

From all at PCSA

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Christmas Bulletin for 2023! We wanted to share some lovely photos with you of all the great things that have happened over the last few weeks.

Firstly, a massive thank you to everyone who donated to the December Food Drive for Weston-super-Mare Foodbank, we have been overwhelmed with the amount of items received. It is heart-warming to know that these donations will be supporting so many local families in our community over the festive period. Again, a huge thank you for your kindness and generosity!

We hope you all have a restful break with loved ones and we look forward to seeing all of our students back in Term 3 on Thursday 4 January 2024!

We have also shared the first issue of The Buzz newsletter with you, which is made with the North Somerset SEND Children and Young People's Council. The newsletter is based on advice and guidance for children with SEND however the hints and tips may be useful for all children and young people including parents at this time of year.



**Message from Gregg Morrison –
Director of Secondary Education,
TPLT**

It has been a hugely busy, but successful, couple of terms since we began the new academic year in September. Our three TPLT secondary schools continue to go from strength to strength in the way that they serve their communities.

You will probably be aware, both through your own children's experiences and the media, that schools nationwide are facing challenging circumstances. Pupil and staff absence, funding restraints and a lack of a support and intervention network for families experiencing difficulties, currently makes leading and working in schools a great challenge. Despite this, our schools continue to flourish and I know that you will want to join me in thanking and supporting the leaders and staff of your child(ren)'s school for the work that they have done in 2023.

Despite these challenges, our brilliant teachers continue to develop the learning experiences for our young people. In all three secondary schools, since September we have been focusing on developing our students' understanding of the curriculum that they are studying. How what is studied in Years 7, 8 and 9 (Key Stage 3) plays such a vital role in preparing them effectively for the qualifications that they will gain in Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11). We are also unashamedly focused on improving standards of teaching and learning in all of our schools including further increasing the already high expectations that we have for our superb young people.

Thank you for supporting your child(ren) and their school across 2023. It is much appreciated and a healthy home-school relationship is essential for the happiness and academic achievements of all students. We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and we look forward to working with you in 2024 and beyond.



Update from the PCSA Careers Team

It has been a great few weeks. Students visited The UK University and Apprenticeships Fair at Ashton Gate to explore their options beyond Year 11 and we took a small group of students to Exeter College Oxford to explore one of the world's oldest and most prestigious universities. Just like Hogwarts apparently!

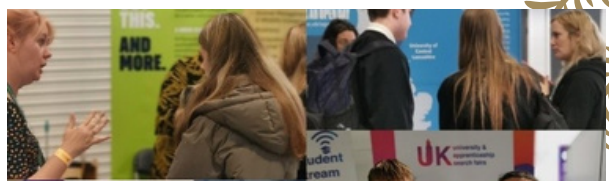
Lots of employers called in to school to support Year 11 business students with a 'dragon's den' activity. Year 7 and 8 students were treated to assemblies hosted by lots of previous students who talked about their career paths since leaving PCSA.

Moving towards the end of term, Year 11 students attended progression 1:1s to explore their plans beyond Year 11. Such fantastic conversations with a great year group.

Year 10 students have also begun to find their work experience placements ready for the summer. THANK YOU to students and families for supporting this.

Next term?

- More support for Year 11 students
- Year 10 WEX planning
- National Apprenticeship Week
- National Careers Week
- Year 9 GCSE options and lots more!



I went to Priory Community School Academy and now I am following my dream of working in horticulture with plants in China.



I went to Priory Community School Academy, completed my first degree at Exeter and now I am working on my masters at Bristol. Ella



I went to Priory Community School Academy and now I am Wessex Water's first female Sewerage Treatment Technician. Megan

Merry Christmas

Student Hero Awards & Christmas eBook Launch!

Yesterday evening, we hosted a heroes celebration to recognise student acts of kindness at home, school and the community. And we celebrated the bestselling launch of our omnibus of 'Christmas Stories' our annual eBook.

Thank you to those who came along to celebrate with us!



Christmas Stories Omnibus Volumes 1-8



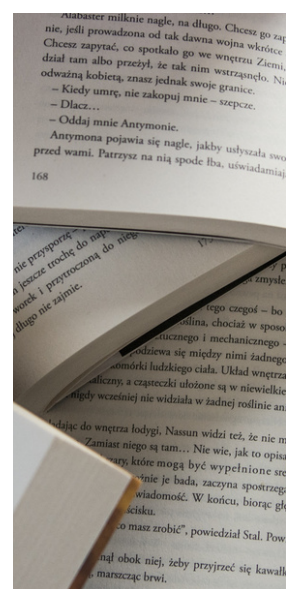
Short Stories, Poetry & Art by the Students of Priory Community School Academy



Year 11 Mock Exams

A reminder to parents/carers of Year 11 students that they will be sitting their mock exams from Monday 8 - Friday 19 January 2024.

Whilst we want students to relax and enjoy the break with family and friends, we highly recommend that students timetable some revision in as well. Lots of revision material has been provided to students and you can also find more on our website.



Student Photos from Term 2!



7B3 made Christmas cards for local residents at Summer Lane Care Home



Languages
Students of
the Cycle!

Well done
all!!

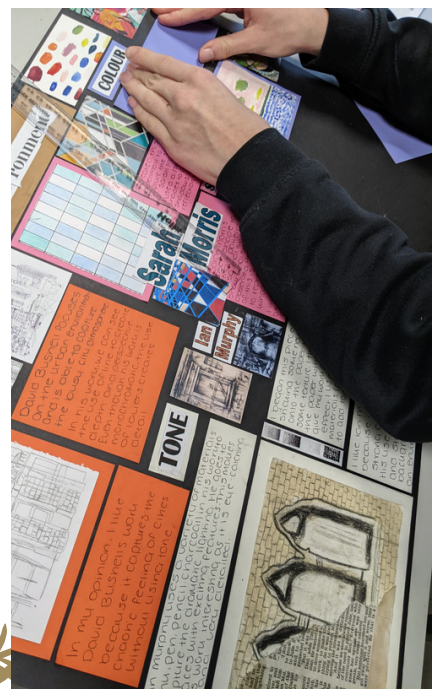


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It's always great to see the students taking part in all the sporting activities available at PCSA



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PCSA Awards Evening - 16 November 2023

