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Dear Parents/Carers,

Many thanks to all parents and carers who were able to attend our KS3/KS4 Information Evening this week; an excellent opportunity to discuss strategies to support our students beyond school in enabling them to achieve at their brilliant best. The KS3 Curriculum Maps, which were discussed, along with the KS4 Maps will be uploaded to our website next week.

May I also take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to our Post 16 Open Evening, which will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. We are incredibly proud of our Post 16 provision, next week is a great opportunity to come and see why, with details of the courses and extra-curricular activities on offer and the chance to chat to subject staff. The evening starts at 6pm with a presentation in the main hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Have a great weekend.

*Martin Blacoe*

Mr Martin Blacoe, Principal.



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### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Post 16 – Open Evening

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

House Competitions 1

2.30pm – 3.30pm

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Y7 Mindset Trip – Group 1

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Y7 Mindset Trip – Group 2

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

Y7 Mindset Trip – Group 3

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

School Closes for Half-term

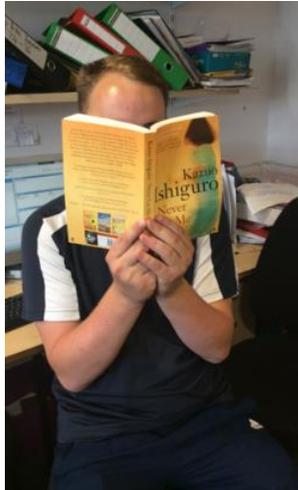
### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

School Opens – 8am



## Everybody Reading in Class

Can you guess which staff member is enjoying reading their book?



### This weeks recommended read – Miss Noble

I love 'Travels with Charley' by John Steinbeck. It depicts a 1960 road trip around the United States made by Steinbeck, in the company of his standard poodle, Charley. Steinbeck wrote that he was moved by a desire to see his country on a personal level, since he made his living writing about it. He wrote of having many questions going into his journey, the main one being, "What are Americans like today?" However, he found that he had concerns about much of the "new America" he witnessed. This is a wonderful tale of a journey with a faithful companion. It inspires wanderlust and friendship.



Last week's reader was ...

*Ms Newsome from our PE Department!*



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## Attendance Matters

Better 3 hours too soon than a minute too late

William Shakespeare

Y7 – 96.2%

Y8 – 95.7%

Y9 – 94.5 %

Y10 -95.2%

Y11 – 93.2%

### Overall School Attendance

95%



## Daniel Blythe Visits Priesthorpe!

Famous author, Daniel Blythe visited Priesthorpe yesterday. He spoke to our Y7 students and shared his life's journey as a writer. He spoke about his first ever publishing, writing for Dr Who, right up to the present day, explaining his most recent independent work a sequel to Emerald Greene.



Throughout the afternoon, Daniel hosted workshops on the creative writing process with some of our Y10 students. All students represented Priesthorpe exceptionally well and made Daniel feel very welcome. There was even time for a mini book signing during break time. It was an enjoyable day and a real revelation to the different ways of how to be a creative writer.

## New Website!

We are excited to announce that our new website has gone live today.

We hope the new site is easier for parents/carers to navigate and use.

Please have a look and see what you think! It is still slightly "work in progress" and we appreciate your patience whilst we add the final touches.



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## What's on at school?

### Science Support Club

Tuesday – 2.30-3.30pm

All year groups are  
welcome

F3



### Student School Lunch Accounts

Please can parents  
note that the Reval  
Machines which take  
cash for the pupil lunch  
accounts **do not take  
£20 notes.**

## Cross Country Results

Last week's Cross Country results are in!  
 Many of our students finished within the top 20, which is a great result. We got 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the U13 boys and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the U13 girls. Ms Newsome said; "Well deserved and well done to all our runners. It was a lovely morning at the cross country race with 13 of our Y7 and Y8 students."



## Extra-Curricular Timetable



### PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 1

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>After School</i>	Year 7 and 8 Rugby (RRG/DFT)	Year 9 Football (DFT)	Dance Club (KS3) (SSR)	Year 7 Football (DBN) Year 8 Football (TBC) Year 10 and 11 Football (RRG)	STAFF FOOTBALL
	Girls Fitness Club (JBL)	Girls Football (MBH)		Mixed Fitness Suite Club (JCW)	Girls Netball Club (JNE)
	Girls Netball All Years (HME)			Badminton Club (PNS) All Years	
<i>Twilight Classes</i>	Year 10 Twilight Dance (BTEC) JNE	Year 9 Twilight Dance (BTEC) JNE		Year 11 Twilight Dance (BTEC) JNE	



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## What's Happening?

### ***Dance, Dance, Dance***

We are very excited to announce that Northern Ballet will be working with us again this year.

Students will have the opportunity to visit the Grand Theatre to watch the ballet and take part in two workshops led by professional dancers.

