



THE PRIORY ACADEMY

LSST

Thursday 16th July 2026

Dear Parent/Carers

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another academic year. As we reflect, so much has been accomplished by our students both inside and outside of the classroom. It has been delightful to welcome so many parents/carers to our Prizegiving events over the last two weeks to celebrate some of those fantastic achievements. A sincere thank you to all of our students and their families for their hard work and support over the last year. It truly is that working in partnership that enables us and our students to grow and develop.

Staff Farewells

As always at this time of year we are again sadly saying farewell to some staff who are either retiring or heading to pastures new. Mrs A Cunningham (Pastoral); Mrs H Nuttall (Learning Strategies); Mr L Mazingham (PE/Enrichment Leader); Mr D Clews (Mathematics); Mr R Joliff (Computing); Mr J Nuttall (Designated Safeguarding Lead/Senior Leadership Team). I am confident you will join me in thanking those staff for their service to all involved during their time at LSST and wish them well on their onward journeys.

Enrichment

This module has been filled with a range of enrichment opportunities for our students. They have participated in exciting activities such as the Science Primary Outreach, the Year 7 and Year 10 Geography fieldtrips, and represented the Academy at the Lincolnshire Show for Science. Our CCF members enjoyed both the annual camps and a special CCF Camo Day, while others attended the Carnegie awards ceremony during a memorable Library trip. A variety of careers trips, a Mathematics visit to Lincoln University, and the challenging Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver expeditions. Alongside all of this, our students have taken full advantage of our internal enrichment programme, including curriculum clubs, sports, and the arts. It has been a pleasure to see so many students discover their passions and find their place. Next academic year we hope that students continue to engage so enthusiastically with every opportunity offered.

Careers

We are proud of our outstanding careers offer for students of all year groups at the Priory Academy LSST and were delighted that this was recognised in May when we achieved the Gold Career Mark. It really has been a full year with numerous careers visits including the Construction Careers Event for Year 10, NHS Careers Event for Year 7, visits from the Royal Navy and Army to the Academy as well as visits to Further and Higher Education providers. In March, we once again hosted the annual Oxbridge Conference, which invited students from many Lincolnshire schools and welcomed inspiring guest speakers from both Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Our work experience scheme goes from strength to strength with 96% of our Year 10 students and over 50% (and counting!) of our Year 12s completing some form of work experience.

House

We have also had house activities, including Sports Day, Year 7 Benchball, and the much-anticipated Priory Impossible. Our students have shown the spirit of friendly competition, paired with genuine encouragement and celebration for those who achieved success. Equally inspiring was the respect shown to all participants, especially

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those who demonstrated resilience throughout the events. We look forward to crowning the 2025/26 winners at the end of Friday.

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. We look for your continued support to maintain these high standards and the continued success of the Academy and the young people in it by ensuring all students are fully equipped with the correct uniform at the start of the next academic year. Full details of the academy uniform expectations for all years from 7 to 13 are available here: [The Priory Academy LSST - Uniform \(priorylsst.co.uk\)](https://www.priorylsst.co.uk)

To support with any uniform needs, we run a second-hand uniform swap shop. We have quite an extensive range of second-hand uniform in all sizes. This is available to benefit any of our students, so please do get in touch to see whether we have anything you might need. You can contact us directly on LSSTuniform@prioryacademies.co.uk

Discounted attractions and meals out this summer:

The Government's "Great British Summer Savings" scheme launched on 25th June and runs until 1st September. The Chancellor has slashed VAT on a range of family activities – including entry to attractions like soft play, adventure centers and theme parks; children's tickets to theatres and cinemas; and children's menu meals. In addition, bus travel for 5–15-year-olds in England will be free for the month of August. More information can be found by searching for "Great British Summer Savings" online.

Tour of Britain

You may be interested to hear that Lincoln will welcome a prestigious men's bike race, the Lloyds Tour of Britain 2026, in early September. The event is the UK's largest free-to-attend sporting spectacle, watched by millions around the world, and attracts some of the world's leading professional cycling teams and riders. Stage One of the Tour will begin and finish in Lincoln on Wednesday 2nd September, marking the first time the city has hosted a modern Tour of Britain stage and the first visit by a national Tour race to Lincoln in more than 30 years.

Our sincerest thanks again to you, our parents/carers, for your ongoing support. I do hope our students manage some rest over the next few weeks to recharge ready for the next academic year. We look forward to welcoming all of our students back to us on Monday 7th September 2026.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Hopkinson
Headteacher