

March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I do hope this modular update finds you well. It is hard to believe we are now two thirds the way through this academic year; time seems to be flying by too quickly! With numerous international trips over the course of the last three months and internal assessments it has been very busy for many of our students. To keep abreast of the activities within the module please do keep an eye on our social media feeds. We do try to update these regularly. We are no longer on 'X' but you can follow us on Facebook <u>here</u> or Instagram <u>here</u>. Our PE department also post regularly updates regarding sporting success on their Instagram page <u>here</u>.

## Staff Farewell

On Thursday, we sadly say goodbye to four members of staff: Mr D Goffe (Technology), Ms A Louise (Science), Mrs H Peutrill (Learning Strategies) and Mr J Clarke (Learning Strategies). Together, they have nearly 30 years' experience working at LSST. I am confident you will join me in thanking them for their hard work while at the Academy, but wish them well on their next adventure. All students affected by the changes from these staff leaving have been informed and relevant correspondence has been sent home.

We are always looking for new members to join our team in a variety of roles. Please do check our current vacancies for any opportunities you or others you know may be interested in: <u>The Priory Federation of Academies</u> <u>Trust - Vacancies (prioryacademies.co.uk)</u>

## Senior Leadership Team Consultation Evenings

The senior leadership team are available on specified evenings throughout the year to offer a forum to discuss aspects which parents/carers may wish to review. The evenings are staggered throughout the year and the next evening will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. If you wish to avail yourself of this opportunity, please contact our reception on <u>generalenquiries@priorylsst.co.uk</u>, outlining your topic for discussion.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Form Senior Prefect Team 2024/25

After a rigorous application and interview process I am pleased to announce the following students have been successful. C. Niven (Head Girl/Student); A. Sethia (Head Boy/Student); A. Glenn (Deputy Head Boy/Student); A. Wallace (Deputy Head Girl/Student) and D. Atkin, L. Hallam, M. Mohanaraj and M. Nimavet (Senior Prefects). They will decide on their full titles on our return after the Easter break and consider what projects they would like to work on to further the outcomes of our students within the Academy. My sincerest thanks to the outgoing team who have worked tirelessly to support students and staff throughout this academic year. The team was

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fundamental in securing a well-being room for our 6<sup>th</sup> Form students. The 2023 Senior Prefect Team were: T. Carpenter (Head Boy); P. Mistry (Head Girl); E. Clifton (Deputy Head Student); T Stone (Deputy Head Student) and S. Ainsworth, C. Lindsay, A. Turner and P. Yeates (Senior Prefects).

# Assessment

As we approach the end of Module 4, our Year 10 students have completed their internal examinations. Teachers have been marking these and going through the papers with students in lessons, and grades will go home with module grades at the end of this module. They are also preparing for their final RE GCSE examinations which will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024. As we look to Module 5, Year 12 students will complete their internal examinations from 16<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> April; please find the timetable for this <u>here</u>. These are important for the students, as they will help to inform predicted grades for university applications. Next module also sees the start of the formal examinations season for Year 11, 12 and 13 students. Please find the final timetable for GCSE examinations <u>here</u>.

In addition to this, at the end of this module the following information will go home via the SIMs Parent App: Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Module Grades; Year 8 Written Reports; Year 13 Tutor Reports and Year 10 Internal Examination Grades. If you have any further queries about any of the above information, then please contact Mrs H Moss (<u>hmoss@prioryacademies.co.uk</u>)

# Uniform and Community

May we take this opportunity to thank you 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: <u>The Priory Academy LSST - Uniform (priorylsst.co.uk)</u>

Following some recent conversations with our neighbours who run local businesses on Clayton Road and the residents of Urban Street please can we ask parents, who use those areas to collect students at the end of the day, to try to make alternative arrangements to meet students in nearby locations, as these roads can get very congested at the end of the academy day, which does impact on the local businesses and residents. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Form

On Awareness Day some of our Year 12 students had the opportunity to visit a university as part of their introduction to pathways post A Level. Other students attended a series of sessions held on school about Gap Years, Degree Apprenticeships, Studying abroad and other employment routes. Our next event is the Year 12 UCAS information evening which is to be held in Module 5. More details will follow after Easter.

## House Update

There has been a lot of activity in our House system since the last update, with many competitions, challenges and events that have ensured friendly rivalry between our four houses. The current house leaders are Alexandria with 59079 points, but all is still to play for with Sports Day, as well as many other events, coming up in the Summer Term. Students are emailed every week with ways to get involved so please encourage your child to check "Reflect and the Week Ahead" sent by Mr Mazingham.

## <u>Charity</u>

Our Fundraising and Charity Team (FACT) has remained active throughout the Spring Term, helping coordinate a non-uniform day in aid of our three chosen academy charities (Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance, Teenage Cancer Trust and Water Aid). This event raised almost £500 for each charity. As well as this, we have seen teachers do something "Funny for Money", raising around £200 for Comic Relief, and our FACT have also been very helpful in providing teas, coffees and refreshments at school events such as the School Show and Parents' Evenings. We thank you for your support in allowing our students to support these worthwhile causes.

As a long summer term awaits after the Easter break ,I would urge all our students to try to recharge their energy levels over the next couple of weeks. My sincerest thanks to you, our parents and carers, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Hopkinson Headteacher