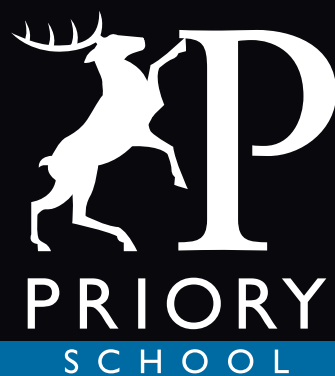


# Priory Post

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Priory School proudly showcased the acting, singing and dancing talents of students during our recent production of Sister Act, an amateur production by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe).

The school held three ticketed shows over the evenings of February 13-15 but also used the Wednesday afternoon full dress rehearsal as an opportunity to invite in 120 Year 6 pupils from Craneswater Junior School who thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon of song, dance and fun.

Admissions to Priory from Craneswater usually number around 85 pupils per year so it was a great chance for the younger children to have a look at their future school in all its creative glory! It was also very easy to spot future drama club candidates from the many 10 and 11 year olds who were completely engrossed in watching their slightly older peers on stage. Head teacher Stewart Vaughan, agreed and said it was "a perfect afternoon of inspiration and laughter."

The cast for the production was chosen after a rigorous selection process and represented a fantastic cross section of students from all year groups. If any of you have seen the film version of the play, you will appreciate its light hearted humour and some of the amazing one liners that make you laugh out loud. Priory's young cast definitely pulled off the comedy with the audience in stitches at times, and knowing the personalities of some of the main characters it was even more staggering to see them transform into their roles. *Continued on page 3.*

## IMPORTANT DATES SUMMER TERM

### APRIL

**Tuesday 23**  
All students return from Easter break

**Thursday 25**  
Parent Forum meeting 6pm

**Friday 26 - Saturday 27**  
Bronze DoE practice expedition

### May

**Friday 3**  
BLUE DAY —  
non uniform £1 donation

**Thursday 2**  
Blood Brothers drama trip

**Thursday 2**  
Fort Purbrook trip Year 7

**Monday 6**  
BANK HOLIDAY

**Tuesday 7**  
Local Governing Body meeting

**Friday 10 - Saturday 11**  
Bronze DoE qualifying expedition

**Friday 10**  
Thorpe Park trip

**Monday 13**  
Yr 10 'What's Next' Event  
(Careers & further education)  
Parents welcome. 4.30-7pm

**Wednesday 15**  
INEOS GoSail Year 10

**Wednesday 15**  
Year 10 Apprenticeships Show

**Thursday 23**  
INEOS GoSail Year 8

**Thursday 23**  
Year 10 Parents Evening 4.30pm

**Monday 27 - Friday 31**  
Half Term

**Monday 28 - Friday 31**  
Wales outdoor activity trip

### JUNE

**Monday 10**  
Year 7 Watersports trip

**Tuesday 11**  
Matilda theatre trip

**Wednesday 19**  
Parent Forum meeting 6pm

**Thursday 20**  
Sports Day (TBC)

**Friday 21**  
INSET Day

**Monday 24**  
Year 7 Watersports trip

**Thursday 27**  
Prize Giving evening

**Friday 28 - Sunday 30**  
Silver DoE practice expedition

### JULY

**Monday 1 & Tuesday 2**  
Year 6 Transition days

**Tuesday 2**  
New Parents evening  
(Parents of children entering  
Year 7 in September)

**Wednesday 3**  
Maths Inspiration Show &  
STEM Roadshow

**Thursday 4**  
INSET Day

**Friday 5**  
Year 11 Prom

**Tuesday 9**  
Local Governing body meeting

**Thursday 11**  
Rock assembly rewards trip

**Thursday 11 - Saturday 13**  
Silver DoE qualifying expedition

**Tuesday 16 - Friday 19**  
Celebration assemblies

**Friday 19 July**  
Last day of summer term

# Headteacher's Message

## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Spring 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 term for all at Priory this publication allows us to reflect on the achievements of our wonderful students and celebrate the huge array of opportunities staff offer to them.

We believe passionately that our role is to encourage opportunity and development for students beyond the classroom. The school production, "Sister Act", was an absolute triumph with hugely talented performers expressing themselves with skill and energy.

There is something really inspiring about young people in performance and the enthusiasm of the audiences standing ovations was worthy recognition. In addition, the Dance Show and Winter Warmer Concert were further successes at the end of the autumn term and testament to talented and hardworking students and staff.

Priory continues to excel in sports with success in many disciplines but this term special mention must go to our Trampoline Team who, for the second year running, made the national finals. This year they improved on their result from last year, finishing third nationally, an amazing achievement.

Our Duke of Edinburgh provision continues to expand with students pursuing both Bronze and Silver awards. Our second foreign expedition ran through the summer with 30 students on expedition in Norway and now we have now begun preparation to our next expedition in the summer of 2020.

This time last year we had a healthy 26 clubs running during lunchtimes and after school. This year we have more than doubled that offer. This is not by accident because we believe that such opportunities help develop skills and character traits that benefit young people as they grow.

In the pages of this edition you will see some of the wide range of opportunities that we continue to develop for your children.

Managing so many clubs is by no means easy, as teachers are often balancing many different commitments, but it is testament to their dedication that the offer for our children is so rich and varied. When you combine this with the range of trips and visits, sporting and arts based opportunities beyond the classroom I can say with confidence that we offer a great deal.

If that was not enough as we all enjoy our well-earned Easter breaks many staff will be in over the Easter holidays running workshops and reward trips for Year 11 as their GCSEs approach. We also have our revamped ski trip during the Easter holiday and the History department's trip to Berlin.



I wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the very busy and purposeful Summer Term.

Mr Vaughan

Photo courtesy of The Portsmouth News

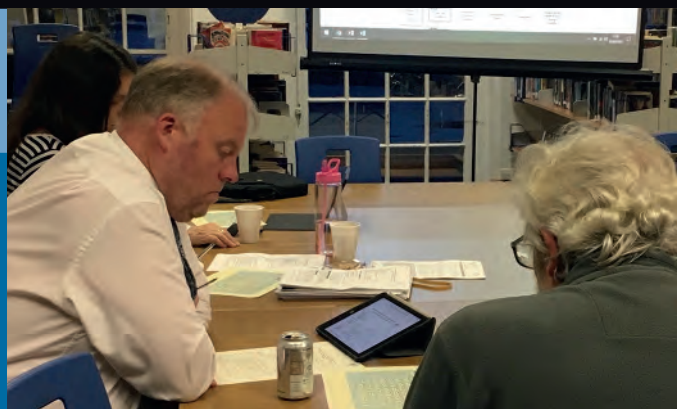
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## Governors' Report

Schools are all about learning, and one of the main jobs of the governing body is to enable and ensure the very best environment to support our students with their learning. Of course, as governors, we must constantly be learning too!

At our January meeting we had a presentation from Priory's Special Educational Needs co-ordinator which helped us understand the processes the school must go through to fully support all students. At our March meeting we learned about the provision available, both in school and from external agencies, to help students with their mental health.

We had a special session of governor training in February on the topic of 'Developing Outstanding Governance'. This helped us get to grips with what actions are needed to keep improving the way we work as a Governing Body. In addition to these learning opportunities there are also e-learning and off-site courses available to us – on specialist subjects like Finance, Protecting Children, and Understanding Data.



I attended two pre-Christmas events at Priory, and enjoyed them very much. The Winter Warmer Concert was a great showcase for the musical talent in the school, with some amazing singing and instrumental performances.

The Priory School Dance Show was, as usual, a lively spectacle of movement and colour. The best part for me was that these two events involved over 150 students, from all year groups, showing us what they could do – they got out there and they did it – fantastic!

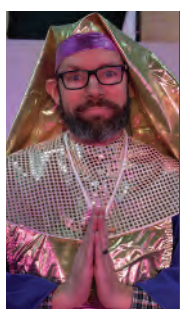
Sue Bushell – Chair, Priory Local Governing Board

“Praise the Lord it’s good to be a nun”

# SISTER ACT



For example the main baddie was played by Year 11 student, Seth Harrison, one of the most delightful, polite and pleasant young men you could ever meet. To see him angrily charging across the stage with a gun really highlighted the hours and hours of rehearsals and the great direction from Cliff Young,



Priory’s Head of Drama, Mr Young, both director and producer of the show said,  
“I am very proud of our incredibly talented cast who all worked so hard to create such an entertaining and emotive production. I feel that this has been a fantastic experience for them that will stay with them as a treasured memory of their time at Priory School.”

It would not be fair to write about the production without the mention of the main female leads who sang their hearts out quite literally as you could hear the clarity within every note. Sarah Riyami played the role of Delores Van Cartier with great integrity and soul. Imogen Thomas took on the role of the long suffering Mother Superior to perfection and great comic timing. But one of the funniest moments was also watching Dougie Clarke as the dancing Monsignor O’Hara.

The show was mainly seen by parents, relatives and carers of the students taking part but one local assisted living home, Greenwich Court, brought 13 of their residents along and they all thought the show was hilarious. Their thank-you card read, “Thank you for a most enjoyable evening. All of you were brilliant and made us happy... can’t wait to visit again.”

To borrow one further line from the play – “I feel like I’m in the book of revelation.” The production certainly did reveal some amazing flair for drama amongst Priory students and definitely showcased how to bring a production together perfectly.

As Caroline Batten, one of the Year 6 teachers from Craneswater, wrote,

“I just wanted to say thank you again for inviting us down to see the show. Our classes really enjoyed it and it was great for them to see some familiar faces performing. The whole production was brilliant; I was particularly impressed with the singing from all the actors.”

Well done to the whole of the cast who have given hours and hours of their time to bring the show to performance standard. Everyone who had the privilege to watch the performances left with a huge feeling of wellbeing having been treated to over 2 hours of mirth.



# Oxford University for a taster day

On Friday 1st March, nine Year 10 pupils went to Oxford University for a taster day. We started the day at the Christ Church College. The college was founded in 1546 and is one of the oldest and most prestigious of the colleges at Oxford. Here we had some myth busting and quizzes about Oxford and university in general.

From here we went to Hertford College. Along the way we stopped off to see the Bodleian Library which is home to over 12 million books and has a copy of every book published in the UK. The city, the buildings, and architecture blew us away with their beauty and grandeur. It was like stepping back in time or into a world only seen in books and films.

At Hertford we went on a tour of the college. Oxford University is made up of a number of colleges. They are close together but are smaller communities within the university. At Hertford we saw the quad area where students just sit; this was surrounded by a variety of buildings where students had lectures and seminars, the library and chapel. We crossed the famous Bridge of Sighs to go to a different part of the college that had the student accommodation and recreational areas such as the common room and bar. We had lunch in the main hall with the students and lecturers.

The main hall is where students can go to have all meals. The hall is really old fashioned and has three tables that run the whole length of the room with a separate table on an elevated section at the far end for senior people. The walls are covered with pictures of notable people from the college. People from the writer Jonathan Swift to the news reader Fiona Bruce have all gone to Hertford.

After lunch we went to a seminar with current students of Hertford. We spoke about what life was like studying at Oxford (both the studying and life outside of the classrooms). We heard all about the different societies that they have and what they offer such as Quidditch and a Tea Drinking Society. We discussed what it was like to leave home and challenges and opportunities that come with this.

We then returned to Christ Church to listen to 3 mini-lectures. The first was an Anthropology session on primates. The Post-graduate student had been studying in Africa and shared some of her findings and experiences. This was followed by a presentation in European Politics and we learnt about the idea of Populists. Finally we had what was a fascinating look at Computer Science and the research and progression that is being made in facial recognition.

We were fortunate to be able to look around Christ Church. We saw the statue of Henry Liddell who was The Dean of the college and the lecturer of Lewis Carroll who wrote Alice in Wonderland. Alice was a real person and was the daughter of Henry Liddell.

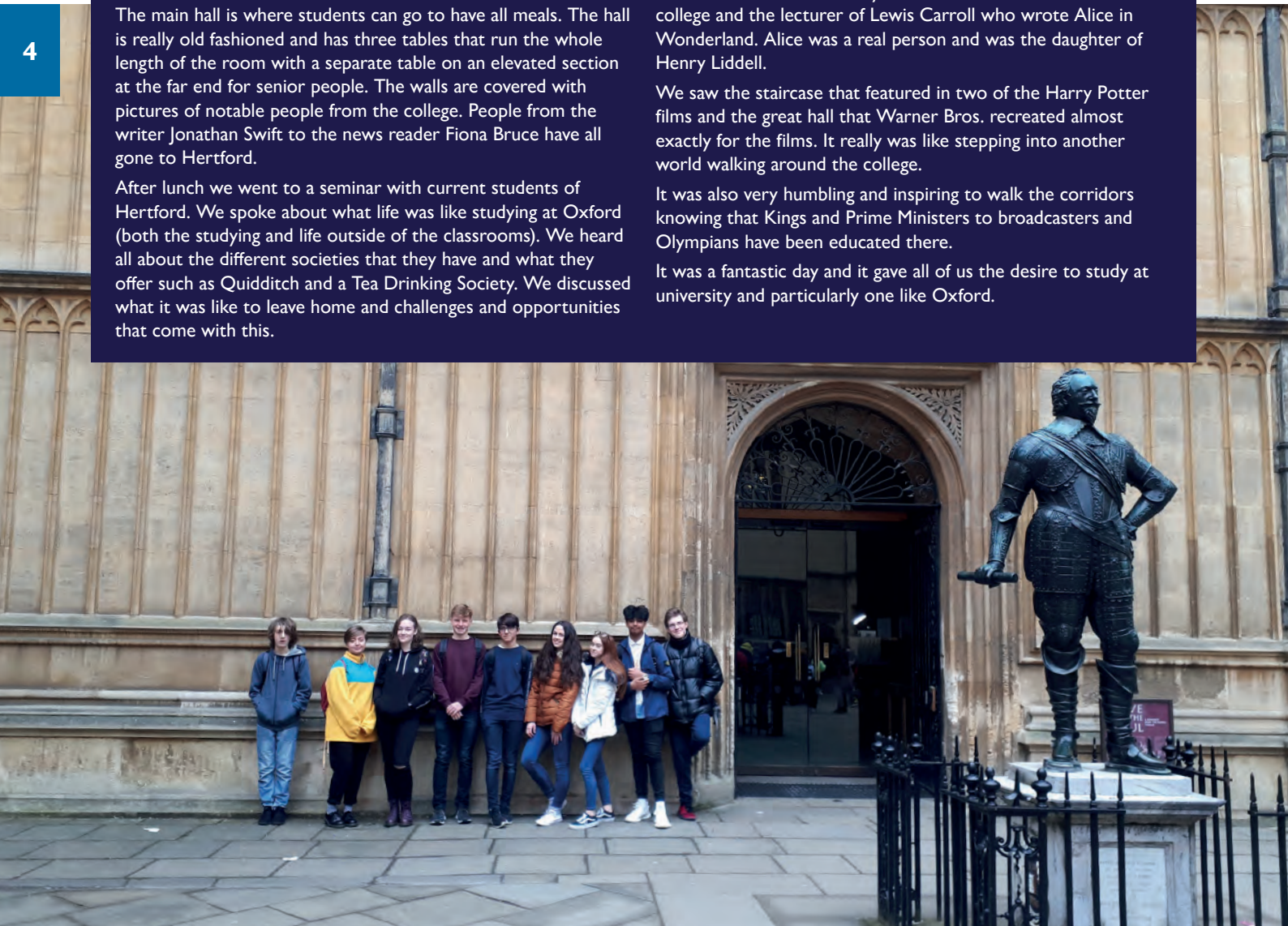
We saw the staircase that featured in two of the Harry Potter films and the great hall that Warner Bros. recreated almost exactly for the films. It really was like stepping into another world walking around the college.

It was also very humbling and inspiring to walk the corridors knowing that Kings and Prime Ministers to broadcasters and Olympians have been educated there.

It was a fantastic day and it gave all of us the desire to study at university and particularly one like Oxford.



UNIVERSITY OF  
OXFORD



# INEOS Team UK roadshow

On Friday 8th March 15 Priory school girls from Years 7 and 8 were lucky enough to be invited down to an inspiring and action packed roadshow at the newly refurbished INEOS Team UK headquarters in Old Portsmouth.

This home of the British America's Cup team played host to lots of inspirational women and representatives from industries hoping to inspire a new generation of young girls going into the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths based careers and higher education.



The event was thoughtfully planned for International Womens' Day, and was a real celebration of female achievement and pioneering into new fields of industry. With only 22 per cent of careers in Science and Engineering taken up by women, the aim was to inspire girls to consider a career in these industries.

The new look Tech Deck was packed with state of the art technology used either by the INEOS Racing team, or brought in by a range of companies for the day. The girls could have a go at driving a mini mars rover, creating keyrings on 3D printers, dodge dinosaurs on VR experiences, and get hands on experience with some of the state of the art technology used by the America's Cup team. Neil Hunter & Nick Hutton were even on hand to show the girls how to use the equipment and answer lots of questions.

Upstairs on the top floor there were several zones to engage with. The inspiration zone was a speed networking area where the girls could speak to women who either work in STEM industries, or were currently doing apprenticeships. One of the most popular areas was the science desk where the girls made their own slime, and used liquid nitrogen to make ice cream.

The event aimed to build the girls' confidence and to help them challenge gender stereotypes and consider a career in STEM subjects. Having the chance to speak to female role models from industry and sailing as well as taking part in a range of exciting activities on the Tech Deck made this an absolutely brilliant event to be part of, which was supported by organisations including Airbus, BAE Systems, University of Portsmouth and Helical Productions.

Also supporting the event was former Olympian, INEOS team member and 1851 Trust ambassador, Annie Lush. Former Governor of Priory School, Amelia Gould, who works for BAE Systems, was on hand to welcome the girls to undertake some personality and interests quizzes to help them see where their particular skills and interests could take them in their future careers.



All of the girls enjoyed the event, and were full of enthusiasm and ideas at the end of the day. It was wonderful to also be there with students and staff from two other Bohunt Education Trust schools, The Petersfield School and Bohunt Liphook.



# Marginal Gains – It's not about the bike

This term has seen 40 students from Years 9 and 10 taking part in a series of 'Marginal Gains' workshops, with the purpose of demonstrating that by setting small goals and making small improvements, students can achieve bigger overall goals.



"I learnt that you can make big improvements through small changes." *Dylan*

"I have learnt that you can achieve goals if you work hard and show resilience." *Harrison*

"I have learnt about my future and how to overcome setbacks." *Sameer*

Run by relatable and inspiring external role models, these workshops have consisted of a variety of interactive activities to help students identify strengths and increase their confidence. They have been shown strategies to overcome set-backs whilst also building resilience and motivation to succeed.

## 'Step Up To Your Future' With SUN

The Southern Universities Network (SUN) is a collaborative partnership comprising multiple higher education providers across Hampshire, Dorset and the Isle of Wight. Working closely with SUN, 70 Year 10 and 11 students have been receiving regular mentoring in the lead up to their GCSEs, involving a variety of activities designed to address organisation and study skills, stress management and goal setting. Looking longer term, the students have also looked at CV writing, interview techniques and career options.

The programme has been very successful and Priory intends to extend its scope further.

## Winter Warmer Concert

On Wednesday 12 December, as students' and staff members' thoughts were turning to the upcoming festive break, the Music department put on its second Winter Warmer concert in a wonderfully atmospheric and festive Main Hall.

Thirty-four students performed a variety of festive and well known popular hits, including Vocal Blast, Guitargonauts, Mutiny Jazz, the Sister Act Nuns and Priory Conviction rock band. Each ensemble was interspersed with solos and duets by our wonderful array of singers and musicians.

Head of Music Mr Barrow said,

"It was always going to be difficult to repeat the success of last year's concert, but I was incredibly pleased with the Winter Warmer this year. We had so many students wanting to perform, many of them for the first time. I am very proud of each one of them for getting up and giving their all!"



# Breakfast at Priory

We are very lucky to be part of Magic Breakfast. This gives us the opportunity to provide a free breakfast to all students at Priory with bagels, cereal, porridge and fruit juice available every morning.

This has so far been a great success and we currently provide breakfast for around 50 students each day with numbers rising.

Students enjoy being able to come along to the sports café so they can sit and chat whilst eating or they are able to take away bagels and fruit juice. This breakfast provision has encouraged students to arrive early and start the morning positively – a very sensible decision. This could not happen without the amazing staff who give their time each morning to help serve our students.

As we all know, breakfast is such an important meal, and we are hoping to reach out to more and more students each day. We are always looking at different ways to enhance this provision to make it more appealing to each and every student at Priory.



## Duke of Edinburgh News

This term, the Silver *DofE* participants have been undergoing training in preparation for their upcoming expeditions.



They were working out ways to measure distances so that they can use this skill when out on expedition.

They did this by learning how many steps it took for them to walk 100 metres. They were also learning to take bearings using compasses. This will be an excellent skill they will be able to use in areas such as woodlands where there are not many distinguishable landmarks.

The Bronze participants have been learning first aid and have now planned the routes that they will be taking in May. The Bronze participants will be doing their practice expedition in the New Forest and their qualifying expedition in the South Downs. Look out for further information in the next Priory Post.

## Filmmaker of the future

We are very proud to announce that the incredibly talented Martha Broadbent-Smith in Year 10 has been nominated for a prize in the Film the House Competition run by MPs to find the filmmakers of the future.

Martha has been shortlisted in the Best Original Filmscript Category Under 16 for her creation entitled the Luxury Pet and is invited to the House of Commons. Congratulations Martha. We are very proud of you.



# Trip to the D-Day Museum



## Trip to D-Day Museum Thursday 7 February for Year 10 GCSE Design Technology Textiles Specialism.

This was a thoroughly enjoyable trip. Priory students were a credit to the school, asked relevant questions and were genuinely interested in all that the museum had to offer. Their reaction to the embroidery was wonderful to see.



This trip was funded by Lottery money given to fund various projects in Portsmouth for the D-Day Centenary Celebrations in 2019 and therefore completely free for the students to attend. We all felt very lucky to have been provided with such an excellent learning opportunity. Tracey Teasdale, Portsmouth Museums Learning Officer, gave us a tour of the museum and explained the historical importance of the objects and collections.

The trip encompassed viewing the Overlord Embroidery to look at the many textile techniques present in the construction of the embroidery and looking at the 'handling' collection of fabrics used to make military uniforms to aid our understanding of fabric properties.

The trip also enabled students to think about the modern relevance of the war time 'Make do and Mend' campaign whereby, during the

war, people had very little to make garments with, and how this has a resonance now in a world where we have too much and we need to consider being less wasteful of world resources to be environmentally friendly. Students were able to gather research for a design and make project based on the D-Day Museum.

Fabrics and sundries for the project are also being funded by the lottery grant and students will exhibit their work later in the summer.

Students also had the opportunity to try on war time clothing and uniforms and then to meet John Jenkins a WW2 veteran (aged 99) who gave a talk about the Normandy landings. John was able to talk about what it was like during the war and his experiences. Students remained engaged throughout the day and have gained a great deal from the trip.

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## Immersion Day

On 28 February 2019, twelve Year 11 students had the opportunity to attend the inaugural Bohunt Education Trust Immersion day.

The day consisted of students and teachers from five of the Bohunt Education Trust schools working collaboratively on GCSE Maths, English Language and English Literature skills.

Students also had the privilege of hearing from Reverend Colin Chambers who was Nelson Mandela's chaplain during his imprisonment at Robben Island prison. Reverend Chambers inspired students with a poignant message of never giving up and set the tone for the day by sharing Nelson Mandela's famous quote ***"It always seems impossible until it is done"***.



**"I was extremely proud of Priory students tackling the day with courage and enthusiasm and look forward to more students having the same opportunity next year".**

Ms St Ledger

# National Careers Week

National Careers Week (NCW) is a celebration of careers guidance in education across the UK.

The aim is to provide a focus at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people to make informed choices as they move through their education.

During the week commencing 4 March, subject teachers delivered 50 minute lessons with a focus on 'Where can this subject lead me?'. Across the whole curriculum, students were immersed in thinking about the opportunities that await them post school.

In addition, assemblies, tutor competitions, staff talks on their career journeys and a visit from the Apprenticeship Bus were just a few of the supporting activities happening alongside work in classrooms. The sole aim has been to drive Priory students to take control of their future. We want our students to make informed choices daily, and at important academic milestones along the way.

Careers Week was just a taster of what careers our students could go on to pursue. Whatever their background, the important message is that they have the power to choose their future.



## Blue Day is Back

### Professor Adrienne Flanagan's visit to Priory and the school's lead in the future of Blue Day



As you may have read in The News recently 'Blue Day' is back. At the request of the Prince Family, Priory School has proudly taken over the baton for Blue Day so that as a city we can continue to raise a significant amount of cash for research into Osteosarcoma.

After many years of fundraising that resulted in a huge £1 million donation last year to University College London's research facility, The Tom Prince Osteosarcoma Research Project run by Mr & Mrs Prince was to be wound down. But that was before the family approached us to ask if we would like to take it over.

As Tom's former school we couldn't be prouder to take the lead as many staff members still fondly remember teaching Tom. And the trust set up by Tom's family has been a charity that every Priory student has supported since its inception.

Moving forward, money now raised through future instalments of Blue Day will go straight to the Tom Prince Osteosarcoma Research Project, led by UCL's Professor Adrienne Flanagan who came into Priory in January to talk about her work and how the money raised by the trust is being used to fund important ongoing cancer research. Her assembly talk was truly personal and inspirational and she stayed in school for the morning to talk about her career with Priory students who benefited from her wisdom and knowledge.

Professor Flanagan has spent 30 years in the medical field and specialises in the pathology of soft tissue and bone tumours which has led to many successful research studies into gene sequencing. The money we raise from now on will continue to support this important work.

Head teacher, Mr Vaughan, said,

**"To get involved was an easy decision and this is an opportunity to remember Tom and show our respect for the work his family has done. I also want to show our commitment to the future of research into this terrible disease."**



#### PFC fans

Look out for the 'Bucket Collection' at Fratton Park on Saturday 4 May – please give generously!

MANY YEARS OF FUNDRAISING RESULTED IN A HUGE  
**£1 MILLION DONATION LAST YEAR**  
TO UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON'S RESEARCH FACILITY

# Isaac Physics with Dr Nic Bonne (and Raffles)

Braving the snow (well the tiny amount left), 16 intrepid Year 10 Physicists and two members of staff made the journey to the University of Portsmouth to discover more about equations, Newton, gravitational waves and crystal structures and enjoyed access to pieces of equipment that Ms Quinn dreams of owning.

The students were fantastic, the speed at which some of them were able to solve complex and multi step equations was staggering.

The main lecture was by Dr Laura Nuttall whose particular area of interest is gravitational waves. This lady was amazing; we all sat there hanging on to her every word.

I for one was hooked, and looking around the room I saw we all were. So what do we have in store as a group? More Wednesday afternoon sessions, the odd Saturday (or 4) and another visit to the University. I for one have been privileged to work alongside some incredible year 10 and 11 students over the last two years.

Thank you Dr Bonne and Isaac Physics for making this possible.



## Physics rocks!

## Reading Leaders



An inspirational group of both Year 9 and 10 students have been involved in the exciting Reading Leader's programme, mentoring Year 7 and 8 students with their reading practices and encouraging a love of literature.

The weekly sessions see students engage in paired reading; exploring different genres and sharing discussions and opinions around the texts they have been reading... and of course indulging in the finest biscuit selection Portsmouth has seen!

# Priory Dance Show Christmas 2018



**Priory Dance Show continues to become greater and greater every single year, and this show was no different.**

In every show we have a wide variety of dances from technical taps and groovy streets to up-beat jazes and emotional contemporaries.

With four sell out shows it is fair to say this was our most impressive dance show yet. It included amazing costumes, hair, makeup and lighting on top of the raw talent of the dancers to enhance the performances. The final performances showed every single dancer's commitment and love for dance. It was also brilliant proof of how much hard work everyone has put into the show. We could not have prepared a show like this without the help of our amazing teachers and choreographers so on behalf of every dancer we would like to say

**'Thank you and bring on Priory Dance Show 2019!'**

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# Trampolining National Success

Priory's amazing trampoline team took the National Finals by storm for a second year running and improved on the success of last year.

Well done to our novice trampoline teams and individuals who have just returned triumphant from the National Finals in Birmingham.



Incredibly, Makenzie Gates and Sadie Clements finished fifth and sixth respectively in their Under 19 Category 2 Disability Novice Event. Considering the girls only began trampolining seriously in October 2018 we are all incredibly proud that they secured a place in the finals.

The girls bounced amazingly and enjoyed the competition and now know exactly what they need to do for a podium finish next year.

Makenzie actually scored the highest horizontal displacement score for her overall category which meant she was central on the trampoline for her whole routine.

"Both girls are rightfully very proud of themselves having only starting to train with me in October last year and having never being able to compete in school sport before."

*Ms Jordan*



The U15 boys jumped from 6th place last year to 3rd in Great Britain.

In addition to the girls' success, the U15 Boys Novice Team from Year 10 have jumped from 6th place last year to 3rd in Great Britain and were absolutely tremendous on the day – in fact Ms Jordan said she couldn't have asked for any more from them.

They took their podium finish in their stride but couldn't hide the pride they felt when they received their awards.

A special mention must go to Kieran Dempsey who joined the team this year and has been a fantastic addition.

Finally, we have to say a huge congratulations to Barney Christie who competed in the individual boys' event. Barney has moved from 8th last year to 3rd in Great Britain and has a very clear and natural talent for the sport.

The squad continues to train at least twice a week and we wish all of the students involved every success for the future.

## Portsmouth Literature Quiz

On 31 January, 16 Year 7s went to Fratton Park to take part in the Portsmouth Literature Quiz.

It was exciting going into the quiz as there were 20 teams, with four teams from Priory.

We quickly found our tables, and my team were seated right in front of the guest authors, who had written the books we were about to quiz on. They were really funny, especially Andy Briggs. When he knew he had an answer, he would pretend that he had copied us and it made us laugh.

The quiz questions were pretty hard and it was nerve-racking when you looked around the room and saw other teams writing answers that we weren't sure of. After the quiz we got to buy books and then we could ask the authors to sign them. They were all really nice to us.

At the end of the competition, we found out the results and team Priory had done pretty well. One of our teams came 2nd overall and my team actually won one of the rounds. If I was given the opportunity, I'd love to do this quiz all over again!

*Nellie Fraser - Year 7*



# Bet You Didn't Know

## Priory School Student Teacher Interview

### Teacher

**Mrs Thomson** – Deputy Head teacher

### Student

**Zarah Zahid** – Head Girl, Year 11 Student



### Zarah to Mrs Thomson

#### What inspired you to be a teacher?

I have always wanted to 'make a difference' and being a teacher allows you to make a positive difference on people's lives on a daily basis. I worked for a 'Super Head' back in 1999 as an NQT. It was at this time I realised the effect that one person (working as part of a highly effective team) can make on children's and their families' lives.

#### If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?

I would have joined the Police. I admire their care and duty to protect. I once considered applying but the thought of the 'grip test' put me off.

#### What's the best part of your job?

The best part of my job is working with inspiring students and staff alike. They are the reason you jump out of bed in the morning! One of my favourite quotes is by W.B. Yeats which states "Education is not the filling of a pail; but the lighting of a fire". This quote suitably captures the reason why I teach. Teaching is a privilege; every day we are able to inspire and be inspired.

#### Who are your heroines/ heroes?

My heroine has to be Oprah Winfrey. She is a survivor despite a difficult childhood and dealing with rejections in her early career. In everything she does, Oprah has earned a reputation of championing causes that reflect her belief that each of us should take personal responsibility for our lives and help to improve the world. She has found ways to inspire and empower her audience through various means and she is a passionate philanthropist.

#### Why did you choose to teach at Priory School?

Pure and simple; the core values of the school which are based on unconditional positive regard. It's a school that makes you feel immensely proud to be part of its community. #proudtobepriory

#### Tell me about a teacher that inspired you?

Mrs Wilkinson, my Dance Teacher. She was approachable and made time for all her students. I wasn't the best dancer but she always supported me during rehearsals and never laughed at my dancing!

#### What is one exciting teaching method you use?

I love a good debate. It is a superb way to develop reasoned arguments, communication skills and teamwork in the classroom. The majority of students enjoy the rivalry that it creates as well as the fun and engagement.

#### What are your thoughts on education today?

I am excited by the new proposed Ofsted Framework released earlier this year. It is great that Ofsted's focus will move away from headline data instead looking more closely at how schools are achieving results, whether we are offering a broad, rich and deep curriculum. This framework will put the child first considering their day-to-day learning experience within or beyond the classroom – where it all matters!

### Mrs Thomson to Zarah

#### Tell me about yourself in 30 seconds.

In my eyes I think I am hardworking and dedicated. I really enjoy learning new things. Even when there are challenges I always work hard to overcome them. I like to persist and never give up.

#### What are your strengths?

I always make sure that I get what I want. I try my best at all things.

#### What are your weaknesses?

I am aware that I can work too hard and sometimes struggle with stress and feel like giving up. However, I never do. I manage stress by considering the rewards that will follow after working hard and focussing on the positives.

#### Give one example of something you enjoy, respect or have achieved at Priory School?

Something that I am very proud of is that fact that I am Head Girl. I have always wanted to be Head Girl because it is such a fantastic role and responsibility. I enjoy the role every day and supporting fellow students to be the best they can be. It has also opened up a lot of doors for me and is a great honour that I will be forever proud of.

#### What or whom inspires you?

My parents inspire me because they guide me and help me through everything. They also let me be my own person and I feel that I owe them everything. They mean so much to me and I do not think I'll ever be able to thank them enough for being the most amazing parents.

#### What are your plans for the future after leaving school?

I plan to go to College next year where I hope to study A' Level English Literature, Maths and Law. I want to then go on to University to study Law at degree level and pursue this career path in the future. Law is something that interests me greatly.

#### What is your favourite line from a film/song/book?

My favourite quote is from 'To Kill a Mocking Bird' by Harper Lee and favourite quote is by Atticus when he says "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view – until you climb into his skin and walk around in it." This shows that everyone has his or her own story and that we should always stop to think where that person might be coming from before we judge.

#### What one thing would you change about school life?

I struggled with this question but sometimes it can be hard to balance everything like exams, social lives and home life. There are times that it can be quite pressured but I feel Priory School have done an immense amount to help Year 11s prioritise and ensure we look after our wellbeing as well as get the best from our studies.

# Holocaust Memorial Week

During Holocaust Memorial Week, 15 Year 10 students went on a trip to Chichester Cathedral. Cohen Scammell tells us about their day.

"Firstly, we took part in a Human Rights workshop that taught us about the work of Amnesty International. We looked at cases where human rights have been repeatedly abused and changed throughout history. In groups, we studied a big picture showing lots of different examples where such rights were not being met. We then had to find what Human Right Articles were being violated.

During lunchtime, we were able to explore the cathedral and meet other schools who were also visiting that day, including students from Bohunt Wokingham, a school in our Trust. Together we met the Holocaust survivor, Steven Frank, who spoke to us about his incredible life and the experiences his family had to endure during the Holocaust. His talk was moving and thought provoking."



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## Year 8 History Trip to Blenheim Palace

Mrs Roberts took 40 Year 8 students to Blenheim Palace, Oxford, on Thursday 28th February.

They had a tour around the museum with a focus on WW1 and a geography skills walk around the grounds. Students had a great time exploring the palace and its artefacts and Mrs Roberts said the students did also get waylaid by quite a few very inquisitive ducks!



# Guest Speaker

Priory School welcomed Guest Speaker David Dein MBE who is the Ambassador for the Premier League and International Ambassador for the Football Association.

Priory School was honoured to welcome David Dein who came into school to talk to our sports students about his amazing career and to offer insight, experience and advice as they think about possible future careers in the sporting industry.



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David joined the Arsenal Board in 1983 and was made Vice-Chairman in the same year. He also rose to Vice-Chairman of the Football Association and has served on numerous UEFA and FIFA Committees.

David was an early proponent of womens' football having been President of the hugely successful Arsenal ladies' team. He was also the man who had the foresight to bring Arsene Wenger to Arsenal in 1996. During David's reign, the Club won 18 trophies including the league and FA Cup five times apiece.

David was a prime mover when the Premier League was launched in 1992. As Greg Dyke, the former Chairman of the FA, told the Financial Times, "David Dein was the most revolutionary bloke I've met in football. David Dein created the Premier League, it was his idea." Last year the Daily Mail published a list of the 50 most influential people in the history of the Premier League and David was in the top ten with people like Sir Alex Ferguson.

These days David spends much of his time undertaking public speaking to inspire the next generation to aim high. David was awarded an MBE by the Queen in the New Year's Honours as recognition of his achievements.

Our students certainly made the most of their amazing morning and it was clear from the excited buzz around the visit that they had all been completely inspired by such a passionate and creative speaker.

Mrs Millmore-Davies who organised the visit said,

**"I cannot thank David enough for giving up his time. The visit has had such a positive impact and several students have been expressing their gratitude that they were able to hear David speak so up close and personally to them."**

# Extra-curricular at Priory School

## The introduction of our Extra Curricular Programme (PX) has been extremely popular this year.

With Priory teaching staff and external agencies from around the city, we have been able to provide our students with a wider range of activities and opportunities than ever before.

Our external agencies have been able to provide Priory students with opportunities such as boxing with Heart of Portsmouth and the Young Sports Leaders Award with Pompey in the Community.



One of our most successful clubs currently running is Archery with Active Communities Network. These sessions run on Wednesday afternoons after school in the Sports Hall. Just before Christmas our archery students had the privilege of meeting former shooting Paralympian Lorraine Lambert. Lorraine talked to the group about overcoming challenges after losing her leg in an accident and the power of never giving up. Netra in Year 8 commented that Lorraine was an inspiring lady.

The Young Sports Leaders Award being led by Pompey in the Community is a free course that enables our students to gain important life skills such as leadership and communication as well as achieving a recognised qualification. Our first cohort has just successfully completed their course. Charlotte Brown commented on how enjoyable the course was and how it helped with her confidence. The group's final assessment on the course included running a large multi-sports festival with over 90 children from our local feeder schools. The event was a great success!

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## Girls' Football

Girls' football continues to go from strength to strength at Priory. We now have our biggest squad ever with over 35 girls across all age groups regularly representing the school.



Our U16 girls' team has reached the Portsmouth Cup Final for the third consecutive year, a fantastic achievement. The girls are also performing incredibly well in the Portsmouth League. Our U13 squad has seen an influx of talented players this year. Unfortunately the girls were knocked out of the Portsmouth Cup by ALNS in the semi-finals, however the girls have pulled off some fantastic results including a 6-1 win against Springfield and a 5-0 win against Charter. Our U12 indoor 5-a-side team dominated the Portsmouth Cup and went on to represent both Portsmouth and Priory in the regional finals in January. Priory was up against schools from Oxford, Jersey, Wokingham and Southampton. The girls performed brilliantly in a tough competition, finishing 4th.

## Trampolining

Trampolining at Priory has had another incredibly successful year.

This year we had more teams than ever representing Priory in the national semi-finals in Eastleigh in January. Unfortunately, Priory Hurricanes (U13 boys) did not progress into the national finals however, Priory High Flyers (U15 boys) successfully progressed into the national final along with Sadie Clements and Makenzie Gates in Year 9.

## Year 9 Sailing

A small group of Year 9 students have been visiting Portsmouth Historic Dockyard on Friday mornings to complete a series of sailing and marine qualifications

These courses are run with the support of Andrew Simpson Watersports Centre and The Portsmouth Sailing Trust. These qualifications will help provide students with the opportunity to work in the marine industry and include Keel Boat, Powerboating and First Aid. Emma Dillon said, 'The sailing is brilliant, I am really enjoying being out on the water.'



## Girls Basketball

Priory Panthers - our girls' basketball team got off to a flying start with their first game against Miltoncross.

Panthers A beat Miltoncross 12-0 whilst Panthers B beat Miltoncross 17-2. A great start from the girls with more fixtures planned. Training takes places on Thursdays after school with Mr Podyma.

## Portsmouth College visit GCSE PE

Portsmouth College visited our Year 10 GCSE PE class for a session in Performance Analysis.



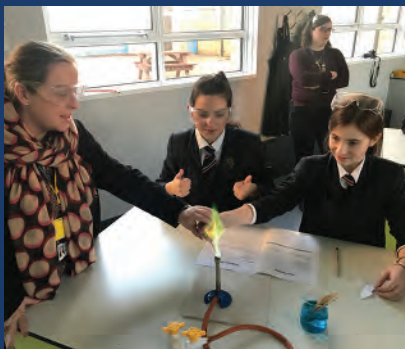
Students were given the opportunity to wear PlayerTech vests during a game of 11-a-side football. These vests record body temperature and heart rate, as well as creating a heat map of movement from the player across the pitch. Portsmouth College then analysed the data and returned to Priory for a further session to teach students how to become performance analysts. Students had to observe specific performances such as the number of successful passes in the final third and where shots were being taken from. Student Bassy Stott said, "The session was very informative and it has opened up the possibility of this as a potential college course."

## Harry Potter Club

The witches and wizards of Priory School's Harry Potter Club have been busy with their magical studies as they take part in Potions and Charms classes.



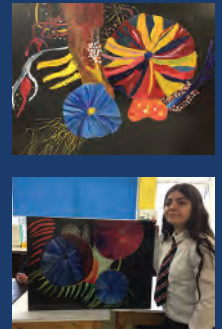
As well as mastering the art of duelling! All members have had the chance to design and craft their own wands with the help of the art department, and have been perfecting their spells in our weekly sessions. There was magic in action when we got to experiment with troll blood, and create mini death eaters in Potions. We've also been getting creative in between by creating personalised bookmarks and battling to be the master of Harry Potter trivia.



## Priory Art club

Every Tuesday from 3.10 until 4.15

Students have been busy designing and working on providing new artwork for the newly refurbished Science laboratories. The students are working collaboratively to produce a colourful painted composition arrangement based on magnified crustaceans.



Here's what some of the students think:

Grace Way and Daisy Mayell-Thomas said, "It's fun to hang out with other people who are enjoying painting at the same time."

Emma Wilson, Amy Fitzgerald and Olivia Runham said,

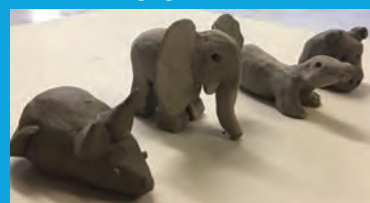
"I think that we are very passionate painters and it's intriguing."

Romina Abbasi and Husna Begum said,

"It is stress free and fun and the art work we are making is phenomenal and beautiful."



Having some fun just experimenting with clay. Students have been modelling small clay sculptures before creating something more challenging.



If you wish to come along and try some clay sculpture work see Ms Parfoot, Art Department, Room B8

# Faculty Round-up

## Science, IT, Computing and Business Faculty – Science

### STEM



The Science Department has been busy with lots of extra curricular opportunities for students.

On February 3, 150 Students from Years 7-9 Took part in the BIG IDEAS DAY – a STEM challenge initiative. They came up with some innovative, sustainable ideas for the global challenges we face at present. Some groups are now developing their ideas to enter for the regional finals, then, hopefully, Priory students will be off to the National Finals held in Parliament!

The groups are working with mentors from the Big Ideas Company and from local STEM companies, such as SGN, and SUEZ.

In addition, our budding chemists are preparing to enter teams for a chance to win the title of Young Cosmetic Scientists of the Year, 2019. To win this prestigious title, they will have to:

- test a hypothesis while creating a bubble bath or bath bomb
- add an element of their own research
- submit evidence of their experiment in a film or presentation for judging



The chosen finalists will go on to compete against each other and recreate their product for the judges at London Zoo on 18 June 2019 and be in with a chance of being crowned 2019 overall winners.

At the moment, students are refining their scientific techniques, refining their scientific terminology and learning new evaluation skills. We wish them all the very best in the competitions.



## Humanities – Citizenship

### Priory Question Time for local MP Stephen Morgan

Earlier in the term, my citizenship teacher, Mrs Blachford, announced to the class that we were about to start a new topic on politics and the political system, so I thought it would be a good idea to invite our local Member of Parliament, Stephen Morgan, to one of our lessons to talk about the role of an MP and answer some questions.



I asked for permission from Mrs Blachford and Mr Vaughan before contacting Mr Morgan via his P.A. Miss Carpenter. After organizing the visit, the day finally arrived. Mr Morgan addressed the class talking about the work he does both at parliament and with our local council. After that we were invited to ask some important pre-prepared questions. Over the course of the lesson we covered the subjects of Brexit, The Monarchy, LGBTQ, Sex Education, Rising Pay for MPs, The New Independent Party, Euthanasia, Arming the Police and lots more. Overall it was a very inclusive lesson and we felt very satisfied with Mr Morgan's responses.

Mr Morgan, Mrs Blachford, Mr Vaughan and Mrs Dalton were all very impressed with our knowledge of current issues and our questioning and felt we are very prepared for our Citizenship exams.



## Communications – Modern Foreign Languages

### Notre Dame De Paris

Twenty years ago a new musical opened in Paris based on the Victor Hugo story of Quasimodo, the Hunchback of Notre Dame.



It quickly became a cultural phenomenon grossing more money in a year than any other musical and one of the songs went on to become the biggest selling song of all time in France.

To celebrate the 20th anniversary, the show came to London for 5 days in January. A group of French GCSE students along with Mr Mason and Mrs Nash descended on London on a Friday evening to witness the spectacle.

Once the important decisions had been made of whether we ate at Five Guys or McDonald's we made our way to the Coliseum, a breath taking theatre that had the wow factor. The show was performed entirely in French but we had a monitor to the side of the auditorium that had an English translation. The students were, however, quite chuffed that they could understand quite a bit of the French without needing the subtitles!

The show was an epic production with a company of dancers, acrobats and trapeze artists. The scene that really captured the students' attention was a dancer spinning on his head and breakdancing.

It was an incredible evening, made even more special by the fact it was some students first time in London so we took in a few sights as well. The students were impeccably behaved and have already asked when we can repeat the experience.

As Mrs Nash remarked in fluent French, "très bien!"

## Communications – English

### Step Up to Books and Beyond

A group of 10 Year 7 students took part in the 'Step UP to Books and Beyond' programme, where they developed confidence in reading throughout the 10 week literacy programme with the University of Portsmouth.

A huge congratulations to Lacey Walker who received the Special Nomination Award for her incredible effort and achievement. The students involved were:

Olivia Jarvia, Fraya Cooksley, Sara Rosu, Cassie Price, Kyle Clarke, Tyler Morey, Bradley John, Harry Bell, Lacey Walker, Tyler Richards

Well done to you all.

## Communications – English

### English Reward Trip to Portsmouth

#### Guildhall Square Ice Rink in December

Priory's English Department run an English Star of the Week reward scheme that allows us to celebrate students who have put in lots of effort or made great progress.

Over the last couple of years, the reward trip has seen English staff take students to many different places and the annual December ice skating trip is usually a big highlight. This year, without a doubt, our new Year 7 students fully embraced the experience and were pretty fearless in a pair of skates. As the pictures show, both students and staff had a great time



## Maths & Technology – Maths

### Maths Feast

Year 10 students represented Priory School in the South East Region of the Maths Feast Competition.

The Priory team consisted of Joe Mason, Makeen Rehman, Bella Hemsley, Anna Jones, Harry Close, Lynden Ravensdale, Ethan Walton and Lana Tetlow.

Out of twelve outstanding schools competing, we were so proud of our teams who came 4th and 5th. The team of Anna Jones, Lynden Ravensdale, Ethan Walton and Lana Tetlow also received an award for being the most consistent team throughout the whole competition.

Well done to all involved.

# Faculty Round-up

## Maths & Technology – Maths

### Sum Dog Challenge

Students have been honing their Maths skills this term with the introduction of Sum Dog to tutor sessions.

A group of 20 students have been attending a session each week, run by maths teacher Amy Andrews. The maths program, Sum Dog, quickly identifies students' mathematical skills and their areas for development before issuing each individual student a personalised set of questions and tasks to complete. Students' most recent data suggests that Sum Dog is a resounding success.

The introduction of Sum Dog comes as a new development in a strategy for some of the Year 9 boys that also included a trip to London for a day of motivational speakers earlier in the academic year and work on 'Chimp Paradox'. The boys are also looking forward to further activities around motivation and aspiration, alongside group and one to one sessions delivered through their core subjects.

## Maths & Technology – Design Technology

### Priory Science lab work benches live on!



Students in Mrs. Chapman's Year 11 GCSE Product Design class have been using the old bench worktops reclaimed from the refurbishment of the school science labs.

Using reclaimed timber fits with the current exam board design context of designing products for a greener world. The old science lab bench worktops are excellent quality hardwood and have provided a great source of material after being sanded. A little bit of Priory will live on in the new products the students are designing and making.

## Expressive Arts – Drama

### Drama News

Year 7 students have just completed a module on Storytelling and how to devise theatre as a group based on an existing story and are now moving onto script skills.

Year 8 students have completed an introduction to script module and are now working on rehearsing and performing extracts from Alan Parker's *Bugsy Malone* to help them develop their application of physical and vocal skills to show characterisation and meaning.

Year 9 students have performed extracts from Phillip Ridley's *Sparkleshark* to develop their performance skills and have been writing about live theatre where they get to see those skills in practice.

Year 10 students have been rehearsing and performing extracts from Dennis Potter's *Blue Remembered Hills* to develop their skill in making physical and vocal choices that are appropriate for the role they are playing.

Year 11 students have been working towards their final examination performance for their GCSE. These will be performed in March. They are also revising for their final written paper and we wish them every success.

Outside of lessons, we have just completed our very successful production of *Sister Act*, and Years 9 and 10 are about to visit the King's Theatre to see a performance of Willy Russell's *Blood Brothers* to support their 'Texts in Practice' module.

## Expressive Arts – PE

### Portsmouth University Research Study

Some Year 7 and 8 Priory students had a fantastic opportunity to take part in a research study with the University of Portsmouth looking at hyper mobility and joint pain in children.



Students underwent a series of tests looking at flexibility in their joints. Zoe, a Sports Scientist Lecturer from the university, commented on how well behaved and enthusiastic our students were during the testing and how interested they were in the research project.

The results of the study will be made available to everyone who took part and further opportunities may also come our way following this successful event.

## Expressive Arts – Art

### Anglesey Art Trip – Conway Centre, Menai

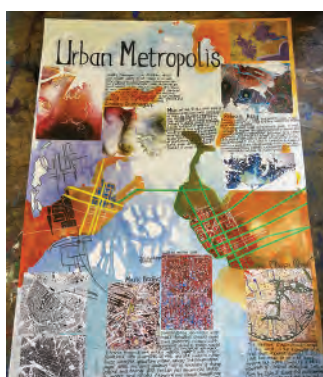
An intrepid group of 15 students braved the wind and the snow to travel all the way to the beautiful Island of Anglesey to engage in a weekend of exciting and varied art workshops.

They were joining a larger group of students from eight schools across the North West. The workshops were led by experienced teachers and lecturers from this area.

The theme of the weekend workshop was 'The Urban Metropolis'.

The 7 workshops offered a different approach to this theme, considering a variety of artists and media as an influence. The students were split into their chosen areas and worked, worked, and worked all weekend, from the Friday evening when they arrived, to the Sunday morning prior to leaving!

All of the students had to exhibit their final artwork, which looked amazing. We all agreed it was a tiring yet fulfilling weekend. All students worked extremely hard and produced a valuable body of work, using materials many had not even encountered before.



# The Year in Focus – Hall of Fame

## Year 7 – Mrs Chadwick

It's been a fantastic start to Year 7 with more opportunities than ever for Priory students. It was great to see every tutor group bonding on the sailing trips, the girl's football team playing in the regional finals in such a short space of time playing together and watching some amazing acting in the school production Sister Act. I also can't forget the beautiful dance show.

I am looking forward to all of the other opportunities that Year 7s will take advantage of, enjoying all the experiences and watching them grow into brilliant young people.

### Top ERA students



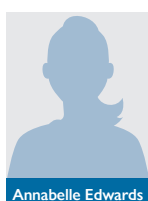
Grace Way



Roscoe Thurgood



Jamie Isaac



Annabelle Edwards

### Best Attitude to Learning



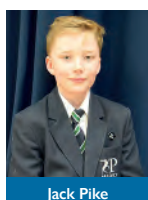
Nellie Fraser



Roscoe Thurgood



Honey Hillage



Jack Pike

### Best tutor group attendance – 7 WHITFIELD

#### Students with 100% attendance this academic year

Husna Begum, Kiera Bennett, Casey Blair, Julia Botescu, Luna Star Bradford, Chloe Butterworth, Alfie Cole, Ruby Croucher, Lizzie Edwards, Ami Fitzgerald, Nellie Fraser, Emily Garrett, Tilly Gauntlett, Mario Gkegka, Emma Hamano-Rowe, Charlie Hecks, Frankie Howe, Tye Hudson, Max Jones, Teddy Jones, Jermaine Kimber, Lily Mai, Luke Mares, Freddie Marshman, Noah Martin, Artiom Mazeika, Roscoe Morgan, Sean Ng, Tom Nzegwu, Oliver Palmer, Lucian Pascuta, James Piper, Lucy Piper, Poppy Ralph, Cameron Robbins, Kieran Robbins, Jessica Shillingford, Amy Skelhorn, Donie Smith, Thomas Stedman, Logan Swainbank, Roscoe Thurgood, Alfie Turrell, Elynn Vayro, Eliza Walker, Lexi Watton, Grace Way.

## Year 8 – Ms Douglas

It has been a very busy term but Year 8 continue to make excellent progress and I'm very proud of the young people they have become. My personal highlight is Priory's Kindness Week where a number of Year 7s and Year 8s took part in tutor activities, cake baking and donating unwanted gifts to a school in Borneo.

The response from students was overwhelming and we managed to send a big box of gifts to a local school in Sabah, Borneo. I am very much looking forward to working with the year group as they pick their options over the next few weeks. Well done Year 8 – you continue to contribute lots to Priory School.

### Top ERA Students



Ruby Mills



Milly Devlin



Olivia Peach

### Best Attitude to Learning Students



Maliha Khatun



Kelly Mai



Lucy Mandiwall

### Best tutor group attendance – 8 RAHMAN

#### 100% attendance since Year 7

Max Clabon, Alice Faraday, Chelsea Ferrand, Joshua Hamer, Toby Harrison, Tegan Kenna, Kelly Mai, James Mason, Freya Mein, Max Messenger, Harry Robinson, Daniel Roper, Amina Samba, Owen Taylor, Barney Walker.

#### Students with 100% attendance this academic year

Romina Abbasi, Hannah-Elissa Badnell, Theodore Bartlam-Hawes, Demi Bartlett, Charlotte Brown, Shermaine Chin, Max Clabon, Harry Cooke, Matthew Corominas-Casey, Liberty Dixon, Stanley Dunn, Hamza Ellabib, Alice Faraday, Isaac Farnell, Chelsea Ferrand, Robert Gorman, Joshua Hamer, Toby Harrison, Karen Imo, Aidan Jones, Kyle Jordon, Tegan Kenna, Anchita Kulkarni, Jesse Ledger, Maia Loney, Kelly Mai, Lucy Mandiwall, James Mason, Lizzie Mason, Freya Mein, Mohammed Meraj, Max Messenger, Oliver Morgan, Samea Preston Falsafi, Harry Robinson, Daniel Roper, Harvey Rudd, Amina Samba, Leo Storkey, Owen Taylor, Alfie Voice, Barney Walker, Ged Walton, Thomas Wheeler, Samuel Whiteaway, Grace Willimott, Theo Wright.

## Year 9 – Mrs Fairs

It has been a very busy term as always, but my personal highlight has been listening to Sarah Riyami singing in front of the whole school. She has such an amazing talent and was very brave to be able to showcase this in front of 1200 students and staff.

Year 9 also played a lead role in Sister Act and it made me so proud to be part of a year group with such flair. Watching my students dance in Sister Act was also amazing.

I am really looking forward to seeing the year group grow into mature young ladies and gentlemen. We are starting to talk about prefects for Year 10 and I do feel this will be a hard task, especially deciding who will become senior prefects and of course Head Girl and Head Boy.

### Top ERA students



Musharaf Ali



Tyler Steiger-Lewis



Ethan Bailey

### Best Attitude to Learning



Ava Errington-Noden



Sam Hart



Ethan Bailey

### Best tutor group attendance – 9 DOOLEY

### 100% attendance since Year 7



Dixie Boxall



Kayleigh Chitty



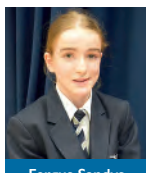
Iona Franckeiss



Lily-Mae Raybold



Alex Higson



Fergus Sandys McCormack

### Students with 100% attendance this academic year

Rojar Ahmed, Tyler Ahmed, Ethan Bailey, Sophie Banfield, Izak Bediako, Jacob Biggs, Dixie Boxall, Lily Brown, Kayleigh Chitty, Ebony Clark, Dylan Evans, Mohammed Foyej, Iona Franckness, Joshua Haque, Sam Hart, Alex Higson, Alexander Ivanov, Leah Khasraw, Jed Lewis, Harrison Martin, Nathaniel McCormack, Lily-Mae Raybold, Fergus Sandys McCormack, Bobbie Scott, Daniel Stevens, Amealia Stock, Megan Stroud, Harry Turner, Scarlett Wall, Melissa Willett, Stephan Yap.

## Year 10 – Ms Usher

Year 10 have had an exceptional term as always. They have shown real tenacity and determination when faced with challenges.

I am full of confidence that as we move closer to Year 11, they are only going to get more determined to be the best version of themselves they possibly can.

### Top ERA students



Daniele Jakstaite



Rosie Mann



Ligia Hreceniuc

### Best Attitude to Learning



Martha Broadbent-Smith



Jenny Grima



Jacques Mitchell

### 100% attendance since Year 7



Joseph Mason



Kyla Moncaster



Joe White



Hermione Troke

### Best tutor group attendance – 10 ROBERTS

### Students with 100% attendance this academic year

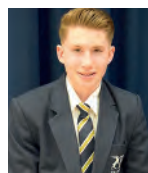
Jasmine Chapman, Tyler Glasbey, Riyaz Islam, Sydney Leverton-Mcreedy, Thomas Snart, Joseph Tuck, Isaac Yeung, Charity Nganga, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Anna Jones, Elliot Jones, Emily Robinson, Euan Busby, Kyla Moncaster, Imogen Van Herck, Naseer Ali, Samuel Badnell, Maria Da Silva, Tom Goodwin, Isobel Hecks, Daisy Hobman, Jake Smith, Yasmin Van Herck, Ruby Burnell, Ravdeep Singh, Ethan Walton, Clara Duncan, Emily Gillmore, Injamul Haque, Joseph Mason, Jobair Mizanur, Rhiannon Howe, Joshua Thomas, Hermione Troke, Kian Van Hagen, Eddie Cudlip, Harrison Ide, Edward Sainsbury, Gurse Singh, Laurence Trinh, Tahiba Uddin, Joe White.

## Year 11 – Miss Robinson

It has certainly been a busy year so far with PPEs, workshops, trips and performances. Prom is fast approaching and arrangements are all underway.

We are now reaching the final few months of you being part of Priory School and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best of luck in your upcoming GCSE's. I have every confidence in each and everyone of you.

### Top ERA students



Nelo Paliotta



Nerash Gardi Hewage



Melia Harriss

### Best Attitude to Learning Students



Imogen Thomas



Jamie De Beer



Maddie Smith



Sacha Tanner



Ellie Ware

### Best tutor group attendance – 11 DEAN

### Best attendance since Year 7



Jimmy Trinh



Seth Harrison

### Students with 100% attendance this academic year

Badreddine Abdalla, Alisha Ahmed, Ebad Ahmed, Rahat Ahmed, Arman Ali, Esme Bediako, Elise Blakely, Alex Bland, Leah Boston, Henry Brice, Olivia Chadwick, Lucy Erridge, Finlay Galletly, Seth Harrison, Madison Homer, Sukwant Kaur, Lara Kells, Amina Khan, Oakley Landing, Max Lycett, Tom Monkcom, Niyaj Niyazus, Abang Nuh, Brandon Page, Matthew Parker, Tawana Roach, Katie Schofield, Susanna Sheath, Ellie Slater, James Smith, Maddie Smith, Ashley Stroud, Imogen Thomas, Jimmy Trinh, Will Wrixton.

# Season's Best in PE



## Year 7 Boys' Football

### Priory V Springfield

Year 7 boys' football bounced back from a recent defeat against Milton Cross to convincingly beat Springfield 6-0 at home on Thursday. It was a strong team performance which started with a solid defensive line and Billy Fisher's shot stopping gave the boys a well-deserved clean sheet. Attacks from Jackson Webb down the right wing were too much for the visitors in the first half and battles in the middle of the pitch were won by a skilful midfield trio. There was plenty of service for the strikers (Alfie Scammell and Isaac Ghassemi-Allgood) who dispatched their chances and left the visitors needing a big second half. Again we showed what we are made of and kept up a high tempo, making sure the three points were ours. Goals from Jackson Webb, Alfie Scammell X2, Harrison Austin, Isaac Ghassemi-Allgood, and Charlie Collins cemented Priory as victors and gives us momentum moving forward into the next game. Men of the Match was Alfie Scammell and Jackson Webb.



## Year 8 Boys' Football

### Priory V Miltoncross

The Year 8 boys had their first league game of the New Year after recently bowing out of the Hampshire Cup to a strong Mountbatten side and were looking to have an instant reaction. The team started off a little nervous and this period of nervousness culminated in a goal for Miltoncross from a free kick. This however sparked the boys into life and they began to move the ball on the floor creating numerous opportunities. However it took a tidy piece of skill from Davies to open the Priory scoring, ending his jaunt into the box with a placed finish into the bottom corner. After the interval the boys continued to play some great football, with Joseph and Bannister dominating play on the right hand side of the pitch. This dominant display from the boys ended up with a brace for both Joseph and Bannister with nothing to separate them with regards the Man of the Match award. Final Result Priory 5 Miltoncross 1.

## Year 10 Boys' Football

### Priory V Springfield

The game started well and we controlled possession. The ball fell to Bassy Stott just past the halfway line and the keeper was off his line. Bassy decided to shoot and the ball flew into the goal over the keeper's head. After this, Springfield started to dominate possession and looked dangerous on the attack. Eventually the ball broke into our own box. Elvis Gjocka made a sliding tackle and caught the player. A penalty was given. The penalty was scored to make the game 1-1. For the remainder of the half, Springfield dominated the ball but didn't create any chances. The second half was far more even, chances for both teams went missing and the game became a strategy of attack v defence. The game ended 1 goal apiece and Bassy Stott was Man of the Match. This was a really superb result considering we have never beaten or even drawn against Springfield before.

### Priory V Miltoncross

From the outset, Priory dominated the game. Miltoncross couldn't find any space in midfield as Priory kept hold of the ball well and created chance after chance. Eventually the ball fell to Marvin Meal who shot from 30 yards out. The ball flew over the motionless keeper and headed for the top corner. From Kick off, Priory kept pressing forward creating more chances. The half ended with a bullet header from a well worked corner from Elvis Gjocka, leaving Priory 3 nil up at half time. The second half again was much the same. Miltoncross dropped their heads as Priory turned the screws! Super decision making all game from Blake O'Neill saw him win tackle after tackle and maintain possession on a regular basis. Harry Close's pace frightened the Miltoncross defenders and goals from Josheem Rahman, Kieran Dempsey, Harry Close (2) and Blake O'Neill cemented a 7 nil victory for Priory. Men of the match were Blake O'Neill and Harry Close.

## Priory Girls' Football

### Priory V Springfield

Girls' football has continued to go from strength to strength at Priory. Both our U13 and U16 teams have represented Priory in the Portsmouth League and Portsmouth Cup. Our U13 team made the Portsmouth Cup semi-finals whilst ending the season with just one defeat in the league. Our most notable performances were an 11-1 win against Castle View School, a 9-3 win against Miltoncross and a 6-1 win against Springfield. This year our highest goal scorer has been Millie Keates, with Kiera Bennett also contributing significantly to the goal tally.

After winning the league title last year, the U16 Girls' Squad has finished the season undefeated in the league whilst progressing to the Portsmouth Cup final for the third consecutive season. The girls pulled off a fantastic win against Miltoncross beating them 7-1. The team went 1-0 down to Admiral Lord Nelson School early on in that game but proved their fighting spirit to pull off a fantastic 3-2 final victory.

Updates on the final league standings and the U16 Cup Final will be in the next edition of the Priory Post.

### Congratulations to Ruby Burnell

Who has been selected to represent Wales Women's U16 Squad in the UEFA WU16 Development Tournament in Slovenia, during the Easter holiday.



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