



The Priory School

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Dear parents and carers

- **Spring term ends on Friday 8th April at 1pm**
- COVID guidance update
- PE uniform
- Positions of Responsibility
- Year 11 exam and end of year arrangements – please see separate letter sent to Year 11 parents only.
- Charities update

Year 11

It's hard to believe we are now at the end of the Spring term, with the Easter break fast approaching. Year 11 are approaching their final few weeks with us and are consolidating their exam courses in lessons as well as revision sessions after school and at lunchtimes. Details of this are contained in a separate letter which will be sent to Year 11 parents before the Easter break. There has also been an invitation to parents to attend Year 11 Presentation Evening on 4th May; please let us know as soon as possible if you are able to attend. Given the disruption the year group have experienced it will be a wonderful way to celebrate the end of their time with us.

COVID Updates

There will be more detailed school and Trust guidance issued and revised local public health operational procedures. There are important details around the removal of testing and online learning for those absent as well as isolation periods.

Positions of Responsibility

This half term we have been in the process of electing our new set of School and House Captains alongside other positions of responsibility. I have been overwhelmed by the number of Year 10 students applying for posts and wanting to contribute to school life. School Captains speeches in full school assembly and House Captain Hustings in House Assemblies have been of an extremely high quality. We will be confirming the successful applicants in the last week of this term and I hope to be able to introduce you to the new team after the Easter break.

PE Uniform

We are experiencing an increasing number of students not adhering to uniform policy, especially on days when they have PE; this is starting to feel more like a non-uniform day. In some cases it feels as if there are different and distinctive groups of students within year groups, which the wearing of uniform is aimed to avoid. This is resulting in unnecessary confrontation with staff and extra workload for tutors and teachers who are having to check the normal school uniform and PE uniform

are adhered to. Trainers should be worn on PE uniform days, not Converse shoes and the Priory School jumper or optional fleece top, not a hoody or hooded jacket.

We are hoping to return to normal, full school uniform after the Easter break, however, we need the new changing room facility to be open to do this and we are currently experiencing delays around supplies. The change will, therefore, not be on the first day back; we will aim to give you one week's notice once they are complete. I realise there will be different feelings around this but the preservation of high standards around correct full school uniform needs to return as soon as possible, to ensure we retain a positive environment where staff can concentrate on the delivery of high quality lessons. Thank you to everyone who is supporting us with this, it is very much appreciated.

Charities

As always students have been working incredibly hard to raise funds for Ukraine and Comic Relief this half term. We have raised over £500 for Ukraine, over £800 for Comic Relief and over £8,000 in total for our local charities. Students really grasp their charity work with enthusiasm and dedication and it's great to see them in action.

As always please don't forget to follow school news at: [News \(tpstrust.co.uk\)](https://www.tpstrust.co.uk/news) and our whole school calendar for upcoming events can also be found at: [School Calendar \(tpstrust.co.uk\)](https://www.tpstrust.co.uk/school-calendar).

Wishing you all a very happy Easter with hopefully some sunshine and warmer weather on its way! Many thanks for your continued support of school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Pope".

Mrs A Pope
Headteacher