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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your continued support as what has been an unusually long 15 week first term draws to a close.

As ever, we have packed a huge amount into the term, with students taking advantage of fabulous opportunities both within and beyond the curriculum. This week saw our annual Christmas Concert take place. Our Main Hall was packed out. It was great to see the overwhelming majority of our Year 7 students involved in the event, most of whom had no musical experience prior to joining Priesthorpe.

I hope you all enjoy the fortnight's holiday. Whilst for most members of our community this is a time of great celebration, for others it presents significant challenges. During my assemblies last week to students across the academy, I finished each one by setting students the target of giving 30 minutes of their time to someone less fortunate than themselves; an elderly neighbour perhaps, who may be lovely. Giving of our time is a fabulous gift at this time of year.

Please do enjoy your time with family and friends.
Happy Christmas and Happy New Year.

Martin Blacoe

Mr Martin Blacoe, Principal.



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Friday 21st December

School closes 12 o'clock for Christmas Break

Monday 7th January 2019

Training Day – School Closed

Tuesday 8th January 2019

School Opens - 8am

Thursday 10th January 2019

Bangra dancing and Dhol drumming classes begin

Tuesday 15th January 2019

Y11 Trial Exam Result Day
(Parents Welcome)

Wednesday 16th January

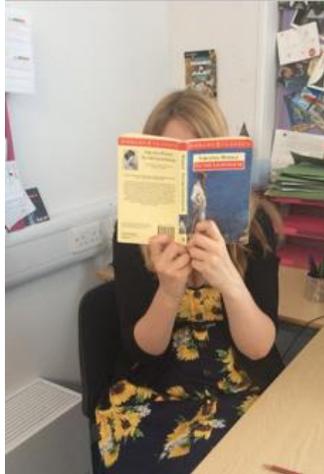
Ski Trip Information Evening
(6pm – School Hall)





Everybody Reading in Class

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



This weeks recommended read – Mr Duddridge

I loved 'The End of Eternity' by Isaac Asimov. It is a brilliant sci-fi novel; futuristic, exciting, linked to time travel and fantastic twists.

'East of Eden' by John Steinbeck is another excellent novel by my favourite author. Set in the Great Depression, this is a bleak and angry novel which critiques 1930s America. The characters are fascinating and the ending is devastating. If you loved 'Of Mice and Men', you will love this and 'The Grapes of Wrath' which is another amazing Steinbeck novel.



Last week's reader was ...
Mr Durant from our History Department!



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Attendance Matters

Better 3 hours too soon than a minute too late

William Shakespeare

Y7 – 95.9%

Y8 – 95.4%

Y9 – 94.1%

Y10 - 95.3%

Y11 – 93.6%

Overall School Attendance

94.9%





Just Perform

Our Y7 students took part in a fabulous musical performance on Wednesday evening. Our hall was packed and the atmosphere was fantastically festive!

Well done to all who were involved and helped once again to show Priesthorpe at it upmost best. Happy Christmas!



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**GCSE and A-level
certificates are
ready to collect.**

You are now able to
collect your GCSE
and A-Level
certificates from our
Data Office.

Please contact Miss
Trees or Mrs Singer
to arrange a time to
collect.

j.trees@priesthorpe.org

or

Phone the school office

0113 2574115



ArtForms Inclusive Christmas Singalong



A mixture of our Y7 SILC and Partnership students visited Pudsey Civic Hall last week to take part in an inclusive singalong organised by ArtForms. The morning involved lots of singing and dancing and a visit from Father Christmas! Mrs Brant, Head of Music, said; "A great time was had by all and the singing was X-factor worthy!"



We are going Cashless



Please can all parents be aware that when we return in the New Year, Priesthorpe will be operating as a Cashless School. This means all trips and equipment purchases will need to be made via Parentpay. Lunches must be paid for using Parentpay or the reval machines. Any parents who do not yet have a Parentpay code/ID are able to obtain one by calling the school office. Thank you for your ongoing support with these important changes.

Are you going on our Ski Trip in February?

There is a Parent Information Meeting taking place on,

16th January 2019

for our Ski Trip which is taking place in February 2019.

It will be held in our school hall and will start at 6pm.

Any queries / questions please contact Mr Andrews – trip leader.

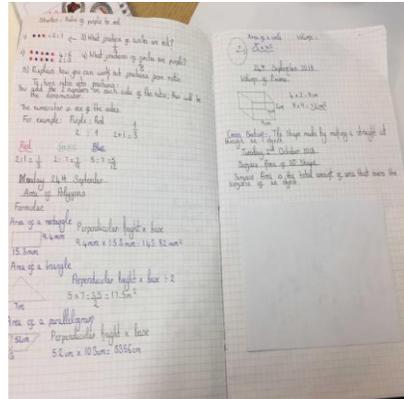
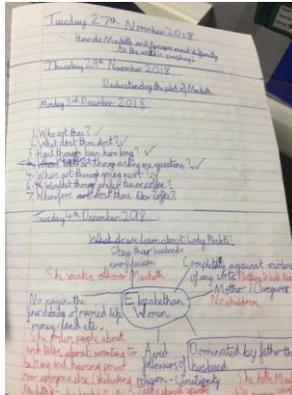
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Pride in Presentation Week



For the second time this term, we have celebrated excellent presentation in exercise books by awarding extra special, sparkly merits to students whose books follow our 'PRIDE' rules. Mrs Collins said; "Excellent work was seen in Science, Maths and English. Well done to students who maintain a high standard at all times!"



Student Council



The Student Council were out and about this week, they took a trip to the local Asda store to purchase some new book titles for the OLC library as part of a project they started earlier in the year. The OLC will be releasing the new titles in 2019.



Y11 Trial Exam Result Day

On Tuesday 15th January students will receive the results for all of their trial exams.

Once again, we are happy to invite parents to attend this event.

We will aim to make the experience as realistic as possible in order to prepare our students for their actual results day in August.

Letters have been sent home with an allocated time slot for you and your child. We hope you can attend and offer your support on this important day.

