

February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to offer a fantastic opportunity for your Year 11 child to get involved with our 'Aspire Programme' now they have their mock results and are aware of areas to focus on.

We are keen to support our Year 11 students over the Spring Term in preparation for their GCSE Examinations this summer. This incentive is part of the National Tuition Programme (NTP), where over 950 pupils have received small group or one-to-one tuition in the last two years at Priory School.

The Aspire Programme involves online tuition, which students can access from home with 'MyTutor'; a company who specialise in supporting students with particular focus on the core subjects. There would be approximately 10 sessions over the coming weeks, each session lasting one hour, 1:1 with a tutor. Research has shown that the pupils being tutored by MyTutor made one whole grade of progress on average, 2.5 times the progress of their peers who did not receive additional tuition. Participation in the Aspire Programme helped boost GCSE results for Priory students last year when well attended.

As it would be counterproductive to provide this additional support during lesson time, we are able to provide you and your child with the flexibility to choose which evening or weekend day and the time for the one-hour session best suits your prior commitments. We are hopeful that this great level of flexibility means your child is able to take up this opportunity.

Tutoring sessions will take place via an online platform similar to Zoom where your child will be expected to interact and answer questions. The students will be logging in from home and therefore need access to the internet and a tablet, laptop or PC (mobile phones are not suitable) to access these sessions and have their camera and microphone on so they can interact fully with their tutor. Tuition will commence on the week beginning **13 March**, ten weeks before the summer exams commence.

We would like you to discuss this opportunity with your child and if they are fully on board with committing their time, please complete the consent form indicating that you wish to be considered and that you understand the importance of your child attending every session, logging on promptly, and engaging fully to get the most out of it. Please complete the consent form linked here: [Google form](#) by **Monday 20 February**.

External tuition can cost from £30 an hour upwards and we want to maximise this opportunity to ensure your child gets the very best from these sessions. Although a place is free to your child on our Aspire Programme, we have had to implement a charging clause for when a place is taken but attendance to sessions is low. This is to ensure complete buy-in to the programme and that this opportunity is maximised.

If you have any questions regarding the programme, please contact Mrs Spear lspear@priorysouthsea.org.

Yours sincerely



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