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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Andrews and a team of 5 other staff who took a party of 37 Priesthorpe students to Italy for a week's skiing over the Half Term holiday.

Students and staff had a fantastic time and created many life-long memories. Having led activity trips abroad myself, I know, first hand, the weight of responsibility that falls on staff's shoulders when planning and undertaking a trip such a last week's to Italy.

This is one of many activities that go on beyond the school day at Priesthorpe, where staff give of their time freely to offer up opportunities to students that are fun, educational, and which help to develop the 'whole child'. I, as I know you will be, am extremely grateful for their going 'above and beyond' for our students.

Have a great weekend.

Martin Blacoe

Mr Martin Blacoe, Principal.



Co-op Academy
Priesthorpe

Monday 4th March

Careers Week

Tuesday 5th March

Y9 Options/Parents' Evening

Tuesday 26th March

House Competitions 4

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Friday 29th March

School Closes at 3pm

Monday 15th April

School Opens – 8am

Thursday 18th April

School Closes – 3pm

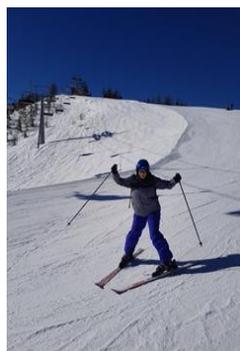
(For Bank Holiday – Good Friday)



Priesthorpe goes Skiing 2019 Ski Trip to Cesana Torinese, Italy.

Mr Pickup, one of our history teachers who attended the ski trip said;

“What a fantastic trip for pupils and staff. We spent a wonderful week sliding around the snowy mountains of Italy and France. Although it was a challenge to learn a brand new skill, everyone gave their all and can say that they have now skied down a mountain. It was such an amazing opportunity to be able to visit a foreign country with your school mates/colleagues and create new life long memories. I cannot wait for the next one!”



To view more photos you can visit our Ski Trip Twitter Account.

@Priesthorpe_Ski



Careers Week

4th March – 8th March

We have many exciting things happening throughout our Careers week.

Careers will be discussed in our coaching sessions.

We also have a brilliant careers fair organised.

There are various companies and higher education providers visiting Priesthorpe, included in the lineup we have;

- Royal Air Force
- West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Services
- NHS Leeds
- The University of Law
- Leeds City College
- Bradford College



Science in the News



Over 10,000 students walked out of school on February 15th to strike against climate change

Student's strike for climate change



The students were demonstrating against the government as they feel they are not doing enough to combat climate change



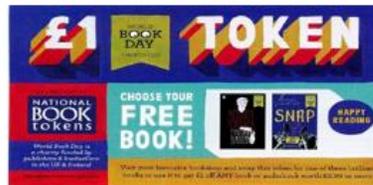
Have you noticed how warm it has been this week in February? It's been 20°C in some areas of the UK (average temperature is normally 7-9°C)

WORLD BOOK DAY - March 7th



World Book Day will soon be upon us again and students will be receiving their World Book Day tokens. We would really like parents/carers to get involved by encouraging students to exchange their token for either one of the 12 specially produced publications or use it as part payment for any fully priced book or audio book.

The tokens are worth £1 and valid from the 28th February to the 31st March. These can be used in any participating bookstore or supermarket. Every token exchanged for a World Book Day can earn a house point.



There are also fabulous competitions to enter including one that could send you and your family to the USA. For further details, checkout the world book day website; worldbookday.com.

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 11th March – Wednesday 13th 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/>





Co-op Academy Priesthorpe announced as School of the Year!

Every year at [Charanga's VIP Studio Sessions](#) they celebrate one school and announce them as the VIP School of the Year. This year's winner was us, Co-op Academy Priesthorpe! We have been supported by ArtForms Music, the lead partner for the [Leeds Music Education Partnership](#).

VIP Studio Sessions commented; "We have been blown away by the engagement the students have achieved delivering Grime projects with KS3 and also by the quantity and quality of music they have produced online and uploaded. Well done, a £500 music voucher is on its way to your school music department!"



Mrs Brant, Head of our music department said; "This is something everybody can do, it doesn't matter where you are in the community or society, whether your parents are rich or poor, it just suits everybody. The students can work on tracks in their bedroom and are not limited by funding or money. We're really proud of the effort the students put in. We are unsure what to spend the voucher on yet!"

The Momo Challenge

Important safety information for parents.

New 'challenges' are arising on the internet all the time.

The **Momo challenge** is a sinister 'challenge' that has been around for some time.

It has recently resurfaced and once again has come to the attention of schools and children across the country.

Dubbed the 'Suicide killer game', Momo has been heavily linked with apps such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, and most recently (and most worryingly) ... YouTubeKids.

Please follow the link for further information.

<https://priesthorpe.coop/academies.co.uk/downloads/momo-challenge/>

UK Maths Trust Team Challenge



Abbas, Aman, Chloe and Komal competed in the UK Maths Trust Team Challenge at Lawnswood School on Thursday. The students were tasked with solving incredibly difficult maths problems, competing against other schools. Mr Bradshaw, from our Maths Department said; "They represented Co-op Academy Priesthorpe with pride; their team work and resilience was a credit to our school ethos. The students should be incredibly proud of their achievements."

Polite Reminder – ParentPay

Please can parents/carers regularly check their child's ParentPay accounts to ensure they stay in credit. We have had many children falling behind with their payments and ending up in arrears. Thank you.

Our House Team Easter Challenge

This half term house leaders are running a design an Easter egg competition.

The Easter egg template can be collected from coaches or house leaders. There are also spares in the OLC.

The egg design should relate to the students house (this could be in the form of related colour or themes).

Each entry will be worth 10 points for the student's house and Easter eggs will be given as prizes for the top 3 designs per house.

The templates can be completed in coaching or in the students own time.

Good Luck!

