

Prory Annual Sports Day Live from Southsea Common

On Thursday 22 June, Southsea Common once again became our school for the day as we all headed off to take part in a variety of sports.

Everyone was allocated a team to ensure a competitive edge to the day which has been hailed a resounding success as usual.

The weather was also kind as the heat of the previous week would have meant cancellation but the last minute reprieve brought relief and smiles all around!

Students took part in a range of activities including football, basketball, handball, rounders, athletics, beach dodgeball, bench ball, tennis and ultimate frisbee. Everyone got the chance to experience four events and it was pleasing to see every year group giving their best shot.

Year 7 students Nathan De Beer, Alba Berisha and Paige Kingston were taking part for the first year. Nathan enjoyed doing athletics and took part in a number of races including a relay and 50m sprint.'

Mr Rackley, Head of PE, would like to thank everyone involved for their support of such a great event which really demonstrates how proud we all should be of our school.



IMPORTANT DATES – 2017

Friday 1 September
INSET Day

Monday 4 September
Yr 7 First Day of Term

Tuesday 5 September
All other Yr Groups Return to school

Thursday 14 September
Yr 11 Parents Advice Evening

Wednesday 20 September
Kew Gardens Art Trip

Thursday 21 September
Prory Open Evening

Friday 22 September
INSET Day

Wednesday 27 September
Yr 7 & 9 Individual Photos

Thursday 28 September
Yr 11 Trip to Actions Stations

Weekend of 30 September – 1 October
D of E Qualifying Expedition

Weekend of 7 & 8 October
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Monday 23 – Friday 27 October
Half Term

Wednesday 1 November
Yr 7 Parents meet the tutors evening

Friday 3 November
Imperial War Museum Trip

Thursday 16 November
Certificate Evening

Thursday 30 November
Yr 10 Parents Evening

Monday 4 December
INSET Day

Thursday 7 December
Yr 11 Parents Advice Evening

Tuesday 12 December
Yr 9 Parents Evening

Wednesday 13 December
Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20 December
Dance Marathon

Friday 22 December
Last Day of Term (Half day finish)

Monday 25 December – Friday 5 January
Christmas Holiday

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Summer 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 another busy and hectic year for all at Priory, it is difficult to find the time to pause and pick out a few highlights from the academic year 2016-17. Our best ever GCSE results in the summer was closely followed by a wonderful Ofsted report in November.

Now we bid farewell to Year 11 with the Prom at the Historic Dockyard and I have to confess to being a little nervous at their results this August. This is no reflection on their commitment but more the uncertainty around exam marking of brand new GCSEs in English and Maths. They deserve their success because they have simply worked so hard so we look forward to welcoming them back for results day in August.

An increasingly varied and exciting range of trips have taken place this year. Trips abroad to Berlin and Switzerland; vast interest in outward opportunities such as Duke of Edinburgh; reward trips for all year groups and the Year 10 residential at Portsmouth University.

In addition the huge amount of fundraising for charities as varied as MacMillan Cancer Care, The Portsmouth Foodbank and The Tom Prince Cancer Trust. That exemplifies our commitment to being part of our community but that commitment has been returned with the development of "Priory Partners", explored further in the this term's edition.

The Expressive Arts Faculty certainly enjoyed a wonderful year with 'High School' and the magnificent dance show. There has been much to celebrate on the sports pitches, typified by the epic sports day on Southsea Common in June.

These are all wonderful events for our students to enjoy and learn from but what has impressed me most has been the hard work, commitment and humour from staff and students throughout the year, day in, day out. Ofsted reinforced this in November and I am grateful to those Year 11 parents who have communicated their gratitude for the dedication of staff in supporting their child in preparation for their examinations as they ran before and after school workshops, Saturday lessons and half term and Easter holiday sessions. Ofsted said that staff at Priory "went the extra mile" and that is most certainly the case.

Have a great summer and we welcome the whole school back on Tuesday 5 September with Year 7 only on Monday 4 September.



With warm wishes
Mr Vaughan

Photo courtesy of The Portsmouth News

Governors' Report

This year has seen some wonderful achievements at Priory, from the OFSTED inspection result of 'Good' across the board to the growth of student involvement in challenging activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and the next expedition to Norway.

As governors, we particularly welcome the ways in which Priory students and staff are reaching out to the community. Parents' coffee mornings and parents' forum meetings have now become established. The Priory official Facebook page is a lively testament to the activities and events going on both inside the school and out and about in the community and it has been pleasing to see so many of our recent events covered by the Portsmouth News. I'm certainly looking forward to the Festival of the Arts coming up soon!

It's nearly three years since Priory joined the Bohunt Education Trust (BET), and as part of a growing multi-academy trust, the role of the local governing board has changed significantly.

Recently Priory governors attended a conference together with governors from the other four schools in the Trust, particularly Bohunt Liphook and The Petersfield School. The other two schools in Wokingham and Worthing are new schools, so are still developing their local governance structures.

This conference was an opportunity to look at the roles of the BET Board and local governing boards to ensure that governance is robust and effective.

You can find out more about the Bohunt Education Trust, their educational values, the development of a new sixth form at the Liphook school, and even their groundbreaking connections with China, on their website www.bohuntrtrust.co.uk

Finally, I must take this opportunity to congratulate ex-Priory student and ex-Priory governor, Stephen Morgan, on his recent election as MP for Portsmouth South. Year 10 students from Priory took part in an election hustings to ask questions of all the candidates for Portsmouth South – great preparation for becoming voting citizens in just a couple of years' time.

I wish everyone in the Priory community a very pleasant and well-deserved summer break.

Carolyn Barber – Chair, Priory Local Governing Board



BAE Roadshow Comes to Priory School

Year 7 and 8 students embraced a recent visit from the fascinating BAE Roadshow

With partners including the RAF and the Royal Navy, the BAE Roadshow is designed to enlighten students about the importance of new technologies in all aspects of present day life. The roadshow helps students to see the connection between what they study in school and how their learning connects to jobs in the real world outside of the classroom.

The students were also given the opportunity to learn the intricate details of how computers work and how to programme computers, which is now a vital skill for life.

The roadshow performance was split into three parts. The first part of the day enabled students to take a close look at drones and unmanned craft. Students watched, listened and learned how Dronecams are being used extensively, as future technologies help us keep track of the world in many different ways, from unmanned 'Google' cars to tiny 'bots' that can be used in medicine. As well as a practical demonstration with a drone, students learned about the dangers of computer hacking and the essential work that computer scientists and programmers do to keep our computer systems safe.

The second part of the show focused on how computers work and the students took part in some practical activities to help them understand how the binary system works and also how computers spot an error. An interesting 'magic' demonstration helped bring to life just how clever computers are at processing information.

The final part of the performance featured a 70cm high android robot that showed just how advanced and clever robotics can be. This talking, dancing, sensing, 'thinking' robot has features that are present in many of the products that BAE Systems manufacture. For example, the gyroscope in the robot is very similar to the gyroscope that can be found in fast jets to help them keep level, or the ships that they build to keep them stable in rough seas.

"They are encouraging the next generation like us to really take a deep interest in STEM subjects as they open up many exciting job opportunities. We were told that not enough girls show an interest in these subjects at the moment and they want to change this over time."

Lilly Brown – Year 7



Work Experience Placement at Novartis HQ in Basel

Emma Poore, Rachel Jackson, Daniel Cantwell and Shapol Mohamed in Year 10 were successfully selected for a unique opportunity to participate in a work experience placement at Novartis HQ in Basel, Switzerland. Shuwel Ahmed (Novartis lead) and Mr Miah (Priory lead) selected these students based on their academic profile and their desire to learn about possible futures.

Throughout the 'week at work' the students met nine diverse senior leaders from one of the biggest multinational companies in the world. The students interviewed these leaders and presented to one senior specialist during the week. The students received high praise from these leaders for the courage, ambition and motivation that they demonstrated throughout.

Emma reported that she had an unforgettable and unique experience. She added, "It has made me ready for the future and what I could achieve". One of her favourite insights was from Rajesh Desikan (Marketing) - 'Don't ever say no to yourself'. Rachel said she found the experience insightful and inspiring and felt that she grew as a person and built up more confidence as the week progressed. "I feel like I surprised myself," she reflected. One of Rachel's favourite insights was to 'Think about the change you are making to the world', from Mukul Mehta (CFO, Region Europe).

Daniel felt the experience was informative and engaging. He reported: "I am glad I took this invaluable opportunity and came out of my comfort zone". One of his favourite moments was meeting with David Palacios (Patient Relations) as his insightful message was that 'Scientific knowledge is important, but connection with its users is vital'.



Shapol enjoyed exploring the common ethos among these successful people. His favourite moment was meeting Vas Narasimhan (Head of Development). However, Shapol's most memorable piece of advice came from Silke Zentner (Finance Head). She stated that "Failure is a tremendous catalyst for success".

Tia Vierung (Communications) observed the presentations and provided the students with personalised feedback that showed how impressed she was with our students.

Mr Miah says a big thank you to Shuwel Ahmed who made this life changing opportunity possible. This initiative has already proven successful with past participants being selected to study in the most prestigious universities in the world after completing this programme. We not only have high hopes of our students, but high expectations as well following this experience. Well done team.

Police Roadshow

Hampshire Constabulary came into Priory on Thursday 2nd March to deliver a roadshow entitled 'Is it worth it?' to the whole of Year 7.

The roadshow was developed to share the message about the importance of responsible use of mobile phones and internet safety in light of the increasing incidents of sexting seen nationally. The students were highly engaged in the roadshow and participated fully, gaining a better understanding of the law, statistics on how many incidents there have been across Hampshire and some of the potential long term impacts in engaging in the distribution of images.

The roadshow was followed up by a survey to review its success and to further consolidate the key messages. The presentation is also available on the school's website following this link: www.priorysouthsea.org/parents/emotional-health-wellbeing/

This area of the website will regularly be updated to include latest guidance on such matters including websites/apps that parents should be aware of including: 'Blue Whale', 'Pickle', 'Yellow', 'Sayat.me', 'MyLOL', and Musical.ly.



Priory students debate some heavy issues with political heavyweights in the city

As the General Election was fast approaching, students in Year 10 welcomed guests from the four major parties across Portsmouth South to a live General Election Hustings Debate in the Drama Dance Studio on the afternoon of Monday 5 June, just before the whole country went to the polling booths.

With Mr Vaughan as host and question master, students and staff who attended the event had the opportunity to listen to, and debate with, each of the panellists on topics that affect them, such as lowering the voting age and the privatisation of public services.

The Year 10 students involved in the debate conducted themselves impeccably and asked questions in a sensitive and respectful manner. They put forward testing issues for candidates to debate and listened quietly throughout.

All four candidates praised our students and agreed it had been a great afternoon – with tea and sandwiches rounding off the event! Stephen Morgan for Labour, actually an ex-Priory student, won by a pretty large majority on the day which ended up mirroring the real result in the Portsmouth South constituency.

Well done to everyone involved and our thanks to Mr Nottage for organising the event.



On the Road to Fundraising Success!



For the second time, a team of staff and 25 students rode in the LiBDA charity bike ride in order to raise some of the students' own funding for their future educational expedition. Having visited Iceland in the past, the school's current destination will be Norway in the summer of 2018 – and students have to raise even more of their own funding – £2120.00 to be precise!



Priory students began planning for expeditions when the school joined the Bohunt Education Trust, and the bike ride has now twice proved a popular means of raising sponsorship cash for our hardworking girls and boys from Years 9 and 10. As the ride is 26 miles of uneven terrain, it proves quite challenging for some and has often been the first opportunity a student has had to really push themselves out of their comfort zone and attempt something that they may not have believed possible – and this is part of The Trust's ethos for providing expedition experiences. Neil Strowger, C.E.O. Bohunt Education Trust, said:

"The wilderness location of the expeditions and the financial commitment are both significant challenges. However, the students' determination, their positive attitude and our high expectations of them will mean that they have incredible experiences in northern Norway. These expeditions give our students a chance to develop their resilience and resourcefulness. They help them to become confident leaders who stand out."

Well done to everyone involved in the event, which saw Priory's teenagers really start to understand what the word TEAM really does mean. While there was obviously a competitive edge for first place, it was noted how everyone remained at the finish line to cheer on their peers – and the cheers got louder and louder for those members whose legs were the most tired!



We would like to express our thanks to Tully & Co for their support and sponsorship of the team.

Go Sail Project and Sailing Academy

Outdoor Education Programme – update from Jenny Warner

This term students aged 14-16 years have had the opportunity to take part in many sailing opportunities.

64 students took part in the Go Sail Project which offered students the chance to visit Ben Ainslie Racing Headquarters followed by an afternoon of free sailing at Portsmouth Water sports Centre. By the end of the day everyone including our first timers was able to sail their own course around the Solent!

Priory Sailing Academy is also now in full swing with students completing their RYA levels at Portsmouth Watersports Centre. This year we were very lucky to receive funding from Sport England to subsidise the cost for students aged between 14-16yrs. The students travel down every Wednesday and will complete a total of 30hrs sailing over 10 weeks. Students have really enjoyed this opportunity and are making great progress at all levels!

Water Sports Taster Day – offered a full day's activity for students in Years 7 & 8 to try their hand at sailing and various other adventurous activities. A great time was enjoyed by all.



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The Bridge@Priory - Duke of Edinburgh Award



Well done to all of the Bridge@Priory Duke of Edinburgh students who completed their practice expeditions for their Bronze Award during May.

All teams demonstrated fantastic leadership skills and I was very impressed with the inventive cooking that was demonstrated while on camp. Students as always got the chance to relax by the evening campfire and refuel (toasted marshmallows). Students have worked hard all year completing their four sections of the award and have taken part in various projects such as outdoor adventurous activities, fundraising and volunteer work.

We will be celebrating the hard work of all Priory Duke of Edinburgh students at our awards ceremony to be held on Thursday 5th October. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about DofE and meet the leaders. Students will also get the chance to share their experiences and receive their certificates.



Priory Students get an 'Americas Cup Experience'!

This term Priory students across the whole school have had the opportunity to visit the Ben Ainslie Racing base here on our doorstep in Portsmouth.

The Land Rover BAR team have been competing for the 35th America's Cup this year in Bermuda and in celebration of this event they invited our students to get 'behind the scenes' of a professional working sports team!

Students got to learn more about Land Rover BAR, the STEM challenges they faced as they prepared to compete in the America's Cup, as well as a chance to get on the water themselves. The sessions used real-life examples from within the Land Rover BAR America's Cup team to engage and inspire young people.

All the students had a chance to get out on the water and for many this was something new, a great way to build self-confidence. It was also a great sense of achievement as students could develop valuable life-skills such as communication and team-work.

During their STEM lesson, students learnt about sustainability and the issues surrounding plastic pollution on marine life and the environment. They also gained a better understanding about the science of sailing and the design and technology involved in developing a racing yacht.

Congratulations to Honey Hughes who won the 'Future Explorer' Award and Daniel Toner who picked up the 'Natural Sailor' Award. Joshua Haque was awarded 'Future Tall Ships Crew'.

BBC South interviewed many of our students and they did a fantastic job.

Well done to everyone who was involved.

"100% brilliant! I really want to come again! I've learned a lot about the environment and how to look after it today."

Teila Hall – Year 7



Priory Partners in the Community

This edition of the Priory Post cannot go out without our thanks to some of the local businesses and enterprises that have supported the school throughout this academic year.

From exhibiting our students' work in local establishments, to showing them what can be achieved in the city, as well as generously donating prizes for students who have made great effort, the following business are very valued Priory Partners. We thank you all for your generosity and support.

Tesco, Fratton, Portsmouth and North Harbour
Sainsbury's, Portsmouth
Coop, Fawcett Road, Southsea
Southsea Library
Frankie and Bennys
Jamie's Italian
TeamSport Racing
Greggs Foundation
Game Over, Portsmouth
Game, Portsmouth

Same Same But Different Nails
Pretty B*tch, Portsmouth
Goals, Portsmouth
Baffled Coffee, Fratton
Victorious Festival
Head Barbers, Southsea
Sprinkles Gelato
Pie and Vinyl, Portsmouth
Body Shop, Portsmouth
Harry's Hair Salon, Portsmouth
Mousetrap Dress Boutique

24/7 Gym, Gunwharf
Sports Direct
Ben Ainslie Racing
Portsmouth University Architecture
Economic Growth team at PCC
Tom Prince Cancer Trust
Portsmouth Foodbank
Pyramids Centre, Southsea
Marwell Zoo
Tully & Co, Southsea
The Breeze



Headteacher, Mr Vaughan, is keen to develop links across the city. If you would like to become a Priory Partner or to learn more about his partnership vision, please contact Hesta Dalton, PA to the Leadership Group at Priory School:

02392 819115 – Ext 205

When Priory School Students Turned Red for the Day

On Red Nose Day this year, the Priory community paid £1 to dress down for the day and some students even went red from head to toe to raise as much money as possible for the charity.

In addition, a whole variety of fundraising events took place during break, with preparations for the big day taking a fair time to organise – a big thanks to Mrs Mills and her team of volunteers for getting everything ready including the staff sweepstakes to fund several prizes for the stalls!

There were also two raffles with some amazing prizes donated from a whole range of local businesses including Marwell Zoo, Pyramids Centre, and the Peter Ashley Activity Centre as well as several local cafes. Other prizes included bath sets, chocolates and sweets.

During each break, several stalls and sideshows were run for the students, who donated 20p to play classics such as Throw the Hoop, Tin Can Alley, Splat the Rat, Treasure Hunt, Penny Toss, Guess the Number of Sweets In the Jar, The Name of the Teddy and the Weight of the Cake.

The day gave us all another chance to work together to support national and local charities, and the total funds raised from the event was...

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Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Update

This term we had 70 Year 10 students head out into the South Downs unassisted. We dropped them off at East Meon, checked they were prepped, and waved them off on their expedition!

The route started with a harsh uphill section to the top of Old Winchester Hill before they then made their way to the South Downs way. The rest of the route was along the old railway line before turning off and making their way through dense woodland to the campsite at Woodend. At the campsite, tents went up and evening meals were cooked and this was followed by campfire building and wide games. It is fair to say that spirits were exceptionally high at the end of a successful first day.

However, the next morning was a polar opposite as the students realised that despite aching limbs and heavy packs, they had another even longer day ahead of them. But resilience kicked in and they proudly and resolutely marched towards the end.

The second day route wound its way south through the beautiful South Downs. The students ascended the final hill before the realisation set in that it was in fact Portsdown Hill and they could see Portsmouth and their final destination. They were actually ecstatic. The route ended with a scenic walk along the front with amazing views of Portsmouth Harbour and eventually into Portchester Castle.

It is with great pride that I announce that every single one of the students that participated in the expedition passed with flying colours. The resilience, teamwork and determination of the students was truly something to behold. They should all be proud of themselves because I, for one, certainly am.

Mr Dean – Geography Teacher & DofE Leader



Charity Dance Show

Priory School Hosts Spectacular Charity Dance Show In Aid of Former Student

Students and staff hosted a major dance show spectacle, all in aid of the Tom Prince Cancer Trust, which is close to the heart of the school.

The annual dance extravaganza featured performances from students across every year group, and raised an impressive **£200** for the local cancer charity.

Prior to the Dance Show, students held a fundraising dance marathon before Christmas, which enabled them to raise money for the incredible costumes and make-up worn for the final show.

As well as scintillating shapes and majestic moves, the dance show demonstrated the team work and collaboration championed at the school, with Year 11 students providing choreography assistance to performers from lower down the school.

The Tom Prince Cancer Trust was established in 2004 in memory of 15 year-old Tom Prince, who attended Priory School and tragically passed away as a result of bone cancer.

Mr Vaughan, our Headteacher, said:

"The Priory Dance Show was a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their dancing talents, whilst raising money for a great cause which is close to the heart of the school – the Tom Prince Cancer Trust."

The atmosphere on the evening was absolutely incredible, and the audience supported the students all the way.

"I would like to thank everybody involved in the show for their hard work and dedication, from the dancers, to those working backstage, to the friends and family in the crowd cheering on.

"We are already looking forward to next year's event, and to continuing our support for the incredible charity."



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INCREDIBLE

£200

Trip to Berlin and Krakow 2017

On 6th April 2017, 30 students from Year 10 and 11 and five teachers embarked on a fantastic five day adventure to Berlin and Krakow. The purpose of the trip was to be fully immersed in the culture of the two cities, whilst also being a wonderful opportunity to bring the GCSE History and RE content to life.

After a 3am wake up call, teachers drinking a lot of coffee, and a very smooth flight we landed in Berlin ready to go! Arriving in Berlin we were all fascinated by the fact you could still see where the Wall had been and we wanted to get straight out and explore the city. Mr Smith took us on a walking tour of the key sights before we visited the breathtaking Reichstag. The views from the top impressed us all, as well as the audio tour which gave us an understanding of the politics and important decisions still taking place in the building today.

Our second day in Berlin started bright and early. We took the U Bann to the Checkpoint Charlie museum. It was easy to spend our morning in the museum learning about the rich history of Berlin and life with the Berlin Wall. For some light relief after lunch we enjoyed the sights of the Berlin Zoo. For many of us we had never seen wildlife like this up close and we spent a wonderful few hours observing the giraffes, monkeys and bears to name a few. Our second day in Berlin was rounded off by a visit to the Olympic stadium. Our tour guides took us through not only the history of the stadium and how it had been used by the Nazis as propaganda, but also the modern positive use of the stadium for the football team 'Hertha BSC Berlin'. We loved seeing where the teams changed and had their press conferences!

Waking up after our two days in Berlin we were ready for our eight hour coach journey to Krakow in Poland. Many people would see a coach journey for eight hours as boring... however we saw this as an opportunity to see interesting views, revise for exams and rest, ready for the action ahead.

Arriving in Krakow we spent the evening walking to the main square and were blown away by the beauty of the buildings; we couldn't wait for the following day to explore further. Waking up on Sunday in Krakow we headed back to the main square to see the market in day light. It did not disappoint and we all enjoyed sampling the wonderful food on offer, especially the crepes!

Sunday afternoon we headed for our most humbling experience of the trip. We followed the lead of our teachers as we prepared ourselves to visit one of the most well-known concentration camps from WW2 - Auschwitz. It was a very reflective afternoon and many of us (including teachers) found ourselves overwhelmed by the magnitude of what we had seen and witnessed. It is an experience none of us will forget and we truly understand the scale of the atrocities that took place there.

During our second day in Krakow we had the opportunity to visit Oskar Schindler's Factory where we learnt about individual stories from the war. The museum was really interesting as it took you through time and each room/exhibit was a different year. On the same day, we went on a walking tour of the ghettos around Krakow. This also gave us the chance to see some of the actual places used as part of the set in Steven Spielberg's film Schindler's List, as well as giving us vital understanding of our GCSE content.

On the final day of the trip Mr Cotton had arranged a surprise for us – buggy tours of Krakow, followed by lunch at the Hard Rock Café and bowling! It was a really fun day to end the trip on and allowed us to celebrate and thank the teachers by presenting them with handmade chocolate!

We all had the best time on the trip and we're grateful to the teachers who made it happen. Thank you to Mr Cotton, Mr Smith, Mr Alexander, Miss Coghlan and Miss St Ledger for giving up their time to take us on the trip. We loved every minute and learnt so much.

Report compiled by Miss St Ledger and Year 10 students Josie Josie Hall, Harriet Brown, and Emma Poore.

“As a teacher you always hope trips will run well and that the students will enjoy it. This trip was a success because the students were fantastic ambassadors for Priory. They listened, learned, laughed and embraced every opportunity. It really was a trip that embodied the ethos ‘Proud to be Priory’”.

Mr Cotton



Portsmouth Book Awards

Priory students vote for their favourite book in the annual Portsmouth Book Awards

The winner of the longer novel section of the Portsmouth Book Awards 2017 is chosen each year by student judges in Years 8 and 9 at our local schools.

This year the process began in October with a longlist of 40 newly published books, which was then reduced to a shortlist of just five based on student feedback. The shortlist was announced in February and the judges had three months to read all five books before the judging, which involved all 12 participating schools. Students discussed and evaluated the books according to specific criteria, then voted for their personal favourites.

At the celebration event at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, the winner was announced as Stewart Foster for his novel 'Bubble Boy'. We were delighted that Stewart was able to receive his award in person and gave a very interesting and entertaining talk about his experience as a writer. He made time to answer lots of questions from the audience and to chat afterwards as he signed copies of his latest book 'All the Things That Could Go Wrong'.

The event was enjoyed by our ever diligent students who really seem to recognise a good book when they see one and all profess to a great love of reading in general.



Tesco Bags of Help



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Duke of Edinburgh resources can be added to now thanks to everyone who went out and again voted for the school to win money through the Tesco 'Bags of Help' funding initiative.

Thanks to the collaborative support of Portsmouth Tesco stores and their 'Bags of Help' initiative, which is coordinated by Tesco's amazing community champions, Priory won the in-store token vote and has received a whopping £5000 to purchase equipment for their outdoor adventures and DoFE. Thank you to everyone who voted for us!

WE SECURED THE
TOP PRIZE OF **£5000**

The cash will be spent on ensuring our Duke of Edinburgh students across the school are able to take part in expeditions and borrow equipment and resources that the school can now purchase to ensure everyone succeeds with this opportunity.

Thrilled to get further funding for worthy school initiatives, Mr Vaughan commented "We are overwhelmed by this community's generosity and are really thankful to Tesco and this scheme for supporting the work we are doing to provide different experiences for our students."

Sports Leaders' Training

In August 2016 Portsmouth School Sport Partnership, who are based at Priory School, secured a lottery bid to deliver a Sports Leaders' Training Programme for students in Portsmouth Schools. Over the course of the year more than 140 students across four schools have attended training during their holidays to prepare them for the role of a Dance or Sports Leader.



"The Priory Dance Leaders were so enthusiastic and worked really well with all pupils, making suggestions and taking any ideas suggested on board and incorporating these."

Sandy Evans – Teacher from Icknield School

Sports Leaders have been helping out with a variety of events, the most recent being Tri Golf. Tri Golf is an adapted version of the sport that allows students of all abilities to develop putting and chipping skills through a variety of fun based activities. The equipment is modified and involves plastic clubs and soft balls and the activities can be set up indoors.

The event involved sports leaders' being enthusiastic, using communication skills to explain activities and then officiate and score. The team event involved six scored activities which had to be managed safely and fairly. Scores from the six activities were totalled up to give an overall winning team. Winners of the event would be asked to represent Portsmouth at the Hampshire Games finals on 29 June in Aldershot.

28 Sports Leaders were invited to lead the activities. They helped to set up the activities, were shown how to demonstrate and score working in groups of two or three.

All staff said how enthusiastic the students were and how good they were with the younger students.

Leaders involved were:

Sophie Tilley, Scarlett Thomas, Ellie Ware, Tom Gough, Oakley Alexander, Wiktoria Lasocka, Harry Bannister, Tahiya Uddin, Kai Stoneley, Nelo Paliotta, Caleb Jones, Iman Labaran, Zarah Zahid, Rosie Dodd, Maddie Smith, Leon Snow, Afiya Choudhury, Holly Linford, Tazmin Davies, Jamie Rees, Oakley Landing, Jack Farminer, Abbie Carstairs, Amina Khan, Imogen Thomas, Louis Whitelock, Layton Whitelock, Jamie De Beer, Charlie Davies

Students attending the training develop transferable skills such as organisation, communication, working as part of a team and thinking about Health and Safety. As part of the course students are asked to help lead city-wide events for a range of different aged students in a variety of sports/activities. The events are used as evidence for the nationally accredited qualification.

Priory students have been involved in a number of events this year but the summer term has proved to be very busy with the following activities being supported by Priory Sports Leaders:

Tri Golf, Inclusive Dance, Infant Agility, seven Cluster School Sports Days, Beach Olympics.

On 11 May 22 dance leaders from Priory School travelled to the Mountbatten Centre to work with students from special schools across Hampshire to create a James Bond themed dance. Many of the students were working with students older than themselves and at first were quite shy and nervous. The students grew in confidence and worked brilliantly on building up a rapport with the 85 students from ten special schools across the county.

On returning to school the dance leaders commented on how much they had enjoyed working with the students with additional needs and some commented that they preferred this to working with Key Stage One students as they were so enthusiastic!

Dance Leaders at the event were:

Hannah Scott, Kaci Steer, Daisy Hobman, Imogen Van Herck, Yasmin Van Herck, Georgia Williams, Delphine Latif, Rhiannon Howe, Charlotte Carlyle, Poppy Crown, Georgia Pitt-Stevens, Alyssa Frampton, Molly Sharland, Emily Gillmore, Millie Mandiwall, Holly Linford, Wiktoria Lasocka, Sydney Leverton, Isabelle Carter, Daisy Raybould.



Priory Sound Garden in Conjunction with PCC and Portsmouth University

If you get a chance over the holidays, do go and take a look and have a play with the newly constructed sound garden which was recently built by some of our lovely Year 8 students, Portsmouth University architecture students and the Expressive Arts Faculty here at Priory.

The Sound Garden has been constructed under the roundabout, in the public underpass just behind the school. If you enter any walkway, you cannot fail to notice it! The construction has been made out of recycled materials and it looks stunning. And it is honestly amazing what sounds you can make from all of the different 'instruments'. Take the family down and make music! Our thanks to the Architecture Department at Portsmouth University for inviting us to be part of the project.

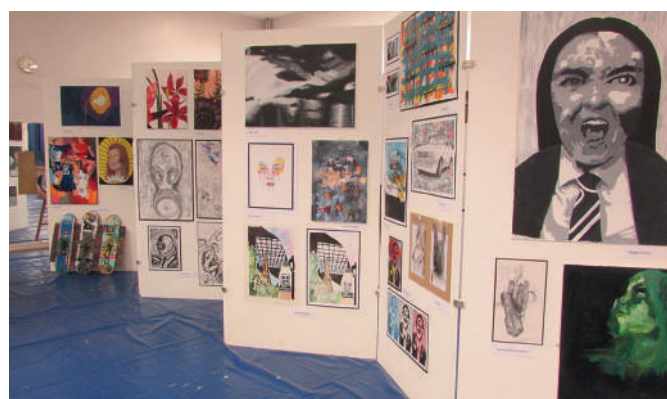
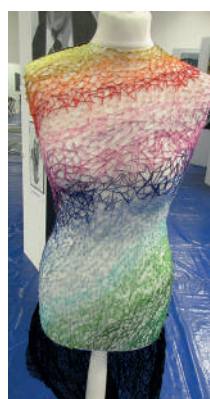


Festival of the Arts

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For the second year running, our Expressive Arts, Technology and Communications Faculties celebrated some of our students' work during our Festival of the Arts.

This is an initiative led by our Head of Art, Kiera Bruce, who started the venture in order to showcase the GCSE artwork and design technology pieces alongside other forms of expressive art. This has given the opportunity for students to perform drama pieces, sing, and play instruments, read poetry, dance and generally show parents the talented students in Priory School within an informal and supportive setting. Well done to everyone involved in performances or with work exhibited. As usual, you did us all proud!



Priory Masterclass Day

On Friday 23rd June, Priory school was pleased to be able to host a number of Year 5 pupils from Craneswater and Fernhurst junior schools for a Masterclass day.

The Oscars themed event was kicked off with an explosive science lesson exploring 'Lord of the Rings'. Pupils completed a number of experiments around Gandalf's staff and Sauron's eye and had a great time using some of the science equipment for the first time.

During the course of the day, pupils then experienced a whole range of lessons, linking further Oscar nominated films - with lessons centred around 'Titanic', ciphers from 'A Beautiful Mind' and Shakespearean oxymorons linked to 'Shakespeare in Love'. Pupils were very enthusiastic to participate in a food technology lesson creating an Oscar ceremony worthy mocktail and canapés. They were even more motivated to sample them at the end of the session! Pupils also created their own Hollywood Walk of Fame in art, collaging ideas together and then laying them outside B Block to form their own Priory Walk of Fame.

We were pleased to welcome parents for our own Priory Oscars award ceremony to complete the day. Pupils were presented with certificates and prizes for their hard work. A number of pupils were also awarded mini-Oscars after being nominated by staff for outstanding commitment and effort.

A huge well done and 'thank yous' also need to go to Credence, Fergus, Kai, Alex, Mollie, Emily and Iona from Year 7 who did an outstanding job as student ambassadors, supporting pupils, escorting groups to lessons and even organising an epic game of dodgeball during lunchtime.



Priory Students Welcome D-Day Veteran for a Very Important Lesson

Over 70 Year 9 and 10 Priory students welcomed Freddie Homard, a WW2 veteran who participated in D-Day.

They heard a first-hand account of his experiences of the months leading up to, and the months following, the D-Day landings. Freddie, a Portsmouth resident for his entire life, gave the students an invaluable insight into his recollections of the events of 1944 and 1945. Following his talk, students were able to look at artefacts that Freddie had brought along, including his large collection of medals. They were also given the opportunity to ask Freddie further questions about his life during the war.



Priory Prize Giving Evening

An amazing evening of celebration, fun, laughter and even a few proud tears was held in the Royal Maritime Club in Queen Street on Thursday 29 June. During the evening, a huge range of citations were given to award the achievements of a range of Priory students from Years 7-10.

We enjoyed the company of past Priory students Matt Wilde and Lauren Kew who came back as guest speakers and gave very reflective and inspirational speeches about their time at Priory and what they have been doing since leaving school. It was great to welcome them back and enjoy their moving presentations.

In addition, we were very lucky to welcome the Prince family who presented the Tom Prince Award for personal endeavour to Jemma Dowst in Year 10. Other notable guest presenters included Amelia Gould from BAE Systems who is also a governor at Priory School and presented the BAE Systems Technologies Award, Louise Read, Student Recruitment Team Leader, South Downs College who presented the sponsored South Downs College Awards for English and Maths, and our very own former Head Boy and Girl, Luke Blay & Lauren Hill, who presented Student Leadership Awards.

As well as various individual subject awards, faculty and other special awards were given to the following students.

Faculty Awards

- **Archimedes' Award for Mathematical Achievement** – Harriet Brown (10)
- **Jane Austen Literature Award** – Katya Graham (9)
- **Charles Dickens Creative Writing Award** – Grace Breton (9)
- **Excellence In The Arts Award** – Jack Jackson (10)
- **The Priory Stem Award** – Laurence Trinh (8)
- **Bae Systems Technologies Award** – Jessica Pang (10)
- **Jim Al-Khalili Science Award** – Thomas McNab (10)
- **The Nicholas Winton Humanitarian Award** – Zarah Zahid (9)

Special Awards

- **Nevada Music Award** – Melia Harriss (9)
- **South Downs College Award for English** – Zarah Zahid (9)
- **South Downs College Award for Maths** – Bella Hemsley (8)
- **Portsmouth University Award for Outstanding Achievement x 2:** Fergus Sandys-McCormack (7) and Oliver Toomer (9)
- **Priory Sports Girl of the Year** – Ruby Burnell (8)
- **Priory Sports Boy of the Year** – Oakley Alexander (9)
- **The Tom Prince Award for Endeavour** – Jemma Dowst (10)
- **Priory Student Leadership Award x 2:** Scarlett Thomas (9) and Laurence Trinh (9)
- **Priory Community Award** – Albie Morgan (10)

Another notable mention must go to the Priory Girls U16 football team who have had an incredibly successful season and were in attendance to pick up their medals for becoming the Portsmouth Schools' Football Association League Cup winners. Well done to:

Charley Brasher	Kaitlin Tilley
Rowan Hawkins	Alex Collighan
Chloe Brooks	Sophie Tilley
Imogen Thomas	Rosie Cowie
Ruby Burnell	Gracie White
Scarlett Thomas	Megan Hart
Darcy Challacombe-Grant	

Our evening's entertainment was provided by talented students from across the Expressive Arts Faculty who gave both funny and moving performances which were thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. Well done to every student who was there to perform or collect an award. You have done yourselves, your family and Priory School very proud.



Priory Parent Forum Group



Have YOUR say. We are a group of parents who meet once per term with a representative of the Priory staff team to share our ideas about how parents and school leaders can work together to improve the school experience for all stakeholders.

Each year group has its own parent liaison volunteer who can assist you with any school policy issue you would like discussed, whether pertinent to just yourself or to the whole community. In addition, the group are always happy to welcome new members.

If you would like to get involved please contact Lorraine Hart, Director of PR (lhart@priorysouthsea.org), in the first instance to enable you to be invited to the next meeting. Parent Liaison Volunteers' contact details can be found on the school website: www.priorysouthsea.org

Faculty Round-up

Communications – English

Year 10 Work Experience

Ms Gannon has organised for her Year 10 English class to participate in an exciting work experience opportunity during the summer holidays with local charity Education Business Partnership (EBP).

EBP provides an online portal with over 2,000 work experience placements in a range of diverse sectors. Students use the portal to search and apply for a placement in a job sector of their choice. Students have applied and are now awaiting interviews before they complete their placement in August.

Ms Gannon explained her rationale in arranging the placements: 'In addition to stretching their academic potential I felt it was important for students to apply the skills they learn in English to a real life work situation in a sector that they personally care about. It also gives them another 'why' to work even harder in English and across the school as a whole.'

Students have dedicated a week in the summer to embark on their work experience whereby they must keep a detailed reflection log of their experience and will feedback to their peers on return to school in September. Students have already had one training session from EBP to make their applications and will have more specialized training in the coming weeks to prepare them for the working environment and working life. This class are proving it is never too early to start career-planning!



Communications – English

Postcards for Peace

After the events in Manchester, Ms Gannon decided it was particularly important for students to understand how they can apply the language skills they learn in English to have a positive difference on other young people.

So her class connected with the charity, Postcards for Peace, who join together schools from around the world in order to exchange messages of peace between schools of different cultures.

Priory students have been matched with a school in French-speaking Northern Senegal.

Postcards have been posted and we are expecting to receive ours very shortly.

"I have been so impressed by the students' thoughtful messages of peace, their maturity and their curiosity about a culture so different from their own."

Ms Gannon

"The power of education is really strong as it builds up cities and life. It makes us who we are. Without education our importance shrinks and our ability to enjoy life decreases."

Teddy O'Neill – Year 8

This is a very perceptive statement and one the English Department wholeheartedly agrees with.



Communications – English

The English Department's Gothic 'Big Write'

Our talented Year 8 cohort took part in an immersive Gothic workshop in the Main Hall during Priory's focus day.



"It was fun, and a scary atmosphere was created through the music, noises and people walking around the room."

Charlotte Fitzpatrick – Year 8

The students gathered in small groups whilst staff took to wandering the area to make chilling noises, screams and screeches up on the balcony of the historical main hall!

Whilst the lights were turned off and eerie music was playing, our students were entertained by two teachers dressed up in Gothic attire.

After mind mapping we took to the classrooms so the students could create their magical stories.

"The group work helped us to share and develop our ideas. This made the writing much more enjoyable."

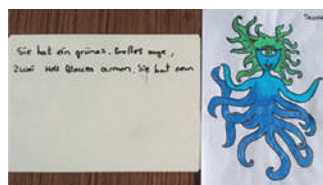
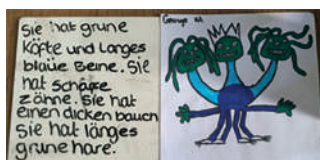
Alexandra Dukaviciute – Year 8

"What a fantastic opportunity for our students to express their creativity. They created some fabulous ideas that we all enjoyed reading. Well done Year 8s!"

Miss Widlake

Communications – Modern Foreign Languages

We have included pictures from our recent Key Stage 3 language lessons – some Mindbending Monsters from 8B German, Heart Warming Houses from Year 8 French and Delicious Dishes from Year 7 Spanish!



And finally Kaitlen demonstrating her Poi skills during our Year 8 French talent show!



Maths & Technology – Maths Maths Feast Challenge 2017

Eight of our Year 10 pupils were selected to go to Portsmouth College to take part in a Maths Challenge.



They were put into two teams of four and started off with a true or false challenge where each of them had a sheet of true or false questions to complete.

Next, they had four countdown questions where they had six numbers that they had to add, subtract, divide or multiply to get a final number. They all found this challenge the most thrilling because they only had a minute to complete it!

After this, they had 20 minutes to answer six big questions which were very difficult and really tested mathematical skill and knowledge. Finally they had a 'dessert' round where they had to answer mini questions which were about different topics such as vectors, coordinates, fractions and percentages.

Overall, Priory won the countdown section of the challenge and had a great day out.

Faculty Round-up

Maths & Technology – Design Technology Year 11 Controlled Assessment

This year has been one of the most successful years for our Product Design and Graphic Products Year 11 students.

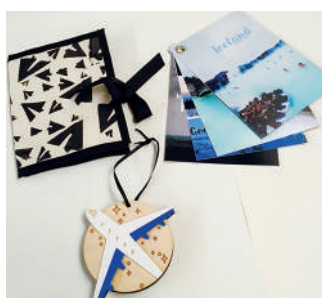
Students have spent most of their year producing their controlled assessments which include a portfolio and a made product. This accounts for over 60% of their qualification.

Product Design projects have included lamps based on the work of Bethan Gray and Philippe Starck including phone amplifiers and lamps predominantly made from cardboard. Students have used a variety of practical processes and materials such as wood, metal and plastic and many have been creating and soldering their own circuits.

Graphic projects have included educational board games, adventure travel branding and identity where students had to produce a travel document holder, a brochure, a luggage tag, and a 3D pop up calendar for a company of choice. Students have used a range of techniques including heat transfer, vinyl cutting, block printing along with extensive use of Photoshop and modern graphic software.

As new technology progresses at pace, it was pleasing to see a large number of students using 2D design and the laser cutter, and Sketchup and the 3D Printer.

The standard of work has been incredible with over a third of students achieving the highest grade possible.



Science & IT – Science Department

Year 8s from the STEM Club which runs every Tuesday after school in A13 went to a celebration of their commitment to their club alongside 50 other STEM clubs from Portsmouth and Southampton. The event was organised by the Hampshire Air Ambulance Team.



Students attended the Festival of Science at Winchester Science Centre and took part in several activities during the day, including working with the air paramedics in a mock up accident situation, and using their maths skills in navigating the air ambulance to its next job.

Our enthusiastic girls and boys also had time to explore the science centre with some of them climbing into a space suit and walking through a life size human intestine!

Anyone can join the club,
so come along and have
some fun. It's FREE...

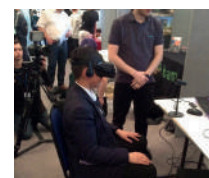


A great day out with the TeenTech team

On Thursday 18 May, 20 Year 8 students, supported by Mr Doney and Mrs Clements, took part in The TeenTech Roadshow at Portsmouth Guildhall. This was a fast paced event involving several schools in the city.

Roux Hardcastle and Laurence Trinh gave a very inspiring presentation of an invention to cool rooms down, while our team of rocket builders came 2nd overall in the competition with their amazing rocket car!

The TeenTech experience was a highly interactive event designed to inspire young teenagers and their teachers about the contemporary world of Science, Engineering and Technology. With careful organisation, students moved in small groups, led by an industry "Ambassador" and their teacher through the Innovation Zone, Insight Exhibition and Challenge Zones. It's a powerful intervention just before students make GCSE subject choices, dispelling gender stereotypes and shifting perceptions of careers teenagers may have considered "difficult", "geeky" or "boring". By highlighting different entry levels, including those for apprentices and technicians as well as graduates, TeenTech encourages young people of all abilities.



Science & IT – Leisure & Tourism

Thorpe Park Trip – May 2017

One of the best ways to learn and understand is to gain and explore new experiences. With this in mind, on Wednesday 3rd May, 99 excited Year 10 students visited Thorpe Park.

Students had an opportunity to visit the park but were also involved in a marketing workshop which gave them key information regarding the running of the business and how it is marketed. One of the focuses was looking at Thorpe Park's promotional methods and their target markets.



The educational team at Thorpe Park provided students with up to date information to help develop their knowledge, which will assist with their GCSEs in Business and Communication Systems and Leisure & Tourism studies.

Thorpe Park Review by Jabir Ahmed

My experience at Thorpe Park was fantastic. The day started with a pretty long and hot journey where we thought we were being baked like jacket potatoes in a hot oven! But everyone was in high spirits!

The Workshop

The workshop was pretty good because there was a man who was speaking about the Thorpe Park marketing strategies and this was quite interesting. But as we are teenagers, me and my friends were on the edge of our seats to hop on all of the much anticipated roller coasters!

The Rides

Myself, William Cudlip, Shieb Miah, Bobby Jones and Reece Breedon carefully pin pointed the theme park from start to finish. We were privileged enough to go to all of the major key rides. We went on rides such as SAVV, The Swarm, Stealth and Colossus. These were amazing and we went on them again and again.

It was a really great day and one I would recommend.

Science & IT – Science Department

WISE Campaign News

Three women engineers delivered a workshop on STEM careers to 30 Year 9 and 10 girls.

The engineers were from the WISE campaign – People like us.

The workshop involved students completing a questionnaire about themselves to see how their strengths and qualities could be used in many STEM jobs that are not normally promoted to young women.

The workshop was a great success and has been one of a series of strategies to get more young women to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and maths based sectors.



Humanities – Citizenship

KS3 Citizenship – A visit from Fark

During a Year 8 P4C (Philosophy for Children) lesson this term on prejudice and discrimination, local graffiti artist 'Fark' came in for a visit. Fark's message on much of his artwork around Portsmouth and Southsea is 'Be excellent to each other', next to his memorable blue bird!

"The lesson began with a variety of pictures that the students had to use to define 'kindness', 'working together' and 'being excellent to each other'. The students worked with quite thought provoking examples, from a starving child receiving food to the marathon runner being helped over the finish line. The class listened well to each other's ideas, using the principles of P4C during discussion.



Fark then explained his reasons, including tagging on other artists' work! His stories included examples of Banksy and King Robbo's famous rivalry over a canal wall in Camden, which was eventually documented in a programme called 'graffiti wars'. So Fark's message is simple yet powerful – 'be excellent to each other'.

Fark launched a competition for the students to draw their own interpretation of his statement and the winner will receive their own copy of Fark's work!

This was a really positive experience for our students and we look forward to Fark working with us again soon.

Humanities – History

Children's Peace Memorial in Hiroshima

Year 9 students have been studying the dropping of the Atomic Bomb as part of their WW2 scheme of work.

This has culminated in students making origami cranes which will be strung together and sent to the Children's Peace memorial in Hiroshima, Japan. Students listened to Sadako's story and joined in the continual world memorial and learnt to fold origami cranes. Although difficult, students showed resilience and determination, embodied the spirit of Sadako, and created many paper cranes.



Faculty Round-up

Expressive Arts – Art

Strong Island Report

On 27th March Paul Gonella of Strong Island delivered two 'Photography Walks' to our Year 10 Art students. Both groups started at Clarence Pier.



The morning group walked along Southsea seafront towards the fairground. Paul was providing technical support to the students throughout the walk. Students were taught how to compose an interesting photograph, how to focus the background or foreground and the rule of thirds.



The afternoon group walked in the opposite direction towards the War Memorial. Paul commented on how enthusiastic the students were during both sessions and invited them to email him their best three photographs which he selected from to be exhibited at the Strong Island shop. This was a great experience for our students and was enjoyed and appreciated by all.



Expressive Arts – Art

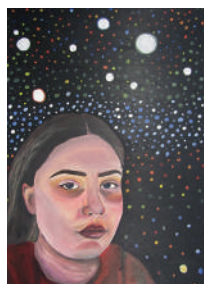
Year 11 Produce some Outstanding Art Work in Final Exam

At the end of April, Year 11 art students completed the end of their GCSE course which was made up of a 10 hour exam over two busy school days.

Year 11 art students had been working towards their end of course exams since January. This culminated in a 10 hour exam where students created a personal response to their chosen exam topic. Topics included 'Detail', 'Shelter' and 'Looking Down on The World'.

The students began their exam research with a trip to the Tate Modern Art Gallery in London where they selected artists that inspired them. In response to the work of others, students then took their own photographs before developing a final response to their chosen topic. Ultimately, students had a 10 hour period in which to create their final pieces.

This year we had some very creative and original responses with students working in a wide range of media on a wide range of scales. We even had two installation pieces by Verity Burton and Chuck Shaw-Main. All of the work will be exhibited at Priory's Festival of the Arts on Tuesday 4 July.



"I thought the exam would be more challenging than it was. The PPE in November meant that I knew what to expect and I was really prepared before I started my final piece."

Rahul Naik

"It was difficult to work on the same piece for an extended period of time. However, I felt very satisfied when I saw my completed work."

Jokubas Matuzevicius

"We have been really pleased with the breadth and quality of the work produced this year. The students have worked extremely hard over a long period of time and this is evident in the excellent work produced."

Mark Podyma – Art teacher

Expressive Arts – Art

Southsea Library Art Exhibition

We currently have a selection of our GCSE students' artwork exhibited in Southsea Library as part of our expansion of Priory Partners within the city.

This work has been produced by our talented year 10s and 11s and has been met with some great comments from the general public, some of whom have apparently expressed an interest in purchasing the students' pieces!

On Thursday 27 April we had a fantastic launch event with drinks and nibbles to officially open the exhibition and to celebrate our students' work. This was attended by students, staff and parents. Mr Vaughan spoke about the depth of talent being showcased and how important it is to celebrate our work across the city.

The work will be exhibited until the end of the summer so do go and have a look at it if you are shopping in the Palmerston Road area.



Expressive Arts – Art

Wednesday After School Art Club

Every Wednesday we meet in B8, from 3.10pm to 4.15. This term we decided to turn some of our Senior Leadership Team into Pop Art icons!

Students from Years 8 and 9 enjoyed interviewing our Senior Leadership Team to find out the sorts of things that they enjoyed. For example our head teacher, Mr Vaughan, loved Captain America, Mr Green's action hero was The Hulk and Mr Foster, Iron Man. We had a great time turning them into Pop Art. We had an open evening celebration after school to unveil and present the Pop Art masterpieces to the staff. Hilarius sums up the unveiling event!



"We have a fabulous time in Art Club with a vibrant enjoyable atmosphere. All students are very happy and engaged with producing creative and fun work. Anyone who loves creating pieces of art is always welcome to join."

Ms Parfoot – Art teacher

Expressive Arts – Drama Department

With High School Musical fresh in our minds, the drama department have once again been creating drama both in and out of the classroom.



Year 7 have just completed a physical project on clowning, learning about the art and history of clowning where they got to imaginatively create and perform their own clown act.

Year 8 are completing a project on film trailers where they have been exploring what goes into a trailer and have been filming their own, based on their creative ideas.

Year 9 are furthering their devising skills using the idea of fame and celebrity as a stimulus from which they will produce a piece of drama. They have started by exploring celebrity and fame in Modern Popular Culture, looking at the pros and cons and how it could be both constructive and destructive. They created newspaper and social media headlines before turning them into physical freeze frames which can be seen in the photos. They will then select which ones to further develop into an ensemble piece of devised theatre to be performed at the end of this term.

Year 10 are completing their first year of the new specification GCSE and Year 11 have just completed their examinations.

The Key Stage Three Drama club led by Miss Gapes, which meets every Thursday after school in the DDS, are busy rehearsing short plays to be performed as part of The Festival of the Arts on Tuesday 4th July at the school.

Plans are well underway for next year's school production which will be revealed in the next edition of Priory Post. Directors Mr Young and Miss Gapes are very excited and looking forward to starting rehearsals in September.

Cliff Young – Drama Curriculum Leader

The Year in Focus

Year 7

The Year 7s Foodbank Enterprise Scheme has now been completed. The students worked really well for this most deserving charity and really put a lot of effort into raising funds.

The overall winners were Sophia Butcher, Ava Errington-Noden and Sam Hart. They raised **£95.00** by holding cake sales within school and in their own time. Well done girls!



Everyone that took part received a certificate while some students also received a trophy. The overall winners received cinema vouchers, certificates, a trophy and a £25.00 shop to go voucher. Next year, I'd like to see even more students having a go at this enterprise. But it has been nice to see so many of you really taking the charity to heart.

As I write this, we are coming to the end of a fantastic year of hard work and fun along the way. I cannot believe that very soon you will all be in Year 8. The year has certainly flown by!

Year 7s head to Southampton University



On Wednesday 17th May, 16 Year 7 pupils had the exciting opportunity to attend Southampton University, part of the Russell Group and currently ranked the 14th best University in the UK.

Because of the awful weather on the day, students were unable to have a full tour of the campus but did get to see the magnitude of the buildings by walking from the bus station to the Education Building. Once at base, students had a range of short presentations detailing what the university can offer, routes into degree courses and about life as a student. Some of the information was quite a surprise to students! Following on from these sessions, students participated in competitive games such as 'course bingo' and 'million pound drop'. Students also put together short presentations about what they had learnt from their day.

Despite the dreadful weather, a great day was had by all and, for most, this was their first experience of a university. We are very lucky that we have such a good relationship with Southampton University and several more students will be able to attend further 'Learn With Us' Sessions over the coming years.

Volvo

Twice Volvo Ocean Race Sailor Dave Swete came in to talk to current Year 7 Priory students about his journey from taking opportunities in sailing at school to racing around the world in a high performance Yacht.



His speech 'another day in the office' was an example to our students that anything is possible if you take the opportunity and we are lucky to be surrounded by the water here in Portsmouth. Sailing is a sport that offers many opportunities – Dave's team needed boat builders, boat designers, physios, doctors, media crew, navigators, weather experts, nutritionists, sail designers.

The possibilities are endless!!

Mrs Fairs

Year 8

Sailing at Ben Ainslie HQ

A group of year 8 pupils were given the opportunity to spend a day sailing at Ben Ainslie HQ in Old Portsmouth. Pupils were given the option of going on a rib boat or a sailing boat and were encouraged to participate in operating the vessel.

BAE Stem Roadshow

Year 8 were lucky enough to be visited by the BAE Systems STEM Roadshow which is designed to enlighten students about the importance of control systems and computer technology in all aspects of present day life. Students were able to participate in flying a drone and experience an android robot that was able to talk and dance. Some students were selected to be interviewed for the BAE website to talk about their experience.

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Teen Tech

A group of Year 8 students were taken to The Guildhall to take part in "Teen Tech". It was a extremely lively and interactive day where students were given the opportunity to try their hand at experiments, to handle leading edge technology and spend the day with engineers, technologists and scientists. It was a carefully organised day which allowed our students to gain a wider knowledge about STEM and the people who work in it.

Festival of Science, Winchester Science Festival

A group of Year 8 students were selected to go to a Festival of Science at Winchester Science Centre. The students were able to watch and listen to six different guest speakers who spoke about The Secret World of Gases to Insects, the students thoroughly enjoyed their day.

Sound Garden

A group of 12 Year 8 students have been selected to work with University of Portsmouth architect students to help build an interactive musical instrument installation for the Somerstown community. The selected students are raring to go so watch this space for further updates.

Day Trip to Cherbourg

A group of students will soon be going on a day trip to Cherbourg. Students are incredibly excited and are brushing up on their French Skills – Bon Voyage!

Special Mentions

Well done to Bobby Prior for getting through to the quarter finals of the national boxing competition. Well done to Aimee Cowie and Kaitlen Blyth for reaching their 100 ERA award.



Miss Usher

Year 9

As we come to the end of Year 9, there has been a lot to celebrate recently with the year group:

Students have had the opportunity to take part in a sailing academy at the Ben Ainslie Racing Centre. This experience was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.



Blue Day was celebrated throughout the school on Friday 5th May for the Tom Prince Cancer Trust, which is the chosen charity for the year group. The school held a non-uniform day and raised **£959.14** for this wonderful charity.

Students in Year 9 and 10 were given the opportunity to join the Norway Expedition 2018. This is an amazing opportunity for students and they are required to raise the money to fund the trip. So far they have held cake sales in school, made items to sell at local markets and completed a 25 mile cycle ride.

The Girls Football Team has played amazingly well this year getting through to the Cup Final and winning the league.

I have had a great first year with the year group and have enjoyed meeting many parents at Parents' Evening recently. I hope everyone has a relaxing enjoyable summer and I look forward to working with all the students when they return for Year 10.

Mrs Fancey

Year 10

As we come close to the final term of Year 10, there have been more experiences than ever.

Congratulations to over 60 students who became Prefects, Lead Prefects and to Head Boy, Will Cudlip and Head Girl, Isabelle Busby. The dedication to become representatives and role models for the school and the quality of the applications was amazing. Well done to you all.



We are so proud of the Girls football team who won the league. Well done to Darcy Challacombe-Grant, Rosie Cowie, Megan Hart and Rowan Hawkins.

At the time of writing this, we are preparing for life beyond Priory School by attending College Taster Days at our local colleges – Highbury, Portsmouth, Havant, Southdowns and Chichester.

Colleges where we will be spending time participating in lessons. Some students are already trying out work experience. Miss Gannon's class are applying for the summer holidays and Mr Miah took four students to Switzerland which was an incredible opportunity.

Year 10 GCSE art students have some amazing self portraits displayed in Southsea Library. Parents, staff and students were invited to attend an opening ceremony where Mr Vaughan gave a speech about the work we are doing in the community.

We were lucky enough to take part in the recent hustling event held in our Dance / Drama Studio. Four Portsmouth South election candidates were questioned by Year 10 students as part of their GCSE in Citizenship. Some excellent questions were asked and they had an opportunity to vote on the day.

As we draw closer to the end of the year it's a strange feeling to think the amazing, spirited and enthusiastic young men and women are going into their final year where I know they are going to get so much support and work so hard to get the best GCSEs ever. It's going to be a tough and emotional year next year but this year has been one of the most exciting ones we've had.

Good Luck Year 10s; let's keep that spirit in September.

Mrs Chadwick

Year 11

At the time of reading this newsletter, the Year 11s will have finished their exams, and will be enjoying their extended summer holiday!

They really have been a remarkable group of young people and we are immensely proud of their diligence and hard work during the exam season. It does not seem possible that those small Year 7s, who arrived in September 2012, are now young adults venturing forward with their futures.

I would like to formally thank a few people....

Firstly, thank you to the Priory staff, who have dedicated many extra hours of support to the Year 11s this year – offering many hours of focused revision after school or at weekends. I can honestly say that I have not seen such dedication and commitment and I am sure the Year 11s will benefit from this when they open their results in August.

I would also like to thank you as parents/carers, as our job would be a great deal more difficult without your continued support.

Lastly, I wish to thank the Year 11 students themselves. They have been a fantastic group of young people to work alongside and I have thoroughly enjoyed my four years as their Progress Leader. A special mention must go to the Student Leadership Team, who were committed in their role as Student Leaders. I am sure the new Head Boy and Head Girl will look up to them as role models, as they begin their tenure as Student Leaders.

As I write this, we still have lots still to look forward to:

Prom – Friday 7th July at the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

Results Day/Leavers' Books arrive – 24th August at Priory School

I hope now that the students will take the opportunity to unwind and recuperate in time for their next adventure this September, whether that be at college or in an apprenticeship role.

The Year 11 team wish them all well as we bid a fond goodbye.

Mrs Blandford

Season's Best in PE



Year 7/8 Football

Portsmouth Schools Partnership Tournament – Girls' Football

Priory hosted the Portsmouth Schools Partnership Tournament for Girls' football – with the top 2 teams progressing through to the Hampshire Youth Games to represent Portsmouth. The tournament had a great turn-out with most schools in the area attending. Priory faced tough competition, however the girls secured wins against Mayfield and Miltoncross and draws against King Richard and Springfield. Priory were against ALNS in the semi-final, where they won 1-0. Priory met St. Edmunds in the final. After normal time being played the score remained 0-0, however, St. Edmunds won 4-3 on penalties. Priory have qualified to represent Portsmouth at the Hampshire Youth Games in Aldershot along with St. Edmunds on 30th June.

Year 9/10 Football

Portsmouth Schools Partnership Tournament – Girls' Football

Priory were again hosts for the Year 9/10 Portsmouth Schools Partnership Girls' Football tournament. The girls started strongly with a 5-0 win over Portsmouth High School - Sophie and Kaitlin Tilley both getting two goals each whilst Darcy Challacombe-Grant also made the scoresheet. The second game against St. Edmunds proved to be much tougher. Priory took an early lead through Darcy Challacombe-Grant, however, St. Edmunds managed to pull a goal back with five minutes from time. After a very physical game, the final score ended 1-1. The tournament was to be decided on penalties. Ruby Burnell proved what an excellent goalkeeper she is by saving the first penalty. Penalties were also scored by Darcy Challacombe-Grant, Megan Hart, Sophie Tilley and Kaitlin Tilley. Priory won overall 4-3 on penalties.

Year 11 Football

U16 Girls' Football League Champions and League Cup Runners-up 2017

The U16 Priory Girls football team were aiming for the league and cup double this term. Our final game of the season was against Miltoncross. A win or draw would secure the league title. A slow start from Priory found the team 1-0 down at the end of the first half. However, the team came out fighting and scored quickly after the break through Alex Collighan. The girls continued to pressure Miltoncross and scored another 5 goals during the second half. Final score Priory 6, Miltoncross 1. Priory were crowned U16 9-a-side Girls' League Champions. Earlier results from the league this season have included a 6-4 win over St. Edmunds and a massive 24-0 over Admiral Lord Nelson School.

This season, Priory also made the league cup final game against St. Edmunds. Both teams are incredibly talented and the game proved to be physical. Priory had the upper edge early on with the first half finishing 3-1 up. St. Edmunds started strong in the second half and won a controversial penalty early on. Priory continued to battle hard throughout the half, but with some decisions not going our way, we were unfortunate to lose the game 4-3. All of the girls fought hard for the entire game and I am very proud of their effort this year.

A massive congratulations

to Ruby Burnell who has secured a coveted place in Southampton FC's U14s Girls Football Team. Well done Ruby – you are an amazing goalkeeper and this skill has been recognised.



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Community Football Club

- For girls, ages 11 - 15
- Training every **Thursday, 5:30pm - 7pm**
Match Day every Saturday Morning
- at **Langstone Sports Village**
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