



PEMBROKE
A PRIORY ACADEMY

July 2018 – End of Year Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first year of The Priory Pembroke Academy, it is a good time to reflect on what we have achieved, update you on some important changes and look forward to an even more successful 2018/2019. Firstly, can I thank you all for your continued support. I have enjoyed meeting so many of you at academy events and parents' evenings. I thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure that your child achieves and prospers at Pembroke. Without us working together we couldn't have achieved so much. Below are some of the key achievements of this year, however, there are many more! Of course we await the summer results but I am confident that the hard work of our students and high degree of support from the parents of Y11 students will really pay off and put us on the map to being a strong provider of education for children in this area.

New uniform

At the start of the year, we introduced a new uniform including a new blazer and new skirt. This has had a really positive impact on feelings of pride and belonging amongst all our students and many visitors to the school have remarked on how smart they look and how well they conduct themselves when moving around the site. The standard of uniform will continue into next year. As a reminder, all students should be in blue Pembroke PE kit in September. Full uniform details can be found on the website.

Learning environment

We have freshened up the front of school and added the new walkways/gardens. These are proving popular with all year groups. Other improvements are the main hall which has had a repaint and we continue to improve this area going forward.

Over the summer months, parts of the school will be re-decorated. We are also investing in new furniture in the canteen area. Funds raised by the Friends of Pembroke have helped towards this cost. We thank them for their efforts and money raised this year. We are also revamping the ICT provision over the summer months and implementing a thin client system.

Attendance, Punctuality and Conduct

We have made great strides in improving the attendance of our students and have achieved 95%. This is an incredible increase in just one year! Thank you all for making sure your child attends every day and is here on time. We have reduced lateness to school and this will continue to be an area of focus going into next year.

I have also been delighted with the behaviour of our students and can say that all visitors to the school comment on the calm, purposeful atmosphere we have created.

I am so proud of the young people we have and really admire the way they contribute to our community. For our students who require extra support with emotional well-being, we have also invested in growing the Pastoral team at Pembroke. As Headteacher, I truly believe that the best place for a child to receive an education is here at Pembroke Academy and I have been so pleased to be able to meet the needs of all students in a school which is ambitious for their future and able to remove barriers to learning.

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The Curriculum

This year, there have been important changes in our curriculum, not least the move to a two-year KS3 and a three-year KS4. This will really support your child to achieve well in their final exams. We have also introduced a number of new GCSE courses such as triple Science and these are proving to be successful in engaging students. Further developments in the curriculum will be shared in September. There will be an increased focus on Reading and Careers.

Concerts and productions

It is important that our students have an enjoyable, enriching time at school. This year, we have held a number of concerts including the brilliant 'Pembroke's got Talent', a huge thank you to all students and staff involved. Next year, we are looking forward to another excellent production. I am very keen for your child to participate in after-school activities and a full menu of what we have to offer will be made available to you when we return in September.

Farewells

Of course, it is the time in the year when we sadly say goodbye to some staff.

Mr Cole – Head of Year / Science
Mrs Pindar – Drama/English
Mrs Summers – Drama

Miss Wade – Support Staff
Miss Barnes – Support Staff
Miss Stewart – Support Staff

A special mention must go to Miss Creaser who will be returning to work for the Trust in September. She has worked tirelessly this year setting up new safeguarding and behaviour procedures. Also a mention to Mrs Mann, who has overseen English at Pembroke this year. Mrs Mann will return to LSST from September. We thank her for her support this year.

We wish all our leavers every success in the future.

Thanks to all

I would also like to thank the new local governing body for all their hard work and tireless championing of our school. To the school leadership teams and all their efforts to ensure students have a solid school environment. I would also like to thank all the staff – both teaching and support staff – who make this school the terrific school it is and a wonderful place of work and learning. Congratulations to our students who so deserve to succeed.

As the new academic year approaches, I am excited about our journey to embed our values of Courage, Curiosity, Wisdom, Generosity and Passion. Your partnership is so very important and I look forward to continuing to work with you and providing your child with an education they can be proud of.

If you have time over the summer break, I urge you to share in our success by reviewing our website news page, recent newsletters, Twitter or Facebook page. What a year we have had!

Have a restful summer. Students all return on Wednesday 5th September.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Evans
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