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Dear Parents/Carers,

I very much enjoyed speaking to a number of you at our annual Open Evening on Tuesday this week. In terms of visitors, it was the busiest Open Evening that Priesthorpe has ever had. It was great to be able to share our story, our key values and vision, and what makes Priesthorpe such an inclusive school, where the development of the whole child is at the heart of our work. We are at an exciting stage in our school improvement journey and are both grateful for and humbled by the interest and confidence in us shown by our local community.

By the time you read this Newsletter, we will have celebrated our second annual Community Day. I hope that many of you had the chance to join us. As I type, the weather forecast tomorrow is not great, to say the least! That said, I know that this will not in any way dampen or dilute the experience on the day; a fabulous opportunity to bring together local businesses, schools, charities and other organisations; all under the umbrella of fostering and further developing co-operative values within our community.

Have a great weekend.

Martin Blacoe

Mr Martin Blacoe, Principal.



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Tuesday 2nd October

KS4 Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 10th October

Post 16 – Open Evening

Tuesday 16th October

House Competitions 1

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Tuesday 23rd October

Y7 Mindset Trip – Group 1

Wednesday 24th October

Y7 Mindset Trip – Group 2

Thursday 25th October

Y7 Mindset Trip – Group 3

Friday 26th October

School Closes for Half-term



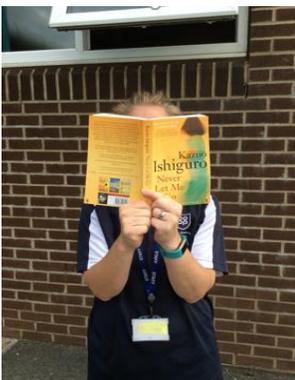
Everybody Reading in Class

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



This weeks recommended read – Mr Pratt

I loved 'GB84' by David Pearce. It is written by the same author who wrote 'The Damned United' and gives an interesting insight into the Miner's Strike of 1984- a milestone in recent social and political history. Pearce manages to merge fiction and non-fiction to create this excellent book.



Last week's reader was ...

Ms. Bicknell from our PE Department!



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Attendance Matters

New Year, Fresh
Start!

Better 3 hours too
soon than a minute
too late

William Shakespeare



Our Community Day - 2018

Today, Priesthorpe opened its grounds to local people, businesses and parents.

A Marquee was set up on the school field and by lunchtime was packed full of stalls, students and neighbours. The atmosphere was amazing, Punjabi Roots helped set the tone with their infectious music and dancing.

The day gave Priesthorpe the opportunity to demonstrate what we offer in our Academy. As a school, we always try our best to stick to our 4 core values; *Succeed together, Be yourself always, Show you care & Do what matters most*, and feel this event displayed our Academy at its best.

The food stalls went down a storm, with Tarte & Berry, My Ice-cream rolls and Fuel for Schools offering up some delicious treats, just to name a few.

What a fantastic but extremely soggy start to our school year!



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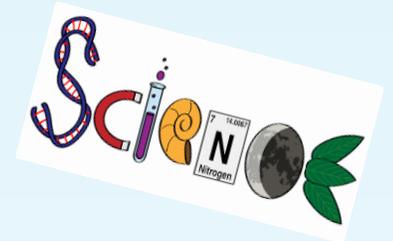
What's on at school?

Science Support Club

Mondays – 3pm-4pm

All year groups are
welcome

F10

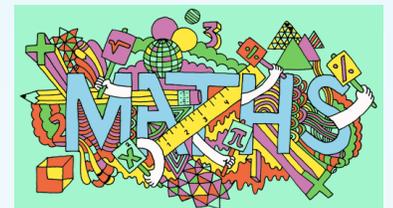


Maths Club

Tuesdays – 2.30-3.30pm

Y7 – Y10 go to F15

Y11 – go to F10



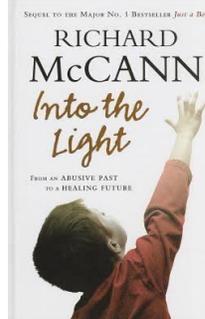
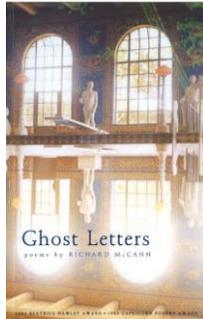
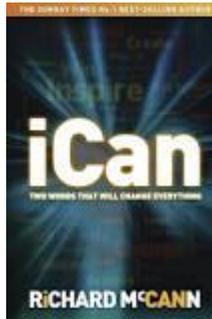
Personal Development Day 1

Our Personal Development day was a great success. It is a day when students are able to attend different workshops and activities.

Numerous companies and charities visited our school to share their expertise with our students. Visitors included, Teenage Cancer Trust, Live N Learn, Huddersfield University, Prevent, Road Safety and Blast.

Each year group attended different workshops and all students (with the exception of Y9) were able to attend the Key Speaker Presentation. This year we were extremely lucky to welcome author, *Richard McCann*.

Some of Richard McCann's published books include...



Our Y9 students enjoyed an intense but fun-filled day with Prison Me No Way. Activities ranged from discussing how choices we make can impact the rest of our lives, to seeing a real-life prison cell and meeting individuals who are currently serving time in prison for serious offences.



Our Personal Development Days are always well received by our students. It gives them the opportunity to experience a wide variety of activities and tasks they would not usually be able to access. Well done to all involved, it was a really enjoyable day!



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What's Happening?

Choir Practice

Mondays – 3pm-4pm

D3

All year groups welcome



Rockband

Tuesdays – 2.30-3.30pm

D3

All year groups welcome



Reminder – Please be prompt in returning E1 Forms

Just a reminder for parents/carers, please can you be prompt when signing and returning E1 forms for trips and visits. Many students are handing in the E1 forms on the day of their trip. This gives staff very little time to finalise plans for the day and produce a register for their outing.

We are getting a NEW Website!

We are excited to announce we will soon have a new school website. We are in the process of adding the final touches and we will be hoping to 'go live' later this month. We will keep you updated!



Want to know how and when to collect your exam certificates?

Examinations completed in Summer 2018

Certificates for examinations completed in Summer 2018 will be available from mid November 2018. You must arrange a time to collect certificates with Miss Trees, the Exams Officer. Should you be unable to collect these in person, please provide a letter, giving consent for someone to collect them on your behalf.

Examinations completed prior to 2018

Certificates for examinations completed prior to Summer 2018, should now be collected. The school is only obliged to store certificates for **two years**, so it is important that you collect certificates promptly upon completion of examinations.



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Work Experience

Reminder for Y10 and Y12 students

You need to return your Work Experience Interest Forms back to Mrs Davis before the **28th September**.

Spare forms can be found on Mrs Davis's desk in the OLC.

