

Priory Community comes together to support St Margaret's Food Bank



Throughout this challenging year, the Priory community has been committed to finding many ways of supporting our local community, such as making and donating PPE, delivering breakfast and free school meal parcels, or undertaking demanding physical challenges to raise funds for QA Hospital.

This has been a challenging year for many local families and to help alleviate this our school community has regularly donated to the food bank at St Margaret's Church in Southsea. This food bank helps upwards of 200 families a week, which requires tremendous support from the local area, not just in terms of supplies but also the many volunteers needed to make it all possible.

Our game-changing ethos is built on empowering students to act for a better world and with this in mind, on Tuesday 1 December, students held a non-uniform day and donated £1 in return for being able to wear their own clothes to school.

The event was part of a Bohunt Education Trust's trust-wide campaign called 'First for Food', which involved all schools in the trust holding similar events to support their local food banks, and also raised a collective amount to support the Trussell Trust.

In total all schools in the trust raised **£8348.54** which will support those chosen food banks across the south.

In total Priory students and staff raised **£1150** for St Margaret's, which enabled us to purchase **£950** worth of food and toiletries, and also donate **£200** to allow the food bank to restock items they are short of over the festive period. Many of the items donated will be used to fill festive hampers as part of St Margaret's 'Hampers of Hope' campaign, which will ensure that over the Christmas period lots of families will have some lovely festive treats to enjoy. On Friday 18 December, students also donated hundreds of pounds worth of food items for the food bank as part of another non uniform day.

Thank you to the entire Priory community for once again coming together to support the vital work taking place in our local community. **#ProudtobePriory**

IMPORTANT DATES SPRING TERM

JANUARY

Monday 4 : First day of Spring Term

Wednesday 13 : Year 10 Virtual Parent's Evening

Thursday 21 : Year 11 Virtual Parent's Evening

Tuesday 26 : Local Governing Body meeting

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 3 : Year 7 Virtual Parent's Evening

Monday 15 - Friday 19 : Half Term

MARCH

Monday 1 - Friday 5 : Careers Week

Tuesday 2 : Local Governing Body meeting

Wednesday 10 : Year 8 Options Evening

Friday 12 : INSET Day

Wednesday 17 : Focus Day

Thursday 18 : Year 8 Virtual Parent's Evening

Wednesday 31 : Game Changer Day

APRIL

Thursday 1 : Last day Spring Term

Friday 2 : Good Friday Bank Holiday

Please check the Priory School website for updates on calendar dates at the start of term subject to Covid-19 updates. Full Spring term dates will be communicated as soon as possible. Relevant dates will also be posted on our Facebook page.

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

I think that I can safely say that this has been one of the most demanding, surreal but ultimately uplifting Autumn Terms of my career.

As we approach the end of a term that has seemed to have flown by it is easy to forget how much we have changed in managing the return to school in the world of Covid-19, how much we have adapted and how much our community has achieved since September.

A new timetable, new breaks, bubbles, one way systems, masks and enough sanitiser and cleaning products to sink a battleship. It seems bizarre that we have become accustomed to all these things when just ten months previously such things would have been so alien to us.

Now, as we approach the end of this most incredibly worrying and challenging year, we can look forward to 2021 with the expectation of a fully rolled out vaccine and the return to normality, whatever that means. First and foremost, I need to thank you, as parents and carers, for all your efforts in supporting the return to school. Attendance has been high and you have been supportive and pragmatic when we have asked your children to isolate.

As I read through this Priory Post I am struck by how much we have achieved together but also by how restrictions continue to limit us. Nonetheless:

- We fully refurbished Photography and Music rooms.
- Year 11 successfully completed their Mock exams, including over 500 papers completed remotely
- Over 300 live lessons were delivered into the homes of students isolating
- We saw wonderful success in a National STEM competition
- PE and other clubs have been running every weekday after school
- Duke of Edinburgh training has been back up and running with expeditions coming soon
- Fundraising for our local foodbank will provide vital support as Christmas approaches

However, the most encouraging thing about Priory School has been the magnificent way our students have returned to school. It has been different, frustrating and limiting for them in many ways, but they have been understanding, patient and hard working.

I could not be more proud of them and look forward to the new year when we banish this awful virus and focus on providing the best possible experiences in class and beyond because they deserve nothing less.



Photo courtesy of The Portsmouth News



Governors' Report



The first of December was an important day for me – it was my final meeting as Priory Chair of Governors and it marked the end of a long association with the school.



For over 36 years I have been, by turns, a parent, grandparent, support staff member and governor and have had the pleasure to work with some brilliant, loyal and inspirational colleagues.

We have been very fortunate in securing Emily Pountney and Ruth Nabholz-Duncan as our new Chair and Vice-Chair. I know Priory will benefit enormously from their educational experience and knowledge of the school.

Despite difficult times Priory School has a bright future firmly in view and, as I write, the first Covid-19 vaccines have been given today – the future is brighter for all of us.

Season's greetings to you all

Sue Bushell – Chair, Priory Local Governing Board
(Until 31 December 2020)



Introduction

My name is Emily Pountney and I am very pleased to be taking over as Chair of Priory School's Local Governing Board.

I am dedicated to providing high quality education to young people having worked in local sixth form colleges for over 20 years and I strongly believe in the opportunities and aspirations a good education can give young people.

I am committed to the concept of providing an inclusive, comprehensive education and I am very proud of my city. Priory school has been a positive place for both of my children and I will work hard to support and challenge the school to provide an excellent education for all its pupils.



Priory STEM Team Second in National Finals!



Drum Roll Please...

Two of Priory's Year 9 pupils very recently gave their teachers, families and friends a very bright light in our upside down world and for that we'd like to extend a huge well done to the very wonderful and talented Freya Hawkes and Maddie Lucas.



Freya and Maddie set up their competition business last year and their amazing ideas for the planet behind their Beauti-fill team name has just been rewarded with national recognition. The girls have finished as amazing runners up in the National Finals of the Solutions for the Planet – Big Ideas!

The National competition has seen over 3000 students take part this year, with 34 schools in recent regional finals – which the girls won beating teams from other local schools around the city and beyond.

21 groups of pupils then went on to compete in the National Finals with 12 teams taking part in the very final stages of the competition.

I think everyone will agree that this achievement is no mean feat! Mrs England Wood said that Freya and Maddie were just simply amazing to watch and listen to as they gave some really clear and professional answers to some tough questions from the judging panel and Business Partners.

Mrs England-Wood could not have been prouder of them and we all extend the community's congratulations for a job so well done.

A beacon of light indeed as we end a vastly different term for the Priory family. We are sure the girls have a very bright future ahead in whatever industry they choose!

Following on from Priory's 'Energy Gym' team success in the 2019 national finals of the 'Solutions for the Planet' STEM competition, Priory team 'Beauti-fill' has secured second place in the 2020 national finals.

Solutions for the Planet is a social enterprise with the vision of creating,

“a world where sustainable practices are commonplace; every young person is equipped with enterprise skills that benefit people and planet; and social creativity, innovation and diversity is built into every business and workplace.”

They really are looking for 'Big Ideas' to tackle big challenges. Solutions for the Planet firmly believes that big ideas can come from anyone, anywhere and with this in mind they have set out to involve school children from across the country to get involved, identify an environmental or sustainability issue and create a solution – no matter how big!

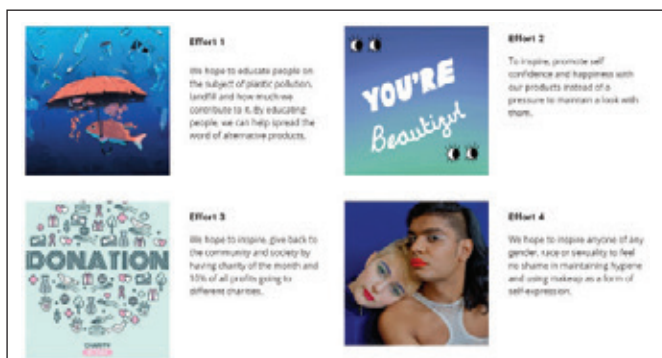
Keen to engage the game changer spirit of Priory students, back in February Mrs England-Wood, Priory's STEM Coordinator, organised a 'Big Ideas' day for Year 7, 8 & 9 students. They worked in small teams to collaborate on environmental issues and problems they believe are important to address. Having identified the issues they then set about coming up with solutions.

After presenting their ideas in front of their peers and a panel of industry experts from companies including Tarmac, Mears, Northern Gas Networks, Kongsberg Automotive, and BIC, three teams of Priory students were selected for the regional stage to compete against 34 teams from other schools across the whole of the South of England.

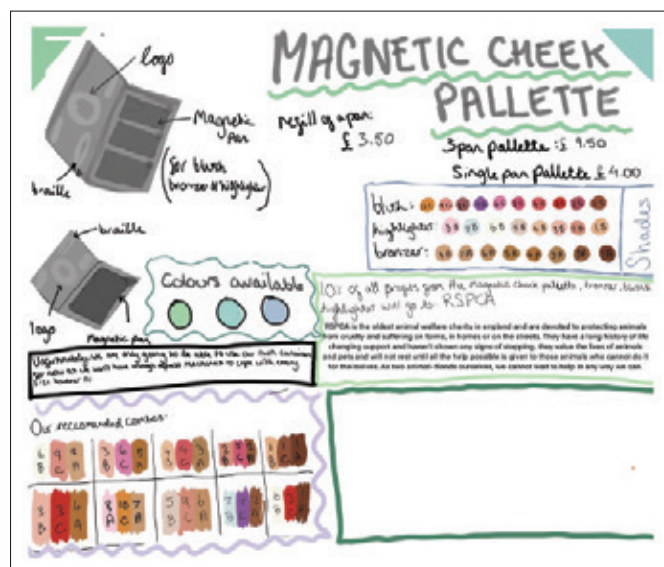
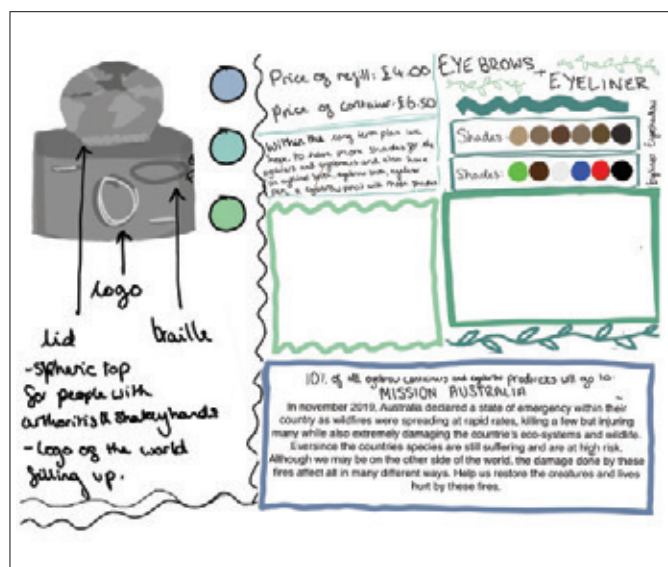
Having gained multiple commendations from the judges for their presentation skills and ideas, two Priory teams were then shortlisted to go through to the regional finals:

Year 7: T.Eco – Seren Jones, Williw Lindstrom-Fabik and Phoebe Billson. To use Portsmouth island tidal energy to power the island, in a non-polluting, eco-friendly way. Ultimately to make Portsmouth self-sufficient in energy usage.

Year 8: Beauti-fill – Freya Hawkes, Madeleine Lucas, Gracie Novakovic who decided to tackle the amount of waste that comes from cosmetics and personal hygiene products.



Priory STEM Team Second in National Finals! (continued)



Both teams worked solidly on their ideas throughout the lockdown period, completing five challenges along with developing their idea, all whilst keeping up with their home learning!

Ms England-Wood said,

"I had the pleasure of watching the Q&A session with the regional judges on Tuesday and I can say it was a truly Proud to be Priory moment. These young STEM women of the future blew the judges away! They were commended on their work ethic, teamwork, commitment to their innovative 'Big idea'."

Both Priory teams executed their presentations brilliantly on the day and in the end Year 8 team "Beauti-fill" emerged as the overall winners, retaining the Portsmouth title for Priory!

The national finals were planned to take place at Westminster Palace in the Autumn term, but sadly the events of 2020 made this impossible and meant the event had to be held via Zoom. Having completed more challenges over the summer, including creating a website, branding, PR strategy and business plan, the Beauti-fill team went up against 12 other short listed teams in November.

During the final, the girls presented their ideas with flair and passion, and answered multiple challenging questions from the judging panel and other special guests including Rt Hon Hilary Benn and our local MP Rt Hon Stephen Morgan who showed his support for the Priory team on Twitter and spoke on the day of his pride at Priory's involvement.

BIC's UK marketing Manager commented on the Beauti-fill team's presentation skills and was extremely keen to use their strap line 'All of the quality – none of the waste'! At the end of a long day of presentations and panel discussion, Freya and Maddie emerged in 2nd place!

Head teacher Mr Vaughan met the girls the day after the competition to congratulate them and give them special head teacher's awards. Of the competition and the team's success he said,

"This epitomises so much of what we are trying to achieve at Priory, promoting brilliant girls in STEM careers and creating young people who have the confidence to be real game changers in life. We are so proud of them."

The competition began earlier this year with approximately 3900 students taking part nationally from 30 schools across England and Scotland. All of the Priory students involved this year enjoyed the amazing opportunity to really think big and put their game changing attitudes to work by identifying a vast range of environmental issues and devising innovative ways to tackle them. Next year we will be hoping to retain the Portsmouth title for the third year in a row.

**Well done to team Beauti-fill, we look forward to seeing your idea develop further in the future:
sites.google.com/view/beauti-fillcosmetics**

Remembrance Day 2020



This year the nation had to find a different way to commemorate on 11 November.

As a school we would usually be present at the service in Guildhall Square, where Mr Vaughan along with the Head Boy & Head Girl would join local dignitaries and representatives from other local schools to honour the veterans and remember those who have served and still serve our country today.

The students would have laid a wreath at the war memorial beside the Guildhall and conveyed our school community's respect for all those in the armed forces, past and present.

We were determined to find a way to come together as a school and mark the occasion so it was decided that the best way to do this was to take time out of teaching on the day to all participate in a thought and discussion provoking activity followed by a two minute silence.

Mrs Snewin, Ms Dalton, and Mrs Yeoman created a PowerPoint presentation of discussion points and facts about why it is important for us to commemorate on this date and what remembrance is. It included many opportunities for students to discuss the points raised and link it back to our local area, families who have relatives in the military and indeed the history of our own school. As many of you know, our main building on Fawcett Road served as a hospital during WW1, and treated many British, Allied and even German troops who were injured.

The student leadership team read poems, and an account of a visitor to the school when it was a hospital, which were filmed and shown to the student body. At 11am the entire school fell silent for two minutes to reflect and remember which was an emotional moment to experience together. Students across the school were respectful and very engaged in the activities.

Many asked extremely relevant questions during the discussions and demonstrated a considerable knowledge of the history of our nation and also our local area and how Portsmouth played its part in both world wars.

The video which was shown to students can be found on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=XzRokoaNIYY



Art and Photography

This year the Art and Photography Department want to celebrate the success of their students on a larger scale, so we have devised the Artist and Photographer of the Month nominations.

Starting from this academic year, every Art and Photography teacher will nominate a student from every year group they teach. Each student that is nominated will have their work celebrated on the school website and put on display in the Brunel Building. Students nominated will also receive a certificate to acknowledge their achievement.

We look forward to sharing the fantastic work produced by so many of Priory's Art and Photography students as the year progresses.



Artists of The Month

Year 7 – Holly Loney

Holly has started the Art Year 7 course really well due to her can do attitude and hard work. Holly has shown herself to be confident using a wide range of materials. Her bug pencil drawing in particular was excellent, demonstrating excellent shape and tonal values.



Year 7 – Somaya Allouch

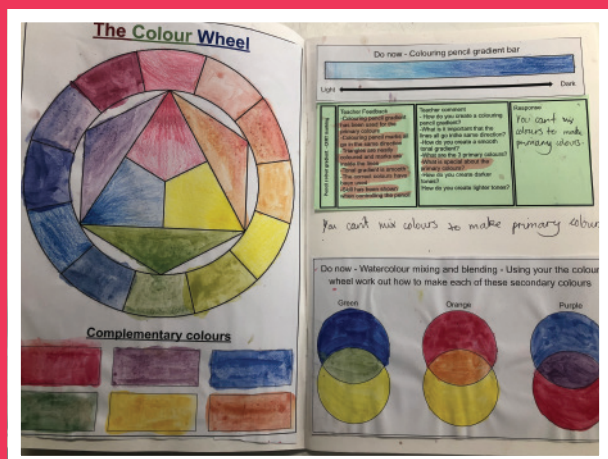
Somaya has made a fantastic start to her art studies at Priory School. She has shown excellent control when using a range of materials. Somaya has produced a series of high quality pieces of work.

I would particularly like to mention her beautiful insect tonal drawing. Somaya also has a brilliant eye for composition.



Year 7 – Imogen Chapman

Imogen has worked incredibly hard in art, she has experimented with new techniques with confidence and independence. Her work is neat and detailed, well done Imogen.



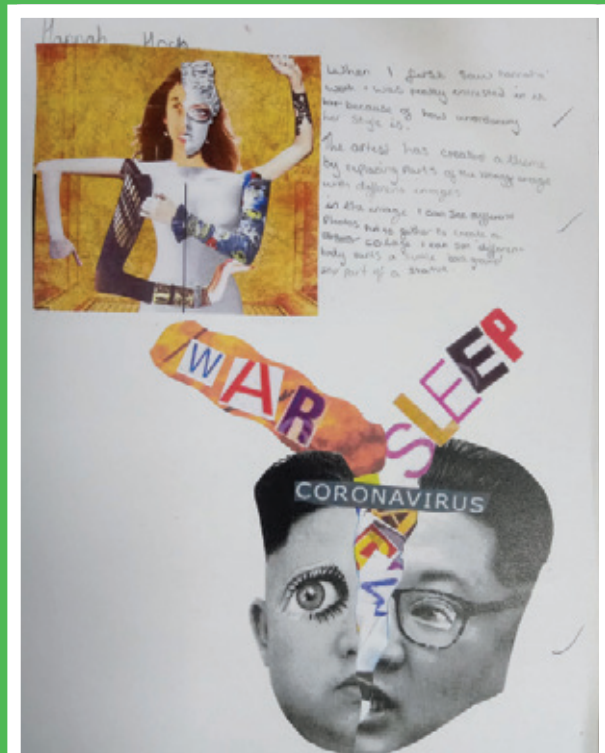
Year 7 – Ronnie Brooks

I am happy with Ronnie's energy and interest in the subject. He's always on top of his work and completes all tasks with gusto. Well done Ronnie.



Year 8 – Sophie Fisher

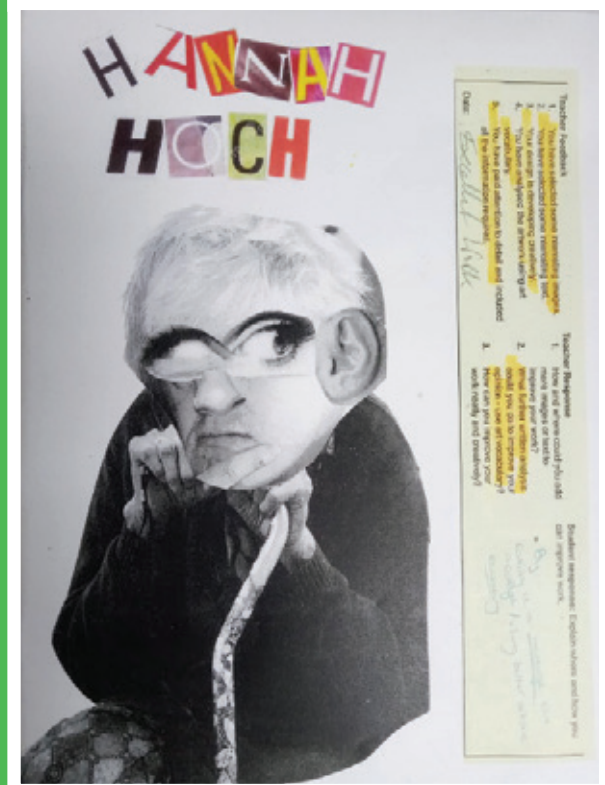
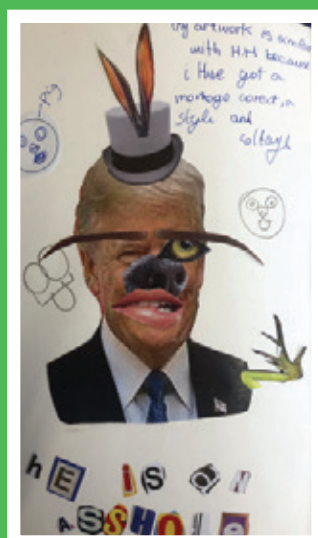
I was impressed with Sophie's creative understanding of the complex and contemporary project we are following. I particularly enjoyed her unique response to the artist Hannah Hoch. Well done Sophie.



Year 8 – Denisa Palcau

Denisa has worked with enthusiasm. She is able to use the correct vocabulary when analysing an artist's work and can creatively develop her ideas thoughtfully.

Denisa can skilfully draw well from observation and can identify areas of weakness and strength in her work.



Year 8 – Shanice Wiggins

Shanice has shown a high level of skill when working in a range of materials. She is able to produce high quality drawings with incredible pace. Shanice has also shown interest and understanding of the political and world events that can influence an artist.

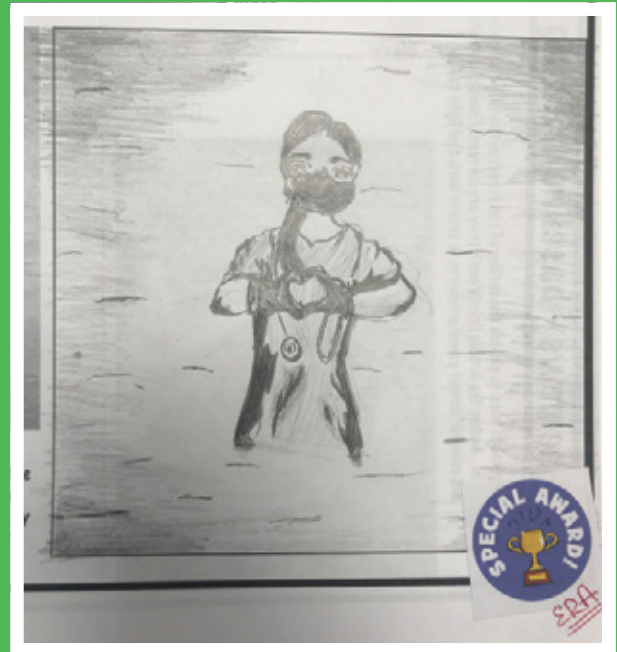


I particularly like the way Shanice has composed her Hannah Hoch artist page. Well done!



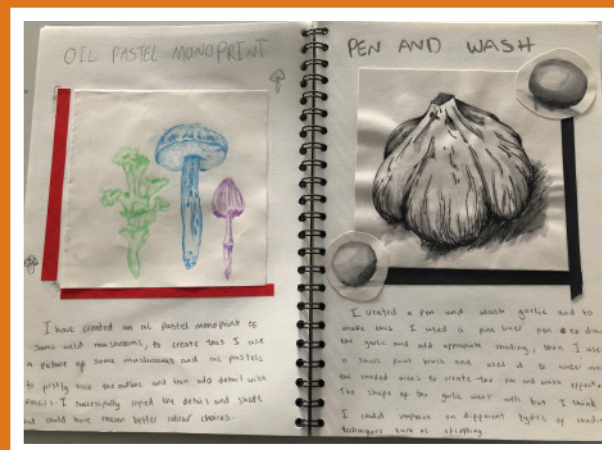
Year 8 – Mia Roberts

Mia is a hard working, focused and enthusiastic student in Art. Mia drew a Banksy inspired pencil drawing that demonstrated great shape and tone. She has made an excellent start to Year 8.



Year 9 – Safiya Perrott

Safiya has started GCSE art by creating some absolutely beautiful work and has shown dedication and a positive attitude to learning each lesson.



Year 9 – Honey Hillage

Honey has got off to an amazing start to GCSE photography. She has presented some amazing work and mastered new techniques. Her sketchbook presentation is amazing and Honey has gone above and beyond by completing extra work. Well done Honey!



Year 9 – Frankie Howe

Frankie is a very talented artist and has made an excellent start to her GCSE course. Frankie has fantastic drawing skills and can work in a range of different materials. She always presents her work creatively and in the style of the artist we are studying. I am really looking forward to seeing how Frankie's portfolio of work develops.



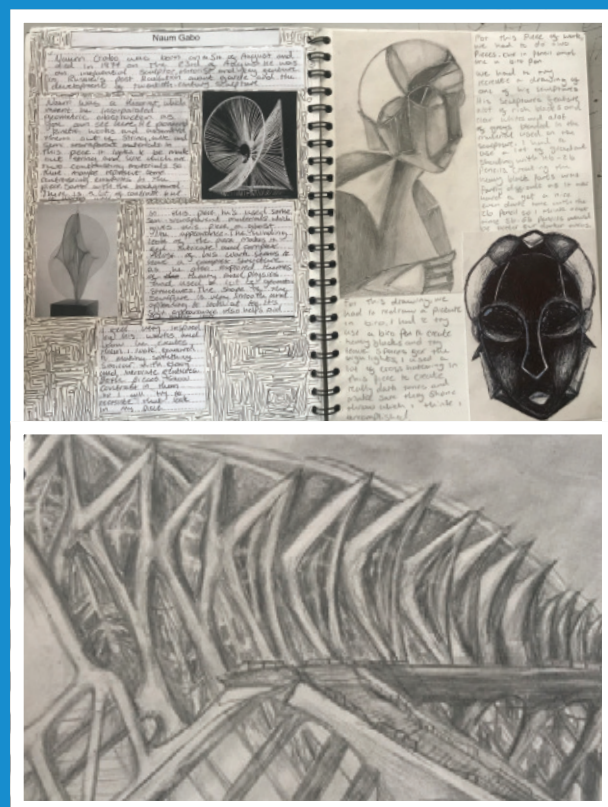
Year 10 – Leo Storkey

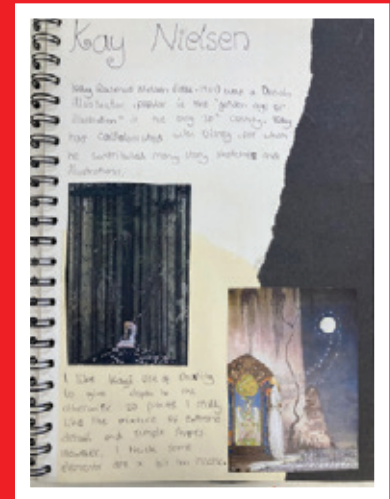
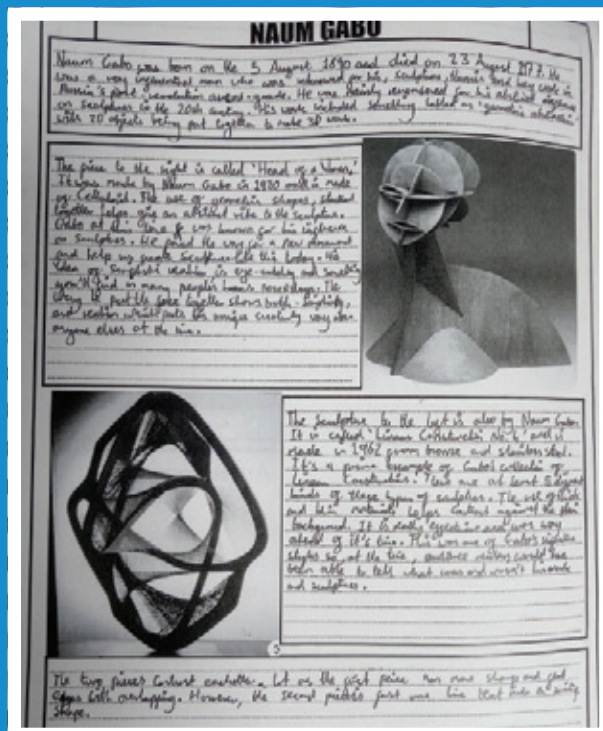
Leo has worked very hard this half term and has created some amazing work in photoshop. Leo has also taken up photography outside of school and produced some outstanding photos he has been using in his coursework, Well done Leo!



Year 10 – Jessie Pearse

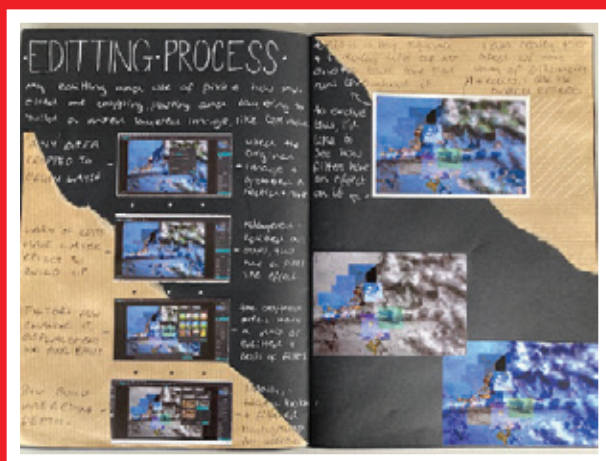
Jessie's GCSE sketchbook demonstrates her commitment to art and her studies in general. Jessie meets all deadlines through dedication and excellent time management. Her work is of a high quality and standard. Jessie's sketchbook presentation is creative and thoughtful.





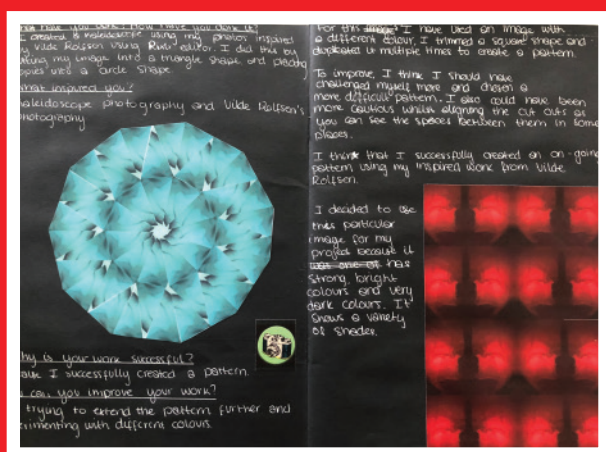
Year 11 – Ethan Bailey

Ethan is a talented photographer. He always presents his work creatively and meticulously demonstrates every stage of the editing process. Ethan has excellent analysis skills and is able to see a photographer's intentions. I am looking forward to seeing how Ethan realises his current project inspired by the theme of 'Kaleidoscopes'.



Year 11 – Sabina Nemcova

Sabina has consistently worked hard during her GCSE photography classes and has produced some amazing work. She goes above and beyond in her work. Well done!



Year 11 – Mikayla Choudhury

Mikayla is a very hard working and focused GCSE student in lessons. Mikayla is confident using a wide range of materials, and shows excellent observational drawing skills. Since joining Art this term, her work has inspired other students and we are so pleased to have her in our class.



Megan's Ceremony

One of Priory's wonderful alumni, Megan Wright, was sad that her brother Jacob would not have a university graduation ceremony to celebrate his BSC in Sport and Exercise Psychology (First Class Hons) from the University of Portsmouth and that friends from her own Priory year group were also missing out due to the coronavirus.



So, typical of her 'can-do' attitude, Megan decided to organise a ceremony for them herself! The venue was the Southsea Rose Gardens where large golden '2020' balloons were tethered to the pergola. The sun shone, music played, and everyone gathered, at a suitable distance, with their family and friends.

Megan gave a little speech of welcome – congratulating the graduates on their achievements, and the families on their support – then the recipients lined up to receive the certificates that had been created for them.

Everyone had dressed up for the occasion some sporting 'fancy dress' mortarboards.

Names, degrees and universities were read out as they came forward in turn to hearty applause from the assembled company.

2014 Priory alumni were:

- **Anna Brown** – BSc in Psychology
University of the West of England
- **Matilda Palmer** – BSc in Psychology
University of East Anglia
- **Jemma Turner** – BSc in Sport and Exercise Science
University of Brighton
- **Olivia James** – BA in Fashion Buying and Management
University of West London
- **Sara Hosseini** – BA in Criminology
University of Southampton
- **Barnaby Thomas** – BA in History
University of Cardiff
- **Calum Tulk** – BA in Advertising Design
University of South Wales
- **Nathalie Thorpe** – BA in English
University Exeter
- **Tess McAlister** – BSc in Biology
University of Manchester



Left to right, Megan, Barnaby, Sara, Jemma, Jacob, Anna, Olivia, Nathalie, Matilda and Tess.

Megan herself has taken a different route – after excellent GCSE results she worked for a year then took a two year course to gain a Diploma in Dance Education in Ballet, Tap and Modern and graduated from the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance.

She now works as a freelance dance teacher for a number of local dance schools and has also worked, through Madeleine Campbell, in a number of local primary schools – and, of course, she continues to help out with the Priory Dance Show!

A huge WELL DONE to everyone who entered our 'Postcard from Portsmouth 2030' competition last month – the entries were incredible. We have some highly creative and imaginative young people in Portsmouth!

It was hard for the council to decide on winners with such brilliant entries but the Cabinet Members for Climate Change and Environment, and Traffic and Transportation, decided on the following:

Under 10s category

- **Winner** – Kate Liddicott
- **Runner-up** – Violet Turner

Kate won a brand new scooter, helmet and lock and Violet won a helmet and lock. They're both from Meon Junior School.

Over 10s category

- **Winner** – Emma Freathy
- **Runner-up** – Oliver Greaves

Emma won a brand new bike, helmet and lock and Oliver won a helmet and lock. As Emma is a Year 7 Priory pupil (7 Widlake), we were also the lucky winner of a new bicycle rack for the school.

Here is Emma's fabulous winning entry.



BTEC Dance – A Virtual Visit by Kate Prince

The Year 10 BTEC Dance pupils had an amazing experience last half term.

A very special guest Kate Prince, MBE, the artistic director of Zonation Dance Company joined the class for a live Q&A session about her professional career which has included dancing and choreographing music videos, TV commercials, Strictly come Dancing, critically acclaimed work at Sadler's Wells and most recently working on the film adaptation of Everybody's Talking about Jamie (due to be released next year).

The pupils are studying "Groove on Down the Road" choreographed by Kate and performed by Zonation. The students were able to ask about her life, her works, her inspiration and the journey of success she has had. They were truly inspired to meet such a wonderful role model. Thank you Kate.

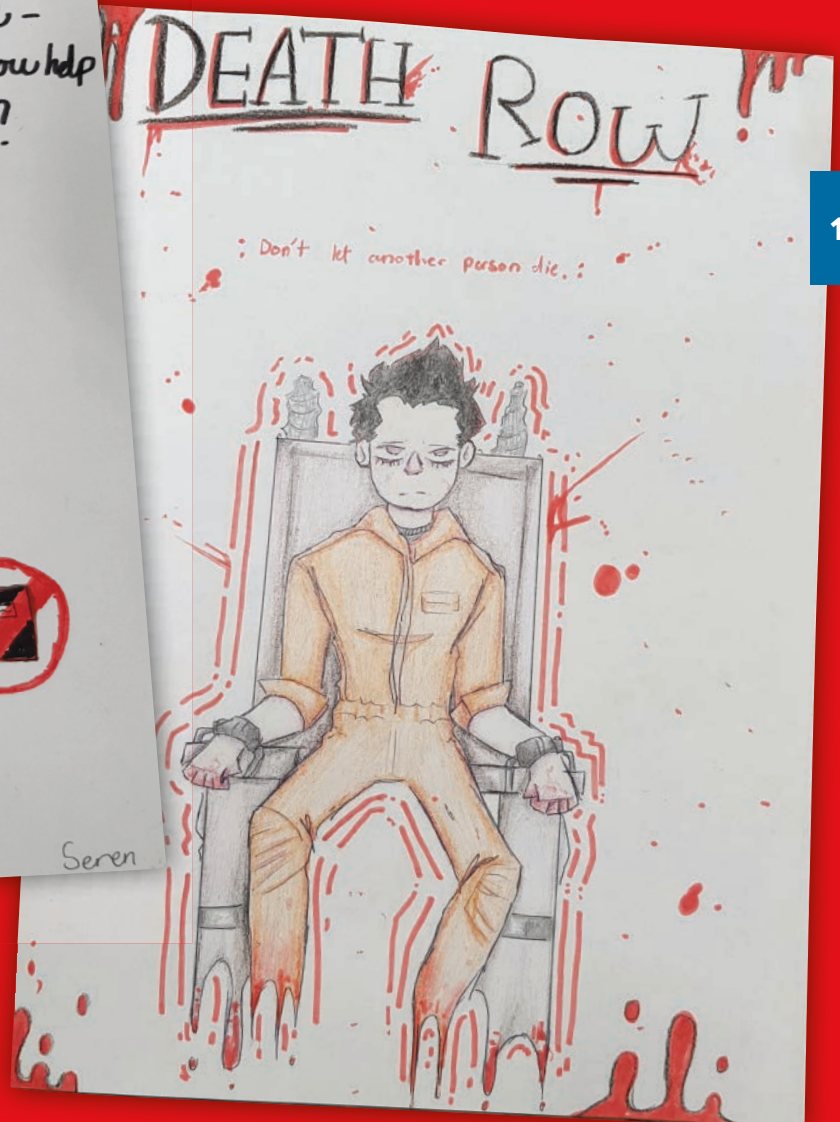
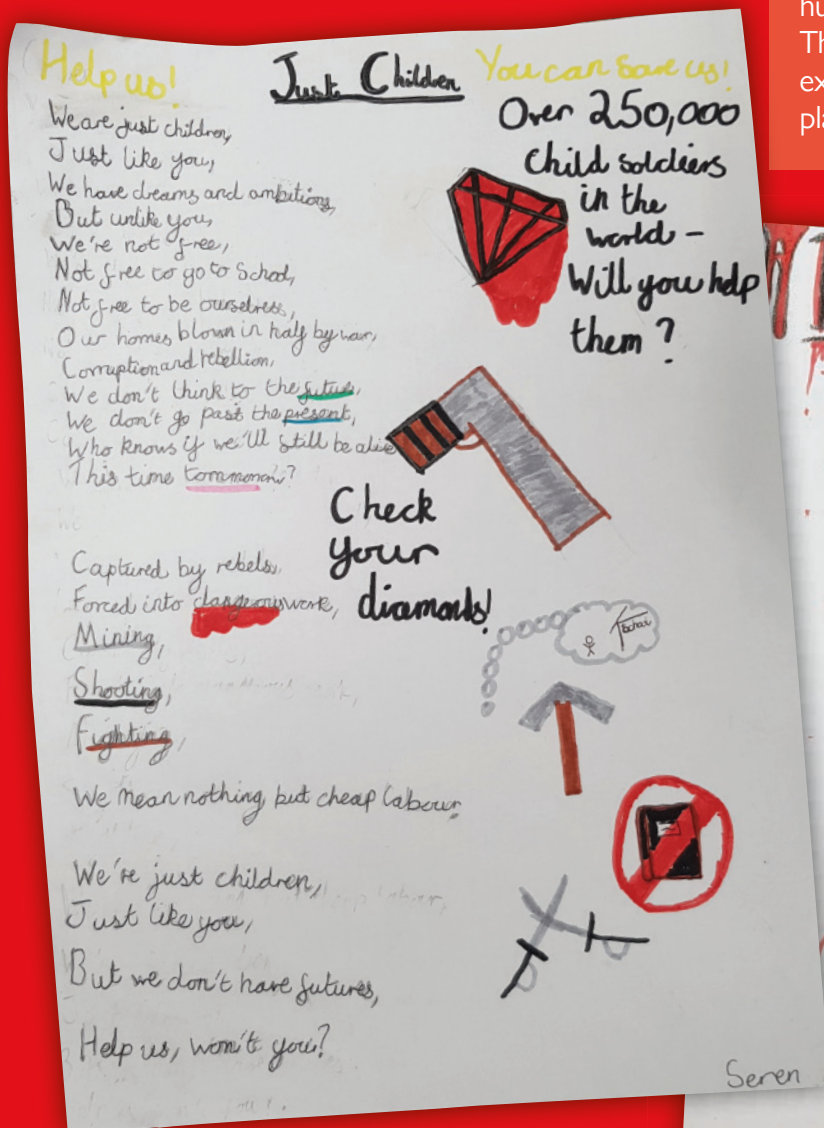
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Human Rights

Priory pupils have been learning about the many different aspects of human rights. This is always a subject that produces passionate and heartfelt responses from pupils at Priory, as they work through our excellent PSCRE and Citizenship programmes.

As part of our PSCRE curriculum our students in Year 9 and Year 10 have been studying different aspects of human rights. In Year 9 our students have been studying The Holocaust and they were given the opportunity to respond creatively to the work that they had been doing on concentration camps and the treatment of Jews in the camps. In Year 10 our students have been looking at the work of Amnesty International and have chosen current cases of human rights abuses on which to take action. The work produced by students has been exceptional and highlights the importance they place on learning about the rights of others.



Food Tech Fun

Priory's Alternative Provision pupils have been doing some lovely work in Food Tech this term with Miss Elkins.

They have made a variety of sweet and savoury items, including a fully balanced breakfast, chocolate brownies, pancakes, scotch eggs and pizzas. Pupils discuss with Miss Elkins the nutritional value of the food they make each week, and, of course, do all of their own washing and drying up!

Well done everyone. You have produced some delicious and nutritious food.



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Year 9 BTEC Dance

On Friday 27 November, Priory's Year 9 BTEC Dance students took part in a Matilda workshop led by London's West End cast resident choreographer Tom Muggeridge.

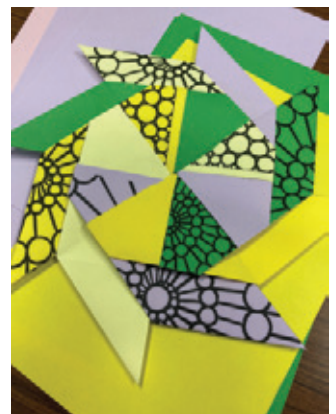
The students were taught a section of the original repertoire from *Revolting Children* in preparation for the next unit of their course. They were challenged to master the movement whilst portraying the energetic characters of the child cast as well.

The students loved every minute and even had time to chat to Tom virtually about his career journey. West End Workshops Live gave our students an invaluable experience that was so inspiring for us all.

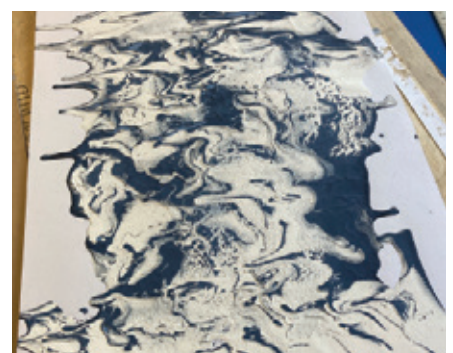
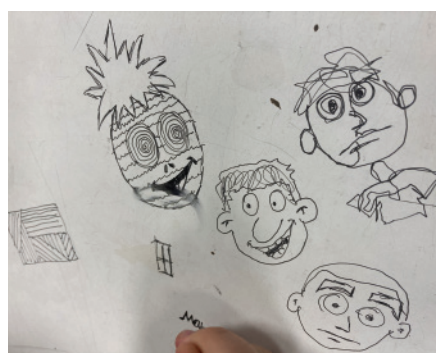


Bridge Students

Priory's Bridge students have been Producing some excellent work in lessons.



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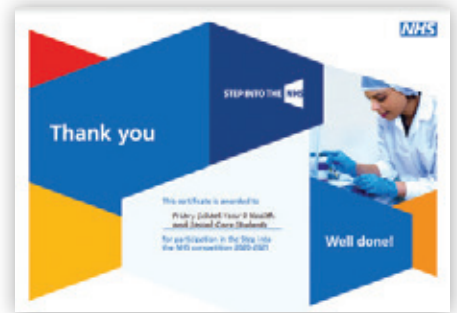


Here is Marley's latest art work.

Year 9 Health & Social Care

Our Year 9 Health and Social Care pupils entered the Step into the NHS Competition this week. We enter this competition each year as we explore the range of careers in health care, particularly the NHS.

We learnt about the NHS, how and why it began, as well as the lesser-known jobs within this sector. Pupils took a quiz which matched their personality to their top five NHS jobs.



DID YOU KNOW
THAT THERE ARE
**OVER
350**
DIFFERENT
CAREERS
IN THE NHS?

**1 IN
40** PEOPLE
WORK
FOR THE
NHS

THE NHS IS THE
WORLD'S
5th LARGEST
EMPLOYER

THERE ARE REGULARLY OVER
20,000
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IN THE NHS
EVERY MONTH

Pupils were then encouraged to research these further and select the one that interested them the most. For their entries, they had to create a job description and a job advertisement. Many chose posters as the method for advertisement, but some used their technological skills and created some fantastic videos.

All students were awarded with a certificate of participation and the closing date is in April 2021, therefore it will be a while until we know if any entries were successful in this national competition.

Particular mentions must go to Ciara Majekodunmi and Shikria Choudhury for their innovative video entries. If you are interested in finding out more about careers in the NHS, go to their career mapper quiz:

stepintothenhhs.nhs.uk/careers/take-the-test

Design Technology

Here are 4 pictures of some Year 9 work completed by our pupils. Whilst the whole class were amazing, Ms Feasey selected four that really impressed her.

She was especially impressed with George O'Neil and Alfie Cole who decided to make these products for mum and baby sister! Lovely work everyone.



Sustainable Christmas Tree Tutor Groups Competition

Priory's Design Technology department have been ingeniously innovative this year by creating 'design your own' portable Christmas trees for Year 7 & 8 tutor groups.



The trees are made of durable cardboard and are collapsible by design so that tutors can transport them to their different tutor bases. Tutor groups are encouraged to create all of the decorations from paper and other recyclable materials.



Often at Christmas time tutors like to decorate their tutor rooms and students get involved, but with our new timetable in place there is now a rota system of tutor bases in effect which means tutor groups do not have the same room any two days in the week. This has made it difficult for tutor groups to do their usual Christmas room decorating, but DT has found a way to overcome this issue by creating trees that can move around from room to room every day with the tutor!

The students made all the decorations from packs of coloured and printed papers and recyclable materials that were supplied by DT with the tree. The activity also involved tutor group discussions on sustainability and thinking about what materials we could all swap out of our usual Christmas decorations

Not only is this a wonderful activity for tutor groups to all be involved in, but DT has also decided to make this a mobile Christmas tree competition with judging taking place on the last day of term. Well done to everyone who took part and no doubt these trees brought a little festive cheer to your rooms each day.

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Rugby Club

It was fantastic to be reunited with my rugby players this term. I am delighted to see plenty of newcomers this Year and it is so great to see the numbers of girls attending soar.

Decision making is one of the skills that can be most difficult to learn in rugby. This term we are focussing on this core skill.

Good decision-makers know when to pass the ball or hold on to it. When players are under pressure, making the right decision is important but very difficult. By training players to make decisions in game situations, this skill can be developed and improved.

It's not too late to come along, come and join the rugby family – Miss Sime

Tuesdays – Year 9 Only – All Weather Pitch.



Priory Sports continue under our new measures

Despite our unusual circumstances, Priory's staff are determined to offer pupils a variety of sporting activities and new experiences after school whilst adhering strictly to the new safety measures.

Year group bubbles have meant we have to separate some clubs that last year may have been KS3 only for example but the great news is that students are still keen to attend after school clubs in good numbers. The PE Department is running more clubs than ever trying to support our pupils' enjoyment of sport.



Football

Boys and girls football has been very well attended in all of the year groups, with more than 60 in just Year 7 attending trials and club! My thanks go to Mr Blown from Maths who helps the PE team by running Year 9 boys.

Basketball

Traditionally starting after the clocks change in the second half term, numbers at club are growing and Year 7 and 8 have just had their first Inter Tutor tournaments with over 70 students taking part – great to see some talented players coming through! The Year 11 squad now has around 20 players who could all make the school team – the boys are desperate to be able to start fixtures again!

Px

After school enrichment clubs have been hit hardest by national restrictions but badminton and tennis clubs have still been able to run. Tennis proved to be very popular with Year 7, hopefully buoyed by the PE curriculum where tennis was taught in lessons this term as students missed out last summer. Indoor Cricket club will soon be added to the Px offer, so look out for that.

Rugby

This sport has been hit quite hard with Covid restrictions but up until the second National Lockdown we still had regular attendance in KS3 rugby practice with the Year 9s leading the way with up to 20 pupils attending club. The toughest challenge for rugby this year is that our club night has to be on the same night as football so last year, where many students would do both – this year they have to make a choice with some opting to alternate!

Dance

We have had a great uptake to our dance extra curricular sessions for Year 9 and Year 10. Both bubbles of pupils are working on contemporary pieces this term developing them into performances that will be filmed and hopefully compiled at the end of the year into a virtual dance show so watch this space.



A message from...

Ms Usher – Year 7

What an incredible start to Priory School Year 7 have had. They have settled so wonderfully and have made such a positive first impression.

Year 7 continue to impress me with their adaptability and resilience in times of adversity, and this makes me incredibly proud to be able to call myself your Progress Leader. I already feel like we are forming a really strong team, a team that I am excited to be a part of. Great things lie ahead, and I am excited to be a part of this journey with you all.

Pupils with highest Attitude to Learning

Rana Chbib, Willow Barlow and Charles Mayell-Thomas.

Tutor with highest attendance to date

7 Widlake/Brown

Top ERA points so far

Willow Barlow, Furie Cummings, Alfie Burgess-Langford, Daniel Robinson, Noah Maupin-Vincent, Billy Reynolds, Logan France, Samar Gafarov, Charlotte Parker, Oliver Greaves, Martha Insley and Eshan Choudhury.

Congratulations to those who have 100% attendance so far this year

Mohanad Ahmed, Tia Ahmed, Mo Ali, Somaya Allouch, Tobias Ashmore, Willow Barlow, Ben Bevan, Samuel Brandon, Ronnie Brookes, Amelie Broughton, Matilda Broughton, Isobel Brown, Alfie Burges-Langford, Lilly Buzza, Isabelle Carlyle, Imogen Chapman, Rana Chbib, Annabel Cheshire, Bianca Ciucu, Edward Clark, Lawrence Clark, Freya Culver, Wiktorja Czarnecka, Maksymilian Daniel, Pippa Douglas, Nessa Doyle Isha-Lilly Drackett Molly Du-Cro, Layton Easen, Darby Elvy, Jessica Evans, Jasmine Foscheri, Albert Fraser, Emma Freathy, Megan Frost, Lucas Fyfield, Samar Gafarov, Lola-Rose Gardiner, Paisley Gates, Lottie Gaylor, Ava Ghassemi Allgood, Ella Good, Amy Goodson, Oliver Greaves, Grace Haggan, Pascal Harrison, Luke Hooper, Vanesa Hoxha, Jake Hyde Browning, Martha Insley, Evie Isaac, Leona Islami, Paul Jaques, Molamin Jatta, George Keen, Usman Khan, Nisa Krasniqi, Emilio Laci, Elsie Leftley-Evans, Tyreece Leo, Toby Lewis, Holly Loney, Olivia MacDonald, Katie-Lou Mann, Alexia Maria, Gracie-Mai Marsh, Noah Maupin-Vincent, Charles Mayell-Thomas, Maddie McDougall, MJ Minkus, Bobby Mizon, Daniel Morey, Jamie Morgan, Maisie Munden, Elijah Mutunani, Hattie Nicolaides, Aden Nolan, Henrietta Oakley, Alayna O'Driscoll, Barin Osman, Amelia Palmer, Aron Papp, Charlotte Parker, Thomas Parker, Leonie Parsons, Oliver Peacock, Sophie Perkins, Luca Peters, Tia Phiri, Samuel Piper, Habibur Rahman, Benjamin Read, Tommy Reynolds, Daniel Robinson, Henry Russell, Matthew Rybak, Blend Salova, Emily Sandford, Molly Scanlon, Michael Shipp, Gracie-May Sills, Lilly Smith, Oscar Snookes, Imogen Stedman, Sium Talukdar, Henri Taw, Austin Taylor, Edward Thompson, Kingston Turner, Selene Van Den Berg, Kathryn Van Eker, Lenny Way, Brandon Williams and Jocelyn Wrixton.

Ms Robinson – Year 8

It has been wonderful welcoming the year group back to start their Year 8 journey. The way everyone has returned and adapted to our new routines makes me extremely proud.

It isn't always easy but you all do your very best which is all we can ever ask. We don't have the usual events to look forward to that we would at this time of year, but these will return in time. Students have embraced the clubs that we have recently started and as always give their all in supporting these – Breakfast Club, Activism Club and Football are amongst a few that we currently offer.

The ERAs have been rolling in since September with over 4,000 already being issued; this just shows the wonderful commitment to learning the year group has. Mr Bryant's tutor group won the attendance breakfast for the first half term and the race is now on to see who will win for this half term. Keep being wonderful Year 8 and I look forward to seeing what the rest of the academic year will bring with some brighter days ahead.

Top ERA points so far

Astrid Patrick, Robert McCormick, Samuel Shaw, Mia Thomas, Evelyn Doyle, Willow Lindstrom-Fabik, Phoebe Stevens and Chesta Sulaeman.

Mrs Chadwick – Year 9

It's been a very strange start to Year 9 and the beginning of GCSEs. I have been so impressed by the resilience everyone has had, still remaining focused and eager to learn.

The attendance and engagement to the live lessons for Home Learning was impressive and students have adapted to all of the constant changes and disruptions to their normal school day extremely well.

It was great to see so many taking part in the extra-curricular activities, for example, sailing, and I was very proud of the showing of Project Z on CITV which had seven of our students running around the school trying to escape the zombies!



I know that everyone wants to do well when they sit their GCSEs and I remain so proud of everyone as they work hard to achieve their goals.

Tutor with highest attendance to date

9 Wright – They enjoyed a lovely breakfast including bacon rolls, croissants and juice.



Congratulations to those who have 100% attendance so far this year

Sophie Adams, Daniel Adigun, Rasel Amin, Brooke Ash, Briannah Augustine, Isabelle Bailey, George Banfield, Leo Beech, Kiera Bennett, Tilly Mae Bennett, Dylan Bierton, Joseph Biggs, Casey Blair, Joe Bleach, Jasmine Brooks, Riley Burgham, Chloe Butterworth, John Clucas, Alfie Cole, Charlie Collins, Fraya Cooksley, Jasper Cox, Ruby Croucher, Sienna Davis, Jessica Diestler, Oliver Duggan, Lizzie Edwards, Ahmed Fadlalla, Billy Fisher, Ami Fitzgerald, Enily Garrett, Tilly Gauntlett, Max Goodwin, Emma Harmano-Rowe, Elsie Harman, Joe Hendry, Lola Hodgson, Tye Hudson, Laiba Hussain, Adam Ibrahim, Georgia Inch, Reuben Insley, Jamie Isaac, Simran Kaur, Ruby Kennedy, Jermaine Kimber, Abigail Linley, Lily Mai, Ciara Majekodunmi, Daisy Male, Luke Mares, Arthur Marshman, Freddie Marshman, Noah Martin, Daisy Mayell-Thomas, Artiom Mazeika, Emily Meredith, Billy Miller, Rhydian Mills, Oliver Mitchell, Joey Moore, Roscoe Morgan, Kissy Ogundoyin-Diallo, George O'Neill, Dia Patil, Sophie Payne, Holly-Mae Pearcey, Shanae Pedzeni, Safiya Perrott, James Piper, Lucy Piper, Archie Poingdestre, Finley Pourelli-Heath, Cassie Price, Lillian Prowting, Tyler Richards, Cameron Robbins, Kieran Robbins, Tegan Roberts, Modou Lamin Sanyang, Alfie Scammell, Lili Sharpe, Zaki Sherif, Iris Silva, Gurnishan Singh, Carmen Skirrow, Jake Slater, Thomas Stedman, Maddie Sykes, Ulfat Taaseen, Omahma Tayyibah, Milo Thomas, Roscoe Thurgood, Alfie Turrell, Faheem Uddin-Ahmed, Ellyn Vayro, Eliza Walker, Joseph Ware, Ruby Watson, Lexi Watton and Josie-Leigh Wilcox.

Ms Morris & Miss Mazzola – Year 10

Wow!! What can we say! We are incredibly proud to have this amazing opportunity to be your Progress Leaders for this year.

We are both extremely proud on how you are incredibly focused and attentive in lessons. It is lovely to hear what an amazing year group you are from all your teachers, and we most certainly agree that you are! You are resilient with the new way of running our school and are extremely mature about it. Keep up your great work and energy Year 10.

Top ERA points so far

Katelyn Ingram, Demi Bartlett, Maliha Khatun, Robert Hreceniuc, Tahiyat Raham, Romily Farrow, Max Clabon, Lewis Nolan, Kira Burr.

Tutor with the best attendance to date

10 Barrow 96.55%

Mrs Fairs – Year 11

Year 11 what a rollercoaster we've been through since returning in September!

It has been a completely different way of working, and moving around the school, and a very different experience of Year 11 for you all. I have to say you have all dealt with this in your own way but as usual in your Year 11 spirit you've dug deep and pulled through.

We appointed our Leadership Team with applications via Zoom which is a first. I was very proud of everyone who we selected, although it was a very tough decision to make. The roles students now have to play have been varied but it is easy to see that everyone is now a whizz in front of the camera.

Period 6 lessons have been a great success and attendance to these sessions has been fantastic.

You have made us all so overwhelmingly proud of how you've conducted yourselves in the mock exams. We have seen 100% attendance and behaviour has been perfect. And all this even though you've missed school time leading up to these important exams.

Some of you have started making applications for colleges or apprenticeships. This part is your next journey and it will be great to follow this with you. And it only seems like yesterday you were Year 7s.

I'm really hoping we can celebrate your time at Priory with our Prom in 2021 and go out in style. But however it ends you should be incredibly proud of yourselves.

Tutor with the best attendance to date

Congratulations to 11 C Weeks who had the overall best tutor attendance and enjoyed a lovely breakfast of juice, and pastries.

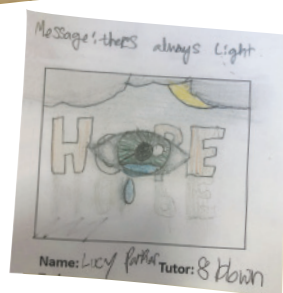
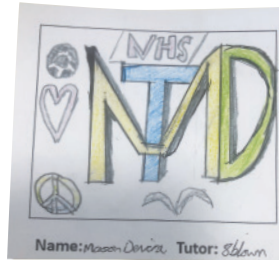
Keep your spirits up Year 11 and you will be just fine.



Tutor Time Activity

Wellbeing – The title was called 'Love'

The students had to design a logo that reflects kindness, love and peace.



Science Stars

Become a Science star of the week and get an entry into the raffle

How?

Consistently going above and beyond in your science lessons

When?

Every week

Why?

Being conscientious can make such a positive difference to your education and life chances.
Every nomination from your teacher = 1 x entry into the raffle

1 Raffle per Term



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