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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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### **SENIOR SCHOOLS – “MOCKS”: SPRING TERM INTERNAL EXAMS**

Senior School Mock Exams start tomorrow and continue for a week until next Monday 21<sup>st</sup>. Lessons & classes will therefore not be as the standard timetable. Non-exam lessons will usually comprise revision. Also, we have a number of staff ill with what appears to be recurring viral infections. Please bear with us as we ensure all teaching is covered, but classes may have teachers other than their usual ones. As a strict policy, we do not use “supply” teachers; Priory staff cover for each other to ensure continuity and certainty of personnel for the children. This week also sees our first sports fixture at Ryde School on Wednesday. Parental support welcome.

**CLUBS LIST** All clubs re-start this week, and the list is attached. Please note Ms Law’s LAMDA classes are across 3 days mostly in general time and breaks, to minimise absence from lessons.

### **Future Dates & Events**

1. Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January Senior School Internal Exams’ Week
2. Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January Y5/Y6/S1, Rugby Match, Ryde School Letters sent
3. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January PSA Meeting at the Folly Inn 6pm All parents, as members, are welcome

We will not for this term be entering Rock Challenge (Global Rock as was) in Southampton in February. In discussions in management and with Mr Herriman and other staff involved in Global Rock, it was considered the short term, the demands of the curriculum and also those of the IWMDDF, as it would compete for rehearsal time, and as last term was fully occupied with “Joseph” not allowing rehearsals then, we would do more justice to the performing talents of the pupils if we planned for a major production in the summer term. Therefore we intend to stage early evening performance(s) of Shakespeare’s “**A Midsummer Night’s Dream**”, to include music & dance, in the summer in the school garden. Auditions start this term.

**Lost Property** Ex pupil Lauren Kerr – three ballet tutus (used for Global Rock last year)

### **Achievements**

Hector Lambie (Y4) won the Mufti Day Fancy Dress Competition on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Christmas Fayre  
Talia Draper (S3) has been selected as a National Girl Guiding representative to visit Holland in July  
Lydia Soar (S1) was part of the triumphant 1<sup>st</sup> place Island ice-skating team in championships at Cardiff  
George Douglass (S2) of the island Sea Cadets has passed his Class Three Marine Engineering  
Rosie Hipkiss (S5) has been offered a place at Sparsholt College to study animal care in September 2019

### **School Desks**

We have found that for a modern curriculum and its needs we can rely no longer on the old wooden desks with their “slamtop” lids. So we are phasing them out to replace them with tables. The wooden chairs are also being replaced by modern ones. We are able to offer for sale these old desks, as they are very popular. If anyone is interested in buying one, please contact the office before they go on eBay!

**Nativity Play December 12<sup>th</sup>** County Press has lovely pictures and a report on page 28 of last week’s edition

**Anti-Social Behaviour** Many of you will have read in the newspaper or seen on social media or YouTube reports of serious anti-social behaviour, particularly in Newport recently. A young mother whose child was at risk of serious injury by an object thrown into her car, for which youths were arrested, has made an appeal regarding this. We as a school believe we should respond. An email will come out to all parents this week regarding the dangers for Priory pupils of involvement in any anti-social gathering, physical or in cyber space.

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