

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of another indescribable module, I would like to reemphasise my thanks to you as parents and carers for all of the support and encouragement you have provided to your children and the staff at the Academy throughout the last twelve weeks. Our students, your children, have been a true credit to you especially in terms of their determination and resilience. We have recently shared with all of our students the letter written to them by the Secretary of State for Education, which I felt important to share with you too. ([A letter to young people from Gavin Williamson MP, Secretary of State for Education - Education in the media \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2021/03/26/letter-to-young-people-from-gavin-williamson-mp-secretary-of-state-for-education-education-in-the-media/))

It was wonderful to welcome our students back to the classroom during week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March. Despite some initial alterations to routine because of testing, students comported themselves sensibly and have once again adapted to the demands of the classroom learning. It is uplifting to once again hear the repartee and interaction between staff and students on site. Staff have been quick to assess and review learning and adapt curriculum plans accordingly to ensure learning needs are met. Lesson resources continue to be uploaded to relevant areas of Sharepoint, adding to those already in situ, to cater for any absences and to further consolidate learning.

Our students have continued to get involved in numerous Enrichment activities throughout the module. At the beginning of the module, many students continued to participate in events remotely. We were particularly impressed with some of the entries in the 'Design a Facemask' competition. More recently, students have been taking part in the 'Easter Eggstravaganza' with events including 'Design an Easter Card' and 'Inspirational Eggs'. A huge well done as well to the Year 8 team who made it to the semi-finals of the CyberFirst Girls' Competition and thank you to members of The Priory Press who continue to produce informative and enjoyable reads. In terms of house points Alexandria continue to lead the way, but with many events still to come, it is all to play for!

Our Awareness sessions continue each week covering Community, E-safety, Careers and the Wider World and Relationships and Sex Education. We felt it was important to focus on the Sarah Everard case this module and the students had time to reflect and responded with maturity. Next module we will be moving on to consider careers across all year groups.

In common with all other Priory Federation Academies, due to the present situation nationally regarding assessment in the summer of 2021, we are not issuing attainment grades for students following GCSE, A Level or other Level 3 courses at the end of this module. We have included grades for students' Attitude to Learning to reflect how they are working this year up to this point. We have written to all parents and carers of students in Year 10 to 13 involved in assessments over the coming weeks. These letters are published on the website if you need to refer to them. In addition, a new document for parents and carers 'Guidance for students, parents and guardians: GCSEs and AS/A Levels in England Summer 2021' was released on Friday ([Summer 2021 arrangements](#))

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[- JCQ Joint Council for Qualifications](#)). We would encourage those families affected this summer to review this document.

We appreciate that it has been difficult to source some items of uniform during the period of national lockdown. As the restrictions begin to ease and shops reopen over the next few weeks, please can you ensure that your child returns after the Easter break with the correct uniform: [The Priory Academy LSST - Uniform \(priorylst.co.uk\)](http://The Priory Academy LSST - Uniform (priorylst.co.uk)) If there are any issues or questions, please contact your child's Form Tutor or Pastoral Learning Mentor. Can we also ask for your continued assistance in supporting students with arriving punctually at the start of the day. All students should be in classrooms ready to begin their period 1 lesson by 8.30.

Sadly, at the end of this term we say farewell to Mrs Morley who leaves us to begin a new role at Lindums. I would like to sincerely thank her for all of the support and guidance she has provided to her students over the last seventeen years in her delivery of IT, Business and as a form tutor. Next term, Mrs Morley's classes will be taken by both Mrs Cavill and a newly appointed teacher to our academy, Mrs Jays, who joins us from The Priory Belvoir Academy within the Trust. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Mrs Jays and wishing her well in her new role.

Current guidance from the government would suggest we return to the Academy after Easter with the same Health and Safety protocols in place. Should this change, I will inform you prior to our students returning. To ensure we all come back safely please can I refer you to the letter we sent last week regarding home testing and encourage all those students who are home testing to test the day prior to their return to the Academy.

On watching the Fellowship of the Ring, the first in the trilogy of the Lord of the Rings, this weekend a conversation between Frodo Baggins and Gandolf seemed pertinent to our current times.

*Frodo: "I wish the Ring had never come to me. I wish none of this had happened."*

*Gandalf: "So do all who live to see such times, but that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us."*

Wishing you all a safe and restful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming your children back to the Academy on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Hopkinson  
Headteacher