



THE PRIORY ACADEMY

LSST

10th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the new academic year! It has been delightful to welcome our students back this week after their long summer break. I do hope they have enjoyed their first week, albeit a slightly tiring one. I am confident they will find it easier next week once routines have become established.

We were delighted by the achievements of our Year 11 and Year 13 students last year. It was lovely to welcome families into the Academy on results days and share the achievements of our students after many months of hard work. I am confident you will join me in wishing our students the very best of luck as they head onto their next adventure.

New Staff

As always at the start of the academic year, we have some new staff starting with us: Mr N Day (Duke of Edinburgh Manager); Mrs C Lang (6th Form Curriculum Learning Assistant); Mr J Felton (Teacher of Music); Miss K O'Toole (Teacher of Science); Mr C Smithers (Teacher of PE); Mrs H Pickworth (Teacher of Technology). In addition, we also have some trainee teachers working with our staff: Miss M Armond (RE); Mr B Middleton (Chemistry); Miss L Wortley (Mathematics); Miss E Craven (English) and Mr H Fitchett (Computer Science). I know they are all looking forward to working with your children over the coming year.

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: 3rd November 2026; 2nd March 2027, and 8th June 2027. If you wish to avail yourself of this opportunity, please contact our reception on generalenquiries@priorylsst.co.uk, outlining your topic for discussion.

Mobile Phones

We continue with the approach to mobile phones introduced in Module 5 last academic year. In line with the updated government guidance, students will not be permitted to use their mobile phone during the academy day. From 8.20am, or from when students enter the academy buildings, mobile phones must be turned off and put away in the student's bag. The mobile phone is no longer able to be left in pockets or blazers throughout the day and must be switched off completely and stored away in their school bag. If a student feels they need to make contact with home, they must discuss this with a member of staff, and if deemed necessary, they will be able to contact home through the academy reception team. It is very important that you as parents and carers are not trying to contact students on their mobile phones during the academy day. If there is a need for you to contact your child during the academy day, then this must be done through our Reception and the message will be relayed to the student. We will endeavour to get all messages to students, however if a message is received

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after 14.00pm it cannot be guaranteed that the message will be relayed. We thank you in advance for your support and cooperation with this.

Uniform

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support with uniform. It was great to see all the students looking really smart in the uniform checks carried out this week. Full details of the uniform requirements and information about accessing pre-loved uniform can be found here: [The Priory Academy LSST - Uniform](#). One update from last year is that students are now permitted to wear tailored, grey school shorts all year if they wish. If there are any questions around uniform, please contact your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Manager.

Year Group Handbooks and Contract

For further information for each year group and key details and events for the coming year please see the relevant Year Group Handbook on the Academy website: [The Priory Academy LSST - Year Group Handbooks](#). We would also like to make you aware that there have been some updates to the Priory Contract, the home-school agreement that we have in place. The updated Priory Contract can be found on the website here: [The Priory Academy LSST - Priory Contract](#)

End of the academy day.

After the end of the academy day, students can leave through sixth form reception up until 4.30pm if they have had clubs or activities. After 4.30pm, all students still on site will have to leave/be collected from the Cross O'Cliff entrance to the Academy. Please can we also remind you that if a student does not have a club or activity after the end of the academy day, they should have left the site by 3.30pm. If they are waiting for a lift or a late bus, they should go to homework club.

We appreciate the need for parents and carers to collect students at the end of the school day and that this does create busy traffic conditions at the entrance/exit of the Academy. We request that if you are collecting students from the Cross 'O Cliff Hill entrance to the Academy, you come into the site and use the tennis court parking and collect your child(ren) from there. Please do not park in the residential areas in the vicinity of the academy entrance. If you are collecting students from the Sixth Form entrance at the top of Clayton Road, do note the parking restrictions and double yellow lines in place, and please plan to meet students away from both here and Urban Street. This area can become very busy, and this can then impact on the locality. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.

Thank you in advance for your support during this academic year. We truly believe by working in partnership with you we can fully support your child both academically and pastorally. Please do not hesitate to contact the Academy through the normal procedures should you require any support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Hopkinson
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