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A very warm welcome to the start of a new academic year. I'd like to offer a particular welcome to those of you who have sons or daughters just starting Year 7; the beginning of an exciting five or seven year personal and educational development journey at Priesthorpe. Seeing our Main Hall full with 215 bright-eyed students with smiling faces, all sat with a mixture of excitement and nervous anticipation, is one of the highlights of my year.

Since I last wrote to you, our Year 11 and Year 13 students have received their exam results. I'm delighted to share with you that, for the second year in succession, we have achieved progress outcomes in line with national figures, and made improvements in a number of areas in the process. I'm particularly pleased that the outcomes for SEND and Pupil Premium students have improved for the second year in succession, and in maths, for the third consecutive year. The Maths Faculty's results are now significantly above the national average for the subject and the strongest in the Co-op Academies Trust. More details about the summer results can be found on our website in the 'Outcomes and Progress' section. I'm very much looking forward to the challenges and successes the new academic year will bring and thank you, in advance, for your continued support. People often talk of the unique warmth and positivity that welcomes them when they visit Priesthorpe. This does not happen by accident, and is a result of the strong team approach which exists between, students, staff and parents.

On a final note, can I please remind parents who drop off and pick up children at our Rockwoods entrance that an informal one-way traffic system operates. This ensures we minimise any congestion or inconvenience for our neighbours within the local community. Thank you for your support with this. Have a great weekend.

Martin Blacoe

Mr Martin Blacoe, Principal.



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Monday 9th September

P16 Lessons Start

Y13 Internal Resit Exams

Tuesday 17th September

Open Evening

(6pm – 8.30pm)

Friday 20th September

Personal Development Day 1

Thursday 3rd October

KS4 Parents Information Evening

Tuesday 15th October

House Competitions 1

2.30pm-3.30pm

Friday 18th October

Y8 Data to Parents

Monday 21st October

Tuesday 22nd October

Wednesday 23rd October

Y7 Mindset Set Trip 1, 2 & 3

Free Art & Design Club – Leeds City Council



FREE Art & Design Saturday Club @ University of Leeds National Art and Design Saturday Club, University of Leeds

****Applications now open for the 2019/20 Club!****

Leeds City Council are offering a Free Art & Design Saturday Club for 13 – 16 year olds which aims to nurture young people's talent and build their confidence and self-esteem.

Saturday Club members have the opportunity to attend over 20 weeks of inspiring classes over the academic year, experience a range of different disciplines using our specialist facilities, and, to exhibit their work in their own Summer Show at Somerset House, London. The Club is suitable for young people of all abilities with an interest in art and design. Participation in the Club is free of charge, this includes travel for any trips undertaken during the Club.

The deadline to express your interest in the 2019/20 Club is Monday 23 September 2019, places will be confirmed at the end of that week and the Club will commence on Saturday 12 October.

For further information and the expression of interest form please see our website <https://artsoutreach.leeds.ac.uk/whats-on-offer/saturday-art-club/> or email Sarah Harvey

Richardson S.H.Richardson@leeds.ac.uk

We are now a Cashless Academy

As we have communicated previously, our academy is now cashless (with the exception of dinner money, which can still be paid for using the cash reval machines). Over the next couple of weeks a number of departments will be selling text books, revision guides and equipment which, if purchased, will need to be paid for using Parentpay. Staff will be unable to accept cash. As there are still a number of pupils whose parents/carers have not activated their Parentpay accounts, we will be handing out activation letters and information next week in coaching sessions. If you have not already done so, please activate your account as soon as possible, or let Mrs Weldon in Reception know if you require a paypoint card. This is an alternative to Parentpay and can be topped up at your local shops.



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Polite Safety Notice

Can we please remind parents/carers NOT to turn right at the bottom of the school drive.

We have had reports this is becoming a regular occurrence. Please help us to keep our students safe by ONLY turning left when leaving the school site.



Fantastic Fundraising!



Last year our academy raised a fantastic £3,552 for various charities. The money was raised by lots of different events throughout the year, we have donated to: *Teenage Cancer Trust, Sports Relief, Children in Need, Just a Drop, Cancer Research, Comic Relief, Fairtrade and Save the Children.*

Thank you and well done to everyone who organised and donated to the fundraising events.

Dance News

Our Y10 and Y11 dancers are travelling to Co-op Academy Leeds on Tuesday where they will take part in an all-day dance workshop led by the professional dancer Melanie Smith. Miss Newsome, Head of Dance said; "This is a fantastic opportunity that will allow the dancers to develop their practical skills within the contemporary genre."



Looking for a Sixth Form place?

**We have some
places left in our P16
Provision.**

Are you interested in joining us? Then please contact our Post 16 Team who will help you.

sixthformsupport@priesthorpe.org

or

Post16support@priesthorpe.org

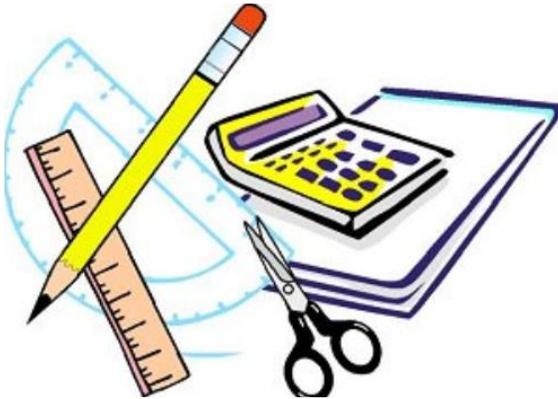
You can apply online too. Just visit our website and fill in the application form.

Or simply click the link below to be taken straight to all the information you need.

['Join Us – P16 Page'](#)

Maths Shop – every Tuesday

Every Tuesday students will have access to a Maths equipment shop. This will be based in F18. Students will be able to collect calculators, revision guides, Maths stationary and Maths equipment. All equipment/books etc. must be paid for before collection via Parentpay. If you have any questions please see Mrs Chaloner, Head of Maths.



Former student has become a Leeds Rhino!

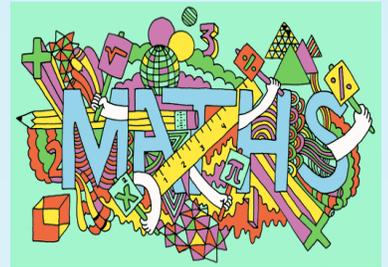
Former Priesthorpe student, Joe Hird was part of the Leeds Rhinos Academy whilst studying at our school. Joe found out in the summer break that he was one of a small number of players to be offered a two year contract with the Rhinos.



There is a short video of Joe available to watch on YouTube. Please click the link to view the footage. Well done Joe we wish you all the luck in the world with your new adventure!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-MLXV7MjWY>

Maths Hub



Our Maths hub starts next week!

The hub is a great way to catch up with your Home Learning or speak with different Maths teachers and get their help and advice.

Tuesday 2.30-3.30pm

F10 – Y11 students only

Thursday 2.30-3.30pm

F10 – ALL other year groups

Remember, you don't need to book, just turn up!