



The Priory School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will no doubt have heard the disappointing news in the press that there are no current plans for the return of any key stage 3 students in July to join the small groups of Year 10 we are welcoming back from next week. We are of course monitoring this situation every day and if Government advice changes we will react accordingly. Whilst the vast majority of students have engaged superbly with the challenge of independent learning, and we thank you for your support in helping them do so, some have struggled so we are putting additional support in place for the remaining 5 weeks of term.

Some students have told us that getting the majority of tasks on a Monday can be overwhelming so subjects have agreed a timetable of when tasks are set which has been shared with students on SMHW and is shown below:

Week day	Subject
Monday	English, Maths, Science, French
Tuesday	Music & Drama, Hums, Spanish (yr 8) ICT
Wednesday	Spanish (yr 9), Science, D&T, Business
Thursday	Art, PE

The live tutor sessions have proved popular and will continue on a weekly basis.

We have increased our ICT capability and our staff expertise to allow more interactive ways of working with students including podcasts, recorded lessons/presentations and live subject lessons via teams. A guide to using teams will be coming out shortly for those students who are unfamiliar with how to use it.

SMHW will remain the key method of communication – invites to live sessions as well as tasks and other notices will be shared via SMHW and students can send questions to staff via the platform as well as in teams

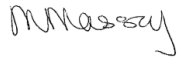
Obviously, being a student at Priory is not just about the work and we are continuing to encourage students to take part in the wider school life. We are currently in the middle of our House Race, where students and staff are recording their walking, cycling and running in order to earn points for their house and there is still time to get on board (details on SMHW).

We are also preparing our end of term events, albeit remotely, where we will be combining our Summer concert and awards evenings into one event – the Summer Celebration. This will be a pre-recorded event where we will showcase some musical talent, student artwork and writing, and reveal the award winners for: Subjects; Attitude to Learning; Participation and Selflessness. More details will follow about this event, which will take place on the penultimate day of term.

Mr Bucknall is also working on our final House Parliament of the year and students will be invited to join discussions in their tutor meetings about a range of topics. This is a really important forum and we hope that as many students as possible can engage in it so that we can hear their views.

As always your child's form tutor is the first port of call should you have any concerns and they can be contacted through info@tpstrust.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Massey', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Massey
Acting Headteacher