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Dear Parents/Carers,

In what has been an incredibly busy final week at the academy, our School Council have very much been put through their paces.

On Monday, at very late notice, a national ITN News crew came to Priesthorpe to interview myself and members of our School Council about a debate that was taking place in the House of Commons that day around whether or not schools, nationally, should consider later start times for students. Our School Council gave eloquent, balanced and very insightful opinions on the matter. If you didn't manage to see the clip, please follow the link below to a Youtube clip placed by ITN. It has had over 3,500 views already!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzY6k5k5WHo>

The School Council were back in action the following day when they met Steve Murrells, the Chief Executive of the Co-op Group. Steve's visit was a genuine privilege for Priesthorpe, and offered a great opportunity for Steve to see, first hand, how, as an academy and community, we are working incredibly hard, every day, to bring co-operative values to life. It also gave us chance to listen to Steve talk about the broader work taking place across the Co-op group, centred upon fostering and developing these very same values.

Thank you all for your continued support. I hope you have a restful Half Term with family and friends.

*Martin Blacoe*

Mr Martin Blacoe, Principal.



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

School Closes 3pm for  
February Half Term

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

School Opens – 8am

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Partnership Options Meeting  
(5pm)

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Careers Week

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Y9 Options/Parents' Evening

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

House Competitions 4

2.30pm – 3.30pm



## Everybody Reading in Class

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



### This weeks recommended read – Miss McCalla

Do you gaze into your washing basket and wonder how long it'll take to find a pair of socks? Behind this question is a world of maths that can be creative, surprising and sometimes even beautiful. Using playing cards, a newspaper, the back of an envelope, a Sudoku, some pennies and of course a pair of socks, Rob Eastaway shows how maths can demonstrate its secret beauties in even the most mundane of everyday objects. I just love how this book shows that Maths can be applied to everyday life.



Last week's reader was ...

*Mr Blacoe, our School  
Principal!*



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## Attendance Matters

Better 3 hours too  
soon than a minute  
too late

William Shakespeare

Y7 – 95.9%

Y8 – 95.2%

Y9 – 94.5%

Y10 - 95.5%

Y11 – 93.7%

## Overall School Attendance

95%



## Steve Murrells visits Priesthorpe

Earlier this week the CEO of the Co-op Group visited Priesthorpe. Some of our students were given the rare opportunity to meet and speak with Steve Murrells. Our Student Council gave their views and opinions around how our school is run. They discussed what has already been improved in our school, along with what requires further attention.

Mr Blacoe, Principal at Co-op Academy Priesthorpe said; "It was great to have the opportunity to sit and listen to Steve and hear about the great work that's going on across the whole Co-op Group; all underpinned by the same values that we are doing our best, every day, to uphold and develop. I felt proud to share key aspects of our journey since joining the Trust, and the high aspirations we have for all our students."



## New Secure Bike Park

Our Caretakers are always busy during school holidays improving and fixing things around our school site.

When we return next week there will a brand new secure bike park.

**There will be room for 40 bikes.**

The bike park will be situated at the back of the isolation unit.

If you have any questions please speak to one of our caretakers.



## Numeracy Quiz Winners!



Well done to everyone who entered this half terms Numeracy Quiz!

Our winners this time were;  
Year 7 - Riley

Year 8 - Ayman

Year 9 - Amina

Year 10 - Simran

The winners received a folder full of math's equipment, stationery and love heart sweets.

## House Competition Fun!

Students took part in our House Competitions last week. Many students tried new activities and had fun learning new skills during the hour session. The afternoon consisted of activities ranging from Badminton and football, Lego structure building and Mario Kart Tournament to Mindful colouring and Pom Pom making to name just a few!



## Y11 Trial Exams

Our Y11 students are now in their final few months at Priesthorpe.

Their trial exams are set to take place next month.

Exams will be held,  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March –  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
2019.

These exams aim to mirror the real thing and students will be expected to have the correct equipment and behave accordingly.

Please visit the link to view our exam timetable.

<https://priesthorpe.coop.academies.co.uk/exams-and-timetable-information/>



## Our Post 16 Learn First Aid



Many of our Post 16 students participated in a 6 hour first aid course this week. They covered areas such as CPR, the recovery position, how to deal with a choking casualty, severe bleeds, seizures and heart attacks. A big thank you to St. John Ambulance who delivered the course to our students.



## Ski Trip - 2019

Good Luck to the students who are going on the Ski Trip to Italy today.

It is set to be an amazing week for all involved.

Also, thank you to the staff members who are accompanying our students.

You can follow the trip on Twitter throughout the holidays.

Priesthorpe Skiing 2019  
[@Priesthorpe\\_Ski](https://twitter.com/Priesthorpe_Ski)

