

Friday 18th July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. It has been a year filled with growth, achievement, and resilience, and we are incredibly proud of how our students have responded to both challenges and opportunities. Their progress—both academically and personally—is a testament to the combined efforts of our dedicated staff, engaged families, and of course, the hard work of the children themselves.

Staff Farewells

As with the end of most academic years, we are sadly saying farewell to a number of teaching and support staff. I know you will join me in thanking those staff for the time they have supported your children and wish them well on their next journey whether that be retirement or to pastures new. Those staff leaving us are: Mrs W Ballantyne (Learning Strategies); Miss K Beckers (Technology); Mr G Burrell (Technology); Miss R Burrows (Administration); Mrs B Coupland (English); Mrs M Dickenson (Modern Foreign Languages); Mr J Grundy (Learning Strategies); Miss A Haigh (Learning Strategies); Mr P Rees (English); Miss J Thompson (Administration); Miss R Watson (Curriculum Support) and Mr L Whitehead (Technology). As always, we will update you on our new staff in September.

Charity

During the course of this module, the F.A.C.T team has successfully raised a total of £250.53 in support of Jamie's Legacy. Jamie's Legacy is a charity founded in memory of Jamie Perkins, a former student who tragically passed away in June 2020 while completing his final year. Jamie's Legacy make donations to organisations such as CEFOVID who operate in Uganda. CEFOVID is dedicated to improving the lives of the most isolated communities by providing access to essential services, including education, healthcare, and housing. Donations are also made to Kitz4Kidz who collect and redistribute pre-owned football kits to under-resourced teams across the globe.

Any student who is interested in joining the academy's fundraising team are encouraged to contact Miss A Marshall for further information.

<u>House</u>

The house events this module have been varied in nature, offering students a broad range of opportunities to participate, collaborate, and develop new skills. Sports Day is always a highly anticipated event which celebrates athleticism, teamwork, and house spirit. We hosted our wellbeing breakfast and offered chess tuition aimed at enhancing students' strategic thinking and problem-solving abilities. To finish off the long term we had a time travel story competition, a creative writing challenge that invited students to explore storytelling through the theme of time travel.

We would like to acknowledge all students who have taken part in house events throughout this academic year. Each time a student engages with a house activity, they contribute meaningfully to their community and become well-rounded individuals which equips them to become global citizens.

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<u>Uniform</u>

In preparation for the new academic year in September, we ask for your ongoing support in maintaining high uniform standards. The full uniform list can be found here to ensure students have all the correct uniform for September: <u>The Priory Academy LSST - Uniform (priorylsst.co.uk)</u>

Please pay careful attention to this to help ensure we can avoid any problems with student uniform in September.

To support with uniform, we run a second-hand uniform swap shop. We have quite an extensive range of secondhand uniform in all sizes. This is available without any cost, to benefit any of our students, so please do get in touch to see whether we have anything you might need. During term times you can contact us directly on LSSTuniform@prioryacademies.co.uk

Looking ahead, we're excited for the new experiences the coming year will bring. But for now, we wish you and your family a restful, safe, and enjoyable summer break. Thank you for being an essential part of our academy community—we truly appreciate all you do. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another fantastic year.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs J Hopkinson Headteacher