formers to begin considering their aspirations and visions for life after graduation. During National Careers Week the students have had a chance to hear from both guest speakers and teachers about discovering their career paths; in RSHE they have researched how to plan fruitful gap year programmes; and finally, in Enrichment sessions they have learnt valuable skills and strategies for independently managing their finances. This future-planning focus will continue into the next half term as students explore in more depth how to discover and apply for university courses or apprenticeships. Year 12 have also enjoyed an insightful and edifying RSHE day, discussing the development of healthy and safe relationships. We would like to praise all our students for engaging with the day in a positive and mature manner and demonstrating to our brilliant guest educator our core TPS values of responsibility, respect and resilience. With progress checks also being released this week, I would like in particular to note that an incredible 26 students have received outstanding grades for their Attitude to Learning in every single one of their classes – an accomplishment to take huge pride in! We look forward to students continuing their excellent progress in the final term of Year 12.

Latest photos of our new block :



Message from Mr Wright

With the Easter bunny hopping into sight we reach the end of the last full term of schooling for Year 13 and what a busy term it has been. Starting back in January we have gone through mock exams, university and apprenticeship deadlines to say nothing of the hours of lessons, homework and revision. It was therefore great to end the term with a splendid afternoon of good food and good company at 'Gregg's Fest' - wonderfully organised by Mrs Shipp, Mrs Nearney and Miss Buchanan – a well-deserved reward for all of the students hard work.

We have four full weeks of lessons left before study leave and the exam season kicks off in earnest. I hope that everyone continues with the focussed drive towards the best outcomes possible but also enjoys as much time with their friends, many of whom have been school chums since Reception and Year 1. The cliché that your school days are the best days of your life may not always hold up to scrutiny and I certainly hope that all of our young people will experience many brilliant adventures in their future. However, it is undeniable to say that school has been such a huge part of their life to date that I hope everyone will look back on their time fondly when reminiscing in the future. We will have a proper celebration with the year group on the 12th May and then the students get to celebrate in their own special way at Prom in July. Before that is the small matter of the exams; I am sure that with dedication and a responsible focus these will be navigated with skill and maturity, leading to a set of results to be very proud of. Almost there, almost there...



YEAR 13 GREGGSFEST AFTERNOON TEA



Message from Miss Buchanan

It has been such a busy term. So many of you have now started to set plans in place for when you leave us at the end of the year. I am so proud of the students who have been putting amazing work in prepping for their Degree Apprenticeship interviews. Remember if you need any extra support with this to let me or a member of the 6th form team know

What's coming next.....?

Year 12 Work Experience Week will soon be launching. Over Easter Year 12 students should think about where they would like to gain valuable work experience during their week long placement at the end of the year. (**17th – 21st July 2023**).

In the wise words of Albert Einstein: The only source of knowledge is experience!



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!

Dates for your diary:

31st March – End of term

17th April – Summer term starts

12th May – Year 13 Study Leave begins

15th May – Year 13 Exams begin

29th May – Half Term



Lots of our Year 12 and Year 13 students have now 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.

Thanks as always for your support!
Kind regards,

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