

A path to a brighter future

Planning ahead for a bumper year

Well it's spring at last and this year brings the earliest Easter any of us are likely ever to see. I hope you had an enjoyable Easter weekend and look forward to a restful two week break before the busy summer term.

I know it sounds along way off, but believe it or not, we spend a great deal of time in the spring term planning for September and the new school year. This is firstly because we set the school budget in March, and we therefore have to plan the staffing we need for the next year based on pupil numbers. This year, the numbers of pupils who applied for and have been allocated a place at Isca College is another all-time record high, despite the fact that the numbers of 11 year olds in the country is decreasing each year. We expect a 20% increase in the number of year 7 pupils we have here in September compared to previous years.

We are already appointing new staff for the September term, but also saying goodbye to one member of staff who has been an asset to the college for 14 years. Chris Dunn joined Priory High school as team leader for

design technology in 1994 and has worked tirelessly and professionally to lead that team ever since. Can you imagine all the work involved in making sure all those woodworking, metal, food and textiles lessons and machinery run effectively? Chris deserves a very enjoyable retirement from teaching and we all hope she has great fun! Sarah Lerner will take over the team leader role for the foreseeable future.

New staff joining us for the summer term include Graham Alton, our new media technician. Welcome Graham.

Have a happy and healthy break everyone. Year 11 and year 9 will, of course, spend the whole time revising for GCSE and SATs exams – good luck all!

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