



Priory Students recently attended the exclusive launch of Sir Ben Ainslie's new racing yacht 'Britannia'

Early in October eight lucky Priory students were invited to the launch of the new team GB America's Cup racing yacht 'Britannia'. They were treated to a VIP day of behind the scenes tours, a chance to meet the sailors, designers, and engineers, front row vantage point of the boat launch ceremony, and even a work out in the state of the art training facilities.

Under the captaincy of Sir Ben Ainslie, Team INEOS are aiming for Gold at the 36th America's Cup in 2021. Their new yacht 'Britannia' is a unique foiling monohull, named in honour of King George V's racing yacht Britannia which raced in the 1930-1937 America's cups. The vessel itself has been a closely guarded secret, and Priory students were excited to hear that 'spies' from other countries' teams were no doubt in the area hoping to get an early look at the design.

The day started with a drinks reception on the top floor of Team INEOS' Portsmouth HQ. Students were met by 1851 Trust staff and given exclusive branded merchandise, after which they were taken to the interview of Sir Ben, and the CEO of INEOS chemicals, Sir Jim Ratcliffe, who sponsors the team. Having revealed the name of the yacht it was time to go down to the waterside and christen the boat with the traditional bottle of champagne.

Once the excitement of the launch was over there was time to have some fun in the 'Tech Deck', the interactive and educational STEM floor run by the 1851 Trust with the aim of

inspiring students to become interested in STEM activities and careers. By demonstrating the ways the team uses STEM to create, design and sail the boat, students can see first-hand the practical applications of STEM.

The last part of the day involved a very exclusive look behind the scenes. David 'Freddie' Carr, who is a Grinder in the team, took the students and teachers into the gym for a quick work out. Then it was up to the sail loft and round the workshops where rope testing, repairs, and 3D print and design happens. At every point the crew in these areas spent time explaining what they do and letting the students get their hands on the unique tools and equipment used in the design, maintenance and repair of the vessel.

Priory students were very lucky to be invited to this exclusive event and it was due to our involvement in the 1851 Trust sailing initiative 'Rebel Crew' which has allowed the entire year 7 intakes in both 2019 & 2018 to take part in free sailing and STEM activities. It was a real treat for the students and wonderful to be there for a historic event.

IMPORTANT DATES SPRING TERM

JANUARY

Monday 6 : All students return for Spring term

Wednesday 15 : Year 10 Parents Evening

Tuesday 21 : Priory Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday 22 : Year 11 Parents Evening

Wednesday 29 : Year 7 Parents Evening

Thursday 30 : Whole School Assembly

FEBRUARY

Monday 3 - Friday 7 : Apprenticeships week

Wednesday 12 : Bohunt Trust STEM challenge day

Thursday 13 : Girls in STEM roadshow trip

Monday 17 - Friday 21 : Half Term

MARCH

Monday 2 - Friday 6 : Careers Week

Monday 2 - Friday 13 : Year 11 PPEs

Tuesday 3 : Priory Governing Body Meeting

Thursday 12 : Year 8 Options Evening

Wednesday 18 : Focus Day

Thursday 19 : Year 8 Parents Evening

Friday 20 : INSET Day

Wednesday 25 : Year 9 Parents Evening

Wednesday 25 : Year 11 School Photographs

APRIL

Thursday 2 : Year 11 PPE 2 Results Evening

Friday 3 : End of Spring Term

Friday 3 : Ski trip departs

Saturday 11 : Ski trip returns

Monday 20 : Start of Summer Term

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Winter 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 2019 for all at Priory, it is a challenge to pick out specific highlights from the academic year 2018-19 simply because our thriving community is involved in, and developing, so many impressive things.

Just as a small sample: trips to the Imperial War Museum, university residentials and walking trips to Mount Snowdon, helping to launch Ben Ainslie's new boat, Dance Show Marathon and Year 11 Certificate Evening.

We believe passionately that our role is to encourage opportunity and development beyond the classroom as well. Our Duke of Edinburgh provision continues to expand; we had the awards evening in November to celebrate those students who had secured both Bronze and Silver awards. Fitting recognition for those who completed expeditions and hours of community service as well as developing new skills. This follows record numbers picking up the qualification in Year 9 and a huge commitment from students and staff alike, seen also in our third Priory Expedition with students heading off to Montenegro next summer for this latest adventure.

Overall the one statistic that pleases me the most this term is that we have hosted over 2000 visits to school at our various evening events, whether that be Open Evening, Parents' Information evenings or Year 7 Quiz and curry night. Working in tandem with parents is so important so it is really reassuring to reflect on such huge numbers coming to the events we offer.

This year we have seen a further development and expansion to over 70 clubs offered to students. This is not by accident because we believe that such opportunities help develop

skills and character traits that benefit young people as they grow. This was epitomized through our collaboration with the 1851 Trust that enabled every single Year 7 student to be offered the chance to go sailing in their first term at Priory and 229 were able to take up that offer. In the pages of this edition you will see some of the wide range of opportunities that we continue to develop for your children.

As I write we still have our Winter Warmer music evening and the Dance Show to come before the end of term. Both evenings are typically great showcases for our wonderful students.

And so we come to the end of another calendar year and they seem to speed by with increasing pace. As we approach the festive season I wish you and your families a peaceful holiday season and a prosperous new year.



Can I take the opportunity to wish you a peaceful and relaxing holiday season whatever you are doing and I look forward to seeing you back at Priory in early January.

Mr Vaughan

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Governors' Report

In November several governors visited the school for one of our regular 'Immersion Days'. Held two or three times a year, these days give governors the opportunity to visit Priory during the school day – to see it in action and get the chance to meet with staff and students.

On this occasion the main topic for discussion was 'Curriculum' – a new focus under the revised Ofsted Inspection process. We had a very thorough presentation from Assistant Head Teacher Rebekah Spalding on 'Curriculum Intent, Implementation and Impact – next steps and challenges'. Governors had many questions and a lively and enlightening session ensued.

All of our students deserve the opportunity to study a broad and balanced curriculum delivered in the most appropriate way – its part of our job as governors to have understanding and oversight of this vital area of Priory's work.

Our drive to recruit new governors to the Board continues and this term we have been able to welcome three new members – Megan Bonner-Janes as a parent governor and Emily Pountney and Beccy Esau as community governors. All have special expertise in different areas and will be an enormous help to the Board in its work.

I'm sure that students and staff are working hard to produce and rehearse the upcoming pre-Christmas entertainments – the Dance Show and the Winter Warmer Concert. I'm looking forward to them already!

Season's Greetings to you all,

Sue Bushell – Chair, Priory Local Governing Board

Imperial War Museum Trip – Year 9



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It was a very chilly and early start – we had to be in school for 6.50am eek!! It was like the middle of the night. It took us about 2.5 hours to get to London and work our way to the Imperial War Museum.

There were 40 of us on the trip. When we arrived we were split into two groups. One group got some time to go around the exhibitions in the museum and had their lunch before going into the Holocaust exhibition.

Our group went straight to the Holocaust session. We started in a teaching room with a recap on what we knew about the Holocaust and an explanation of the exhibition we were going to see. We were given a pair of earphones and a handset which we used to guide us around the exhibition – this was good because it gave us much more detailed information than just reading the captions on artefacts. We could also hear from survivors on the audio guide which was very emotional.

The exhibition is very moving – it looks at the horrific treatment and dehumanisation of Jews during the Holocaust. There are the belongings of Jews who were sent to concentration camps, such as Auschwitz, which reminds you of the personal stories of the victims and their families.

The model of Auschwitz was a real memory for many of us – it showed a snapshot of one day in the history of Auschwitz, as a train arrives and people are sorted into those who could be used for labour in the camps and the women, children, elderly and sick

who would go straight to the gas chambers. Another part of the exhibition that stands out are the photographs of British soldiers who liberated Bergen-Belsen Camp – these showed the shocking scenes that the soldiers were faced with on arrival, having to dig a mass grave to ensure the bodies of the murdered were not going to spread disease. We could not imagine how this would have felt.

We had a debrief after the exhibition where we could share some of the things which had an impact on us. We then had time to look around the museum. One of the highlights here was getting to meet a Chelsea Pensioner who was signing his book.

Thank you to Mrs Blachford, Mrs Roberts, Miss Dalton and Mrs Robert's Dad who took us on the trip – we had a fantastic, if long, day!

Max Capon

Paige Carter-Miller

Florence Di Marco

Maritime Roadshow for Girls



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Another superb trip for a group of 31 Year 7 & 8 girls to attend the fantastic annual 'Maritime Roadshow for Girls' run by the 1851 Trust at the home of Britain's America's Cup Team, Team INEOS, in Old Portsmouth.

The day was busy and interactive which started with Priory students getting the opportunity to participate in a growth mind-set workshop, which demonstrated the power of positive thinking and how to open yourself up to reaching your goals.

The girls had the opportunity to network with a number of ambassadors from local businesses, who talked to them about the positive outcomes which come from putting yourself forward for new challenges and how to identify your strengths and work on areas for improvement. It was also a great chance for the girls to talk to women who work in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Maths) careers and find out how they got into the industries that they work in.

In the afternoon students moved down to the Tech Deck where they were met with a variety of hands on exhibits, both the permanent ones such as the racing VR, writing code to steer a boat, and making sails to test in the wind tunnel. But also having a go at the temporary challenges provided by the Royal Navy STEM ambassadors such as coding the spherical rolling robots to land on air craft carriers and looking at the ways STEM skills can be utilised in the armed forces in a variety of jobs.

It was a superb trip which demonstrated to the students that their only limitation is themselves and that any career is open to them. Women in STEM careers are increasing and opportunities like the Maritime Roadshow for Girls helps to break down any misconception that girls cannot take on jobs in STEM industries.



We look forward to taking more girls to the next roadshow in March. Thank you again to the 1851 Trust for hosting us and providing so many wonderful free opportunities for our students.

Go Sail Programme

At Priory our Year 7 students recently had a fantastic opportunity to experience the Go Sail Programme run by 1851 Trust and INEOS. This trip involved all of Year 7 being invited to attend STEM sessions at INEOS Team UK HQ in Old Portsmouth. Across a 5-week period, 229 students attended this experience across nine days of trips!



WATERSPORTS CENTRES

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Students first learnt about why the race is called the America's Cup. Students were then taught about the wings and sails on the America's Cup boat. Students learned why the boats were designed the way they are, the rules of the boats during the race along with the science behind creating a winning team.

Students had the opportunity to build their own sail and test its resistance in the wind tunnel as well as having a go at coding and virtual reality in the state-of-the-art education suite.

Students were put into groups of 3-4. Some of our students were even lucky enough to see the resident seals basking in the sunshine!



After lunch the groups went to the Andrew Simpson Watersports Centre. Everyone was kitted out in wetsuits and helmets ready for their first experience on the water. Some students were incredibly nervous, but quickly learnt the basics of sailing.

As a school, we feel very proud to celebrate our waterside heritage and can honestly say that every student who takes part in this wonderful day out takes so much away from the experience. Thank you to everyone involved in making this extensive Year 7 trip happen.

Quiz, Curry and Information Evening

On Thursday 24th October we hosted our annual 'Quiz, Curry and Information Evening' for year 7 and their parents.

This was a fun filled evening with 7Bryant emerging as overall winners of the quiz. The kitchen staff provided a delightful curry which was enjoyed by all and the lack of leftovers was testament to the quality of the catering.

While colleagues shared vital information on reporting, homework, knowledge organisers, communications etc. students enjoyed a 'noisy' games session in the dining room with some wonderful rounds of charades from Mr Chafiie, competitiveness from Mr Blown and a wonderful win at Downfall from Mrs Williams. It was lovely to see the students having fun and interacting with each other without the necessity of electronic devices.



A huge thanks to Ms Dalton for coordinating the evening.

Remembrance Sunday

Head Boy Taylor Sutton and Head Girl Delphine Latif attended the recent Remembrance Sunday Parade alongside Headteacher Mr Vaughan. Together they laid a wreath of poppies to show respect for the fallen.



Winter Warmer Concert

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In a now well-established tradition, the main hall was brought to life with a plethora of Priory musical talent in December's Winter Warmer Concert. This year we saw a large mix of students performing soulful ballads, rock anthems, jazz standards and of course Christmas classics.

Head Teacher Mr Vaughan said: "It's always a delightful occasion and super to see so many talented students up on the stage."

A Christmas Carol

Year 11 English Trip to Portsmouth's Round Tower to see a very authentic version of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol

Year 11 students were very lucky to have the opportunity to see a live version of a Christmas Carol as part of their preparation for GCSE.

A group of 50 students and staff saw a fantastic performance by the Lantern Light Theatre Group at Portsmouth's historic Round Tower Building. The performance was kept very close to the true narrative with some great performances by the cast of professional actors. Priory's students were the only school group booked in and they watched with maturity and respect, enjoying pictures with the cast at the end. Well done to all involved.



Priory Students Meet Pudsey



Some of you may have caught the BBC Radio Solent show on the morning of Sunday 17 November featuring some Priory students as part of the Children in Need treasure hunt which took place across the south of England.

Honey, Freya and Ashaz met Pudsey Bear and were asked about their experiences of sailing with the 1851 Trust. They then went out on the water to enjoy the sunshine and sail around the harbour.



News from Priory PE

New school year, new members of the PE team, new activities in PE as the Priory PE department takes on fresh challenges.

The PE team gave up time in their summer holiday to come in and redecorate both boys and girls changing rooms. Joined by the hard work of the Caretakers the whole PE area got a fresh start.

Students seem to value the changes and have showed their support for the department by mass participation in PE after school activities where we often have up to 400 students per week active in PE after school clubs.

Sports we have offered so far just from the PE team include football, rugby, netball, trampolining, fitness, cheer and dance for both boys and girls. As a department we are very much looking forward to the dance show, many home and away fixtures, tournaments and the development of the new PE Sports Council. Exciting times ahead!

Mr Andrew – Curriculum Lead PE

News from The Bridge@Priory



Bridge students attend Heart of Portsmouth Boxing and this term has seen awards for Kai Batchelor & Skye Simmons. Well done to you both.

Science lesson in AP@The Bridge. Students are enjoying their dissection of an ox heart.



Portsmouth University Residential Initiative

Back in July, 10 Priory students took part in a Portsmouth University residential initiative designed to widen opportunities for local students to access higher education.

Maisha Islam, Tasnim Talukdar, Sandra Szalast, Lacey Johnson, Robert James, Alfie Miller-Ware, Mohamed Fadlalla, Nikita Morris, Gursewak Singh-Digpal and Charity Nganga took part. The students were all apprehensive about immersing themselves in this opportunity, but the courage it took them to get involved paid off with newfound independence and confidence. It was a unique chance for them to look into the future and our students now all know that university is definitely a pathway to consider.

A report written by the students:

"The first day was spent settling into our halls of residence and experiencing taster sessions of some of the clubs and societies that are on offer at Portsmouth University such as football, dance and gaming. That night we got to socialise and get to know some of the other students from across Hampshire over dinner and a visit to the cinema.

The following day, after sleeping in the student rooms, we were shown all around the university and were amazed how big it is! We were given information about student finance and careers and employability advice. We attended an academic lecture to give us a flavour of how different learning is from school. Vincent Pericard, an ex-premiership footballer, who is now a student ambassador, was a guest speaker before more socialising at a BBQ and disco!

By the third day we had made many new friends and a real camaraderie had been built up. The graduation ceremony was a highlight with the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University awarding us with certificates. None of us wanted to leave – it had been an amazing time."



Priory Dance Marathon

On the 23rd of October, 103 students participated in a seven hour Dance Marathon event to raise money for their costumes for our annual Dance Show in December.

Students auditioned in early September and have been working tirelessly to perform 15 routines ranging in style from street to contemporary, tap and jazz.

Their dedication and commitment have been outstanding as has the creativity of the student choreographers who have devised most of the pieces. On the day of the marathon, students performed in a number of dance-related activities from rehearsals, dance games, and costume competitions. The day was topped off by the whole cast performing a section from Thriller.

Their spirit, energy, and enthusiasm were infectious, and a great time was had by all. Our students are now all very excited about the upcoming shows which are at 4.30pm and 7.30pm on the 17th and 18th of December in the Dance Drama Studio. The shows are always a great way to finish off the term. #proudtobe priory.



Marginal Gains Celebration

In the last year, 80 boys across Year 9 and Year 10 took part in the Marginal Gains programme delivered by Cosmos Engagement Ltd.

Students were introduced to the theory of Marginal Gains and learnt that by setting small goals and making 1% improvements time and time again, across a range of performance indicators, they can achieve their overall goals.

Using activity-based learning the students build up their own personal Marginal Gains targets and objectives. To celebrate the students' successful completion and commitment to the Marginal Gains Programme, a group of students spent a full day at the University of Portsmouth, participating in workshops with other Hampshire Schools and taking part in a full tour of the university by undergraduates. An interactive exhibition for parents/carers/guardians to introduce the theory of Marginal Gains was also held.

GCSE Design Technology

Priory School Make Do & Mend project in conjunction with The D-Day Story.

The garments in the pictures and other textile items were designed and made by Year 10 students from Priory School.

The students are in their first year of a GCSE Design Technology course which includes a textiles module. Their work was inspired by exhibits at The D-Day Story and the theme of 'Make Do & Mend'.

The group visited The D-Day Story with teacher Clare Chapman. They toured the displays with Tracy Teasdale, Learning Officer for Portsmouth Museums and tried on original and replica Second World War uniforms from the museum's handling collection. They also spoke with D-Day veteran John Jenkins about his experiences in Normandy.

The students researched their favourite museum objects. They then designed and made clothing and other items in response to what they had learnt about the experiences of men, women and children affected by the events of D-Day and the Second World War.

Well done to everyone involved. You certainly embraced this unique opportunity.



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Emma Bufton (age 15)

Messages from the front line

When visiting the museum I was particularly taken by the letters sent from the front line. Either as telegrams or postcards.

I have made a child's dress then printed letters and postcards on the fabric. This represents how these messages from the past play a role in protecting the freedom of future generations. The design also incorporates tattoos which sailors often have to signify moments in their lives. I have then embroidered sections of the printed tattoos to further embellish the garment.

The fabric was originally an old duvet. This is in keeping with the wartime 'Make Do and Mend' campaign where people were encouraged to make use of the limited resources they had. I used a standard pattern to create the dress. Then I added some striped ribbon reminiscent of ribbons found on medals.

Nuha Khatan (age 15)

Medals

I was particularly interested in the medals that I saw when I visited the museum. They are a record of bravery by the many people that took part in the war. The stitched medals on my child's dress symbolise the bravery and sacrifice made by those many people to secure the freedom of future generations.

I have used a standard pattern to cut the fabric from an old bed sheet. This saves the production of new fabrics and uses fabrics that otherwise may have ended up in landfill. I think this is important because the fashion industry causes a great deal of pollution. I have used craft materials to create the medals and braided gold cord to give a military look to the garment.

Rosie Russell (age 15)

Finding Gustav

I was fascinated by the story of Gustav the pigeon when I visited the museum. Gustav flew from the French coast to Thorney Island near Portsmouth carrying the first news of the Normandy landings on D-Day.

I have made a Gustav that children can search for during their visit to the D-Day museum. There would be many Gustavs placed around the museum with different outfits on that the children have to spot. I cut my own pattern for the Gustav figure and for all of the outfits. The outfits are based on items seen in the museum.

Charlotte Fitzpatrick (age 15) and Sarah Moise (age 15)

Dior and war time rationing

Skirt by Charlotte Fitzpatrick and top by Sarah Moise.

We have chosen to make our piece together as we were inspired by a similar theme. We are both very interested in the fashion and clothing of the era. Our research showed how Dior's New Look in the post war era caused outrage with its lavish use of fabrics in a time when rationing still existed. In our current world with issues of waste fabrics filling up landfill and the fact that the fashion industry is the second biggest polluter in the world we have chosen to make our garment from recycled fabric. The garment started as a duvet cover and has been reused therefore saving the production of new fabrics or the fabric been disposed of in landfill. The skirt and top have been made by adapting an existing pattern with an addition of a pale pink band upcycled from another garment.

Zixuan Li (age 15)

Make Do and Mend

I have made my garment with the theme of 'Make Do and Mend' in mind. The embroidery and applique has been applied to a recycled jacket. The 'Make Do and Mend' was a war time campaign to encourage people to make more of the very limited resources they had whether this be fabrics or food. In our modern world we have become more aware that we must conserve resources and I hope my jacket shows how items can be upcycled and given new life to be used again. The sash and belt loops are also made from recycled fabrics. The yellow sash was a throw and the belt loops were a bag.

The Chinese writing and other motifs are taken from my own cultural background and they are symbols of bravery and courage.

Lilly Stratford (age 15)

In honour of the medical women

During the visit to the museum I was very taken with the displays about the medical personnel and in particular the women that were present during the conflict and those caring for the soldiers on their return. My outfit celebrates the amazing contribution these brave women made risking their own lives to care for the sick and wounded.

My garment has been made to look like a nurse's uniform and includes images of the D-Day Landings printed in the folds of the pleats on the skirt with a belt made with 3D poppies all to symbolise remembrance. I cut my own pattern to create the dress.

Ligia Hreceniuc (age 15)

Maps

When visiting the D-Day museum I was very interested in the many maps. My dress incorporates a map of Operation Overlord printed on the fabric. The ribbon used around the middle of the dress resembles the markings on ordnance survey maps used to define boundaries and the poppies are used as a symbol of remembrance. I have created a child's outfit to symbolize the bravery and sacrifice the soldiers made to benefit the future children.

The fabric I have used is from an old bed sheet. I have used this fabric to highlight how polyester takes between 20 to 200 years to break down unlike natural textiles like silk, cotton or wool, which only take about a year to biodegrade. This fabric is a cotton polyester mix. We should try to prolong the use of the item by recycling or choose other natural sources of fabrics. I used a standard pattern to cut the pieces for the dress.

Akos Nagy (age 14)

Pocket bear

My research showed me that many of the soldiers that took part in the war were very young. They often carried in their pockets small mementoes of home sometimes in the form of teddy bears given to them by family members or sweethearts.

My bear has been made from modern day denim that has been recycled from old clothing rather in the same way people during the war had to make do and mend. I adapted an existing pattern to make the bear.

Lana Tetlow (age 15)

Feel of the times

My project for the museum is inspired by the fashion and clothing of the era. I intend for this project to teach children and teenagers about the types of fabrics that were used during the war by comparing this to modern day fabrics.

I have made garments using the same pattern that I designed and cut myself, made once in a fabric available during the war then again in a modern equivalent. The jacket made in the modern fabric is a stretch fabric not available during the war.

Children and teenagers are able to dress up and entertain themselves while getting a little bit of authenticity of the actual clothing from the time with each piece based on a wartime item e.g.; a naval jacket. I have added bias binding to give a military look to the jacket. This was inspired by the uniforms seen in the museum.

International Men's Day Trip



A group of Year 8 boys travelled to Canary Wharf, London, for a “Rockin Ur Teens” Conference.

We had lots of inspirational talks from the likes of RagzCV founder of “Poetic Unity”, Cameron Parker, who is a motivational speaker on Social Media and Tosin Olomowewe who performed music for us at the end of the day.

We started off the day with an introduction by Dean Quinton who was also the host for the whole conference. He was best known for being on “Bear Grylls: The island”. Our first speaker was the founder of Poetic Unity, RagzCV. He made an interactive speech, where he would talk about his past and early childhood, and we learned how he got himself out of some very dangerous situations. He then went on to tell us about his poems and he performed a few for us as well!

After RagzCV had finished his speech, we were split into smaller groups for a session called “speed mentoring”. The mentors were called on stage, they introduced themselves and then told us about what they did for a living.

Each group had their own mentor who they would talk to for 15 minutes to get to know them and find out what they did to get to where they are now. It really changed my mindset and also made me think about things differently when compared to my previous way of thinking. For example, I (Lewis) had always been very opinionated on people who commit crimes but now I understand that not everyone gets the same start to life and the same opportunities.

Everyone thought that the mentors were truly inspirational and we would love to see them again some day.

By Lewis Nolan and Dan Roper, Year 9

Up and Coming Talent

Well done to Lacey O'Mara who competitively swims for Portsmouth Northsea Swimming Club.

The club is one of the best around and their club championships are full of amazingly talented swimmers. Here are Lacey's medals from the latest championships held in November 2019 which show just how good Lacey is. An Olympic medal one day then Lacey?



Duke of Edinburgh News



As DofE kicks off this academic year, we have had record numbers of Bronze participants join up.

102 members of Year 9 have committed to the award and that more than doubles our record for numbers from just one year group.

On the 28th of November we had the awards evening to recognise the efforts and achievements of last year's Bronze and Silver participants. During the ceremony we awarded over 90 students, which was quite exceptional. Well done to everyone involved.



Bohunt Education Trust (BET) proudly hosted the Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) prestigious Annual 'Insights' Event at The Studio, The Petersfield School (TPS) on Tuesday 1 October.

The Trust and DofE welcomed guests from around the South East region to hear from BET's students and staff about their transformational DofE experiences and the positive impact the award has had on outcomes for children and young people across BET.

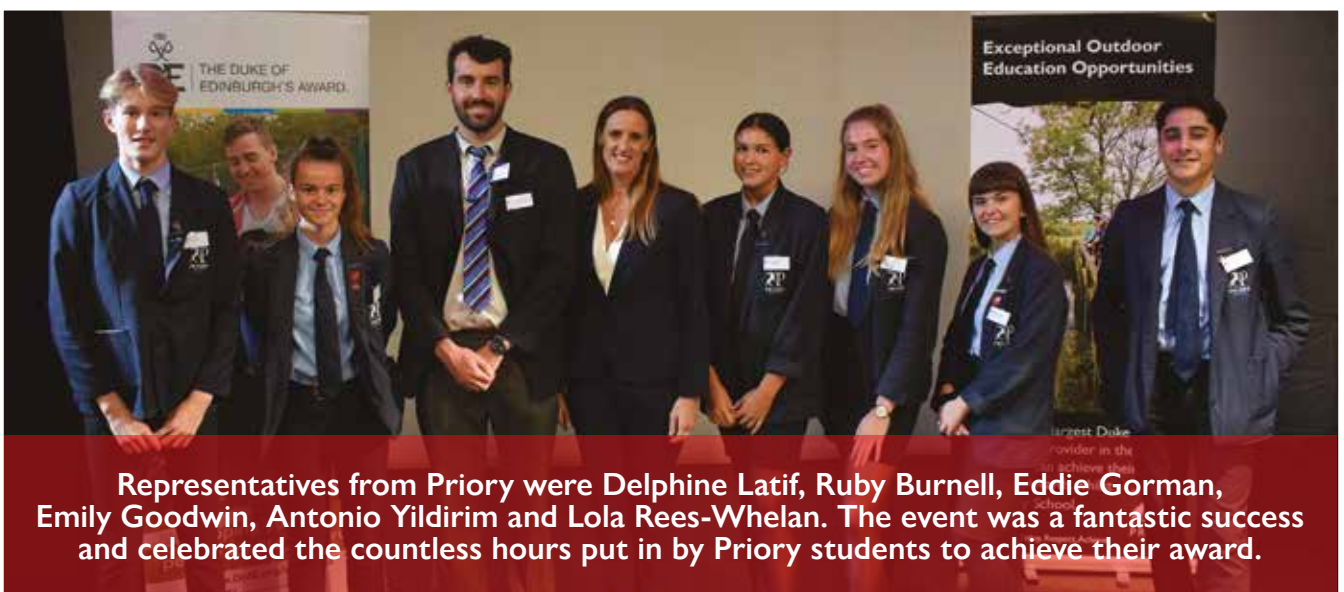
The event saw key players across the education sector, joined by Deputy Lieutenant Tom Floyd and Karen Pickering, MBE, recognising and celebrating the impact of the long-standing DofE Award. The afternoon saw students and co-ordinators from across BET schools presenting and sharing stories and best practice, with opportunities to talk to DofE supporters and benefactors from across the county.

This academic year has seen one of the largest ever uptakes of the programme across BET, with over 800 students participating in the award. 640 students successfully completed the Bronze Award, with a record 150 achieving the Silver Award and 20 students attaining the highly esteemed Gold Award.

As part of BET's overarching commitment to ensure that all students, regardless of background or starting point in life, have the opportunity to fulfil their potential, the Trust ensures that all students can access the DofE Award programme and the benefits it generates. As a result, the Trust has **raised over £15,000** in grants this academic year in order to directly support some of its most disadvantaged and vulnerable students to participate in the programme.

Priory students have really been inspired by the award and in total they have given up over 1000 hours of their time to help volunteering last year alone. This ranged from helping in charity shops to assisting in the running of the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

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Representatives from Priory were Delphine Latif, Ruby Burnell, Eddie Gorman, Emily Goodwin, Antonio Yildirim and Lola Rees-Whelan. The event was a fantastic success and celebrated the countless hours put in by Priory students to achieve their award.

Dance Leaders Priory School

Portsmouth School Sport Partnership is hosted by Priory School.

Initially established in 2002, the Partnership offers a range of services and support for schools in Portsmouth including:



- Sports Leadership Training for KS2 – KS4
- Continuing Professional Development in PE and school sports for staff
- Supporting schools with local sports coaches to work alongside staff and to make links to community based clubs
- Holiday sports courses
- A comprehensive calendar of sporting festivals and competitions

Priory has always had an active sports leadership programme and students have helped with a number of events this year. The most recent was the Key Stage One Dance Festival held on Monday 18 November that involved 18 Dance Leaders nominated for their leadership and choreography skills by Mrs Andrew.

The students involved underwent a short training session prior to the event and managed to create a dance with 150 Year 1 pupils from schools across the city in 2 hours! The staff from the various schools complemented the leaders and could not believe some of them were only in Year 8!



Students involved in the first Festival were: Poppy Turner, Sophie Wyndham-Farmer, Lucy

Mandiwall, Lewis Nolan, Grace Dixon, Liberty Dixon, Tegan Kenna, Aliya Al-Maskriy, Sophia

Holmes, Lillie-Rose Vinall, Imogen Clark, Poppy Steels-Stanhope, Eva Homewood, Matilda

Marshall, Freya Hawkes, Frankie Howe, Emillie Rayner-Kerr and Manon Hardcastle

Team-building Montenegro 2020



On the 7th of November, Priory students who have signed up for the Summer Expedition to Montenegro 2020 spent the day together, taking part in team building activities

The day started with some team building games to develop confidence, communication skills and to make new friends!

The group then went on to planning out activities for the 12 day Expedition – which will include some mountain hiking, white water

rafting, gorge walking and sightseeing. We also learnt the art of packing lightly! (Which was certainly a revelation to some of us.)

The Group will also take part in a community project at a local orphanage – more to follow about this in the next edition of the Priory Post. The next Team building session will be a weekend expedition filled with Hiking and outdoor activities.

Priory's Eco Warriors gain some important backing

Today the Priory Eco Warriors met with local MP and ex Priory student Stephen Morgan to discuss their ideas and plans to make Priory more environmentally friendly.

Eleven students walked to his office on Albert Road and presented their ideas.

They then had the opportunity to ask Stephen questions and he has agreed to be our Priory Eco Ambassador. He also discussed with the group his plans to make Portsmouth more sustainable.

Shanice Wiggins said,

“He was very helpful, kind and understanding of our ideas.”

Ellie Bluff & Rhyddian Mills added,

“It is good to know that we have his backing in our projects.”

Sunisa Kelly commented,

“It was an amazing experience because we talked a lot about how we could make Priory eco-friendlier.”



DT teacher Ms Coghlan said she is very proud of the commitment of the students who are approaching this subject with compassion and intelligence. Well done to everyone involved in Eco Warriors. Their work is very important.



A Visit to Snowdon

As part of a research trip measuring the impact of outdoor education on academic performance, a group of Priory students set off to Aberdovey in North Wales for five days.



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The trip was sponsored by the Education Endowment Fund and Sheffield Hallam University.

This partnership provided funding for our students to take part in rock climbing, gorge walking, swimming and a two day walking expedition in the Welsh mountains. Every student had a great time and we hope this experience will support them as they continue their academic journey through Priory School. Well done to everyone involved.



Southampton University Taster

Year 9 enjoyed another invitation to Southampton University after attending a taster session last year.

The day started with students thinking about their future pathways and what they wanted to do after school. They then listened to three very different alumni members to talk about their experiences at university and life after.

Students were then set the task of designing an app for their peer group that would help them with their future pathways. They had to design and plan the app as well as put together a presentation to pitch their app to a panel. The students did a fantastic job of presenting to the panel of alumni members and responded really well to the questions that were put to them.

Well done to everyone involved.



Year 11 Certificate Evening

On the evening of Thursday 21 November we saw the welcome return of the wonderful class of 2019 who came back to receive their GCSE certificates and celebrate their many triumphs.



Over 100 former students and their families attended the evening which is always a great opportunity for everyone to catch up after moving on to pastures new.

There were some superb individual performances to celebrate, as well as a number of special awards to be given out. Individual mentions must go to the students who achieved our top GCSE results and were presented with the Mary Murray-Dudgeon & Winifred Hancock Awards for Academic Achievement.

Huge congratulations to:

Imogen Thomas	Mohammed Ebad Ahmed
Lilliana Anais	Katie Schofield
Jia-Jie Chen	Madeline Edgar
Sacha Tanner	Elise Blakely
Maria Matuzeviciute	



In addition, to these special accolades:

Mohammed Arafath Tahmid was this year's recipient of the Pop Marshall English Literature Award which goes to the student who attains the highest school marks in the English Literature exam; achieving 147 marks out of a possible 160 to attain a Grade 9.

Maddie Smith was awarded the Helen Sizer Memorial Award for consistent effort in overcoming difficulties.

Extra-Curricular at Priory School

Last year was the launch of 'PX' – Priory's extra-curricular programme. The programme was extensive with a wide range of activities to suit everyone's needs. This academic year, we are looking to increase on the successes to make PX even bigger and better.

The new timetable has been up and running for a full term now, students numbers have been steadily increasing as the weeks have progressed. Students have reported that they enjoy the clubs that staff and external agencies are able to provide.

So what's new? This year we have been able to add a number of clubs to the programme. Rugby Club with Mr Andrew and Ms Sime has seen excellent numbers. Students who have never played rugby before have had the opportunity to get involved and have even played fixtures against rival schools. Science Club has proven to be popular as has Lego Club

Yoga is run by Lucy our Yoga instructor. This takes place on Fridays after school in the DDS. Lucy has commented on how important it is for students to relax and unwind after a busy week in school. Lucy teaches the group mindfulness and well-being techniques. Yoga is available to all students and no prior experience is required - students just need to bring their PE kit.

Also on Fridays is Dodgeball Club. Dodgeball takes place in the Tennis Centre and is run by Scott, the men's captain from Portsmouth University Dodgeball Team. Scott works on skills and tactics in his training sessions. Ahmad Shafee has said the sessions are fun and engaging. This club is for all students of all abilities.

Archery Club is on Wednesday afternoons in the Tennis Centre. This club is a free club run by Active Community Network. Students get to experience archery under the supervision of instructors whilst learning the sport. There are still spaces available on this course which is open to students in Years 7-9.

Goalkeeping Club is the latest to join the PX timetable run by our external agencies. Alan Bell from East Lodge FC holds goalkeeper training on the pitch on Tuesdays. Students are required to bring their own goalkeeping gloves and wear tracksuit bottoms. There is a small cost of £2 per session.

Badminton Club is on Mondays after school, being run by Jan from Portsmouth College. Jan is an excellent coach with links to clubs and access to fixtures that our students can be part of. Again, no prior playing experience is required, students just need their PE kit.

Our extensive PX timetable is available on the school website.

Dungeons & Dragons

The Dungeons & Dragons roleplaying club has been going strong, regularly seeing 20-30 students every week.

Many students have begun to design and run their own games in a variety of systems, with some groups coming at other times during the week for additional campaigns. Many students have also started to run small games out of school amongst their groups of friends, with students borrowing from my library over half-terms. Games running range from genres from fantasy and sci-fi, cyberpunk and more, limited only by the extent of students' imaginations.

Art and Photography Competition Club

On a Monday night, Ms Basham runs an Art and Photography Competition Club. Last half term students taking part entered The National Gallery Take One Picture Competition.



This half term they are focusing on the Lions Club Peace Poster Competition, where the theme is The Journey of Peace. The club has eight regular attending students, but they are hoping it will get bigger over time. After Christmas they will be looking at the Sony Photography Competition.

Also, in the New Year, there will be a celebration of the wonderful artwork produced by Priory students. There will be an Artist of the Month Award at KS3 and KS4 and a KS4 Photograph of the Month Award. Winners will receive art-based prizes.

Eco Warrior Club

We are the Priory Eco-Warriors and we want to make Priory greener!

We meet on Thursdays after school and discuss the things that we can do to improve our sustainability here at Priory School.

Having discussed a few issues, we contacted Stephen Morgan to see how he can help us with our goal. We are meeting with him this month to discuss future plans in making our school more eco-friendly.

Priory Eco product of the month:

Our Choice: Bamboo Toothbrushes
How much? £0.50-£1.99
Why? Reduce plastic
Where? Ebay/amazon/Wild Thyme



Rugby Update

The school year has started well with rugby being reintroduced into the school curriculum meaning that participant numbers at rugby club after school has gone from strength to strength.

Training has been run jointly by Miss Sime and Mr Andrew and has been assisted by Matthew Pilbeam in Year 9 and Samm Hart and David Lawson in Year 10 as volunteers. The biggest uptake so far has been with Year 7, 8 and 11 students – all of whom have played competitive matches for the school already.

Year 7 and 8 have been playing tournaments at Havant Rugby Club where the games are smaller sided and cross pitch with a strong coaching ethos developing not only skills but the spirit of rugby.



Year 11s who have not seen much school rugby recently are a keen group where several players currently play club rugby at US Portsmouth or Portsmouth RFC. They have enjoyed rugby in PE lessons and started training and recently played our first game up at Oaklands which was a very physical and entertaining game, enjoyed by all.



Ollie Palmer – Year 8

"School rugby has widened my skills, it's great to have different coaches. I want to play for England one day!"



Ben Mansfield – Year 8

"I like playing rugby for Priory School, it's lovely to have a fresh perspective on the game. I just love playing every game!"

Samm Hart – Year 10

"I am going to County Trials this season. I hope one day I will be able to play for England."



Priory Chess Club

These are the top 5 player ranking scores for Chess Club at Priory School. Chess Club is on a Monday straight after school in B21a. Everyone is welcome so come and play a ranked game and see if you can beat our best players.



Chess Ranking	Ranking Score
Sam Shaw	1210
Cassidy Chaichanac	1207
Nathaniel McCormick	1207
Luke Mares	1197
Samuel Norris	1193



Faculty Round-up

Expressive Arts – Drama

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

Year 7 have completed their 'Introduction to Drama' scheme of work and are now developing their imagination in a module based on creating environments using their physicality.

Year 8 have completed a devised module based on the haunted house Darkwood Manor to aid their suspension of disbelief and imagination in rehearsal and performance. They are now working on the exaggeration and physicality of the stock characters of melodrama, in preparation for the performance and filming of their own silent movies.

Year 9 have had a very successful start to the GCSE, developing their use of theatrical skills through the rehearsals and performances of monologues and duologues. They have also been developing their skills of empathy and motivation through a devising module. Year 9 are now learning to write about live theatre, where they get to see those theatrical skills put into practise by other performers and develop the knowledge and understanding required for the written drama exam.

Year 9 drama students along with the Priory Cheerleading Squad will be visiting the King's Theatre in November to see a performance of Bring It On performed by Portsmouth Grammar School in order to inform their experience of live theatre.

Year 10 have recently completed their first BET Assessment on Blood Brothers to develop their knowledge for the Written Exam. Their focus and maturity has been superb and we are now exploring a variety of play texts through monologue and duologue performances.

Year 11 have now performed their final devised piece for their GCSE and are writing their supporting coursework. They have completed a PPE for the written examination in drama and will soon begin working on their final scripted examination ready for performance in the Spring Term. We wish them every success.

Outside of lessons we are rehearsing our school production 'The Last Resort'. The committed cast of 40+ students are working hard to create a range of convincing and funny comedy characters who meet on the beach of Southsea one summer's day. The performances will take place on 12th & 13th February so watch this space for more information.

Expressive Arts – Art & Photography

This term has been an exciting and busy term for the Art and Photography department with some amazing work being produced and students showing their skills.

Art

Year 7 have been studying colour theory after learning about new artists and have worked so hard to learn new skills. They are starting their final piece for the project by creating an exciting sculpture.

Year 8 have started the year by looking at current world events and have been studying the process artists use to create political artwork.

Year 9 have had an amazing start to their GCSE year and have already impressed us with their maturity and art skills.

Year 10 art students have been looking at Abstract Constructivism this term and have been experimenting with sculpture and different drawing styles.

Year 11 are working towards their PPE and have been producing some very creative work.

Bella Hemsley and Martha Broadbent-Smith have recently had work in an exhibition at the Aspex Gallery and **we are happy to announce that Martha has been selected as the winning artist!**

The exhibition is currently running at Aspex Gallery until January 5th so there is still time to go and see their hard work!

Photography

Year 9 Photography students have been working incredibly hard and have been developing new and sometimes challenging photo editing skills.

Year 10 Photographers have been experimenting with their Photoshop skills to create interesting photo collages.



Communications – Modern Foreign Languages

Year 11 language Club

At the start of the year, the languages department analysed data and identified the first wave of students to receive targeted intervention in MFL. We invited 24 students across our three languages of German, French and Spanish to attend an extra lesson on a Friday after school led by Mr Mason. Realising this was a hard sell, we enticed them with biscuits and it worked!



For the past few weeks these students have been attending the sessions and have been working on units targeted at narrowing gaps in their specific linguistic knowledge.

In preparation for their PPE exams we have focused on reading and writing skills and the students have undertaken a variety of tasks aimed at helping them to avoid the pitfalls that GCSE exams often pose.

This is the first time we have started intervention this early in Year 11 and we are aiming to further improve on our best ever MFL results in 2019. We have been really impressed by our students' attendance and willingness to engage and push themselves in order to improve, but not as impressed as their ability to consume multiple packets of biscuits in one sitting!

We will review this process after the November PPEs and hope to add more participants to our band of merry linguists/cookie monsters.

Student of German Marvin Meal said: 'Friday nights used to be football training, but now I am focusing on German because I aim to take it at A Level!' Spanish student Jessica Berton added: 'I feel that the tasks we have been given fit exactly with what I thought I needed to improve on.'

To sum up this first MFL intervention milestone in 2019/2020 in the words of French student Ruby Burnell: 'Très bon!'

Communications – English



Priory Key Stage 3 English students have been studying some very classic texts so far this year, with a focus on Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, Willy Russell's *Blood Brothers*, Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* and George Orwell's *Animal Farm*. Jessie Pearse in Year 9 enjoyed making a poster for homework that reflected the themes and ideas seen in Orwell's famous novella.

Maths & Technology – Design Technology

It has been a busy start to the year in the Design Technology Department. We were delighted by the results achieved by last year's Year 11 students and can finally show you some of the work they produced.



Although we are proud of all the students there are special mentions for Elise Blakely whose DT work was praised by the Eduqas visiting moderator and Kara Horsburgh who achieved two grades above her target level in Food Preparation and Nutrition. Well done ladies.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Feasey as a full-time member of the DT team. She has taken on her new classes and is tackling lessons with enthusiasm and energy.

The DT Department has set up the Eco Warriors Club which runs weekly with Miss Coghlan, Miss Feasey and Miss Cooper from Art. They have been examining ways to improve our environment and are soon to meet our current MP Stephen Morgan to present their ideas on how to make Priory more environmentally friendly.



Mrs Chapman's Child Development group enjoyed a visit from our own Miss Elkins who brought in baby Polly to allow the class to observe a real baby's reactions when feeding. This was in order to help the students understand the process of weaning. This was an early lesson in the build up to students' coursework which involves developing an understanding of nutrition and applying this when making food for a small child.

The Year in Focus – Hall of Fame

Year 7 – Ms Robinson

What a fabulous start you have made to Priory School. It has been a pleasure getting to know you all.

This term you have all had the wonderful opportunity of going sailing which I know you have enjoyed despite the weather not being the greatest. With all of the extra-curricular activities on offer, which I must say you have thrown yourselves into, you really are taking full advantage of every opportunity. Keep up the great work Year 7.

Top ERA students



Ivy Maeve
Sandys-McCormack



Sophie Fisher



Marianne McIntyre



William Morgan

Best Attitude to Learning



Aaron Ginther



Seren Jones



Willow
Lindstrom-Fabik

Best tutor group attendance – 7 Doney

Year 8 – Mrs Chadwick

It has been a brilliant and enthusiastic start to Year 8 with so many opportunities and activities that you want to get involved with. It's been great hearing how so many of you want to be Young Sports Leaders.

I have also enjoyed watching you take part in the Dance Marathon, taking time to be part of the school production, giving up time to discuss topics for the School Council and getting involved in the exciting Project Z which will be filmed in January 2020.

We are all going to enjoy another fabulous school year and celebrate all the achievements you accomplish. Remember to keep up the high expectations, focus and superb work.

Top ERA Students



Roscoe Thurgood



Georgina Newby



Adam Ibrahim

Best tutor group attendance – 8 SILVER

Students with 100% attendance this academic year

Rasel Amin, Harrison Austin, Isabelle Bailey, Erik Balogh, George Banfield, Leo Beech, Husna Begum, Jake Bennett, Kiera Bennett, Dylan Berton, Joseph Biggs, Casey Blair, Joe Bleach, Luna Star Bradford, Calum Busuttil, Shukria Choudhry, Nabid Chowdhury, Safwan Chowdhury, John Clucas, Alfie Cole, Charlie Collins, Fraya Cooksley, Jasper Cox, Ruby Croucher, Ella Del Piccolo, Daniel Dogru, Annabella Dombrowska, Lizzie Edwards, Ahmed Fadlalla, Billy Fisher, Ami Fitzgerald, Emily Garrett, Madison Gates, Tilly Gauntlett, Aruzhan Gawthorpe, Isaac Ghassemi Allgood,

Year 8 – Continued

Max Goodwin, Rares-Gabriel Grigoriu, Emma Hamano-Rowe, Charlie Hecks, Francesca Howe, Tye Hudson, Judah Hurr, Yahya Hussein, Adam Ibrahim, Reuben Insley, Jamie Isaac, Pippa Janes, Bradley John, Lucy Jones, Max Jones, Chris Kan, Jermaine Kimber, Abigail Linley, Lily Mai, Ciara Majekodunmi, Daisy Male, Luke Mares, Arthur Marshman, Freddie Marshman, Noah Martin, Na-Tia McElhinney, Billy Miller, Joey Moore, Tyler Morey, Sean Ng, Tom Nzegwu, George O'Neill, Oliver Palmer, Daniel Pereira, Coco Phiri, James Piper, Lucy Piper, Finley Pouralli-Heath, Cassie Price, Chloe Purdy, Poppy Ralph, Rehan Rehan, Mehek Rehman, Cameron Robbins, Kieran Robbins, Tegan Roberts, Modou Lamin Sanyang, Zaki Sherif, Jessica Shillingford, Dharam Singh, Jake Slater, Donie Smith, Layla Smith, Thomas Stedman, Rylee Taylor, Roscoe Thurgood, Archie Vaughan, Ellyn Vayro, Bradley Wakehwa, Eliza Walker, Joseph Ware, Ruby Watson, Grace Way, Jessica Woodhams.

Year 9 – Ms Douglas

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to all the students for an amazing start to Year 9. It has been a very busy term with students starting their GCSES and I am very proud of the progress they have made.

The students' work ethic has been fantastic and I have received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback. As we come to the end of the first full term, I have reflected upon the resilience and determination students have shown when faced with challenges so far this year.

Keep up the good work and high expectations – well done Year 9!

Top ERA Students



Maliha Khatun



Matilda Marshall



Lewis Shand

Best Attitude to Learning



Florence Di Marco



Aimee Grima



Katelyn Ingram

100% attendance since Year 7



Romina Abbasi



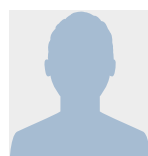
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Sabri Al Riyami



Mahdi Ali



Logan Allen



George Bannister



Erin Blake

Year 9 – Continued

Best tutor group attendance – 9 Blachford

Students with 100% attendance this academic year

Angus Blakely, Kaden Bokome, Charlie Bromfield, Charlotte Brown, Reece Burgham, Kira Burr, Harvey Carter, Soham Chanda, Shermaine Chin, Harry Cooke, Logan Cooksley, Courtney Coughlan, Grace Dixon, Lucy Drew, Alice Faraday, Romily Farrow, Chelsea Ferrand, Molly Ferrett, Skye Fisher, Frankie Glover, Aimee Grima, Joshua Hamer, Manon Hardcastle, Toby Harrison, Aaron Hemsley, Robert Hreceniuc, Cameron Humby, Belal Ibrahim, Katelyn Ingram, Danny Jones, Kyle Jordon, Freddie Joseph, Maliha Khatun, Aidan Kwok, Jesse Ledger, Jack Leece, Ned Lindo, Maia Loney, Layton Longhurst, Kelly Mai, Lucy Mandiwall, Tadi Matanhire, Mohammed Meraj, Max Messenger, Oliver Morgan, Verity Mowle, Cleo Mundy, Lewis Nolan, Aisha Osman, James Parry, Megan Payne, Jessie Pearse, Isabelle Phillips, Lily Raggett, Tahiyat Rahman, Emillie Rayner-Kerr, Ben Rees, Daniel Roper, Harvey Rudd, Imange Sethhoke, Lewis Shand, Jessica Sheath, Holly Sheppard, Sami Sherif, Leo Storkey, James Teasdale, Isaac Thomas, Barney Walker, Ged Walton, Thomas Wheeler, Samuel Whiteaway, Billy Willett, Adam Wright, Theo Wright.

Year 10 – Mrs Fairs

You are all now going into your fourth year at Priory with only another year to go, so it is lovely to see such commitment and dedication from so many of you. You are showing how talented you are, not only academically, but with other curriculum activities in and out of school.

We are talking about our prom which is very exciting and also speaking about prefects and for some Head Boy and Head Girl; again so lovely to hear how you want to put yourselves forward and help others.

You have been assisting with after school meetings and been a real success with this.

Year 10, you never fail to impress with your positive mind-set and the need to always do the best you can. Aim high and then slightly higher!

Top Era students



Musharaf Ali



Ethan Bailey



Samm Hart



Fergus Sandys McCormack

Best Attitude to Learning



Ava Errington-Noden



Samm Hart



Ethan Bailey

100% attendance since Year 7

Dixie Boxall, Kayleigh Chitty, Ebony Clark, Iona Franckeiss, Poonam Ghosh, Alexander Higson, Lilly-Mae Raybould, Fergus Sandys-McCormack, Melissa Willett, Stephen Yap.

Year 11 – Ms Usher

Year 11 have had a fantastic start to the year. They have shown resilience and determination throughout their PPEs, and have faced challenges head on. I truly believe each and every Year 11 student has a promising future ahead of them.

Year 11 students have also been incredibly excited to get the Prom Committee up and running, and to start rolling out fundraisers to support the event. Planning such a big event is a great motivation for them and gives them a light at the end of the tunnel, so to speak.

Top ERA students



Ligia Hreceniuc



Theo Vaughan



George Willmott



Martha Taylor

Best Attitude to Learning



Jenny Grima



Bella Hemsley



Antonio Yildirim



Jasmine Chapman

100% attendance since Year 7



Joseph Mason



Kyla Moncaster



Joe White



Hermione Troke

Best tutor group attendance – 11 Schmelter

Students with 100% attendance this academic year

Joynal Ahmed, Sabia Ahmed, Michael Aiwekhoe, Shajida Aktar, Naseer Ali, Daniel Amey, Ujjal Amin, Samuel Badnell, Kit Banham, Zaheerah Begum, Jessica Berton, Alisha Blackham, Philip Bleebo, Martha Broadbent-Smith, Euan Busby, Isabelle Carter, Jasmine Chapman, Poppy Crown, Eddie Cudlip, Maria Da Silva, Noah Davies, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Tyler Gaffney, Katie Gibson, Liam Giles, Elvis Gjoka, Tyler Glasbey, Tom Goodwin, Eddie Gorman, Jenny Grima, Injamul Haque, Roux Hardcastle, Rhiannon Howe, Ligia Hreceniuc, Joshua Hunt, Harrison Ide, Humza Ishmail, Maisha Islam, Daniele Jakstaite, Ntlanla James, Robert James, Sipho James, Layla Jervis, Elliot Jones, Scarlet Jones, Nuha Khatun, Denis Kochev, Sydney Leverson-McCreedy, Zixuan Li, George Mackenzie, Millie Mandiwall, Rosie Mann, Joseph Mason, Dylan Miller, Alfie Miller-Ware, Jobair Mizanur, Sarah Moise, Kyla Moncaster, Zoltan Nagy, Ellie Pearce, Daisy Raybould, Lola Rees-Whelan, Makeen Rehman, Emily Robinson, Sophie Robinson, Rosie Russell, Edward Sainsbury, Tariq Sayed, Elise Sayers, Cameron Shand, Nadine Smith, Thomas Snart, Bassy Stott, Lilly Stratford, Taylor Sutton, Sandra Szalast, Tasnim Talukdar, Laurence Trinh, Hermione Troke, Anisa Uddin, Sakib Uddin, Reece Vallender, Emma Walker, Ethan Walton, Liam Whippey, Joe White, George Willmott, Filip Wisniewski, Isaac Yeung, Antonio Yildirim.

Season's Best in PE



Boys' Football

It has been a great start to the year in Boys' football, with the numbers attending training and fixtures being extremely high. Although not many games have been played, the standard of performance and results have been very positive so far.

In Year 7, there has been a good turnout each week to the training sessions on Monday afternoons. The trials that took place at the start of the year were very well attended, with a high level of ability on show. The squad has recently played their first league game of the season against Castle View. The boys played some really good football at times, keeping the ball well and using this to build constant dangerous attacks. The game finished 5-0 to Priory with goals from Oscar Allen (2), Sami Ishak, Lewis Stanford and Matas Pavelcikis.

A special mention goes to both goalkeepers, Josh Adnan and Michael Brown, for keeping a clean sheet in both halves in their first games.

The Year 7s have also had their Cup Quarter-final this half term, away at Springfield. Another excellent performance during this game allowed the boys to get on top of their opponents early on in the game. A few good chances went begging early on but when Ramiar Mamand hit a powerful drive half way through the first half, the goalkeeper could only parry the ball to Lewis Stanford who slotted home. The game was affected badly by the light and Springfield were able to pull a goal back just after half time. The light faded badly and the second half had to be cut short and straight to penalties we went. In fitting with the game, it was a close penalty shootout with both teams missing in regulation so to sudden death it went. Josh Adnan would become the hero of the day, saving Springfield's last penalty and scoring the next to send the boys into the Semi-finals where Admiral Lord Nelson await.

In Year 10, the numbers attending training and matches have been some of the best in the school. The attitude towards their Cup Quarter-final with Springfield was excellent. The previous year the same Springfield side had beaten ours comfortably. This year, however, was a different story. In a very even first half some excellent football was played by both teams. The Priory boys were able to get the ball down and play with freedom and confidence which led to some early chances. Springfield took the lead, however, but Priory never gave in and pulled it back to 2-1 at half time, with Rio Le Ray scoring a deflected effort. Springfield started the second half the stronger and managed to score a few minutes after the restart. This did not dampen the Priory spirit though and the boys put everything into getting back in the game. Unfortunately, the ball would not fall the way we wanted until late on when a penalty was awarded after a foul on Harry Shaw in the box. Kye Hartt stepped up and slotted past the keeper to make it 3-2 with only a few minutes left. Priory threw everything at the Springfield defence but couldn't get the 3rd equaliser, unluckily losing 3-2. The boys will need to keep the same determination and attitude throughout their league campaign now.

In Year 11, there has been a fantastic attitude shown to their final year representing the school, with some fantastic football being played. The team's first game was a Cup Quarter-final against Springfield. In a tight and even contest, the boys fought back from a goal down to be the better team throughout the game. The tie ended up going to penalties after a 1-1 draw during normal time, Michael Wiltshire with the equaliser. The penalty shootout that followed was in-keeping with the rest of the game, with Priory, unfortunately, going down 10-9 in sudden death.

The first league game, 3 days later, also provided a lot of positives to take forward for the rest of the year. Although the boys started slow, conceding a penalty early on, they fought back to lead 2-1 against Mayfield for the majority of the game. Lady luck again was not on their side, however, as with only 2 minutes left in the game Mayfield scored a screamer of a free kick to equalise. This was completely against the run of play with the boys playing the much better football throughout the game. The game also featured two 'goal of the season' contenders from Marvin Meal and Kieran Dempsey.

Year 7 and 8 Girls' Football

Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 Girls' Football Team who won the Portsmouth School Sport Partnership tournament in November. Well done girls.

The girls did not concede a single goal throughout the tournament and beat teams from Mayfield, ALNS, Miltoncross and Trafalgar. In November, the Year 7 and 8 Girls' Football Team played in the EFL Girls' Cup held at ROKO in Hilsea. The tournament was very well attended, with schools bringing teams from across the county. Unfortunately our team did not progress out of the group stages after finishing 2nd, however Kiera Bennett in Year 8 was named Player of the Tournament. Well done Kiera.

Year 8 Priory Girls' Netball

The girls' team continues to enjoy success with the team securing first place at Milton Cross in a recent tournament. They train every Tuesday and are very committed to the game. Well done ladies.

Badminton News

Congratulations to Sean Ng and Brennan Hutchings who won doubles at a Badminton tournament at Portsmouth College in October. Brennan also won the singles tournament! A fantastic achievement boys, well done.



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



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