



May 2022



Being such a short half-term, it has only been just over four weeks since I last wrote to you. It has been another wonderfully diverse half-term, full of lovely interactions with students; fantastic lessons and lots of students accessing our vibrant extra-curricular programme.

This half-term we have continued talking about respect and kindness through assemblies, tutor time and lessons, actively teaching students how to be respectful and kind. Last half-term, we focused on the little things like saying 'please' and 'thank you'; asking how someone's day has been and how to engage in small acts of kindness and consideration. The results continue to be noticed. I will be talking a lot next half-term about other aspects of polite behaviour such as maintaining eye contact when you speak to someone and saying sorry if you do something wrong. These are things that are vital for success in and beyond school as I'm sure you'd agree.

We have launched our KS3 Graduation initiative this half-term and you will have received a letter about this a few weeks ago. Our students have regular opportunities to display the Priory Values throughout lessons, extra-curricular activities and at home/beyond school. In addition, we have arranged a day of activities in July focusing on the Values; the army are coming in, along with an outdoor education company. Those students who want push themselves harder and put themselves in the running of becoming part of our first Honours Roll cohort will need to record their progress towards the Priory Values in the booklet they have been given. They can ask any member of staff to sign an entry off but do feel free to send us in evidence of their brilliance outside of school! We have gone through this in assemblies and in tutor times but if they (or you) have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to get in touch! You can see more about it on the next pages.

Finally, have a wonderful half-term and a delightful extended bank holiday. Enjoy the Jubilee!

Victoria Storer-Young—Head of Year 8

PRIORY VALUES

P – Persevere

R – Respect yourselves, each other and your environment

I – Be Innovative

O – Take each Opportunity

R – Be Reflective

Y – YOU as an individual count;

YOU can achieve;

YOU are the hero of your own life



By the time students graduate from KS3 into KS4, we want them to have displayed all of the Priory Values. Many of them already display them on a regular basis.

However, over the coming months, they will have the **OPPORTUNITY** to develop and demonstrate these attributes.



Key Stage 3 Graduation and the Priory Values

For those students who want to push themselves harder and further, there is the opportunity to graduate with 'honours' and become our first KS3 Honour Roll students!



The booklet students have received is an opportunity for them to **record** their progress towards the Priory Values.

Year 7 and 8 Priory Values



GRADUATION JOURNEY 2022

Name: _____

Respect

This page is an opportunity for you to log how you have demonstrated being respectful. For example; when have you being kind to someone? When have you helped others out or stopped disrespectful language/behaviour? Have you learnt about a new culture?

When	What did you do to demonstrate this?	Signed by staff or adult

The Honour Roll

Students should ask their teachers to sign their booklet if they think they have done something to warrant it. There should be a **concerted effort** by students to have one signed off one of the values.

For example, saying please or thank you should be a given. However, showing sustained improvement in attitude towards staff and students may be enough. Handing in a piece of homework should be a given, but putting significant effort in (above and beyond) might be enough.

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Individual Merit Winners (overall)

Oliver D

Ranveer

Theo

Jack E

Daniel J



Individual Merit Winners (last week)

Harriet

Marcel

Niall

Kalis

Nicola



Well done, to these students,
particularly Daniel who has
made the top 5 for the first time!
Will you be on the list next time?



As a Year Group we have achieved **131,784**, meaning
the students achieved another **25,412 merits** in 5
weeks! We're proud to say we continue to be the top
performing year group! This is an immense effort—well
done!

Tutor Group Merits (student average)

Position	Tutor/House
1 st	CHU2—SJO—146
2 nd	ELG1—CBE—141
3 rd	CHU 3—BMN—131
4 th	SHA 1 FJN—129
5 th	ELG 2—MAN—128
6 th	NEW 3—SCL—126
7 th	ELG 2—MAN—122
8 th	NEW 1—BFS—110
9 th	SHA 3 YTL—102
10 th	NEW 2—SLN—94



to Ms Jackson's
tutor group!

