



PEMBROKE
A PRIORY ACADEMY

July 2021 – End of Year Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of a challenging school year there are a number of important dates and notices I need to share with you.

We have had another disrupted year and hopefully we are now coming through to start a new “normal”. I would again like to pay tribute to all the Pembroke staff. In time, we will look back at what we have achieved during these unprecedented times. There are so many positives that we should all be proud of: committed and passionate staff and student body, a strong moral purpose by everyone, a genuine love of the Pembroke community and buckets of resilience.

Everyone has played their part in 2020/21 and only by us achieving together have we been able to respond to and overcome the challenges put before us. Well done to everyone!

Testing in September

In light of recent announcements earlier in the week about lateral flow testing before we return in September, school will now start formally on **Tuesday 7th September**. On Monday 6th September we will be undertaking in-school testing for all students. Students arrive to Pembroke at the allocated slots and undertake a test in school. They then will return home. Students will return to school on Tuesday if their result is negative. A second test will happen later in the week. Under the guidance, this can happen with students back in school. The second test is to verify the first result.

Monday 6th September (Testing Schedule)

0830 – 1000	Year 7
1000 – 1100	Year 8
1100 – 1200	Year 9
1300 – 1400	Year 10
1400 – 1500	Year 11

Uniform and stationery

Please can we ensure that all students start the autumn term in the correct school uniform, including correct footwear. There are also a small number of girls wearing the wrong trousers as we do not allow skinny fit style. This will need to be actioned over the summer. Please see our policy if there is uncertainty or feel free to contact us if you have questions. Students should also have as a minimum the following stationery items: Black/blue pen, green pen, pencil, ruler, eraser and a calculator.

Learning environment

As part of our drive for improvement, we continue to freshen the school on a yearly basis and invest. Last summer, we invested significantly into new classroom furniture. Over these summer months, parts of the school will be redecorated. We will also be completing the Science Block refurbishment. We will have 4 new Science labs and new toilets for all to use. This is

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another exciting addition to the fabric of the school. In the very near future, we are moving the Library into bigger space and opening a new Pastoral area within the school.

Year 7

We said goodbye to the small number of year 11 back in June. In September we welcome 120 new starters. Year 7 is now full and we have appeals on-going over the summer. In September we will have 450 in our student body, which is such a positive change for the school.

Attendance, Punctuality and Conduct

We continue to make strides in improving the attendance of our students. Whilst we still need to improve in some year groups, the overall picture is pleasing. I also remind parents that we follow the DFE guidance on holidays in school time. As a rule, we will not support holiday requests in term time. Thank you all for making sure your child attends every day and is here on time. We have also improved punctuality to school and this will continue to be an area of focus going into next year.

Farewells

It is the time in the year when we sadly say goodbye to some staff.

Leaving us this year are:

Mrs S Smethurst - Teacher of Art
Mr D Richardson - Teacher of Science
Mr T Allen - Teacher of Mathematics

We wish them all every success in the future.

Final Thanks

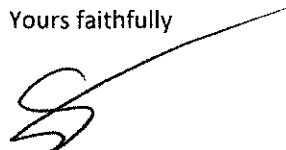
I would like to finish this end of year letter by thanking the governors for their hard work over the year and continued support for Pembroke. Their tireless championing of the school is much appreciated.

And finally, I would like to thank you. Your partnership continues to be integral to the success of the school. It has not been an easy year but you have played such an import part in the journey. Home schooling is no easy feat, but we have achieved together with such courage and passion. Your support of the school is noticed and appreciated by everyone at Pembroke. We look forward to a continued positive relationship.

Have a restful summer break. Remember that students return formally for lessons on Tuesday 7th September after undertaking a COVID19 test on Monday 6th September.

If you have any questions between now and September, please do not hesitate to email pembroke@poryacademies.co.uk

Yours faithfully



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