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Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday we welcomed the Year 6 students, who will be joining Priesthorpe in September, to our annual Transition Day/Evening. This is always a fabulous day in the Academy calendar, where over 200 students meet their Coaches, and take part in a variety of activities designed to familiarise them with our daily rhythms and routines. The mixture of nerves and excitement is great to observe.

I spoke to the parents and carers of the students in the evening, at a presentation in our Main Hall. The Hall has never been as full as it was last night. I thanked those there for their faith in Priesthorpe. We have the largest number of students ever joining us in September, with a significant number on the waiting list. I know, like me, you share the belief that values and behaviours driven school improvement is the correct and ethical pathway to success, not simply in terms of academic achievement, but also the social and emotional development of those within our community.

On a final note, can I please urge you to follow the hyperlink below to a Year 10 Partnership Group English Anthology. This piece of work has been overseen by our Higher Level Teaching Assistant in English, Mrs Fahy. Through patience and determination, she has worked with a group of students who have significant hurdles to overcome in their learning, and has shown that, when the bar is set high, anything is possible for all of our students. It is a fabulous piece of work. [Please click the link to view the work produced.](#)

Have a great weekend.

Martin Blacoe

Mr Martin Blacoe, Principal.

Monday 8th July

Y12 Work Experience Week

Tuesday 9th July

Sports Day

(Please be aware sometimes this day can slightly over run, but we do try to finish on time).

Welcome to Post 16 Day

(8.45am – 1pm)

Thursday 11th July

Personal Development Day 3

Monday 15th July

Y10 Geography Trip 1 – Leeds

Tuesday 16th July

Y10 Geography Trip 2 – Leeds

Wednesday 17th July

Presentation Evening

6.30pm – 8.30pm

Thursday 18th July

KS3 Trip to The Deep - Hull

Return to school at 4pm

Y10 – Work Experience- Out & About

Our Y10 students have been out of school attending their work experience placements this week. On the whole students enjoyed their placements and have really benefitted from having a taster of a 'real week at work'. Placements have ranged from Pharmacies, Schools, Leeds Beckett University, Solicitors and retail businesses. Whilst on placement, students have a visit from their coach, I think you will agree, they look very smart and represented Priesthorpe fantastically!



Are you joining our Sixth Form in September 2019?

Students who have already secured their place in our Sixth Form for September 2019 are invited to our '**Welcome to Post 16 Day**'.

This is taking place on Tuesday 9th July. It begins at 8.45am and finishes at 1 o' clock.

During this day students will meet staff members and be able to ask questions and raise any concerns they may have. They will experience sample lessons, which will hopefully give them an idea on what to expect and look forward to in September.

Please help us to keep our students safe.



POLITE SAFETY NOTICE

Can we please remind parents/carers NOT to turn right at the bottom of the school drive. We have recently had reports this is becoming a regular occurrence. Please help us to keep our students safe by only turning left when leaving school site.

Looking for a Sixth Form place for September 2019?

We have some spaces left in our P16 Provision!

If you are interested in joining us, please contact our P16 Team.

sixthformsupport@priesthorpe.org

You can apply online too. Visit our website and fill in the application form. Or if easier please click the link to take you to the

['Join Us – P16 Page'](#).



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Y13 Prom – The Class of 2019



Last night, Thursday 4th July, our Y13 students celebrated the end of their time at Priesthorpe with their prom at The Holiday Inn, Leeds-Bradford. This was the first Y13 prom in a number of years and it was a fantastic way to end their Priesthorpe journeys. Some of these students have been with us for 7, even 8 years and seeing them coming together as a whole year group was really special to witness. All students looked amazing and 'dressed to impress.' The evening started with a number of student awards, followed by messages from some of the staff who have taught them over the years. After that the dance floor was never empty and it was a really lovely, warm atmosphere. We wish them all the luck in the world as they venture into the big wide world. Good luck and take care!



Thank you for your continued support and patience with the implementation of our new catering till system. We know that the last few weeks haven't been without problems. Apart from a handful of students, the system is now 'talking' to Parentpay and the reval cash machines so that when pupils reach the tills they are showing the correct account balances. Similarly, Parentpay access for parents should accurately show an up to date balance. Please ensure that your child's Parentpay account is showing a positive balance before their lunchtime, otherwise they will not be able to purchase a meal from the dining hall. Only under very exceptional circumstances are our staff able to bend this rule. Thank you.
Mrs Guest
Finance Manager