



PEMBROKE
A PRIORY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our second 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 2019/2020. Firstly, can I thank you all for your continued support. I continue meeting so many of you at academy events and parents' evenings. The feedback at these events has been overwhelmingly positive. 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. I urge you to look at our social media platforms. We use this as a scrapbook to show us "Achieving Together".

New uniform

At the start of the year, we introduced the new PE kit. This has had another really positive impact on feelings of pride and belonging amongst all of our students. Many visitors to the school continue to remark on how smart Pembroke learners look and how well they conduct themselves when moving around the site. The high standard of uniform will continue into next year. Please remember that we do not negotiate on this area. As a reminder, full uniform details can be found on the website.

Learning environment

We continue to freshen the school on a yearly basis. Last summer we invested significantly into the ICT infrastructure. The thin client system has improved the learning of all. Over the summer months, parts of the school will be re-decorated. We are also investing in new furniture in the canteen area and several classrooms. Funds raised by the Friends of Pembroke have helped towards this cost. We thank them for their efforts in raising money this year.

Attendance, Punctuality and Conduct

We continue to make great strides in improving the attendance of our students. We still need to improve in some year groups, but the overall picture is pleasing. Can 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 reduced lateness to school and this will continue to be an area of focus going into next year.

I have been delighted with the behaviour of our students and can say that 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 continue to invest in 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 our students in a school where we remove barriers to learning and are ambitious for their future.

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I am delighted to report that the vast majority of students in the school have achieved at least one pledge badge this year. Many have achieved several. It is really pleasing that every week I have awarded bronze, silver and gold badges. The students at Pembroke work to show the values of Wisdom, Generosity, Curiosity, Courage and Passion every day.

The Curriculum

We continue to make big strides with our curriculum. We have a 5 year pathway, where students specialise in Year 10 and 11. Our mission continues; to improve the life chances of our pupils so they become true citizens of the world. Our curriculum seeks to develop Academic capital, Cultural capital, Social capital and Creative capital. I really do hope that you are seeing your child grow. We have had a very successful year with reading. Well over 1000 books have been loaned out. We now have children reading that had previously fallen out of love with books. This is an area we are so proud of! Long may this continue to grow.

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 another super '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. Leaving us this year are:

Mr Dales-Johnson – Maths
Mrs Beesley – PE
Mrs Scarborough – English
Mrs Thompson - Humanities
Miss Keshmiri – Pastoral Manager
Mrs McDade – Administrative Assistant
Mrs Manby – School Games Organiser
Mr A Markham – Site Manager

We wish all our leavers every success in the future.

Thanks to all

I would also like to thank the 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 Pembroke what it is and a wonderful place of work and learning. Congratulations to our students who so deserve to succeed.

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. Another successful year at Pembroke!

Have a restful summer. All students will return on Wednesday 4th September 2019.

Yours faithfully



Mrs S Evans
Headteacher