

31st March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of the fourth module, I would like to sincerely thank you for your ongoing support especially in relation to staff absence due to Covid. I do hope the summer months bring us all better health. It has been lovely, at times, over the last 12 weeks to see you back in the Academy at differing events. With all restrictions lifted, we are very excited to welcome our new Year 7 parents/carers next module onto the site for their first parents' evening. We also thank you for your support with our Awareness Day on Friday 25th March. Several visits, valuable revision sessions, a series of mock examinations and nine visitors on site helped shape a memorable and worthwhile day. Your invaluable support ensured we could once again host the Oxbridge Conference for Lincolnshire.

Staff Leaving

Sadly, we say goodbye this module to two members of our teaching staff; Mrs Griffin and Miss Markland. After 14 years, Mrs Griffin, Teacher of History and our Gifted and Talented Coordinator is moving closer to home. Miss Markland, who joined us in September to initially support in Dance, has since supported lessons across the academy. Miss Markland now moves to The Priory Ruskin Academy to begin her first formal teaching role. We are extremely sad to be saying goodbye to both of these members of staff. I am confident you will join me in thanking them for their hard work and support they have given our students during their time with us and wish them well on their future adventures.

Enrichment Opportunities

Our Enrichment Team have also been busy again with numerous House events. Highlights have included Priory Impossible for Year 9, numerous Easter competitions and some very exciting House Assemblies! The scores for the House Cup are now the tightest they have been at this point in the year for many years. We will not write them here, as they will be revealed to students during our celebration assemblies.

There has been much charity work this module and we thank you for all your support. Over £1,250 was raised for Comic Relief as our staff did 'something funny for money'. A huge number of items came in for our refugee appeal. No doubt, these will go to much good use. We have also had many books and puzzles for St Barnabas, which were gratefully received.

Behaviour and Attendance

We are aware that the Satchel One App does not currently show why a child has received a positive or negative point. We have fed back how frustrating this is to them. If you do want to see why your child received a positive

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or negative point you can do so by signing into the Satchel One website on a desktop computer or laptop (please be aware teachers do not always give comments, as it depends on what the point has been given for).

May we take this opportunity to ask for your continued support in maintaining our high standards of uniform. We have very high expectations of the standard of student uniform and do appreciate the crucial support of parents and carers in this. Full details of the academy uniform expectations are available here:

[The Priory Academy LSST - Uniform \(priorylsst.co.uk\)](https://www.priorylsst.co.uk)

Some key points to note are:

- No nose piercings are permitted – this includes Year 12 and 13;
- Ear piercings can only be one silver or gold stud in the lower lobe of each ear – no earrings (Year 12 and 13 students can have additional ear piercings);
- No bracelets, no necklaces, only one plain ring;
- Trousers must not be skinny fit;
- Coats must be plain navy blue or black – no hoodies - After Easter coats must not be worn in lessons;
- Blazers must be worn at all times – In Years 12 and 13 suit jackets must be worn at all times;
- Top buttons must be done up at all times;
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Can we also remind parents, carers and students that chewing gum is not permitted and should not be brought into the Academy.

The Priory Association

After twenty three years, the Priory Association will most likely fold at the end of the year given that two of the members, who hold key positions, will no longer have children in the Academy. The likelihood is that it will then have to close down because of a lack of new volunteers. This would be a massive shame – the Priory Association has provided tens of thousands of pounds for extra-curricular activities for the children of The Priory Academy LSST for over 20 years. It does not need to continue as it has been run previously. It could be taken in an entirely new direction. The current chairperson is willing to discuss any possibilities and offer any advice to move this forward. Contact details and meeting details can be found on the website. [The Priory Academy LSST - Meeting Dates \(priorylsst.co.uk\)](https://www.priorylsst.co.uk)

SLT Clinic

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 10th May 2022 between 3.30pm and 5.00pm. Should you wish to make an appointment please contact our reception team on 01522 889977.

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Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all our students and yourselves an enjoyable Easter break when it arrives. I look forward to welcoming them back to the Academy on Tuesday 19th April 2022.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Hopkinson
Headteacher

