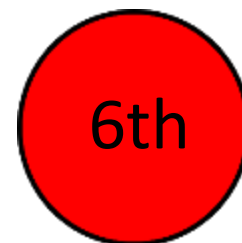




The Priory School

Sixth Form

Educating Students for Success in Life



NEWSLETTER – JULY 2023

Message from Mrs Hadaway

Where has the last year gone? I'm sure it has passed as quickly for all of you as it has done for me. I'm back from maternity leave after a wonderful time at home with my daughter, and I'm really looking forward to catching up with everyone and hearing how you are all getting on.

Please ensure you use the summer wisely - Year 13 goes by in a blur. Learn from your mocks, identify areas of strength and areas of improvement and use your future planning to spur you on. Do find the time to relax and recharge your batteries too.

Please take the time over summer to remind yourself of our protocols and expectations as these will need to be adhered to in September.

Message from Mr Wright

It was absolutely delightful to attend the Year 13 Prom last week where the celebration of not only the end of the exam season but their time at The Priory School went off with a bang. Looking far removed from the Year 6 students they had been on their transition day seven years earlier, it was truly inspiring to see the excellent young people they have grown up to be. I have no doubt that further celebrations will be held in August on results day and the start of their new adventures will allow them to scale even greater heights.

Finally our Year 13 students have acted as positive role models for the Year 12 students and I am sure that the precedent they have demonstrated will be a helpful guide as the baton for 'top year group' is handed on. Thank you for all your contributions to The Priory School community over the years and have a restful and enjoyable summer.



The 17th August will soon come around!

Results will be emailed to Year 13 school accounts at 8.00am on Thursday 17th August 2023. Envelopes containing paper copies of the 'statement of results' can be collected from the new Sixth Form Study Centre from 9.00am. Students who need support and advice with Post 18 options such as university places, should arrive at school at 9am for face-to-face support with Sixth Form staff in the new Study Centre. Should your child not be able to attend in person, they should contact Mr Wright and Mrs Hadaway via email (see the details at the end of this newsletter). If your child does not meet either their firm or insurance university offer then they will be eligible for clearing. Information has been shared with students on this but should you wish to look into the process please read the [Parents Guide to Clearing](#) on the UCAS website, or follow the link in Mr Edwards end of year letter. Year 13 students are advised to check prior to Thursday 20th July that they are able to access their school email accounts.

Please complete the online [Destinations form](#) by Friday 25th August – we are required to gather this information by the Department of Education. The link for this form is in the letter that went home.



Warner Bros Experience

Some of our students were lucky enough to be invited by Warner Bros to the BAFTA Head Office in Central London. They had the amazing chance to have a sneak preview of the new Barbie film, attend a Q&A with set designers and creators, meet the Assistant Director and the Location Manager to hear about what these roles entail and also hear from some of the producers. Students were also treated to a fancy Barbie themed lunch with pink mocktails before finally meeting with the post production team for the new Wonka film. This was an amazing opportunity and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

Message from Mr Carr

Year 12's final half term has been packed full of exciting opportunities for the students to research and refine their Post 18 plans. On 8th June we visited the University of Hertfordshire, exploring taster sessions on everything from animation to aviation, as well as getting the first taste of what life as a student is like. Following on from this, our Post 18 pathways Discovery Day in July provided a chance for students to begin the exciting process of getting applications for university courses and apprenticeships together, as well as hearing from leading university and apprenticeship providers about the range of opportunities on offer upon leaving school. As well as focusing on next steps after leaving school, students this week have focused on their longer term aspirations as they undertake their work experience placements. Whilst following up the placements with our visits we have been tremendously impressed with the positivity and enthusiasm the students have shown their hosts and we are proud to see them upholding standards as ambassadors of The Priory School.

This half term has also provided an important opportunity for students to reflect on their learning from over the course of the year in their mock exams. As we remind all the students, their Sixth Form courses are a two-year journey. This half-way mark should be a chance for students to draw confidence from the areas where they have already achieved successes and take stock of what they want to improve upon over the coming year. Students deserve congratulations for their hard work preparing for these assessments and their resilience in sitting their most challenging set of examinations to date.

During their last assembly of the year, Mr Wright and I reflected with the Year 12 students on some highlights of the year gone by and a few ideas to inspire them about what is to come. It has been a pleasure working with the Year 12 cohort this year and I hope the students have a restful summer break before returning in September for the final leg of their TPS journey!

The Priory School Achieves...



We are delighted to let you know that you and your Eco-Committee have been successful in meeting the requirements for the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award and have achieved a Green Flag Award for their work this year.

Students have worked with the Hertfordshire Waste Awareness and Recycling Partnership, The Great Big School Clean 2022, School parents and Governors and the RSPB to name a few, relying on their expertise and passion to enrich and inform your Eco-Schools journey. Here are some of the things that we have been involved in this year.



Message from Miss Buchanan

Wow what a year it has been! The work experience placements you have been on sounded amazing, with opportunities secured across the region and even Europe! The skills you will have demonstrated and developed will prepare you well in future careers. Over the summer try and build on the volunteering you can do, shadowing in a range of settings will give you more experience and help you stand out to future employers and degree programmes. Try www.getvolunteering.co.uk or <https://www.govolherts.org.uk/>

The interest in apprenticeship vacancies after Post 16 has been fantastic, it is never too early to research and find out what the companies you dream of working at could be looking for in their next higher and degree apprentice.

Check out these amazing degree apprenticeship programmes which open for application from **August 2023**.



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<https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/early-careers/our-programmes/flying-start-degrees.html>



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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 and most medicine, dentistry and veterinary courses closing date!

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 4th Sept – Year 12
8.45am – 12.30pm

Monday 4th Sept – Year 13 exam re-sits

Tuesday 5th Sept – No students in school

Wednesday 6th Sept – All Sixth Form students return
8.45am - Year 13
11.30am - Year 12

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