

17th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we have said to all students this week it is hard to believe we are finishing Module 2 of this academic year. The last fourteen working weeks have flown by; it doesn't seem five minutes since we started in September. It truly has been wonderful to be able to teach our students face to face, provide numerous extra-curricular activities, host external speakers and even begin some educational visits again. We hope so much that we can continue this into the New Year.

Sadly, we are having to say goodbye to some members of staff. Miss Harrison, Teacher of History and Enrichment Leader; Miss Atkinson, Teacher of Textiles; Mrs Oldham, Receptionist; Mrs Brennen, Academy Administration Officer; Mr McNae, Student Support Assistant and Miss Blee-Storey, Sixth form Catering Assistant are leaving us at the end of this module. I am confident you will join in both thanking them for their hard work and support they have given during their time with us and wish them well in their new ventures.

To continue communication between home and the Academy, I wish to advise you of an opportunity to meet with a member of my Senior Leadership Team as per calendar. This year these meetings are being held two dates throughout the academic year, the purpose being to address any issues of concern that you have not been able to resolve via the usual channels: Form Tutors, Head of Year, Subject Teachers or Heads of Department. These meetings are to air your views on wider issues of your child's education at The Priory Academy LSST. If you wish to avail yourself of this opportunity the next date is Tuesday 18th January 2022 between 3.30pm and 5.00pm. Should you wish to make an appointment please contact our reception team on 01522 889977.

Now that our traditional extra-curricular clubs are back in full swing, alongside some new additions, it has been superb to see many students involved. In STEM club, students have been extracting DNA from fruit and building structures out of spaghetti. The library has been overflowing every lunch time and after school with a variety of clubs. Priory Press have produced excellent articles that we have all enjoyed reading. The number of students participating in sports clubs such as football and netball has been phenomenal. These are just a few examples of some of the fantastic activities taking place. Next module we have one of the highlights of the academy year when we stage our academy show 'Chicago'!

At this stage in the academic year, we are delighted our students have achieved a record number of House Points! It has been marvellous to watch students being keen to accumulate points on Satchel One, especially now you can also see these when you login as a parent or carer. At the end of Module 2 Sempringham lead the way for House

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Points overall. However, it is very tight and at this point any House could win the House Cup at the end of the summer term.

Well done to all our Year 11 students on completing a series of 'mock' examinations earlier this module. They will have started to receive results and feedback from teachers in class, but all results are being issued to parents along with Module Grades. Year 13 students will begin 'mocks' on Thursday 7th January. The two Parent Consultation Evenings in Module 3 for Year 8 and 13 parents will remain remote considering current Covid variant developments. The date for Year 8 parents is Thursday 13th January so we will be in touch immediately at the start of the new term to invite parents and carers to make appointments.

Thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining our high standards of uniform. Please ensure that your child's uniform continues to meet the academy dress code and any new items purchased over the Christmas period are in line with expectations:

[The Priory Academy LSST - Uniform \(prioritylsst.co.uk\)](http://prioritylsst.co.uk)

Please can you also ensure all items of uniform and property are clearly labelled to support us in returning them to their rightful owner should they be misplaced at any point.

We thank you for your ongoing support regarding Covid testing and other protective measures in order to keep our students and staff as safe as possible in the Academy. We would strongly encourage all those students, who are not participating in the on-site testing programme in January, to carry out an LFD test before coming back into the Academy in Module 3. Our on-site testing will take place on the day students return to the Academy and those students opting for this will be given directions once in lessons.

Over the course of this module, I have met many of our students individually to hear their stories of achievements outside of the academy; many attaining at a national level. Given the last 20 months, I truly admire our young people's determination to succeed and their vision for the future. If you tune into the Sports Personality of the Year 2021 show on Sunday, I am confident that you will see both resilience and inspiration in abundance. Imagine seeing and feeling that daily? We are truly lucky and thankful for those students we support.

May I finally take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your ongoing support and wish you all a relaxing festive break. I look forward to welcoming our students back to the Academy in the New Year on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Hopkinson
Headteacher