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Dear Parents/Carers,

On Tuesday this week, we held our Year 11 Trial Exam Results Day in the Main Hall. This fixture in the calendar is designed to replicate our actual Results Day in August, and is a chance for students and parents to experience the emotions associated with picking up and opening a results envelope on the day.

The event was open to parents to attend and I was very appreciative of the numbers that supported the event. In many cases the parents were more nervous than their sons and daughters!

What this week's event provides is a milestone on a journey, which will end in just less than 5 months time. How each individual student responds now will be critical to their degree of success and achievement in the summer.

I spoke to students and parents about the two pillars of 'grit' and resilience; passion and perseverance. The coming months will not be easy, nor should they be. Success must be earned through hard work and choosing, at times, a difficult rather than an easy path. These 'behaviours' are as if not more important than actual exam grades in terms of future employability.

I wish all our Year 11 students well over this journey and, along with staff across the school, look forward to supporting them on it.

Have a great weekend.

Martin Blacoe

Mr Martin Blacoe, Principal.



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Wednesday 23rd January

Geography Field Trip 1
(Manchester)

Thursday 24th January

Geography Field Trip 2
(Manchester)

Wednesday 30th January

Personal Development Day 2

Thursday 31st January

Y13 Parents' Evening at
Pudsey Grangefield School

Thursday 7th February

House Competitions 3

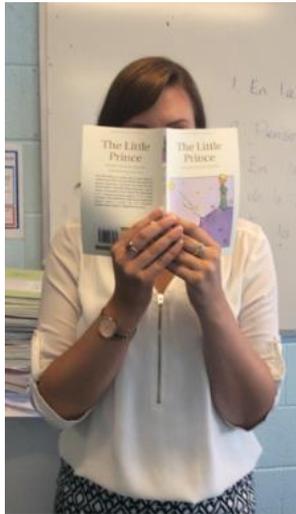
Tuesday 12th February

Y8 Options/Parents Evening



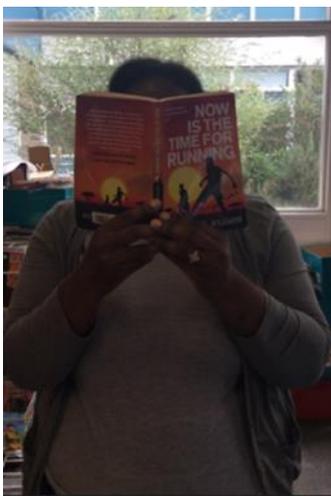
Everybody Reading in Class

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



This weeks recommended read – Mr Lipinski

Sharpe is a series of historical fiction stories by Bernard Cornwell centered on the character of Richard Sharpe. Cornwell's series is composed of several novels and short stories, and charts Sharpe's progress in the British Army during the Napoleonic Wars. I really enjoyed the smash-buckling, explosive action in this British historical series.



Last week's reader was ...

*Ms McKenzie from our
OLC!*



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Attendance Matters

Better 3 hours too
soon than a minute
too late

William Shakespeare

Y7 – 95.8%

Y8 – 95.2%

Y9 – 94.5%

Y10 - 95.5%

Y11 – 93.7%

**Overall School
Attendance**

94.9%



Leeds Indoor Athletics Finals



We just wanted to say a big congratulations and well done to all students who participated in the Indoor Athletics Leeds Final last week.

Ms Newsome said; "There were some fantastic races against some very tough competition, you should all be very proud of your performance."



Y7 Girls Football Results!

Earlier this week, our Y7 girls football team, Eva, Elsie, Ruqayyah, Alexa and Shreya competed in a 5-side tournament at Cardinal Heenan. 11 teams across Leeds took part for the chance to compete in the Regional Final.

Miss Butterworth said; "Our Y7 girls performed extremely well, they were nervous and excited after weeks of training and I couldn't have been prouder of how well they played. They finished 3rd, narrowly missing out on a place and were an absolute credit to the school. Well done girls! Next time, it's coming home."

Our Y11 Study Café Returns!

Our Study Café will be starting again next week. It will take place on Monday and Wednesday break times and is for Y11 only.

The intention is to provide a staffed area in which students can complete work and revise.

Mr Button, Assistant KS4 Leader said; "Last year was incredibly successful. The students that regularly attended gained excellent outcomes last summer".

Come along, there will even be free hot chocolate available!



Activity Weekend – February 2019



Education, employment and empowerment

Have a Go Activity Weekend

Free for young people aged 13 to 17 with a visual impairment

The Royal National College for the Blind (RNC)
Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 February 2019

Join us for a fun weekend!

- Try sports such as Goalball and VI football
- Art, music and drama
- Bowling, golf and lots more



Free overnight accommodation for accompanying adults/siblings

“We love this place, it is so empowering for the young people. The support mixed with the encouragement to be independent and try new things is unique and very special.” Dawn, mother from Sheffield.

For more information and to request a booking form:

Call 01432 376 621

Email info@rnc.ac.uk



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Ski Meeting – Not long now

There is less than 30 days until our School Skiing Trip!

There was a great turnout at our informative presentation evening earlier this week.

You can follow our school trip on Twitter.

@Priesthorpe_Ski

If you have any queries please contact Mr Andrews, trip leader.

r.andrews@priesthorpe.org



Our Dhol Drum Lessons are underway!



Some of our students have been enjoying learning how to play the Dhol drums with the help of Punjabi Roots Academy over the past few weeks.

Another great opportunity to try something different, learn new skills and make new friends.



Our Foretel Survey 2019 is up and running

Once again we are inviting Parent/Carers and current Priesthorpe students to take part in our Foretel Survey.

Your feedback is very important to us.

The survey should only take you 15-20 minutes to complete.

The deadline for completion is 30th January 2019.

Surveys have been sent home with students and are also available to access via our website.

