



THE PRIORY ACADEMY  
**LSST**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As we draw to the close of another remarkable academic year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the collective achievements of our students, staff, and wider academy community. This year has been marked by numerous successes, both in and out of the classroom, showcasing the dedication, hard work, and resilience of our students. Our shared commitment to excellence has borne fruit in a myriad of ways, from academic achievements within the classroom, impressive extracurricular accomplishments to the nurturing of a supportive and inclusive school environment.

### Staff Farewells

With numerous years served at LSST between them, we bid farewell to several valued members of our team: Mrs N Brown (Teacher of Mathematics); Miss F Cameron (Senior Leader); Mrs J Coles (Teacher of Science); Mr A Evans (Teacher of Business); Mrs S A Forshaw (Learning Strategies Assistant); Mr B Huckstep (Teacher of Psychology); Mr G Jones (Teacher of Technology); Miss L Housley (Administration); Mr L Mackrill (Deputy Headteacher); Mrs H Nicholls (Teacher of English); Mr A Samson (Teacher of IT); Miss R Scrupps (Learning Strategies Assistant); Mr G Sleight (Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs M Wilton (Pastoral Administrator). Some of them are retiring, others are moving onto new educational establishments, whilst others are sadly leaving the teaching profession. I know you will join me in expressing our sincere thanks for their hard work, dedication, and the positive influence they have had on our community during their time with us and wish them well on their next adventure. At the time of this letter, I can confirm we are fully staffed for September. As in previous years, we will send further details of new staff, the new senior leadership and new middle leadership teams at the start of the Autumn Term.

At the start of the academic year, our student body nominated three charities to receive our support. As has become tradition, we chose one local (Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance), one national (Teenage Cancer Trust) and one international (Water Aid) charity to support. Over the course of the year almost £3000 has been raised by our Fundraising and Charity Team through a variety of events, with the money being split between these three very worthy causes. As well as this, we have supported Comic Relief with a staff karaoke event and Jamie's Legacy (a charity set up in memory of a former student) with a staff bench ball tournament.

The house system has been particularly vibrant in its activities throughout this academic year, with competitions as varied as fireworks photography, fantasy football, bingo and pumpkin carving. In total, there have been over 100 different house competitions, and it has been fantastic to see so many students getting involved. Sports Day proved to be a roaring success, seeing students (and staff!) compete to earn points for their respective houses. The winning house will be announced in the end of term house assembly – congratulations to everyone who took part in house competitions across the year for your efforts.

In preparation for the new academic year in September, we ask for your ongoing support in maintaining high uniform standards. The full uniform list can be found here to ensure students have all the correct uniform for September: [The Priory Academy LSST - Uniform \(priorylsst.co.uk\)](http://www.priorylsst.co.uk)

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May we also take this opportunity to make you aware of an event taking place in Lincoln over the summer holidays. The event is called 'The Zone' and it is a free pop-up space for 11-18 year olds from across the city. There will be various activities and giveaways to get involved with, as well as spaces to relax or be creative. You can find out further details about the event at this website [The Zone — Zest \(zesttheatre.com\)](https://www.zesttheatre.com)

As we look forward to a well-deserved summer break, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support, enthusiasm, and commitment to our community. The achievements of this past year would not have been possible without the collaborative efforts of our dedicated staff, the hard work of our students, and the unwavering support of our parents and carers. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday, and I eagerly anticipate the continued success and new opportunities that the next academic year will undoubtedly bring. We look forward to welcoming your children back to the Academy on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Hopkinson  
Headteacher

