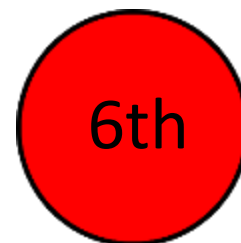




# The Priory School

## Sixth Form

*Educating Students for Success in Life*



### NEWSLETTER – MAY 2023

#### Message from Mrs Nearney

The day has finally arrived where we shall be moving into our shiny new block. After almost of year of patience, the study centre will be open to students when we return.

Unfortunately, as the summer has now arrived we have seen an increase in the number of students wearing outfits which would not be considered smart office wear. A reminder that skirts and trousers should not be made of stretchy materials and on PE days students should not be wearing cycling shorts.

Although the exams are looming, students should remember to take some time to have a break over half term to fully recharge before the final half term of the year.

Best wishes.

#### Message from Mr Wright

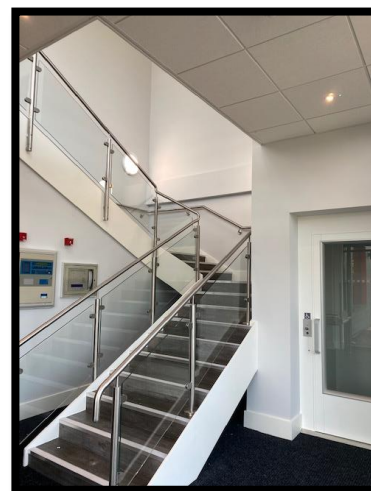
With the exam season now in full swing our Year 13's are on the final stretch of their educational journey at The Priory School. Our leavers assembly was lovely and a great opportunity to reflect and review on the previous seven years but also to anticipate the new adventures the students will be embarking on in September. From exciting jobs, to important apprenticeships and the academic challenge of university, the Year 13 cohort certainly have a really positive future to look forward to. Our prom – organised by the Head Students team – is approaching rapidly and will be the perfect way to let their hair down after the focus and concentration of their final exams. It will be a great way to sign off and a well-deserved celebration of all the hard work, resilience and dedication the students have put into their education over the last 13 years, they have certainly earned a party!

One final reminder about university deadlines – **the final date to accept an offer from an institution is the 8<sup>th</sup> June** and if you are still to make your finance application please make this a priority to ensure there is no delay for funding in September.

#### Latest photos of our new block :



First Floor Landing



Ground Floor Entrance



First Floor Landing



Looking great from the outside



Nearly there on the inside!

### Message from Mr Carr

As we head into the final half term of the year there is still plenty of excitement ahead for Year 12! The students are now able to register with UCAS to create their accounts, which they will use to apply for their Post-18 courses. Our university taster day will be taking place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June at the University of Hertfordshire**; we would like to **remind parents and carers to register and pay for the visit via the ScoPay portal if they have not done so already.**

After this, on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** the students will participate in a Post-18 Pathways Discovery Day, and **parents and carers are invited to attend our parent information evening** following on from this. More information about timings and registering for the parent information evening will be released in due course.

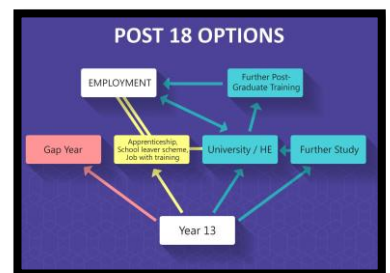
Mock examinations will be taking place between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of June, with study leave taking place from 19<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June. Students have been sent copies of their exam timetables from each of the schools in the consortium where they have lessons. We would like to remind students who take one or more subjects at Hitchin Boys' or Hitchin Girls' to check their respective consortium email accounts to ensure they have the full details of their mock examinations.

The variety and quality of work experience placements students have managed to secure for the final week of the year has been tremendously impressive. We are looking forward to following up with the students' placements to hear how they have been getting on and we know that the students will be outstanding ambassadors for the school while on their placements. If your child has any questions or concerns about the upcoming work experience week please encourage them to speak with Mrs Buchanan.

**8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023**



**6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023**



### Speakers / Visitors:

- Hertfordshire Police Careers
- STEM Apprenticeships
- Business Apprenticeships
- Careers in the Health Sector
- Northampton University
- Music & The Arts
- Oxbridge & Medicine and more...

## Message from Miss Buchanan

Wow what a term!

Work experience planning is in full swing. I have really enjoyed reading about the amazing opportunities the placements are providing you.

Remember to log into Unifrog and read the start and finish times set by the placements and also the dress codes. If you need any support meeting the requirements of the dress code see Mrs Shipp or myself.

There are some amazing apprenticeships on offer at the moment, I have posted a range of these onto Google Classroom for Year 13 students, remember you can still apply even if you have a confirmed University placement. Year 12 students will see that I have started to share on Google Classroom some virtual experience and apprenticeship taster days.

Shout out to the Year 12 and 13 Vocational students, the amazing coursework and feedback from exam boards has been phenomenal this year!

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



### 2024 Entry Dates:

**12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Conservatoires open!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October – Conservatoires close**

**5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Undergraduate applications can be submitted!**

**31<sup>st</sup> January – Undergraduate applications deadline !**

**16<sup>th</sup> October – Oxford, Cambridge & most medicine, dentistry & veterinary courses closing date !**



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.

## Dates for your diary:

29<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term

5<sup>th</sup> June – Return to Sixth Form

19<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 12 Study Leave

29<sup>th</sup> June – Return to normal lessons for Year 12

17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 12 Work Experience

Thanks as always for your support!  
Kind regards

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