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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the Government's 2017/18 School Performance Tables were released. Many of you will be aware that the main measure used to calculate a school's position is something known as 'Progress 8'. This measures the progress that students make in a suite of 8 GCSE or GCSE equivalent qualifications.

The overwhelming majority of schools and academies nationally, achieve a score somewhere between -1 and +1. The national average for secondary schools is -0.02 and for sponsored academies, of which we are one, is -0.19. Our score of -0.04 represents strong performance in 2017/18 and, alongside our Post 16 A Level Value Added figure of -0.05 and Applied General also of -0.05, highlights what OFSTED would deem to be solidly 'Good' outcomes at both Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5.

A note of caution, however; Progress 8 provides one window onto the life of a school and its many moving parts. The development and nurturing of the 'whole child', not just academically, but also socially and emotionally, are key values running down the spine of Priesthorpe. The, empathy, respect, tolerance and resilience that we build in our students are at least as important as the qualifications they achieve, as building blocks to their future employability and contribution to their communities and beyond.

Have a great weekend.

*Martin Blacoe*

Mr Martin Blacoe, Principal.



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### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Personal Development Day 2

### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Y13 Parents' Evening at  
Pudsey Grangefield School

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February

House Competitions 3

2.30pm – 3.30pm

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Y8 Options/Parents Evening

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

School Closes 3pm for  
February Half Term

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

School Opens – 8am



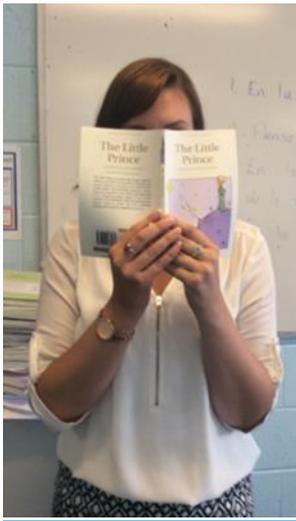
## Everybody Reading in Class

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



### This weeks recommended read – Mr Pickup

Heart of Darkness is a novella by Polish-English novelist Joseph Conrad, about a voyage up the Congo River into the Congo Free State, in the heart of Africa, by the story's narrator Charles Marlow. Marlow tells his story to friends aboard a boat anchored on the River Thames. This setting provides the frame for Marlow's story of his obsession with the ivory trader Kurtz, which enables Conrad to create a parallel between "the greatest town on earth" and Africa as places of darkness. This film 'Apocalypse Now' was created from this novel and the descent into madness in this novel makes it an amazing read.



Last week's reader was ...

*Miss Forster from our MFL Department!*



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## Attendance Matters

Better 3 hours too soon than a minute too late

William Shakespeare

**Y7 – 95.8%**

Y8 – 95.3%

Y9 – 94.6%

Y10 -95.6%

Y11 – 93.7%

### Overall School Attendance

**95%**



## Well Done Team Hockney!

Hockney are currently top of the house leader board. All members of Team Hockney were invited to the main hall last Tuesday break time where they received a free celebratory breakfast. Well Done!



## Y11 Geography Field Trip to Manchester



Our Y11 Geography students visited Manchester this week. They collected data on the regeneration of the Ancoats area of Manchester. The data will be used in the students GCSE coursework later in the year. They all did very well considering the arctic weather conditions!



## Our Y11 Study Café Returns!

Our Study Café has started this week.

It is taking 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; "You can earn Prom Card Points from attending the Study Café if you need a loyalty card please pop and see me".

Come along, there will be snacks available to buy and even free hot chocolate available!



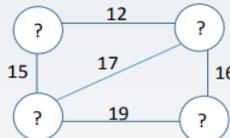
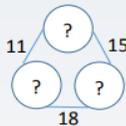
## Priesthorpe Puzzler

# The Priesthorpe Puzzler



## Slippery Circles

Find which numbers must be in the circles so that the totals given on the connecting line are correct.



**One merit for each correct solution.**

**Two merits for an algebraic solution.**

**Hand in your answers to your maths teacher.**

**Deadline: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**



Have your say with our Foretel Survey



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.

## Co-op Academy Fairtrade Conference 2019



Bean to Bar Workshop with The FIG Tree



Coop Academy Priesthorpe



A selection of our Y7 students were tasked with presenting at the Fairtrade conference yesterday. Last year our school worked really hard to raise awareness of Fairtrade. Co-op Academy Priesthorpe won a prize for being the best at achieving this across the Academy chain.

The prize was a 'Bean to Bar workshop' where student's made chocolate from cocoa bean to chocolate bar.

Miss Ferris, Head of Food Technology, said; "Yesterday the students presented what they did to over 120 other Coop Academy students. I was very proud of them and they were really well behaved and a credit to our school."