



THE PRIORY ACADEMY

LSST

Wednesday 19th July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

It is hard to believe we are concluding the end of another busy academic year. It has been lovely to see the many achievements awarded to our students in the numerous events over the last few weeks. We all should be extremely proud of them.

In the last two weeks we have held two gatherings to remember and thank two of our colleagues that passed away far too young from cancer. Phil Picknett, former teacher and Head of Technology, and Roger Thompson-Moulding, former Head of Physics and Teacher of Science. A large clock has been installed and dedicated to Phil. A clock was requested via our Academy Council by the Year 7 and 8 students so they could tell when to come off the back courts at end of break and lunch. Therefore, on consultation with Phil's family, it was agreed to dedicate the clock to Phil. In the evenings it shines brightly for all to see. Our 6th Form Science Centre whose design was aided by Roger and was named the 'Newton Centre' has now been renamed the 'The Roger Thompson-Moulding Centre' or 'RTM Centre' for short. A beautiful sign has been created for the reception area for all to see.

Staff Farewells

With over 100 years of time served at LSST between them we are so sad to be saying farewell to the following staff: Mrs T Alderman (Pastoral Manager); Mrs E Alexander-Grocott (Head of Languages); Mr J Audis (Head of Year/Teacher of Geography); Miss A Belliard-Rychtarech (Teacher of MFL); Mr G Charles (Teacher of PE); Mr P Dickinson (Teacher of Science); Mr A Eyre (Teacher of Business); Mrs K Hipkiss (Teacher of Mathematics); Mrs P Jones (Pastoral Manager); Mr D Mason (Teacher of Science); Mr B Pengelly (Teacher of History); Mrs R Poston (Teacher of Business and Economics); Miss H Scarratt (Teacher of Dance/Enrichment Leader); Dr. K Stephens (Head of RE); Mr T Verdon (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs S Ward (Head of Technology). While some are retiring, others are moving onto new educational establishments while others are sadly leaving the teaching profession. I know you will join me in sincerely thanking them for all of their hard work whilst at LSST and wish them well on their next adventure. At the time of this letter, I can confirm we are fully staffed for September. As in previous years, we will send further details of new staff, the new senior leadership and new middle leadership teams at the start of the Autumn Term.

Charity Outcomes

Over the year we have seen much fundraising. Since our last newsletter more funds have been raised for Jamie's Legacy. We are looking forward to seeing how Cefovid use these funds in Uganda and will post updates on our social media next year. As well as this further fundraising at our Sports Awards and Night at the Musicals took place for our three nominated charities: Lives; Rainbow Trust and Unicef. Monies are still being counted and we will post how much we raised for our three charities this year on our Facebook and Twitter pages over the summer.

House Update

We have seen a record amount of House Points achieved by our students this year; it has been fantastic to see. Competition for the House Cup has remained fierce through Module 6 with Year 7 Priory Impossible and Sports

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Day results set to have a huge impact on the final outcome. We look forward to presenting the House Cup in our end of year Celebration Assembly on Wednesday. No spoilers here, but we will post results on social media!

Satchel:One

Throughout this academic year we have steadily introduced the use of Satchel:One for communicating home with parents/carers, as well as directly with students. To date, this is now being used for homework, achievement points, behaviour points and to inform parents and carers regarding detentions. We would like to thank parents and carers for their engagement with, and feedback regarding, Satchel:One and we are delighted to inform you that this will continue to be our primary method of contact in these areas going into 2023/2024.

Results Days

A level examination results will be sent to the student's academy email at 8am on Thursday 17th August 2023. Students will also be able to collect their results in person between 8am and 12 noon and staff will be available for any UCAS support or guidance needed. GCSE examination results will be issued in the same manner on Thursday 24th August 2023. Those students in Year 10 or Year 12 receiving results will only receive an email and a paper copy of their results will be issued in September on their return to the Academy. If a student is abroad then they will need to use the multi-factor authentication process to access their results via email.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over this academic year and wish you an enjoyable summer. We look forward to welcoming your children back into the Academy on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Hopkinson
Headteacher

