

19th December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of the first 15 weeks of this academic year. As always, it has been busy with numerous organised events both within and outside of the classroom to support and develop our students. It has been lovely to welcome some of you into the Academy over the last two modules, as you have attended events relative to your child. Years 11 and 13 Prizegiving events are always delightful as we welcome back past students and their families, and our Christmas concert was the perfect event to round up this module. Thank you as always for your ongoing support. Only by us working together can we continue to support and develop your child fully.

Staff Goodbyes

Sadly, at the end of this module we say goodbye to Mr Collison as he moves on to pastures new. I know you will join me in thanking him for his hard work while he has been with us and wish him well in his future endeavours. We are delighted that Mrs Manby, who currently works part time, will be joining the PE department full time from the beginning of February.

6th Form

Our new Year 12 students have settled in well to their academic studies and are already making the most of the vast array of new opportunities available to them. We have a new team of Wellbeing ambassadors now fully trained and they are up and running, working with younger students. After Christmas, selected Year 12 students will take up their roles as prefects, guided by our Year 13 senior prefect team. We would like to thank all our outgoing prefects for their hard work and support with all academy events over the last year. Year 13 have been busy with applications for university and other post 18 courses and many of them have been having their first experience of interviews. In addition, Year 13 have been busy organising the Winter Fayre, which took place last week, and we would like to thank all students and parents/carers who supported this event to help them raise money for their prom.

Assessment

This module sees the first round of assessment information being shared with students and families. You can expect to receive the following, depending on your child's year group:

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- Year 7 – Written Report
- Years 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 – Module Grades
- Year 11 – Mock Examination Grades

Module Grades and Mock Examination Grades will be issued to students during form time on Friday 19th December and are retained in their Personal Development Folder. The Year 7 Written Reports will also be issued to students on the same day to take home. Parents and carers will be able to view their child's report, Module Grades and/or Mock Examination Grades electronically via the SIMS Parent App from Saturday 20th December.

If you experience any difficulties accessing the reports via the SIMS Parent App, please contact the Academy reception for support.

Senior Leadership Team Consultation Evenings

The senior leadership team are available on specified late afternoons throughout the year to offer a forum to discuss aspects which parents/carers may wish to review beyond the scope of the normal channels of staff/parent communication. The slots are staggered throughout the year and the remaining dates are: 3rd March 2026, and 9th June 2026. If you wish to avail yourself of this opportunity, please contact our reception on generalenquiries@priorylsst.co.uk, outlining your topic for discussion.

Charity

This term our community has truly demonstrated our values of Courage and Courtesy through incredible charitable efforts. Together, we have raised and donated:

- Children in Need: £430.91;
- Hello Yellow: £544.75;
- Link to Hope: 56 shoeboxes donated;
- Royal British Legion (Poppy Appeal): £308.69.

This goes alongside our ongoing foodbank collection and recent fundraising for Save the Children (Christmas Jumper Day). What an amazing achievement! Thank you to all students and parents/carers for your kindness and support. Your generosity makes a real difference and shows the strength of our academy community.

Enrichment

This term has been packed with incredible enrichment opportunities. Some notable highlights include House Cross Country, House Benchball for Years 8 and 9, showcasing fierce competition and fantastic resilience, as well as our House Assemblies and Celebration Assemblies, recognising achievements through Academy Value Awards and the Priory Passport. In addition to the launch of our Sixth Form Wellbeing Ambassadors, we are pleased to be able to provide an outline of our support through our Student Wellbeing on a page, which has recently gone live on the website. Students have also embraced a wide range of activities: Debate Club, official sports fixtures and clubs like Flag American Football, plus creative events in the library for writing and games competitions. There are too many amazing opportunities to list here, but we are proud of every student who has taken part and made the most of what's on offer.

IT Updates

From January, students in Key Stage 3 and 4 will no longer be able to email other students using their academy accounts. Naturally, they will still be able to email staff and teachers for support.

I would like to also pass on an ongoing reminder that students will not be able to access academy services such as email or SharePoint whilst outside of the UK. This is part of our cyber security measures to protect data and

accounts. Please note: if a student uses a VPN on a personal device at home, the system may detect this as an overseas login. In such cases, the account will be locked until the student speaks with their Head of Year and it is unlocked by our IT support team.

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 \(priorylsst.co.uk\)](https://www.priorylsst.co.uk/uniform)

In the colder weather please remember that coats, scarves, gloves etc need to be plain navy blue or plain black. If jumpers are worn these must be V-necked and plain navy blue, and the blazer must still be worn with the jumper. For any queries or support regarding uniform please contact the relevant Head of Year or Pastoral Manager.

Social Media

To ensure you stay completely up-to-date with all the latest news and events happening in the Academy, please make sure to follow us on social media. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at:

- <https://www.instagram.com/prioryacademylsst/?hl=en>
- https://www.facebook.com/priorylsst/?locale=en_GB

Facebook



Instagram



We regularly post key updates, photos, and important information there. Don't miss out!

Our sincerest thank you again for your continued support. We do wish you all a safe and enjoyable winter break and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to welcoming our students back to the Academy on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Hopkinson".

Mrs J Hopkinson
Headteacher