

20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

At the end of the first module of this academic year we wanted to thank you for your support in what has been a very busy start to the year. Many thanks for your ongoing commitment to the various events we have enjoyed: Open Evening; Year 11 and Year 13 Parents' Evenings; CCF and Duke of Edinburgh events; Geography field visits and the History visit now out in Berlin, to name just a few of the highlights so far. None of this would have been possible without your continued support.

### **Key Dates**

In preparation for another successful module after half term, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some key events approaching in Module 2:

- Examinations Briefing – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- SLT Consultation Evening – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November
- 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 7 Parents' Evening – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November
- Year 8 Parents' Evening – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

### **Examinations Briefing**

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November we will be hosting an Examinations Briefing at 6pm in the New Hall. This event is open to parents and carers of all Year 11 and 13 students. The aim of this will be to inform all about the examinations period, how you can support your child and top tips from our examinations officer. Please fill out [this form](#) if you wish to attend, and further information will be sent out at the start of next module.

### **Year 11 Mock Examinations**

In the weeks commencing 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November our Year 11 students will be undertaking a series of mock examinations. Please find a copy of a timetable for this attached to this correspondence. These are a very important experience for the students for many reasons and will hopefully help to alleviate anxiety which can surround the summer examination period. They also enable both teachers and students to see what grade students are currently working at, which helps to inform any additional support which may be required in any subjects going forward. It will provide students with a final chance to experience formal examinations in the hall so they can learn the necessary routines and expectations before the summer series. To ensure students are fully informed about this there will be an assembly on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October in which we will go through our expectations and other key information. If you have any further questions regarding the Year 11 mock examinations, please contact Mrs H Moss ([hmoss@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:hmoss@prioryacademies.co.uk))

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### **Senior Leadership Team Consultation Evenings**

The senior leadership team are available on three evenings throughout the year to offer a forum to discuss aspects which parents and carers may wish to review. The evenings are staggered throughout the year and will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> November, the 27<sup>th</sup> February and the 11<sup>th</sup> of June. If you wish to avail yourself of this opportunity, please contact our reception on [generalenquiries@priorylsst.co.uk](mailto:generalenquiries@priorylsst.co.uk) , outlining your topic for discussion.

### **Road Safety**

We are currently experiencing higher levels of pedestrian traffic and cyclists using the 'back gate' exit of the Academy at the end of the day, causing congestion on Urban Street. To help alleviate this we have requested that cyclists use Clayton Road to exit the academy site at the end of the day, as there is more space here. Could we also ask you to continue to remind students on bicycles to cycle safely and always wear a helmet. To further alleviate the congestion in this area at the end of the day please can we ask any parents or carers collecting students in cars to avoid using Urban Street and Clayton Road and make alternative arrangements for collection. In addition, please do not park on the double yellow lines on both Cross O'Cliff Hill itself and the surrounding side roads. Your support with this is much appreciated by the residents and business owners in the area.

### **Uniform**

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 \(priorylsst.co.uk\)](http://The Priory Academy LSST - Uniform (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;
- Coats must be plain navy blue or black – no hoodies and no fur hoods;
- Blazers must be worn at all times – In Years 12 and 13 suit jackets must always be worn too.

We would also like to remind parents, carers and students that chewing gum is not permitted and should not be brought into the Academy.

### **Medical**

Occasionally, we are aware that students will become unwell during the academy day. Please can we ask for your support in ensuring that our procedures are followed, namely that if a student feels unwell, they speak to their teacher, who will then allow them to access our medical room. Should the need then arise for the student to be collected, reception staff will 'phone home. We ask, please, that you do not contact your child directly during the academy day.

### **Charities**

We are sure you will be pleased to hear that this year the students have chosen three charities to support through our fundraising events, as well as other charities in one off events throughout the year. This year, it has been decided to support Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance, Teenage Cancer Trust and WaterAid. A range of events will be planned to support each charity throughout the year. Next module we also have Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December), as well as a bake sale to help raise the

money to pay for our sponsored child, Renia, in Uganda in partnership with Jamie's Legacy. We thank you for your ongoing support of our charity events.

### **ParentPay**

Over the half term can you please check your ParentPay account, top it up and, if necessary, clear any outstanding debts ready for when we return on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023. We would like all students, if they use the academy dining facilities to buy food or drink, to start Module 2 with credit on their account. However, if you are having difficulties logging in or registering your account, please contact Miss L Housley via e-mail [lhousley@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:lhousley@prioryacademies.co.uk) and she will reply when we return to the Academy next module.

We do hope the students enjoy a safe and restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming them back for Module 2.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Hopkinson  
Headteacher

