



**PEMBROKE**  
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of Module 3, and also now half way through the academic year, it is good to take a moment to revisit and celebrate all that has been accomplished at Pembroke in a very busy six weeks.

There have been many opportunities for Pembroke students to expand their cultural horizons with visits to London to see a fantastic Body Worlds exhibition and a trip to Nottingham for a theatre production of Blood Brothers to enhance the GCSE drama students' understanding of the play. Our students have shown passion working hard over the past few months to take part in a Magistrates Court Mock Trial and four students competed in the English Speaking Union's Public Speaking event, with Hannah Fox being awarded "Best Chairperson". Mr Dominy introduced the new Pembroke "Word of the Week" this module. Ask your children if they can "legitimately" say they have a "fundamental" understanding of the "concept" of Word of the Week? All students and staff enjoyed our third wellbeing event of "family games". The wellbeing events allow us to take a short time away from our busy and hectic lives and develop our relationships as well as our wellbeing. Many of our students enjoyed the magic of the Harry Potter evening with an exciting quiz and energetic game of "Quidditch". Students have also had the opportunity to take part in the national Mathematics Challenge and we will await to see the successes from the event.

The Priory Pembroke Sports teams go from strength to strength in their fixtures with local schools. There have been successes in boccia, badminton and football, with the boccia team reaching the county finals and a very impressive 8-1 victory away at Witham for the Year 7/8 football team recently. It has also been wonderful to see the resilience and courage shown by the students when the results haven't gone their way, continuing to train hard and this passion is paying off. As well as competing in sports we have also had students being the coaches and sports leaders for the primary sports events in lacrosse, new age kurling and goalball.

Our Year 10 and 11 students have had a busy time completing mock examinations. These are important on many levels, not just to track progress but also to allow students to learn the process and rules of examinations and to practise preparing for the real thing. Further to the idea of preparing for the future our Year 11 students also took part in a mock interview day. It was pleasing to see how they prepared for their interviews, dressing professionally and conducting themselves well. The feedback from the outside agencies that conducted the interviews was very good.

Another busy few weeks in the life of Pembroke! Parents and friends of the Academy can best keep up with Pembroke life by following @PrioryPembroke on Twitter, searching for 'Priory Pembroke' on Facebook or regularly checking [www.priorypembroke.co.uk](http://www.priorypembroke.co.uk) to keep up to date with the news and stories from the Academy.

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As we are now half way through the academic year it is a good time to take stock of a vital important aspect of any child's education – attendance. An assembly focusing on the importance of attendance and its impact on the opportunities and choices in later life was held this module and all students are now tracking their year-to-date and modular attendance percentage. 100% attendance should always be the aim. However, there are unavoidable absences that do occur. Students are being encouraged and supported to improve their attendance where possible and we thank parents and carers for being supportive in this regard.

We have another busy module coming up and below are some important dates for your diary:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Whole academy photograph
- Week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Wellbeing event to coincide with World Book Day.
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March: Year 9 booster injections.
- Week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Year 11 Core Mock Examinations

I trust everyone in the Pembroke family will enjoy the rest over the February half term break and I look forward to seeing the students back on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

Kind regards,

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