

Priory proudly celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Armistice with a Service of Remembrance on Friday 9 November.

Students, staff and local dignitaries commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Armistice with a special Remembrance Service in the Main Hall of Priory School.

Special readings of WW1 poetry and literature, a collaborative cascade of beautiful handmade poppies and performances from a choir and orchestra were just some of the highlights of the emotional service which ended with a roll call of honour for those who had died in active service. It is fair to say that many were finding it hard to hold back tears as we proudly remembered the school's very important history.



As many of you know, Priory School was commissioned as a Military Hospital during the First World War, and current staff and students were honoured to host the event for representatives from all six Bohunt Education Trust schools across the South of England. During the war, the school's Main Hall was used as a large ward with many of the classrooms becoming offices and even operating theatres so it was a fitting setting for such a poignant service.



Special guests included 99-year-old veteran John Jenkins MBE Ld'H who read the Act of Remembrance, Stephen Morgan, MP – an ex-Priory student, Portsmouth's Deputy Lord Mayoress Leza Tremorin and representatives from a variety of faiths in recognition of the history of and significance that Priory School played during the war, and the sacrifice made by local men and women from Portsmouth.

Stewart Vaughan, Headteacher, said, "Armistice Day reminds us of the sacrifice that so many young men and women in Portsmouth made one hundred years ago. To remember them and the time they spent here at Priory has brought great pride, especially as this building held so much importance during the years of 1914-1918. It is important to us as part of Bohunt Education Trust that we teach children about the significance of our location in Hampshire, and the history of our forefathers from the area".

CEO of Bohunt Education Trust, Neil Strowger, said, "BET's approach to immersive learning enables all our students to experience hands-on history. The Centenary is a very humbling occasion and we are fortunate in that many of our students come to school every day to Priory – a building that played a pivotal role in Portsmouth during 1914-18. Our ethos is Enjoy Respect Achieve – and today is a key example to all our students and staff of respect for those who died during the Great War."

IMPORTANT DATES SPRING TERM

Monday 7 January

All students return to school

Wednesday 9 January

Year 10 Parents Evening

Tuesday 15 January

Local Governing Body Meeting

Thursday 17 January

Art trip to TATE Modern

Friday 25 January

Mary Rose trip

Friday 25 January

Bohunt cross trust maths challenge Year 9

Thursday 31 January

Portsmouth Literature challenge

Friday 1 February

Isaac Physics workshop

Friday 1 - Sunday 3 February

Year 11 Residential Art trip

Wednesday 6 February

Year 7 Parents Evening

Wednesday 13 - Friday 15 February

School production – Sister Act

Monday 18 - Friday 22 February

HALF TERM

Thursday 28 February

Blenheim Palace trip

Monday 4 - Friday 8 March

Careers Week

Monday 4 - Friday 15 March

Year 11 PPEs

Tuesday 5 March

Local Governing Body meeting

Friday 8 March

Girls in STEM event 1851 Trust (Years 7 & 8)

Tuesday 12 March

Year 11 individual and year group photographs

Wednesday 13 March

Year 9 Parents Evening

Thursday 21 March

Year 8 Options Evening

Friday 22 March

INSET Day

Thursday 28 March

Year 8 Parents Evening

Wednesday 3 April

Year 11 Parents Evening

Thursday 4 April

Berlin trip departs – Bohunt trust maths challenge Year 8

Friday 5 April

Ski Trip departs – Last day of Spring Term

Tuesday 23 April

Students return to school from Easter Holidays

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Autumn Edition of the Priory Post. You will see in these pages an extraordinary amount of activity, both in the classroom and beyond.

As we approach the end of a busy and hectic 2018 for all at Priory, it is a challenge to pick out specific highlights from the academic year 2017-18, simply because our thriving community is involved in, and developing, so many impressive things. August saw some of our best ever GCSE results in the summer where English and Maths maintained their high standards, Science, RE and Geography made tremendous strides and Dance, PE, Music, Design Technology and Health and Social Care all had superb years.

We believe passionately that our role is to encourage opportunity and development beyond the classroom as well. Our Duke of Edinburgh provision continues to expand and we held the awards evening in November to celebrate those students who had secured both Bronze and Silver awards. This was fitting recognition for those who completed expeditions and hours of community service as well as developing new skills.

Our second expedition ran through the summer with 30 students on expedition in Norway. Hot on the heels of their magnificent exploits we will shortly be promoting our next expedition. Watch this space...

This time last year we had a healthy 26 clubs running during lunchtimes and after school. This year we have seen a huge expansion to almost 80 clubs offered to students. This is not by accident because we believe that such opportunities help develop skills and character traits that benefit young people as they grow. This was epitomized through our collaboration with the 1851 Trust that enabled every single Year 7 student to be offered the chance to go sailing in their first term at Priory and 220 were able to take up that offer. In the pages of this edition you will see some of the wide range of opportunities that we continue to develop for your children.

Priory continues to excel in sports with success in many disciplines but this year special mention must go to our Trampolining teams. Following national success earlier in the year, we now have three teams into the national semi-finals. A wonderful achievement.

My personal highlight of this term was undoubtedly our Remembrance Evening on 9 November. To host a Trust wide, city wide event that appropriately respected and remembered the extraordinary sacrifice of our servicemen and women was an important thing to do. That it was done so well was due to the passion and diligence of so many wonderful staff at Priory and other Trust schools and I feel very proud and humble to have seen it happen at our school.

And so we come to the end of another calendar year and they seem to speed by with increasing pace.



As we approach the festive season, I wish you and your families a peaceful holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Mr Vaughan

Photo courtesy of The Portsmouth News

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Governors' Report

As the new Chair of Priory's Local Governing Board I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

My first association with Priory School was in 1986 when I got a job as a junior technician in the school's Science Department. Over the years I 'rose through the ranks' to become the Technician Team Leader, finally retiring in 2016 after 30 happy years. During this time my children and then grandchildren attended, and flourished at, the school.

I became a governor nearly 20 years ago and decided that I wanted to continue my ties with the school once I had retired – it's a very interesting and rewarding role. I hope my experience as a member of staff and as a parent at Priory will assist me in my new role as the Governing Board helps to shape the vision for the school in the years to come.

Given my association with Priory Science I was gratified, on a recent visit, to see the progress being made with the refurbishment of five laboratories. The work includes all new flooring and lighting, built in fume cupboards, and some very smart new benching and storage.

In October several governors visited the school on one of our regular 'Immersion Days'. Held two or three times a year, these days give governors the opportunity to visit Priory during the school day – to see it in action and get the chance to meet with staff and students. On this occasion topics covered included Curriculum, Progress in Modern Foreign Languages and History, Alternative Provision, Science Labs and Plans, and an overview of the Careers Education provided by the school.

Season's Greetings to you all,

Sue Bushell – Chair, Priory Local Governing Board

Year 7 students have all taken part in the Sailwise Project



This programme has allowed the entire Year 7 cohort to experience sailing for free this autumn. It has been a fantastic opportunity for the students, many of whom didn't know each other at the start of term, to develop socially and get to know each other outside of the classroom.

The 1851 Trust, which is an education charity connected to Ben Ainslie Racing's America's Cup Team, hosted the students in the morning when the children used the Tech Deck to learn about their physiology and nutrition.

The students used a simulator of a grinder which is used to raise the sails on a boat, measured their change in pulse rate and learnt to understand about the different muscles used and how their body works. Following on from the morning session, the students then had the opportunity to put into practice the knowledge they had gained. The afternoon sailing activities were run by the Andrew Simpson Watersports Centre where students were given the knowledge and confidence to be safe on the water as well as learning the skills of sailing. It was also a chance for the children to develop personal skills of teamwork, communication and co-ordination: 'Once you are out at sea in a boat, even if you are out of your comfort zone, you can't simply get off or walk away. In challenging conditions you have to dig in and get on with it. It helps to develop a resilience and independence – characteristics needed in all aspects of life.' (lead instructor).

Teaching staff involved in the programme feel it supports students' learning as it allows them to see the application of knowledge and skills.

'It was great fun. We have been learning the science about how the boat turns. It was really windy out there and we had to use teamwork and communication.'

Bill Barlow

'I was really apprehensive at first but now I am glad I did it. We really had to concentrate on what we were doing.'

Jasmine Brooks

'I learnt how to control the mast and the boat. We had to be co-ordinated and use a lot of teamwork. I would certainly like the chance to go sailing again.'

Oliver Mitchell

'I am really grateful for this opportunity as it is not something I would normally have got the chance to do. The first waves were really strong and I thought we were going to capsize. We really had to work together to get through it.'

Tyler Morey

The Big Expedition – Norway Report Summer 2018

Our spectacular expedition to Norway in the summer holidays was hailed a huge success with students in Years 10 & 11 enjoying several activities and new experiences.

These included mountain biking, hiking, kayaking and several cultural events over their week-long stay. Students largely self-funded their trip by fundraising over an 18-month period.

Many were involved in charity bike rides, selling handmade items at Southsea market, arranging concerts and holding bake sales within and outside of school. These big expedition events are a huge part of the Bohunt Education Trust ethos with outdoor education playing an increasingly significant role in the life of Priory School. Students who experienced the trip have brought back some lasting memories.

Matt Sherren said, "Norway has been an amazing journey. I have met some amazing people, made life-long friends and had experiences that will stay with me forever. I'll never forget our three day hike where we didn't see another soul for the entire time. Despite this, on the last day hiking I spoke to a walker who turned out to be from Portsmouth!"

Millie Stone added, "Norway was brilliant because of the different cultures we experienced. All the people that looked after us were very friendly and insisted on feeding us until we blew up! Everyone in my team was supportive of everyone else and it was an experience I'll never forget. I recommend taking part in an expedition to everyone."

Details about the next expedition, planned for 2020, will be published in due course.



Year 9 Trip – Rocking Ur Teens

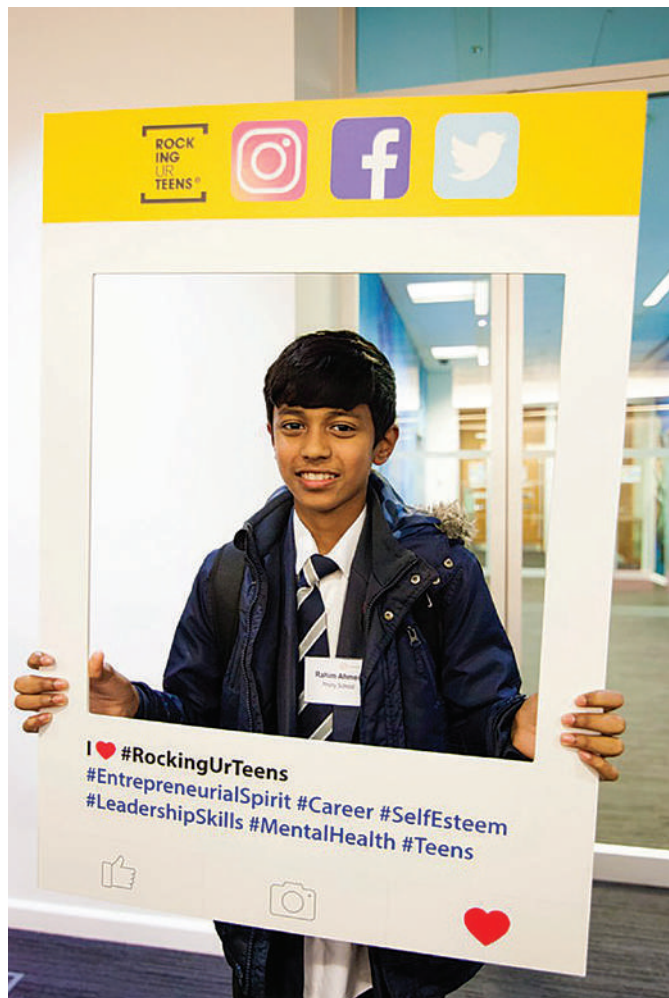
A report from Ms Weeks

I am always excited when someone says “Trip?” to me and this occasion was no different.

I was really excited to have the opportunity to take fifteen of our Year 9 boys who were enthralled and engaged by inspirational speakers, one after another. And what a selection of speakers they were.

Ragz-CV was there to share not only his own poetry but to share with our boys how poetry can be used to help support young people in their studies – a poet will always win over an English teacher! He was swiftly followed by ‘Kay’ from the Self Esteem Team. He really engaged our young boys, showing he knew exactly what it was like to be a fourteen year old teen and under pressure from all angles; and the boys knew it. From school to relationships, he was able to offer a range of ways to get through it and showed the boys a real sense of identity and how to find theirs in such a difficult society.

When Asif Sadiq (MBE) stood up and explained that he had failed his GCSEs 4 times and it was “All good” as a teacher, my jaw hit the floor, but not for long! I was soon smiling, both on the inside and the outside as the inspirational speaker showed how every ‘failure’ is in fact another way to learn and is actually a motivator for success. And boy had he successes to share with our lads, who were bursting with questions, again about success and motivation.



A really inspirational speaker who shared his successes as an Inspector in London's Metropolitan police, and in the private sector, and cherished every ‘failure’ that had made those successes possible.

But, the best was yet to come. Kamal Hyman was the highlight of the day. A phenomenal speaker who started with his (now I'm showing my age) 50 Cent Designer outfit which he insisted on wearing in rural Petersfield!

He regaled stories of failed Saturday jobs and a failure to find his own identity as a lone black man from London in white collar Petersfield, before then sharing his journey to finding his own successes. He shared with the boys not only the journey he had been on, but also how they could create their own paths with practical ideas to help them. The fact that the questions for him went on longer than his 40 minute speech showed what a high the day ended on before the long journey home.

Not unexpectedly, the boys on the trip did Priory and myself proud and I cannot wait for the next time I hear that phrase “Trip?”!

To stay up-to-date with all the day to day happenings, as well as upcoming events at Priory. Simply follow us on Facebook and Twitter. We regularly post news, updates, photos, achievements, and information which you will hopefully find useful and interesting.



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The opportunity of a life time

A very special report from Lucy Erridge, Year 11

Earlier this year, The National World War 2 Museum in New Orleans launched an international competition and opportunity of a life time; for one student from the UK to join others from across the globe to feature in an emotional and informative documentary. And I won!

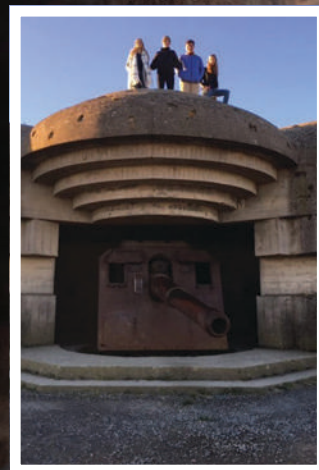
Back in March 2018, our English teachers said some of us should audition for the documentary celebrating and remembering D-Day for its 75th anniversary in June 2019. I was lucky enough to be chosen to give it a go.

I sat down and was filmed recounting the horrific and heroic events of Omaha. After a tense wait, to my surprise and joy I was delighted to hear that I had won, and would get to travel all over Normandy representing Priory School and the United Kingdom along with students from France, America and Canada.

As the week begun, we were briefed on the script and settings of our filming and I found it fascinating learning about the key locations involved in D-Day. Each day we filmed in different areas, including; Arromanches (Gold Beach), Juno, Omaha and Utah beaches.

The filming (which lasted up to twelve hours per day) covered the artillery which pummelled Pointe Du Hoc, the gun batteries of Longues-sur-Mer and the incredibly emotional War Cemetery for fallen American soldiers. By the end of it I was so touched by what had happened almost 75 years ago that it made me really appreciate what I have, because people who I don't know died so I could be free of tyranny. I feel everyone should be aware of their sacrifice so that it will never be in vain.

The documentary is due for release very soon and I will ensure it is available for every student in the school to see it via their tutor groups.



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Health and Social Care

At the end of July, ten Health and Social Care students went to Shearwater care home, a local secure dementia unit.

The group spent time in the staff training room learning about the person-centred care provided by the staff and the paperwork that makes up the case files which enable them to provide this.

The students were engaged in the training and this linked closely with Component 2 – Health and Social Care Services and Values, part of their BTEC qualification. The tour of the care home involved seeing the residents' accommodation, the social areas and the technology and equipment used to support the residents. Students left the visit overwhelmed by the lengths the staff go to in order to provide the best person-centred care and the small details considered to make residents' lives there the most comfortable.



2018 Dance Marathon



A report by Dance Captain Lola Rees Whelan

This year our Priory ten hour Dance Marathon was bigger and better than ever! We all had lots of fun rehearsing, even if it was really hard work.

I think it is fair to say that all our dancers are now extremely excited about the dance show which is coming up before we break for Christmas.

We started our Dance Marathon day at 7am by meeting in the sports cafe and handing in our sponsorship money. This is what we use to fund our costumes, makeup and hair supplies. We raised more money than ever before with a grand total of **£1900**. We then took to the lower gym to quickly watch through last year's fantastic dance show and it was very inspiring and nice to reminisce!

After this, it was PRACTISE PRACTISE PRACTISE.

To ensure we made the most progress, a lot of effort was put into our rehearsals and we want to make this year's show the best one ever (if that is even possible considering how good last year's was).

Even though our fabulous annual dance show is obviously centred on dance, there are many other ways to get involved and lots of people help backstage with make-up and with lighting and sound which makes the show as professional as possible.

All in all, the dance show is an extremely fun experience in all aspects possible. Bring on Priory Dance Show Christmas 2018!



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National Fitness Day

National Fitness Day was on 26th September 2018 and we used it as an opportunity to promote fitness, health and regular exercise.

Most tutor groups now participate in activities focussed on wellbeing on Wednesdays therefore it was fitting to get as many students as possible to participate in fitness activities.



There is an abundance of research into the positive correlation between exercise and concentration, memory and educational outcomes. This further reinforced the importance to use this day as a platform to get students talking about health and fitness.

Students discussed what the term 'fitness' meant to them and submitted a statement on behalf of their tutor group. All tutor groups were requested to participate in a 10 minute aerobic chair workout.

Within PE lessons, more focus was given to the importance of fitness. Students used the fitness suite to complete their training programmes, participated in circuit training and exercised through dance.

Priory's newly decorated library



If you have not already paid a visit, welcome to our library which has had a big make over!

We've changed the look with a theme of BIG BLUE CIRCLES for our signage and noticeboards, which has made a massive visual impact to the room.



There is also an area designated to information and displays about the Duke of Edinburgh Awards so you can see examples of the skills and physical and volunteering activities that are a required part of the awards. There are IDEAS sheets to help with choosing activities, and photographs of the latest expedition.

Through the year we will be adorning the library with seasonal decorations, as well as having featured wall boards displaying topical issues or events, so watch this space!

The Everybody Campaign

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On 3rd October Mrs Spear took four students to Winchester to take part in the 'Everybody Campaign'.

The event which was run by Hampshire CAMHS focussed on adolescent self-image and self-esteem.

Our Health and Social Care students study these issues in Years 9 and 10 as part of Component 1 – Human Lifespan Development.

The students participated with over 150 teenagers from schools across the county in workshops, debates and listening to inspirational key speakers.

Topics that were addressed were the pressures on young people, body confidence and overcoming low self-esteem. Shajida shared her opinions with the entire conference clearly and confidently.

This picture is our girls with 'Bearded Dame' Harnaam Kaur after her inspirational and empowering keynote speech. The small group of Priory pupils were honoured to have an intimate chat with Harnaam afterwards and expressed the impact her speech had on them.



Dubai Sports Tour

During October half term, Year 10 students from Priory went on a joint sports tour to Dubai with St Edmund's Catholic School.



We had one cricket team and one netball team made up of students from both schools.

This was an amazing once in a lifetime experience for the students to not only play netball and cricket in Dubai but to compete in some of the best facilities in the world. Both the Cricket and Netball played was at an incredibly high standard and both teams showed great determination and maturity throughout. The students did not only improve their knowledge of the game but their skill level as well.

Aside from the fabulous sports, students got the chance to experience many cultural activities whilst on the trip. These included The Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi; the biggest shopping centre in the world, Dubai Mall; a desert safari followed by an evening of local food plus entertainment and camel racing.

We want to say a fantastic well done to everyone involved. We encourage you all to keep your eyes out for another opportunity to visit Dubai with Priory School.



Meet the Tutor Evening

The start of Meet the Tutor Evening was a big meeting in the D Block Hall with all the parents and students.

Mr Vaughan gave a speech, followed by Mr Davies. After this, we headed to the rooms for our parents to meet our tutor. During our fantastic evening we played various games and quizzes. After that we had a curry and some soft drinks. Once our parents had met our tutor we went to the hall to find out who had won the trophies.

Holly Toner, 7 Male



Street Dance World Championships – Glasgow



A report from Emily Gillmore, 10 Panther

In August 2018, I made the long drive north with my family to compete at the UDO World Street Dance Championships in Glasgow.



This is an extremely competitive five day event covering all styles of street dance and attracts thousands of street dancers and their crews from all around the world. This was my third year competing and as always was a great experience. I enjoyed my most successful year so far finishing in the top 10 in Solo performance in the Under 16 Intermediate category. I also danced with my crew Ascendant in the Over 18 Teams category.

Priory Ski Trip 2019

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We now have 35 students who are going on our forthcoming ski trip. It is on the 5 to 13 April 2019 and there are seven places still available for students in any year group.

The cost is **£759** which includes:

- Return travel to our resort by coach
- 6 days skiing with 4 hours tuition per day with qualified instructors
- Lift pass for all ski lifts in the resort
- Ski, boot and helmet hire
- Full board accommodation
- Winter sports insurance (details available on request and on the PGL website)
- PGL Representative in resort
- In-house evening entertainment package (e.g. quizzes, games).

If students are interested in filling these final places please talk to Mr Chafiie or email him: schafiie@priorysouthsea.org



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Year 11 Certificate Evening

On the evening of Thursday 15 November we saw the welcome return of the wonderful class of 2018 who came back to receive their GCSE certificates and celebrate their many triumphs.

Over 100 former students and their families attended the evening which is always a great opportunity for everyone to catch up after moving on to pastures new. There were some superb individual performances to celebrate, as well as a number of special awards to be given out.

Individual mentions must go to the students who achieved our top GCSE results and were presented with the Mary Murray-Dudgeon & Winifred Hancock Awards for Academic Achievement.

Huge congratulations to:

Katya Graham	Harriet Brown
Sam Dudman	Polly O'Neil
Saminoor Alom	Gavin Tulk
Maria Mitran	Isabelle Pearce

In addition, to these special accolades Maria Mitran and Freya Goodwin were joint recipients of the Pop Marshall English Literature Award which goes to the student who attains the highest school marks in the English Literature exam; both achieving 146 marks to attain a Grade 9.

Thomas McNab was awarded the Helen Sizer Memorial Award for consistent effort in overcoming difficulties, and Eryk Lis and Isabelle Busby were recognised for 100% attendance throughout their time at Priory.

During the evening, Mr Vaughan spoke not only of academic success, but also the contributions the year group as a whole had made to the school: their tireless efforts for charity; creativity and brilliant choreography in dance shows and drama performances; kindness and caring when undertaking sports leadership opportunities; dedication and courage in championship school sports teams and more recently huge resilience and endurance when undertaking the skills and challenges involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver awards.

In addition, Mr Vaughan spoke with passion about the 20 students who completed the exciting but arduous Norway Expedition which had involved high altitude trekking, kayaking, climbing and cycling. Their achievements, he said, really cemented his thoughts about the year group whose overall results demonstrate the rapidly changing pace and success of the school.



Duke of Edinburgh Update



We are thrilled that we are now recognised as the largest provider of *DofE* in the city of Portsmouth – a fantastic statistic that shows the support and dedication of the Priory staff team who give up their free time so readily for the students.

We are proud to announce that we currently have **47 Bronze** participants signed up and **52 Silver** participants. This is a massive increase in the number of Silver participants and highlights how successful the *DofE* scheme is proving in Priory school.



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We have just enjoyed the second *DofE* awards evening on 22 November and 104 current and recently left Year 11 students received their awards (14 Silver and 90 Bronze) – a figure set to rise exponentially. The evening was a great success that celebrated everything our students have achieved, from trekking and camping in storms, through to the vast array of volunteering and new skills learning going on across the year groups. Despite lots of challenges, Priory students have the highest award completion rate of **92%** when measured against all of the schools in the BET.

Some of the activities our students have been undertaking are pretty special and worthy of mention:

- Leon Snow, Pax Gregory, Tom Gough and Caleb Jones were part of a team of volunteers that helped to renovate Cockleshell Community Sports Club.
- Akos Nagy has been volunteering in the school library helping out Mrs Feltham.
- Daisy Hobman has been helping her disabled neighbour with various tasks such as tidying and walking the dog.
- Euan Busby has been volunteering his time to help out at an after school club in a local primary school.
- Oakley Alexander volunteered his time helping young people enjoy sport.
- Ellie Slater has been practising her guitar and has performed at school, concerts and at a local festival
- Mollie Brooks has been practising her dancing for 6 months and performed in the Priory Dance Show.
- Jasmine Chapman has been improving her photography skills.

Pictures show one of our latest expeditions from summer 2018 and the students receiving their well-earned awards.



Account written by Kennedy Morris, 9 Withers

On Tuesday the 6 November 44 Year 9 pupils went to the Imperial War Museum in London.

The journey seemed to take forever but we finally reached London and saw the River Thames and The London Eye. We then got into groups and went to investigate the museum.

We were taken first to the Holocaust section of the museum and were told that we were going to have a talk about what we may see and what the artefacts could tell us. After a 20 minute presentation we then went into the Holocaust Exhibition itself. We were given audio guides and headphones that would guide us around the exhibition.

There was so much information to take in – some shocking and some very upsetting. We saw shoes of the victims of The Holocaust, a scale model of Auschwitz and even learnt that the clothes worn by the Nazis were made by Hugo Boss. It was a real eye opening experience and the museum really showed us the horrors of the past.

After the exhibition and some reflection time, we were allowed to look around the museum and go to the shop. The museum was amazing and we were all stating how we would like to have more time to see what was there. The shop was good but a little expensive!

At 3pm we made our way back to the coach and were on our way back home to Portsmouth. Thankfully the journey on the way back was much quicker than on the way and we were back in Portsmouth at 5.30pm – tired but reflecting on all that we had seen and learnt about during the day.



Boxing News from our 'Bridge' students

Bridge students attending boxing at Heart of Portsmouth have been given the opportunity to work through their boxing awards due to the club gaining further funding and they are all very grateful.

Students who consistently attend boxing are Chris Stevenson, Tyler Bibby, Jack Carpenter & Chloe Brooks and they have all been identified as having great potential. They also now attend outside of school hours and this is great news as boxing is actually very good for us. Well done – what a fab four you are!



Medical Mavericks



On 25th September, we welcomed Medical Mavericks “the UK’s No 1, OMG, jaw dropping Careers, STEM & Sports Science Enrichment Experience for schools” to Priory for an inspirational set of workshops for students studying Health and Social Care.

This company inspire the next generation of medics and scientists by taking real medical equipment into schools. Their mission is all about providing inspiration to raise aspirations and to show students the opportunities they have in front of them.

It was really interesting to hear about technology used within healthcare and some of the unique jobs available in the sector. This includes some of the lesser known careers such as biomedical science, healthcare science, medical engineering, medical physics, physiology, bioinformatics and many more.

Students learnt how to use medical equipment and completed their health passports throughout their sessions. We welcomed students and staff from TPS for one of the sessions where their Year 11 HSC students joined ours in learning about health indicators and equipment in healthcare. Health indicators are something the students study as part of Component 3 – Health and Wellbeing within their BTEC course.

They are required to assess the factors that impact individuals' health and wellbeing and produce a health improvement plan based on the data.

Students were able to try out their skills for keyhole surgery and taking blood using real training simulators. They carried out retina scans, ultrasounds and ECGs using real equipment. Looking to see whether they will grow more by scanning the growth plates in their wrists and analysing their heart rhythms prompted a lot of discussions. Students also measured each other's blood pressure, lung capacity and temperature. There was an exciting buzz around the sports hall as each session hosted another 50 students to motivate and inspire them with healthcare careers.

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Priory's Annual Macmillan Bake Sale

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Priory's Macmillan Bake Sale went well again this year with the school raising **£710.77** for the charity.

Famous alumni, Stephen Morgan came back in and judged the cake decorating competition and Tesco Fratton, the Coop Fawcett Road, Baffled Coffee and Sainsbury's Portsmouth donated cakes.

Students, parents, carers and staff were encouraged to bake, fake and donate as well as bring in lots of loose change to buy cakes on the day.

We want to say a massive 'Thank You' to everyone who helped make our cake sale in support of Macmillan a huge success for the third year running. The entries for the cake decorating competition were truly amazing and staff were blown away by the talented young bakers in the school. Winners were Lucy Mandiwall for the decorated cupcakes and Milly Devlin for the single large cake category.

Headteacher Mr Vaughan reiterated his thanks to the school community for getting behind the annual event and said "Fundraising is an important part of our school ethos and our Macmillan Bake Sale kicks off our fundraising year. We are delighted to be able to send Macmillan this generous community donation."

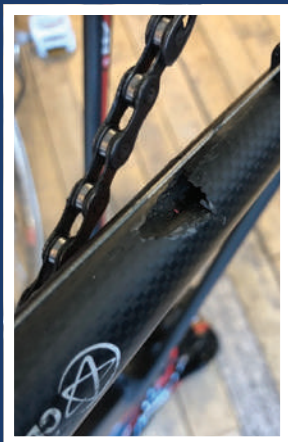


Grand Depart 2018

A report from Mr Kent

On Saturday 23rd June 2018, I completed the first stage of the Tour de France from Noirmoutier-en-Ille to Fontenay-le-Comte, just two weeks before the professionals.

Before leaving for the event I spoke to each year group in their assembly about why I was doing the ride and that to do it properly I should shave my legs. For some reason I decided to get my legs waxed during the Year 7 assembly, which I regretted after the first strip was pulled off!



With two days to go, legs waxed and training done I decided to give my bike a quick clean, as I turned the bike over I discovered a hole in the frame of my bike.

Thankfully the staff at Bike-u-like on Albert Road came to my rescue and patched up the crack, but told me not to ride for at least 48hrs, which coincided with the start of the ride in France. Not knowing if the bike would hold together and deciding not to hire a Brompton from the Hard, I set off for France with the other 250 riders.

After an eventful journey to the start line, where one of the buses transporting the 250 riders to the start point got wedged between two buildings as it tried to make a turn, we eventually started the 200km ride. All was good for the first 20km until a head wind picked up and stayed in our faces for the remainder of the ride.

Although the ride wasn't a race I was conscious of being asked, "Where did you finish, sir?" when I got back to school, so I thought I'd try and get the ride done in the best time I could.

By the first drinks stop I'd made my way up to the front 20 riders and by the time I'd left the second drinks stop I was leading the ride! However this was short lived as a group of five riders working together soon caught and passed me. Undeterred I continued to battle into the headwind to the final drinks stop, 30km from the finish. For the remainder of the course I rode with 3 other riders each taking a turn at the front.

I've never ridden in a group and couldn't believe the difference riding behind someone makes, especially into a head wind. By mid-afternoon we eventually got to Fontenay-le-Comte. I crossed the line in an unofficial 7th place, in a time of 6hrs 40mins, welcomed in by a handful of people and the 5 riders that had earlier passed me, sat in deckchairs!

The purpose of the ride was never forgotten throughout the event. I met and rode with people who were dealing with, recovering from, or had lost family members due to Prostate Cancer. I'd like to thank all the pupils, parents and staff who sponsored me. Without your help I wouldn't have been able to raise the **£1,152** for Prostate Cancer UK and contribute to the £300,000.00+ total amount raised by the ride.



PROSTATE CANCER UK



With your help I managed to raise:

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Thank you!

Extra-curricular at Priory School

The new PX programme is well underway at Priory and there is something for everyone.

Clubs are taking place at break times and after-school. One of our most popular clubs this half term has been Chemistry, run by Ms Quinn in A22. Priory also has a number of external agencies creating opportunities away from our current curriculum. These include archery club with Active Communities, Young Sports Leaders being run by Pompey in the Community, E6 Project with Portsmouth College as well as Boxing with HOP and Ultimate Frisbee with the University of Portsmouth.

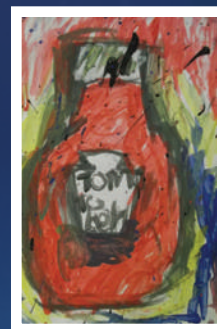
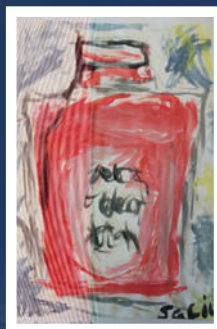
Please check out the Priory website or the link on the Priory Facebook page for regular updates on clubs and activities. More photos will follow in the next Priory Post.

Art Club

A reminder that Art Club is held in Ms Parfoot's room every Tuesday from 3.10 to 4.15

This term students have produced their paintings based on the artist Robert Joyner. They have enjoyed the freedom of drawing directly on the paper with the paint. The painted sketches were done extremely quickly to encourage students to allow the paint to flow without the restriction to produce accurate detail, which can sometimes be discouraging.

You can see from their completed paintings that the students enjoyed the activity with fabulous results. Please remember – all are welcome.



Creative Writing Club

I thought Creative Writing might involve a few stories, maybe a competition but I have been literally blown away by Priory Students' talents!

Not only have they created poetry for competitions but they have made stories, researched and frankly, taught me more than I ever thought possible! It didn't seem fair to take all the credit for their hard work so, when I was asked to include a write up for the Priory Post, it only seemed fair that some of this beautiful work took pride of place in the article. I hope you enjoy reading these extracts from larger works in progress as much as I did.

Mrs Weeks

YOUR QUEEN IS DEAD. My face transformed into a look of horror, and the others at my eighteenth birthday party checked their phones too. Sure enough, they also had the exact same message. Immediately the music began to fade and the room was stuck in a deadly silence. It was as if someone had put a stopper on time. It was me that spoke first, "What should we do?"

Nellie Fraser 7 Perrins

"If you are watching this, I'm dead... they're coming. They're coming and you are all going to die like me! Like... like me... Get your ammo, get your grave stones and be prepared... Please, I don't want to die in vain... I'm Hugo, Hugo Jones. Just thinking that name made his eyes screw up with contempt. It forced him to remember the teenage boy's upturned nose and haughty expression... the way the handsome blonde hair fell over his hazel, hateful eyes..."

Maliha Khatun 8 Blachford



Chemistry Club

One of our new extra-curricular clubs has been proving very popular with our amateur scientists who have been really enjoying experimenting with chemicals and compounds!

During the course of this term, over seventy budding young scientists have been regularly attending Chemistry Club on Thursdays straight after school.

So far, students have made bath bombs, magnetic slime and had competitions growing the largest sugar crystals. Ms Quinn has reported that students have worked cooperatively and safely to produce superbly carried out chemistry practical experiments.

Anyone is welcome at the club, just ask Ms Quinn for more details.



Cheerleading Club

So far, the cheerleading club has been very popular with students in Year 7 and Year 8.

This year I have decided the talent is so great that our students are going to compete in a National Schools' Cheerleading Competition in July 2019.

Following the recent trials, we have selected a team of students who will represent the school at the 'Future Cheer Schools Out' competition in Bournemouth. This is a fantastic opportunity for the girls to experience the growing trend of competitive cheerleading in the UK and also to compete against other school teams from around the country.

The Cheerleading Club continues to run every Friday from 2.20pm 3.15pm for those who have not been selected for the team but still want to enjoy cheerleading.

Miss Mazzola



DT Club

Design and Technology club has been running on Tuesdays after school since September.

It has proved a very popular and well attended club with students in Years 9 & 10 making the most of every opportunity. Students are currently busy making a wooden pull along toy and are enjoying the freedom of using all the workshop tools and machinery.

I asked some of the pupils what they enjoyed most about DT club and here are their comments...

Mrs Whitelock



STEM Club

Tuesdays after school in C4



We have recently been working on a project about Genetic Engineering called "Aspire to Engineer: The Genetic Engineering Challenge". Students will enter a national competition with the Royal Commission in December 2018.

They will be presenting their ideas in assemblies for Years 7, 8 and 9. We are then launching a new Project in January with the company "Solutions for the Planet" and we are very excited about this.

Solutions for the Planet run an annual enterprise competition called the "Big Ideas Programme".

This is a STEM-focused programme with an emphasis on sustainability and entrepreneurship. It is delivered in partnership with companies based locally, who support teams of KS3 students to generate solutions or 'Big Ideas' to sustainability issues. These Big Ideas are submitted to the competition with semi-finals held at a regional university and finals, traditionally held, at the Houses of Parliament in London.

Make sure as many of you attend STEM club as possible in order to take up this great opportunity.

Ms England-Wood

'It's fun and we like improving our skills.'

Joyal, Year 10

'DT club has really helped me improve my knowledge for GCSE.'

Khalil, Year 10

'I like DT club because I can work with my friends.'

Shaef, Year 10

'I like being with my friends, we are really competitive to see whose work is the best.'

Humza, Year 10

'DT club has a relaxed atmosphere and it's going to help me with my GCSE but it doesn't feel like work.'

Shelley, Year 10

'It's good to learn new skills and use all the tools.'

Robert, Year 10

'I didn't take DT as a GCSE so it's nice to come and make something.'

Noah, Year 10

Faculty Round-up

Humanities – PSCRE

Examples of work completed by some of our talented Year 8 students

Students have been learning about child soldiers, blood diamonds and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child this half term. Here are some examples of the diary entries of child soldiers which they have written.

Diary of a Child Soldier

Pain. Manipulated, abused and ashamed. The tears that caress this page, flowing like the thoughts in my head. Scared with the shame of murder. What have I done? These hands... These hands that have killed, betrayed and searched for the only ray of hope there is... freedom! The one thing that keeps me going. I've been put through this, working so young and what for? To pay for someone else's happiness. To pay for guns and slaughter to take over this country.

Sierra Leone used to be a beautiful place. Filled with culture, community and pride. Wiped away by the people who think they know better, and are worthy of control. The only thing they are worthy of is a grave.

But me alone, I am helpless. I am weak, starved of my childhood and strangled by the guilt of what they made me do. I am helpless, alone and afraid. Those who I love and miss, a faint memory soon to be forgotten.

By Lily Sanderson-Snare 8 Hornsey

Diary of a Child Soldier

When I was taken I didn't scream or try to stop it, I knew my fate was decided. Every day I lose more and more hope. Every person I'm forced to kill breaks my heart into smaller pieces. These fools are trying to make me believe my family are trash. I just imagine my family being cut up and served to the customers called greed. I've cried so long and hard I don't even have tears left. How could they treat us like this?

I have more scars from beatings than brain cells. They even took innocent people to shoot; they make us witness torture and they beat the men and children mining for diamonds. Then one threw me down a well and made me crawl out. Their faces of disappointment when I lived! They make us sleep in a barn. I'm sick of this, sick of it all. Maybe if I take my own life I won't see any more of this brutality. My future is in shreds. My last words to my father were 'leave me alone' – I wish I could talk to him and apologise. I'm going to get out as soon as I can. If there isn't another entry then who knows what has happened to me.

By Romina Abbasi 8 Mazzola

Humanities – History

Year 7 Trip



Ms Roberts from the History Department recently took 30 Year 7 students to Butser Ancient Farm to look back in time at the lives of Saxon people. Students completed an archaeological dig, and wattle, spinning and chalk carving.

They also went in and looked around a Saxon house as well as Iron Age and Pre-historical buildings. They finally got to feed some goats with banana skins and petted some adorable sheep!



Humanities – Geography

Year 7 Map reading

Year 7 students have recently been learning to use Ordnance Survey maps in Geography.

They were writing stories using OS symbols instead of some words. The task proved extremely popular and was thoroughly enjoyed by all in Ms Noble's class.



Communications – Modern Foreign Languages

Year 11 MFL information evening

On Tuesday the 30th of October, the MFL department invited the parents of all Year 11 students studying a language at GCSE to an information evening in the main hall.

The purpose of the evening was to outline the challenges that lie ahead and to ensure that all students and parents know how to effectively revise and prepare for the forthcoming GCSE exams.

The MFL department was delighted to see over 100 people in attendance.

"This is an encouraging sign and shows a good level of commitment from both students and parents".

Spanish teacher Mr Velasco

The evening consisted of Mr Schmelter talking about key dates and the format of the exams before explaining about the three pillars of revision. These consist of vocab revision via memrise, the use of revision flash cards for grammar and the exam workbook for exam questions practice.

Parental feedback was very positive and we hope that parents will be able to support their child in preparing for their exams. The power point presentation from the evening is available on the school website.

Communications – English

Year 11 London Study Visit

Year 11 Students visited the Dickens Museum in London ahead of studying *A Christmas Carol* this term.

Later they visited the British Museum where the statue of Ramesses, that inspired Shelley's poem *Ozymandias*, is housed. Students finished the day at the British Library where they took part in a tour and Creative Writing workshop.



Science, IT, Computing and Business Faculty – Science

The Faraday Challenge

The Faraday Challenge was a national competition run by the Institution of Engineering and Technology.

Hosted at St John's College, Priory's team of six was given the challenge over the course of a day to design, build and present a piece of engineering or technology to help with any variety of issues associated with the European Space Agency and their rockets.

Our team elected to design a transport system for moving the sensitive equipment from construction to airport. The students came extremely close and almost won the competition, but were pipped at the post in the final round.



"I was really proud and impressed by them because, but for a small final blip, they would have achieved first place. Well done to everyone involved in the day."

Mr Doney

Maths & Technology – Maths

Year 11 Maths Challenge

Bohunt Education Cross Trust Year 11 Maths Challenge on Thursday 4th October was a big success.



Throughout the whole day, Year 11 student representatives from all the trust schools competed in a variety of activities that consisted of solving a treasure hunt, extracting information from tables, logic and activities and more.

The day ended with a highly competitive quiz! Students from Worthing, TPS, Priory, Costello & Liphook competed for the title of the Bohunt Education Trust '2018 Maths Champions'. In the end Team Worthing won with a clear margin, so well done to them. This event really epitomised the spirit of collaboration, celebration and challenge which is at the very heart of our trust ethos.

Faculty Round-up

Maths & Technology – Design Technology

In Design Technology we have got off to our usual busy start to the year.

Our Year 11s are working hard on their DT portfolios as they design, model and make their way through a coursework project that provides 50% of their final result. We are very pleased with the level of effort and commitment shown by the students.

The Food Preparation and Nutrition students have already completed their first assessment which is worth 15% and will be planning for the final test soon. Students had to investigate the role of fat in pastry and again produced some excellent quality work. Batches of pastry made with goat's milk butter and also with coconut oil instead of butter proved to be very popular.

Year 10s have been working with architecture students from the University of Portsmouth. Our students have learned valuable skills which will be put to good use when they start their coursework projects. In small groups, guided by third year students, they have designed, re-designed and modelled a student hub for pupils to use for socialising. The work showed an imaginative approach that was commended by the lecturer from Portsmouth. It would be wonderful to have the funds to put these ideas into practice but sadly the department budget can only stretch so far!



We have been joined this term by Miss Feasey. It is fantastic to have a new, fresh perspective on our projects and since Ms Davies has just received a long service award from Portsmouth we feel our department represents the full spectrum of teaching experience.



Our two invaluable technicians bring a wealth of experience to their roles. Mr Castle in DT trained as an aircraft engineer and worked in industry for 22 years servicing a variety of aircraft including the RAF training planes.

Mrs Mundy, the Food and Art technician, is a qualified lecturer in Fashion and Textiles. She teaches at Highbury College as well as helping keep everything on track at Priory.

Expressive Arts – Drama

Drama News

It has been a busy term so far in the Drama Department

Year 7 have completed their Introduction to Drama scheme of work and are now developing their imagination in a module based on Physicality.

Year 8 have completed a script module based on William Shakespeare's Hamlet to support their understanding of the script in English lessons. They are now working on a devised module based on a haunted house to aid their suspension of disbelief and imagination in rehearsal and performance.

Year 9 have very successfully performed monologues and duologues to aid their developing use of theatrical skills and are writing about live theatre where they get to see those skills in practise.

Year 10 are in rehearsals for their devising examination and are off to the theatre in the last week of term to see a performance by The Portsmouth Players.

Year 11 have just performed their final devised piece for their GCSE and have written their supporting coursework. They have completed a Drama PPE and are now working on their final scripted examination performance and we wish them every success.

Outside of lessons we are rehearsing our school musical and have taken 60 Year 7 pupils to the King's Theatre to see a performance of 9 to 5 performed by Portsmouth Grammar School.

Expressive Arts – Art & Photography

Photography

The new photography GCSE is up and running with two Year 9 classes opting for the subject.

With the newly built computer room available to support the subject, photography has got off to an amazing start with students learning the basics skills and getting out and about around the school to take photographs. Recently they have been looking at long exposures and have created these amazing "light paintings" in lessons.



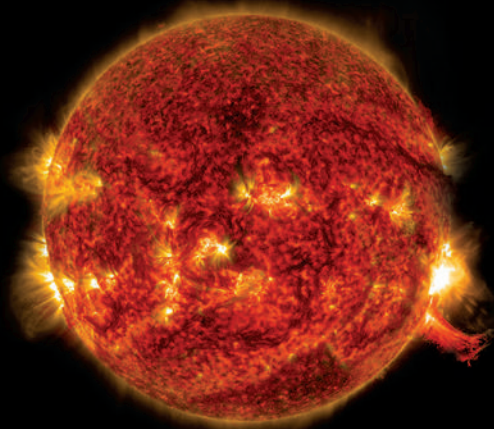
We have also been working hard to build links with local photographers and as a result during the next half term students are due to attend a photography walk with the company Strong Island to get out of classroom experience to develop their skills with an aim to explore the local area in a new and interesting way. There is also a Photography Club for all Year 9 students which runs on Thursdays. This has enabled them to practise their practical skills and also be introduced to Photoshop skills.

Introducing the all new Priory **STEM** Club

Science Technology Engineering Maths

Are you interested in?

- Astronomy and space?
- What can drones be used for?
- How rollercoasters and theme parks work?
- If we could live on Mars?
- How to survive in extreme environments?
- How to build the tallest building – the fastest car – the biggest aeroplane?
- How the human body is a machine?



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If you are interested in any of these things, then STEM club is for you. Pop along to C4 (Mrs England-Wood's room) every Tuesday 3.10-4.10 and have some fun. Try out some activities and check out the projects that are going to run this year. Opportunities include:

Lego Robotics League • Competitions • Science and Engineering Fairs • National Awards • Trips • Prizes



The Big Bang
UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair



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The Year in Focus

Year 7

A massive welcome to the lovely new Year 7s who joined Priory in September. It's been a real pleasure getting to know all of them and the pride I have experienced in this short time has been amazing.

The year group has made an excellent start with great attitudes to learning, attendance and appearance. They are polite and very considerate of each other and living up to the high expectations that we all have at school.

I have been able to get into all classes and seen some amazing work in a variety of lessons, especially science and maths. There have been some lovely poems in English, wooden robots in DT and interesting acting in Drama. The enthusiasm that the students show is infectious and always makes me smile.

All of the tutor groups had a brilliant opportunity to go sailing in October, which was a perfect way to bond with new friends and for staff to get to know all the new faces. There was a lot of laughing and joking and some even enjoyed falling in the water!

The Priory Pledge was launched this year to help promote enrichment and recognise achievements. It has been a great success; the aspirations of the students have been outstanding and the work and effort that has been put into these pledges is encouraging. There will be different achievement goals as the students go through each year. There has been recognition and certificates for those who have successfully met their targets.

There have been more Extra-Curricular Activities than ever and Year 7s have been taking part in so many interesting and wonderful activities from Harry Potter Club, Dungeons and Dragons to Cheerleading.

We have just appointed our new School Council Representatives and Pupil Leaders. Well done to everyone who took part and I know they will do such a good job in representing the year group and school.

I truly have enjoyed this term and I am very excited about working with the year group right the way through Priory.

Mrs Chadwick



Year 8

You've had a fantastic start to the year and have shown great adaptability, and a positive attitude towards learning.

It has been lovely to see so many students enjoying their time at Priory School and really embracing the ethos of the school: Enjoy, Respect, Achieve.

We have a healthy competition between tutor groups with regard to attendance, punctuality and ERAs with the winning tutor group from the previous week being announced in assembly every Wednesday. As it stands, 8 Mazzola are proving to be the most punctual in the morning and are also leading the way with an attendance percentage of 98.6%. But 8 Gapes are in the reward lead with a fantastic 389 ERAs. Congratulations to Carrie Bannister in 8 Parker who at the time of writing has 33 ERAs – the most in the year group. Congratulations also to Mackenzie Wickham in 8 Farrar who is in 2nd place with 31.

At the start of the year, I was extremely lucky to attend the Sailing trip with the Year 8 students. The day was a huge success and all students worked well within a team and enjoyed getting wet!



A really positive start for Year 8, well done to everyone. I am immensely proud of all of you and am looking forward to seeing what success the next two terms bring.

Ms Douglas

Year 9

You have all come back with a fantastic positive attitude, nothing but good comments for you all which is great to hear.

Having started your options now, this has given you real focus and the reality of GCSEs approaching is ensuring you have the drive and ambition to achieve your very best.

Again, there are lots of after school activities that you are taking part in and it is great to see you all achieving the best and making the most of all the great opportunities you have been provided with. Determination is driving you to success, as is working as a team and being proud of what you can achieve.

We have students representing the school with Student Council, Pupil leaders and Student voice. Also many of you attended our Year 6 Open Evening and took part in activities and helped out in general. To see so many of you coming forward to be amazing ambassadors for the school is something I am very proud of.

Many of you are being recognised for your attitude to learning with a trip to the panto in December.

Some of you have joined the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme which is a great opportunity to work as a team and take on personal challenges. This outstanding qualification will most definitely stand you in good stead for future opportunities when you apply for college, university and jobs. The Sports Leader course is another nationally recognised qualification so many congratulations to those students who have been selected.

Keep up your positive attitude and your drive and determination to achieve the best. Continue to be proud of our school and working as a team.



It was lovely to see you all helping to make poppies for our Remembrance Service which was held on Friday 9 November in the school's main hall.

Be happy, be kind and continue to make a difference.

Mrs Fairs

Year 10

Year 10 have started off the academic year with a phenomenal attitude towards their learning. They are focused and full of fire to be the best version of themselves.

Year 10 students have been given the opportunity to work with a company called UNLOC who provide students with the skills and knowledge to develop into successful future leaders. I am so pleased that nearly 30 pupils have signed up to this after school project and at such a young age, are already so ambitious to be a leader.

Year 10 Pupil Leaders have been a huge help this year with volunteering and supporting the school. Pupil Leaders helped the running of the Macmillan bake sale to raise money for the charity, have led tours for prospective parents and students hoping to join Priory next year, and sold poppies for Remembrance Day. We are lucky to have such a fantastic group of young people who are happy to spend their own time supporting their school. [#proudtobepriory](#)

I am pleased to be able to invite 50 students who have the highest attendance and attitude to learning to the Christmas Panto, which this year is Cinderella, in December. Being able to show our students that we take note of their fantastic efforts is a really pleasing part of being their Progress Leader. I am currently planning the big end of year trip which I hope to be able to invite lots more students to as I have so many who deserve to be rewarded.

A special mention to our Year 10 Cricket and Netball teams who did such a fantastic job of representing Priory School in Dubai.



I would like to give a special mention to Danielle Jakstaite who is currently in the lead with the most ERA points in Year 10. Keep up the great work Danielle.



I would also like give a big shout out to our 'Stars on the Stage' Delphine Latif and Chloe Elston who have been busy taking part in many different plays, most recently The Wizard Of Oz. Well done ladies.

Ms Usher

Year 11

The year group has had an amazing start to Year 11 and I'm sad that it is their final year, although immensely proud of what wonderful, caring young adults our students have become.

It was a positive end to the summer term with some of our students being involved in the opportunity of a lifetime on our Norway expedition. This was something that they will remember for the rest of their lives and we are proud that they took up the challenge. Three students also had the opportunity to spend six days at Oxford University and shared their experience with the whole school in an assembly.

At the time of writing this, the students are in full flow of their PPEs and are again doing themselves proud.

There is a lot to look forward to in the coming weeks and by the time you read this the results evening on the 6th December will have taken place. Students will also have been on various reward trips and enjoyed some rewards in their lessons.

Attendance for the year group this academic year has been really positive; students are very clearly focused on the importance of this year and putting every effort in to be the best version of themselves.

The prom is booked for Friday 5 July 2019 at The Marriott Hotel. Students have been made aware of the criteria and letters have gone home to parents and carers outlining our expectations.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful break and look forward to a very busy and productive 2019!

Miss Robinson

Season's Best in PE



Year 8 Boys' Football

Hampshire Cup vs Wildern School Second Round

In the last round the boys progressed with a comfortable 8-0 win over Crestwood. The boys started the game with some good football however two quality set pieces from Wildern left the boys 2-0 down within the first 15 minutes. Undeterred by this, the boys stuck at it and Clarke struck back with 2 goals of his own and only some great goalkeeping from the Crestwood goalkeeper stopped Priory from being one up at the interval. Once again, Priory found themselves 2 goals down after some flowing Wildern football. Nevertheless, the boys showed remarkable resilience and began to dominate possession to get themselves back into the game with goals from Bokome and Joseph. Once again the boys could have wrapped it up in normal time but for another great save from the Wildern goalkeeper. Due to the fading light the game finished at 4-4 and went into penalties. Although Priory missed the one penalty, a special mention needs to be given to Corominas-Casey who made two unbelievable penalty saves to give Couzens the chance to win the game. The ball was placed on the spot. The whistle was blown. The keeper stretched to his right and although he managed to get a hand to it, could not stop Couzens' strike from nestling in the bottom corner! Cue scenes of utter jubilation before the boys shook hands with the worthy Wildern team.



Mr Rackley would like to congratulate the boys for the fact that they never stopped, never argued or moaned at each other but kept encouraging one another right up to the end. #proudtobepriory

Girls' Football

It's been a busy few weeks with the girls' football teams since returning from half term. The first week back saw our Year 7 and 8 girls play in the Portsmouth Schools' Partnership Tournament held at Priory. We fielded two teams with Priory A finishing joint 3rd with Admiral Lord Nelson School and Priory B finishing 6th overall.

The second fixture of the week was an U13 Hampshire Cup game at home against John Hansen School from Andover. This is the first time in a few years that Priory have entered the Hants Cup. Unfortunately, the girls lost 4-2 with Millie Keates scoring an outstanding volley from outside the area. A great defensive display was put in by Kiera Bennett.

On to week 2 and this week saw the turn of our Year 8 and 9 teams to play in the Portsmouth Schools' Partnership Tournament. Once again, we were able to field two teams with some outstanding football being played from girls across our city schools – it is easy to see that the general standard of play is rapidly increasing. Our Priory A girls finished joint 3rd with Miltoncross whilst Priory B finished 6th.

Our Year 9 team then made their second appearance of the week on a very wet and windy Wednesday afternoon. What could be more enjoyable than taking Year 9 on the IOW car ferry in strong winds!

As the ferry began the crossing, the captain announced 'please be aware of any unexpected rolls.' Cue panic from the girls, who thought the ferry was going to sink! After a choppy crossing, we made it to Medina School. Unfortunately, we didn't have our strongest 11 for the fixture due to injuries but a very noticeable debut performance was made by Gracie-Lou Stewart in midfield and another sterling performance was shown by Millie Keates who was playing up a year. The game finished 1-0 Medina.



Week three brought fixtures on Tuesday and Thursday. Tuesday's fixture was another Portsmouth Partnership Tournament hosted by Priory in which the girls finished 2nd overall, narrowly losing on penalties in the final. Thursday's game saw the Year 7 and 8 girls represent Priory in the annual EFL Cup hosted by

Pompey in the Community. The standard for this tournament is always incredibly high with 20 of the best schools from across the county in attendance. Unfortunately the girls did not make the semi-finals, but again a very impressive performance by Kiera Bennett – certainly one to watch for the future.

This week, the Year 9, 10 and 11 team played their fixture in the Portsmouth Partnership Tournament at Priory and finished 2nd overall, narrowly losing on penalties 5-4. Special mention to Kieran, Henley, Marvin and Harry in Year 10 who have given up their spare time to officiate the girls' games!

Thanks to everyone involved. Ms Jordan.

Girls' Netball

Portsmouth League Netball Results

Senior Year 10/11 tournament result

Priory B team – 3rd

Priory A team – 5th

Both teams played amazingly in the tournament. The B team consisted of Year 9 and Year 10 students. The girls in Year 9 performed fantastically as they played up in the senior tournament so were actually against teams with Year 11 students in them. The B team won all of their games including the play offs securing them 3rd in the tournament. The A team played some of their best games in a very difficult pool of teams, being just out of the play offs, meaning they finished in 5th.

Junior Year 7 tournament result

4th place

The girls played great games during the tournament securing them a place in the play offs and closely missing out on 3rd. For the first game they have played together as a year team they worked really well. There are some amazing Year 7 netball players who have come to Priory this year and I hope to be able to work with them in the New Year to make the team stronger for the tournaments next year.

Miss Mazzola

