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This week has seen two key events within the academy calendar; our Year 8 Residential and, yesterday evening, our Year 11 Prom.

I would like to thank Mrs Lee, our Year 11 Year Manager, and all that were involved in the planning and preparation for last night's Year 11 Prom, who ensured our students had a fabulous formal 'send off' to mark the conclusion of their compulsory education. The outfits were, as always, spectacular.

I would also like to offer my appreciation to Mr Rigg and the residential team who, having been blessed by the great weather, have overseen a series of exciting outdoor adventurous activities at How Stean Gorge this week. Taking students away on overnight residential trips is a huge responsibility. I am very grateful to Mr Rigg and the team for ensuring that our students had a safe and unforgettable time away.

The Year 8 Residential and Year 11 Prom are but two of the many activities and events that take place during the final Half Term of the academic year. We have a packed final three weeks, which includes Sports Day, Transition Day and Evening, Resilience Day, Presentation Evening, Year 10 and 12 Work Experience and Employability Week and, finally, our Rewards Assemblies. I am grateful, as I as I know you, as parents, and our students are, for the time and energy that staff collectively invest in all of these personal development opportunities for our community.

Have a great weekend.

Martin Blacoe

Mr Martin Blacoe, Principal.



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Monday 2nd July

Y10 Work Experience Week

Y8 Residential (Group 2)

Y9 Geography Fieldtrip (1)

Y11 – P16 Welcome Week

Wednesday 4th July

Geography Fieldtrip (2)

Thursday 5th July

Transition Day

Friday 6th July

Resilience Day

Monday 9th July

Y12 Work Experience Week

Tuesday 10th July

Sports Day



Y11 Prom

Our Y11 students celebrated the end of the exam season in style at Cedar Court, Bradford last night.

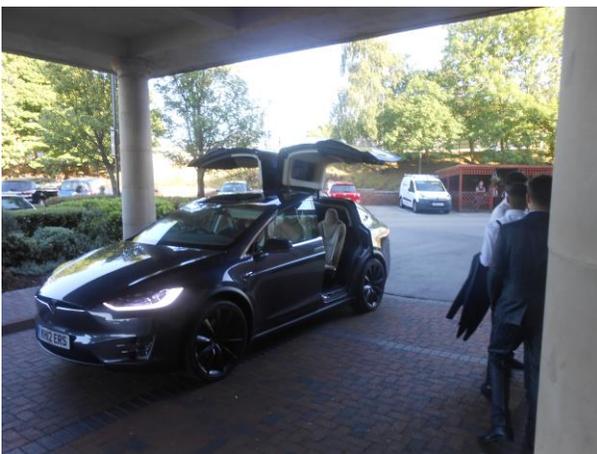
All students 'dressed to impress' and behaved exceptionally! The dance floor was constantly full with both students and staff as they danced the night away and celebrated the end of an era.

We wish the Y11 Leavers all the luck in the world and we will miss you!

A big thank you to Mrs Lee, Mr Bryan and Mr Button for hosting the awards and organising a great evening.



Our students arrived in style to their prom!



More photos will be posted on our website in the coming weeks.



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Attendance Matters

Year 7 – 95.2%

Year 8 – 95.2%

Year 9 – 94.4%

Year 10 – 95.3 %

Whole school
Attendance Total -

95%



Our Athletics Team

Last Thursday our athletics team attended the last league match of the season. Priesthorpe took 24 athletes to represent the school in both our junior and intermediate teams. It was a fantastic evening and all the athletes responded well to the challenge of their individual events.

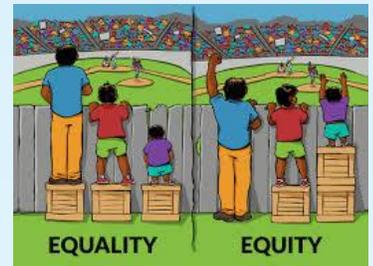
Our top performances came from Aneeq (Y7) 1st in Junior Boys 300m, Ismaeel (Y8) 2nd in the 100m, Rhys (Y8) 3rd in the 100m. Evie (Y8) came 2nd in the Junior Girls 800m. Pharrell (Y9) was 3rd in the Inter Boys 100m, Dilian (Y10) was 3rd Javelin and 400m, Barnaby (Y8) was 2nd in the Junior Boys Shot put and Javan came 3rd in the 800m.

A PB for Kyle Sim in Junior Boys 800m finishing in a time of 2 minutes 51 seconds, well done!

A great season which culminated in the Junior Boys finishing 3rd in their pool, Inter Boys 3rd, Junior Girls 4th and Inter Girls 5th. Mrs Newsome said; "I am really looking forward to seeing the athletes shine on sports day and to expanding and developing our squad for next year's competition. Well done to everyone who has represented this school this season!"



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What a Success!

There was an amazing charity event at Deeva Restaurant, Farsley earlier this week! Punjabi Roots performed and Rugby AM's founder and presenter, Alex Simmons hosted our auction and raffle! We raised an incredible £2420 for Teenage Cancer Trust and Wishing Wells!

Big thanks to the Co-op store at Farsley too for selling tickets and donating prizes!

The event brought together not only Priesthorpe staff but also the local community and businesses.



The highlight of the evening for many was meeting Charlie who despite recently battling two brain tumors has such an amazing and optimistic outlook on life.

His short but truly inspirational speech set the tone for the evening. We hope to make this an annual event and continue to support these amazing charities.



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Y8 Residential

Our Y8 students have been out and about on their residential trip this week.

They have had a fabulous time and really enjoyed the activities.

Let us hope the weather stays just as nice for the second group who go on their trip next week.

The trip departs on Monday 2nd July and returns on Wednesday 4th July at approximately 2.30pm.

Full details and photos will follow next week.