

A GUIDE FOR NEW PUPILS



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MISSION STATEMENT

Priory Integrated College welcomes children from all traditions, cultures and abilities. Together, we aim to empower every child to reach their full potential, in a nurturing, caring environment which upholds respect and excellence for all.







WELCOME TO PRIORY INTEGRATED COLLEGE

Welcome Year 8!

As Principal, I am so pleased to welcome you to Priory Integrated College. You have been extremely lucky to get a place in our exceptional school as there is a very long waiting list of pupils wanting to come here across the year groups.

In Priory Integrated College, we are committed to getting to know you as an individual and we will support and challenge you so that you fulfil your potential and become the best possible version of yourself. We deeply value togetherness and believe that as a caring community, with shared core values underpinned by respect, we achieve and succeed.

We have very high standards and to be part of the Priory family means to have pride in your school. I expect you to come on time each day with the correct uniform and a positive attitude to learning, to yourself and to others. Expect to enjoy learning but also to face challenges. It is how we cope with challenging experiences which defines us and helps us grow as people. We are here to support you as you navigate the landscape of becoming a young adult.

I know that you will make lifelong friends here and that your teachers are really excited to work alongside you both academically and pastorally.

We believe in you. You will succeed and we are here to ensure that you have a purposeful, productive and supportive learning experience which encourages academic success but equally values success beyond the classroom.

Best wishes Mrs N Wilson

Principal



COLLEGE UNIFORM

At Priory Integrated College we take pride in the identity of our College community. Uniform is therefore compulsory.

Blazer

College regulation navy, with stitched school crest.

Skirt / Trousers

College regulation grey skirt with two kick pleats, worn long enough for the hem to sit no higher than 2 inches above the knee **OR** College regulation grey trousers (not skinny fit). These items should be purchased from one of the stockists listed at the bottom of this section.

Blouse / Shirt

White with long sleeves

Tie

Regulation school tie (navy & green stripe with school crest)

V-neck Pullover or Cardigan

College regulation grey, with navy & green trim (optional)

Quarter Zip and/or Hoodies

College regulation navy hoodie or quarter zip, with stitched school crest. These items are to act as a layer underneath the school blazer. They also form part of the College's sports uniform, and can be purchased from Uniform Store NI, Newtownards.

Socks

Dark grey

Tights

Black opaque tights in a 30 denier minimum

Footwear

Plain black, flat-heeled, leather or leather-look shoes; **NOT** boots, sandals, trainers, trainer-styles, canvas, fabric or other textile. Should have no emblems, flashes or other decorative additions.

Outerwear

College regulation outdoor jacket, or a plain black/navy/grey jacket with no contrasting stripes or panels (no hoodies, tracksuit tops or sportswear-type jackets)

Scarf

College regulation (optional)



Summer Uniform

Pupils have the option to wear a Summer Uniform through the summer term up to the end of June. All aspects of College uniform will remain the same as for the rest of the year except in relation to the following:

Boys

A navy & white striped short sleeved shirt, which can be worn with a tie. The shirt must be worn tucked into the waistband of the trousers.

Girls

A navy & white striped open necked, revere collar blouse which can be worn without a tie. The blouse must be worn tucked into the waistband of the trousers/skirt.

The College blazer must be worn to and from College, but can be stored safely in the school bag or locker during the College day.







Physical Education Kit

Hoodie / Quarter Zip

College regulation navy hoodie or quarter zip, with stitched school crest, which can be purchased from Uniform Store NI, Newtownards.

Trousers

College regulation navy track bottoms, which can be purchased from Uniform Store NI, Newtownards.

T-Shirt

College regulation navy crew neck t-shirt.

Shorts

College regulation navy shorts. Must be worn under the College regulation track bottoms to and from school.

Leggings

Sports leggings are permitted and should be navy or black, and worn under the College regulation track bottoms to and from school.

Socks

White sports socks

Footwear

Sports trainers, which offer good support, cushioning and which are appropriate for sporting activity.

Outerwear

Pupils choosing to wear the full sports kit to school can wear the College regulation outdoor coat **OR** a plain black/grey/navy outdoor coat **OR** the College blazer.

On days when pupils have PE timetabled, they are permitted to wear the **FULL** College PE uniform. **PE kit is a compulsory part of College uniform.**

Technology and H.E

An apron is compulsory for both Technology and H.E practical work. This can be purchased directly from the College.



Jewellery

It is the College's policy that pupils are permitted to wear a wristwatch and one plain stud in each ear. No other jewellery is permitted. Discreet clear retainers must be worn in facial piercings. Jewellery worn in line with the school policy must be removed for P.E and other sporting activities.

Hair

It is the College's policy that pupils' hair should be kept neat and tidy. Hair colour should be naturally occurring. Hair styles that the College considers to be exaggerated or excessive will not be permitted. Long hair should be tied back for all practical work including Physical Education, Home Economics, and Technology and Design.

Make Up

It is the College's policy that pupils are not permitted to wear make-up, nail polish or any kind of gel / artificial nails/ artificial eyelashes.

Tattoos

It is illegal to have a tattoo if you are under the age of 18. It is also the College's policy that pupils are not permitted to have any visible tattoos.

Badges and Emblems

It is the College's policy that only badges and emblems associated with College clubs and achievements can be worn on the uniform by pupils. Badges and emblems representing charities approved by the College may also be worn. In such instances, they should be attached safely to the lapel of the College blazer.

Coats and Outdoor Wear

Coats and gloves should be removed when in the College building and should be stored safely, either in pupils' school bag or locker throughout the College day, unless needed for break / lunchtime outdoor recreation.

Whilst College regulation scarves can be worn in the building, in the interest of health and safety, they must be removed for all practical activities.



GETTING TO PRIORY

Crawfordsburn - (Translink) Departing at 07:55 am

Bangor Bus Station ➡ Belfast Road ➡ Tesco Springhill ➡ Rathmore Road ➡ Crawfordsburn Road ➡ Belfast Road ➡ Holywood High Street

Reverse journey departs from school gates.

Kilcooley - (Translink) Departing at 07:55 am

Bangor Bus Station ➡ Clandeboye Road ➡ Kilcooley Estate ➡ Rathgael Road ➡ Belfast Road ➡ Holywood High Street

Reverse journey departs from school gates.

Kilcooley - (Board) Departing at 07:50 am

Gransha → Balloo Road → Rathgael Road → Lord Wardens → Kilcooley (Owenroe Drive - 2 stops) → Belfast Road → Holywood High Street

Reverse journey departs from school gates.

Newtownards - (Eamon Rooney) **Departing at 07:45 am**

Regent Street (opposite Newtownards Bus Station) 🛥 direct to Priory Integrated College via Dundonald carriageway

Reverse journey via Old Belfast Road departs from school gates.

Dundonald - (Translink) Departing at 07:45 am

Dundonald PSNI Station → Stormont → Holywood Road → Knocknagoney → Holywood High Street

Reverse journey departs from school gates.

Belfast - (Translink Service - Bus No. 1) Departing at 07:45 am

Laganside Bus Station → May Street → St. George's Market → Albertbridge Road → Newtownards Road → Holywood Road → Knocknagoney Road → Old Holywood Road → Jackson Road → Holywood High Street

Reverse journey via designated bus to Europa Bus Station; first stop Holywood Road. Pupils for Knocknagoney should use public bus services.



PASTORAL CARE

Each Form Class has its own Form Tutor who is responsible for welfare and discipline in the first instance. These Form Classes are organised into Year Groups with a Head of Year who has overall responsibility for all pupils in that group. **The Head of Year 8 is Mrs J McCandless.**

Miss T Howe	Mr M Soutar	Mrs S Stronge	Mr R Jackson
Head of Year 9	Head of Year 10	Head of Year 11	Head of Year 12

The Heads of Year throughout the rest of the College are as follows:

Mr P Swann	Mr D Kelly	Mrs A Keatings-Hunter
Leader of Key Stage 3	Leader of Key Stage 4	Head of Sixth Form

Years 8-10 are managed by the Leader of Key Stage 3 , Years 11-12 by the Leader of Key Stage 4 and Years 13-14 by the Head of Sixth Form.

Other important staff links are:

Ms H Ferguson			
Leader of Pastoral Care and Welfare			
&			
Designated Teacher for Child Protection			
Mrs S Stronge Mr R Jackson			
Deputy Designated Teacher Deputy Designated Teacher			
for Child Protection for Child Protection			



CLASSROOM BEHAVIOUR

We have the highest expectations of behaviour so that all our pupils can achieve their full potential in their learning. The Behaviour Charter below was designed with our pupils as part of our Rights Respecting Schools Programme.



We do not permit Energy Drinks or Chewing gum in the College



COLLEGE TIMETABLE

8:50-9:10 Re	gistration &	Assembly				
Time	Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:10-10:10	1	Maths	Careers	Technology & Design	Home Economics	Information Technology
10:10-11:10	2	Music	Maths	Science	Art & Design	Science
11:10-11:25				Breaktime		
11:25-12:25	3	Geography	English	History	Drama	Physical Education
12:25-12:55				Lunchtime		
1:00-2:00	4	English	Physical Education	French	Maths	Geography
2:00-3:00	5	Religious Education	Physical Education	English	Science	LLW

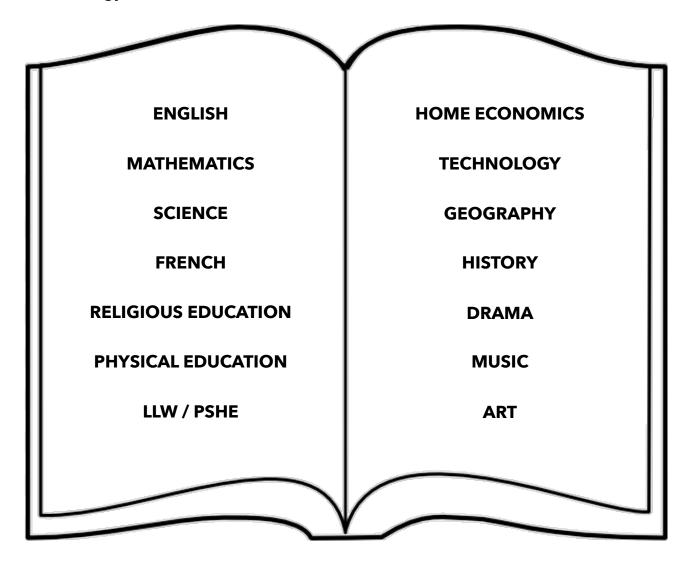
Important Times

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08:00am		
Breakfast club opens in the Canteen		
08:40am		
Start making your way to your Form Room		
08:50am		
Registration begins - you will be marked present by your Form Tutor		
09:00am		
If you arrive at 09:00am or later, you must sign in at the office before going directly to your first class of the day		
Repeated lates will lead to an after school detention, and your parent/carer will be notified		
02:30pm (Friday)		
College day ends		
03:00pm (Monday - Thursday)		
College day ends		



WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will encounter a range of new subjects such as Home Economics, Technology and French for the first time in Year 8.



We also offer one-to-one music tuition in the following instruments:

PIANO	VOICE	FLUTE	CLARINET
SAXOP	HONE	TRUN	ИРЕТ
TROMBONE	VIOLIN	GUITAR	BASS

Please fill in the form in your Induction Pack and return it to our Head of Music, Mrs McMullan.



HOMEWORK

Homework will be set regularly in all subjects and is an important part of reinforcing work learned in class. We expect every student to complete all of their homework on time and to the best of their ability.



Homework can be, reading, writing, learning, finding out or preparing for a lesson.

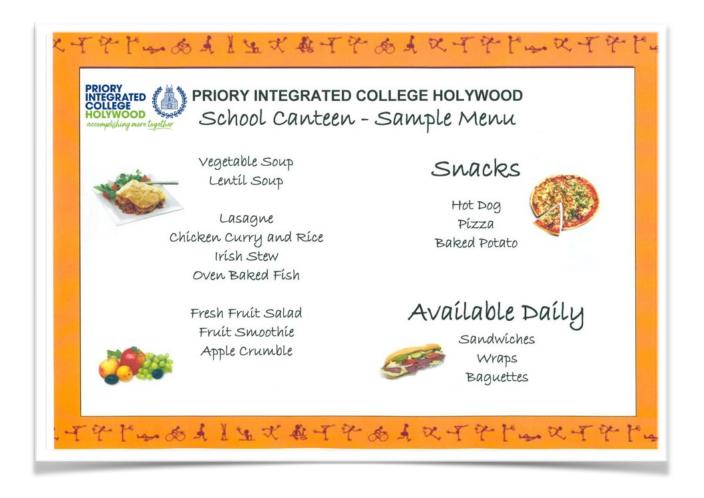
Teachers set homework using an app called Satchel One which you will find on your iPad. It will show you when it is due, how long it should take and include all instructions needed. You can even message your teacher if you have a problem. Your parent/carer can access this app at home to ensure all work is completed on time.



BREAK & LUNCH TIME

The tuck shop is available at break each day for years 8 - 10 in the Junior break area. At lunch time you have lunch in the canteen or bring a packed lunch to eat in school.

You are not permitted to leave the College at break OR lunch time.





LEAVING DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

If you need to leave during the college day, you must bring a signed note from your parent/carer. This must provide an explanation of why you are leaving early, along with the date and time from which you will need to be excused.

Your Form Tutor will give you a green permission slip that you must present at the College office before you leave.

As far as possible, appointments should be made after the College day, or during holidays.

RETURNING FROM ABSENCE

If you have been absent, your parent/carer must do one following things:

Your parent/carer should write a note for your Form Tutor on your return, explaining why you were absent.

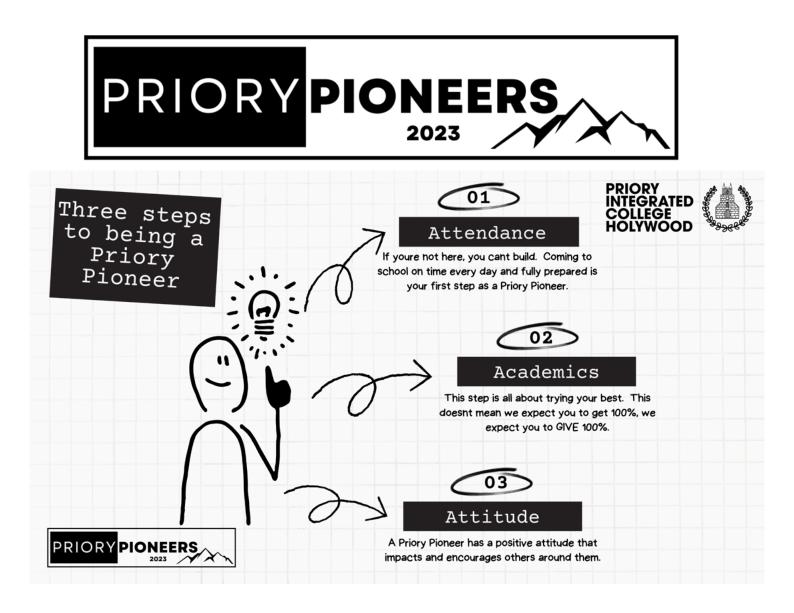
OR

Your parent/carer can use the ParentMail app to report your absence. This will notify the school office straight away.



PRIORY PIONEERS

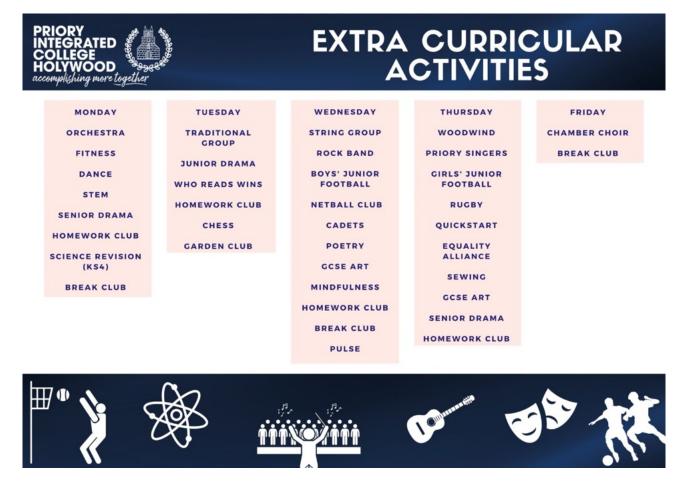
We want you to do the very best that you can. We believe that our Year 8 Priory Pioneers can achieve amazing things on your educational journey with us using the following three steps:





EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We find that an excellent way to get settled into a new school is to get involved in the extra curricular life of the College. This gives you the chance to get to know your teachers outside of the classroom, as well as pupils from different classes and year groups. We would encourage every child to get involved in at least one club or activity.



You can see that we have a wide range of activities to suit a varied range of interests. If you don't see what you would like, why not suggest it to us and we will see what we can do!



YOUR FIRST DAY

Do you have names on:	Does your schoolbag conta	ain:
Blazer	Pencil Case	
Outerwear	Pens/Pencils	
PE Kit	Pencil Sharpener	
Pullover/Cardigan	Protractor	
Scarf	Rubber	
Shirt/Blouse	Ruler	
Trousers/Skirts	Scientific Calculator	
Tie		



TERM DATES

RESULTS DAY

AS/A Level

Thursday 17th Aug 2023

GSCE

Thursday 24th Aug 2023

TERM 1

Years 8 & 13 Induction Whole School First Day Half Term Break End of Term

Christmas Holidays

Thursday 31st Aug 2023 Friday 1st Sept 2023 Monday 30th Oct 2023 - Friday 3rd Nov 2023 Wednesday 20th Dec 2023 (12:30pm finish) Thursday 21st Dec 2023 - Tuesday 2nd Jan 2024

TERM 2

All Pupils in SchoolWednesday 3rd Jan 2024Half Term BreakTuesday 13th Feb 2024 - Friday 16th Feb 2024End of TermFriday 22nd Mar 2024(12:30pm finish)(12:30pm finish)Easter HolidaysMonday 25th Mar 2024 - Friday 5th Apr 2024

TERM 3All Pupils in SchoolMonday 8th Apr 2024Bank HolidayMonday 6th May 2024Bank HolidayMonday 27th May 2024End of TermFriday 28th Jun 2024
(12:30pm finish)

SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS			
INSET 1		Friday 25th Aug 2023	
	SDD 1	Tuesday 29th Aug 2023	
	SDD 2	Wednesday 30th Aug 2023	
INSET 2		Monday 16th Oct 2023	
	SDD 3	Thursday 21st Dec 2023	
INSET 3		Friday 12th Jan 2024	
	SDD 4	Tuesday 13th Feb 2024	
INSET 4		Monday 18th Mar 2024	
	SDD 5	Tuesday 7th May 2024	
INSET 5		Monday 27th May 2024	



AT PRIORY, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS AIM TO

- TAKE **P**ride... in yourself, school and your achievements
- SHOW **R**espect... for your environment and others
- ALLOW Individuality... and understand differences
- SEIZE **O**pportunities... in work, rest and play
- BUILD **R**elationships... which are positive
- BE **Y**ourself... we are all unique



