

26/5/23

Dear parents and carers,

This has been an exceptionally busy half term for us at Pembroke. We have been getting the Year 11 students ready for their exams, sending the Y7 out on the bushcraft trip, multiple visits arranged by Miss Romain and the careers team and of course participating in the many sports fixtures we have. In particular, we must say congratulations to the Year 8 and 9 girls' football teams who have both made it to the quarter finals of the National Cup competitions, the Year 9 team actually playing against Year 10 teams. This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of them.

Uniform

Thank you to all who are supporting us with the wearing of correct uniform. It helps to give us our identity in school and the local community as well as keeping our students looking smart. As the warmer weather is approaching, please be reminded that students are to wear their PE kit only on days when they have PE and that they should have their blazer in school whenever they are not in PE kit. The full list of uniform is on the school website and in the student planner.

Attendance

We thank you for your support in helping us to improve attendance to school recently. Can we 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 for us going forward.

Equipment

Please could we ask you to continue to support students in bringing equipment for learning to school each day. We are seeing an increasing number of students not bringing basic equipment such as pens, rulers and pencils. When teachers have to deal with giving these out at the start of lessons it slows the learning and gets in the way of a smooth start. In taking responsibility for their own equipment the students are also learning valuable organisational skills. We thank you for supporting us in this.

Exams

The Year 11 GCSE exams continue after half term. While these are on, please can we ask students to be respectful of this fact and maintain calm and quiet around site to help the Year 11s with their focus. Year 10 mock exams start on the 21st June and will be the first big test of their progress in their GCSE courses so far.

Change to the school day at Pembroke Academy

We would remind all our families that, as we described in our letter to you last term, we will shortly be making a minor adjustment to the times of our school day.

From the start of the new academic year in **September 2023**, our school day <u>for all year groups</u> will be as follows:

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Start time: 08.35am **Finish time:** 3.05pm

Module 6 promises to be even busier than this, so we hope that everyone has a restful half term and comes back refreshed on Monday June 5th. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us through the academy's email address at pembroke@prioryacademies.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Pembroke SLT