



PEMBROKE
A PRIORY ACADEMY

July 2023 – End of Year Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another successful year at The Priory Pembroke Academy, I would like to take a moment to reflect on our achievements, share important updates, and look forward to the upcoming academic year of 2023/24.

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude for your unwavering support. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you at academy events and parents' evenings, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Your collaboration with us in ensuring your child's success and prosperity at Pembroke has been instrumental in our accomplishments. I encourage you to explore our social media platforms, where we showcase our journey of "Achieving Together." You can click here to view our [Summer 2023 Newsletter](#).

In September, we are excited to welcome over 120 new students, with an additional 75 students on the waiting list eager to join our school family. Our capacity in other year groups has reached its limit, reflecting the tremendous growth of Pembroke from 160 students in September 2017 to over 570 in September 2023. We take great pride in this achievement.

Uniform Updates

Uniform remains an integral part of our identity, fostering a sense of pride and belonging among our students. Many visitors to our school have commented on the smart appearance and exemplary conduct of Pembroke learners as they move around the campus. We will maintain the high standard of uniform next year, and I would like to remind you that we do not negotiate in this regard. You can find comprehensive details about our uniform policy on our website through this link: [Uniform Guide 2023](#).

In the short term, we will continue to allow students to wear their PE uniform on the days they have PE lessons. However, it is important that students adhere to the Pembroke PE uniform. Failure to do so will result in the loss of the privilege to wear PE uniform on designated days.

Learning Environment

We remain committed to providing a welcoming and comfortable learning environment. Over the summer months, we will redecorate certain areas of the school. The Friends of Pembroke have contributed funds towards these endeavours, and we express our gratitude for their efforts in fundraising this year.

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Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance at school is vital in ensuring the best opportunities for all students. Attendance and punctuality are habits that shape young people and carry over into their adult lives. Positive habits in these areas lead to greater success. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, our attendance rates have been pleasing, but we recognise the need for further improvements across all year groups.

We follow the guidance provided by the Department for Education (DFE) regarding absence during the academic year, and we cannot support requests for family holidays taken during term time. Thank you for ensuring that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. We have also made progress in reducing lateness to school, and this will remain a focal point in the coming year. A more detailed letter regarding Attendance and Punctuality will be provided in September.

Conduct

I am delighted with the good behaviour of our students, and visitors to the school consistently comment on the calm and purposeful atmosphere we have cultivated. I am incredibly proud of our young people and the contributions they make to our community. For students in need of additional support for their emotional well-being, we continue to invest in our dedicated Pastoral Team at Pembroke. As the Headteacher, I firmly believe that Pembroke Academy is the best place for a child to receive an education, where we strive to remove barriers to learning and foster ambitious aspirations for their future. I am pleased to report that the majority of lower school students have achieved at least one Pledge badge this year, with many attaining silver and gold Pledge awards. Every day, Pembroke students embody the values of Wisdom, Generosity, Curiosity, Courage, and Passion.

The Curriculum

Our curriculum has made significant progress, featuring a 5-year pathway where students specialize in specific subjects through the options process in Year 10 and 11. Our mission remains the same—to enhance the life chances of our students so that they become global citizens. Our curriculum aims to develop students across four key areas or "capitals": Academic, Cultural, Social, and Creative. I sincerely hope that you are witnessing your child's growth in these areas. We have had a highly successful year with our reading initiative, loaning out over 2600 books. We now have children rediscovering their love for reading, which is a source of great pride for us. May this progress continue to flourish.

Detailed information about the curriculum and what your child will learn throughout the year can be found on our website.

Farewells

As is customary at this time of year, we bid farewell to some staff members who are moving on to pursue further growth in their careers. This year, we say goodbye to:

Miss R Solanki— Science

Mrs C Jackson – Science Technician

Miss E Pozo Jimenez – Student Support

Mrs E Jenkinson – Attendance Team

We wish all our departing staff members every success in their future endeavours.

Expressions of Gratitude

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the local governing body for their dedicated work and unwavering support of our school. I appreciate the efforts of the school leadership team in creating a purposeful learning environment for our students. I am also thankful for all the staff members, both teaching and support staff, who contribute to making Pembroke what it is—a wonderful place for both work and learning. Lastly, congratulations to our students, who have shown great determination and deserve all their achievements.

Your partnership is of utmost importance to us, and I look forward to continuing our collaboration to provide your child with an education that we can all be proud of. During the summer break, I encourage you to explore our website's news page, recent newsletters, Twitter, or Facebook page to share in our success. Another successful year awaits us at Pembroke!

Our staff members are now taking a well-deserved break, and communication over the summer may experience delays. We will periodically check the main email (pembroke@prioryacademies.co.uk).

Wishing you a restful summer, and we look forward to welcoming all students back on Tuesday, 5th September, for an 8:35 am start. Note the school day now starts 5 minutes earlier from September.

Yours sincerely,



S. Evans
Headteacher

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