

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



enjoy respect achieve

Priory School is a mixed 11-16 School with more than 1200 students on roll. We are a busy and vibrant school with high expectations for all members of our learning community.

Young people have been learning on this site for well over one hundred years and this tradition, combined with educational innovations and a constant drive to improve, makes Priory an exciting and respectful place to learn. Our Sports College legacy means we have outstanding facilities for sport and lead the development of sports education in the local area.



Welcome.

Thank you for your interest in Priory School. We know that choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions that you will make. Priory is a welcoming and dynamic community whose approach to learning is encapsulated in three simple words: **enjoy, respect, achieve.**



Priory has a distinctive ethos that combines a prime focus on high achievement with a strong concern for the social development of each individual. We believe in the acquisition of knowledge and skills that enable our students to adapt confidently to varying situations. We believe in high expectations for every student, irrespective of their academic starting point or background.

We want our students to enjoy their learning as we seek to develop optimistic game-changers who are able to make responsible decisions that mark them out as our leaders of the future. Students leaving us are inspired, mature and independent

citizens who have direction and purpose and feel that they have a legitimate place and role in the modern world.

Mutual respect and high quality relationships underpin our work and are at the heart of our values; we are proud of our diversity and inclusivity as a community.

Parents of our students report back overwhelmingly that their children are happy, well looked after and well taught. They also state clearly that they would recommend Priory to others considering schools for their child.

Please do make an appointment to visit us during the school day when our students will be pleased to show you around.

Stewart Vaughan, Headteacher Priory School



"We will work tirelessly to raise academic standards and will complement this focus with a broad programme of extra curricular activities so students thrive."



Enjoy.

Through curiosity and ambition our students explore new ideas, new skills and new limits of what they are capable of.

At Priory we build curious learners who are resilient, ambitious and confident. Enjoyable learning takes place within stimulating learning environments that range from a Victorian high-gothic chapel to state-of-the-art science facilities.



The fully-equipped laboratories, well-stocked library, latest technologies and outstanding sporting facilities build motivation and encourage our students to become independent learners equipped with the skills to succeed in the future.



Our curriculum is not only broad in terms of subjects, but also with regards to its reach; our students are challenged to find their place and role as a global citizen, to engage with the morals and ethics of topics and to build the attitudes that will allow them to succeed now and in the future.

Our innovative approach enables our students to broaden their horizons, explore that which they previously thought improbable and engenders a passion for learning.



Throughout every stage of a student's time at Priory we encourage them to be 'Game-changers'; someone who challenges the status-quo, actively improves the lives of others, thinks big and is prepared to work hard to make change happen.

The Game-changer curriculum we have developed encompasses everything beyond the classroom that contributes to a student's life at Priory. During their five years here students set and work towards a range of challenges designed to broaden their aspirations, help them develop life skills, and discover new interests. We celebrate each achievement along the way, inspiring them to be life long 'Game-changers' .

Respect.

Discovering the strength that lies within enables our students to maximise their potential.

We promote a strong sense of self-worth combined with a respect for others. Consistently high expectations are embedded within an environment that is founded on mutually respectful relationships between students, staff and parents.

On choosing Priory, students are placed in a tutor group with a tutor who sees them every day. This person is at the heart of your child's learning over the five years in the school.

They are highly skilled at providing the right balance of support and challenge. Through their motivation, monitoring and praise, your child will develop as a learner, as a performer and as a leader.

Through Prefect roles, student leadership, student voice and activities such as taking part in debates at the Houses of Parliament, students are encouraged to become 'Game-changers', people who will transform our local, national and international communities for the better.



Achieve.

Priory students achieve highly due to the connection of self-esteem, skills and knowledge.

Each year Priory students go to the country's best universities, gain places on the most prestigious apprenticeship schemes and achieve top grades.

Our personalised curriculum provides students with an equality of opportunity that ensures all learners achieve, whatever their interests and strengths.

The school ethos embodies a climate wherein the success of all members of our community is shared and celebrated on a weekly basis. To understand the achievements and ongoing needs of each individual student we assess, analyse and report progress regularly.

The provision of high quality learning and teaching is our core purpose. Our success is shown in the sheer variety of achievements from former students. Initially, in high rates of attendance at college, leading on to success in multiple fields as Doctors, professional footballers, Professors, business entrepreneurs and Members of Parliament.



Curriculum.

We firmly believe that all children, irrespective of their starting point, are entitled to a broad, balanced and inclusive curriculum

Our core curriculum is fundamental but one part of our broad and deep offer includes an extensive extracurricular provision. We promote knowledge, skills and qualities. Students master the knowledge, competencies and dispositions that prepare them to be informed, skilled and collaborative citizens who can be critical and lead the common good in today's knowledge-based, interdependent world.

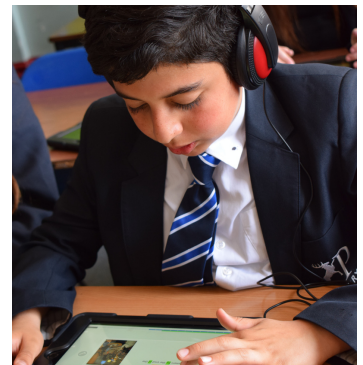
Our teachers work collaboratively within the Bohunt Education Trust network of schools to support our curriculum planning and development.

We offer all students a three year key stage 4, from Year 9 to 11. Our key stage 4 pathways are broad, offering students a broad range of options subjects. Core subjects include English, Maths and Sciences. And students make decisions at the end of Yr 8 as to the additional subjects they wish to pursue for GCSE or similar qualifications.

These include:

Art	Design Technology
Photography	Food
Dance	Computer Science
History	Business
Geography	Travel & Tourism
Citizenship	Languages (Spanish, French or German)
RE	Drama
Health & Social Care	Music
Child Development	Sport/PE

Student friendly curriculum documents, including knowledge organisers and curriculum learning journey maps, are available to all students and have been designed to support all learners throughout the stages of their education at Priory.



Leadership.

We give our learners the opportunity to develop the mindset, skills and confidence to become 'Game-changers'.

Highly qualified staff offer exceptional experiences outside of the curriculum and beyond the school gates. Students are challenged to work things out for themselves, take risks and experience new ideas, emotions and activities. These opportunities to explore, discover and connect develop teamwork, leadership skills and resilience.

Examples of what will be available during your child's time at Priory:

- Student Leaders, Prefects, Student Councils and our Student Leadership Group work with other students and the staff to move forward whole school improvements.
- Junior Sports Leadership and our Dance leaders run festivals and sports days for younger children in local primary schools, officiate at school events and organise sporting activities in school such as Sports Relief.
- Regular opportunities to perform in music, drama and dance, have their art displayed at our prestigious annual Art Show and compete in sports including rugby, football, tennis (in our state of the art tennis centre), trampolining, athletics, cheerleading and netball.
- Opportunities within our Duke of Edinburgh scheme and international and UK residential trips to develop leadership, motivational and team building skills.
- Extensive opportunities to consider life beyond Priory and develop career aspirations. In-school events and speakers, local careers and college events and workshops. We have developed partnerships with the University of Portsmouth and local colleges to secure opportunities for our students.
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Challenges and other competitions, both local, national, and with our Trust schools.



Student leaders.



Head Boy Ethan

Every day, I walked through the school gates with a feeling that I am cared for, with the presence of a huge sense of community. If there's one thing to take

away from what I say, please grasp every opportunity you have while you're at Priory School; whether it be the sports clubs, the Performing Arts groups, the local and international trips available or just a conversation with one of the great staff if you're ever in need of support. The ethos and attitudes towards school life are there for a reason, to set us up for the future to be outstanding people. If you feel 'ordinary' and there's not much to school life at the minute, Priory will definitely have an opportunity to grasp. If you're wanting to change previous choices or just become more confident and proud in yourself, I honestly believe everyone has the potential to do what they want to do, and, with Priory School, you can have no doubt you will achieve above and beyond what you wish. Priory School will be the best for you; to help you 'Enjoy', to 'Respect' peers and staff, and to 'Achieve' the most incredible grades or experiences or challenges you could ever hope for. Priory School is your future



Head Girl Ava

Priory is a wonderful welcoming school that your child is certain to feel comfortable in going to. My time at Priory has been such an amazing experience

and I'm so glad I chose this school. The opportunities provided are amazing, for example I have completed my bronze and silver Duke of Edinburgh awards, I have completed two sailing courses, been a sport and reading leader and attended many reward trips, such as a day at Thorpe Park. I was part of many of the sports teams throughout my time at Priory, including football, basketball, swimming and rounders, which helped me make friends and build my confidence. Not only are the opportunities incredible but so are the people at Priory School. Your child will be surrounded by supportive and encouraging teachers and students throughout their time at Priory. Having a tutor is an excellent way to be reassured there is always a person to go to if in need of help.

Attending Priory School has been an honour and I am sure your child will feel the same as they learn to 'enjoy' their time at Priory, 'respect' those who are there and 'achieve' the best grades possible.



Extra Curricular.

Students are encouraged to explore and develop their interests by engaging in additional activities outside of the classroom which help students build friendships, improve confidence and develop valuable life skills.

We provide an extensive range of opportunities for students to experience and explore different interests through trips, visits and after school clubs. In recent years trips have included visits to Dubai for a netball and cricket tour, History trip to Berlin and Poland, outdoor activities expedition to Norway, a behind the scenes tour of HMS Queen Elizabeth, Ski trip to Austria, and VIP invitation to the launch of INEOS America's Cup yacht 'Britannia'.

In addition to this, and to support in class learning, departments regularly arrange trips to relevant museums, art galleries, the Houses of Parliament, theatres, and much more.

Extra curricular clubs provision has been extended over the past couple of years. The majority of clubs are run by Priory staff who are keen to share their interests and hobbies with students. There is something for everyone with clubs including music technology, crochet, Harry Potter, hula hooping, Dungeons and Dragons, cheerleading and a wide variety of sports. Students are encouraged to try out a variety of different clubs.



Digital Literacy.

Priory is
proud to be
introducing
1-2-1 iPads

Technology offers us a unique opportunity to extend learning beyond the classroom. Students only spend 20% of their lives at school so the learning that takes place at home is extremely important to their future success.

The iPad maximises the opportunity for 'Challenge Based Learning', which leads to greater creativity, independence, resilience, teamwork, challenge and results, by allowing a student's work to happen wherever, whenever.

Our vision is that every child will have access to an iPad for their sole use both at home every evening, during the holidays and at school, to ensure that they can learn at any time.

The iPad gives the opportunity to develop personalised student-centred learning. Our decision is based on a range of educational research that shows it encourages engagement, collaboration, leadership and enquiry skills which will promote learning and progression.





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