

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Thursday 23rd September 2021

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Summer Reading Challenge 2021

****Complete 6 or more challenges for a prize on return to school in September****

Read a book (fiction or non-fiction) about nature	Read a book set in another country (perhaps one you would like to travel to)	Read a book written before you were born
Read a book set in a school	Read some nature poetry and write a nature poem of your own	Read a graphic novel
Read a genre you don't normally choose	Read a book recommended by a teacher or adult family member	Read a book in one day!
Read outside on ten occasions!	Read a book which has won a children's book prize, such as the Carnegie, Waterstones prize or Smarties Book Award	Read a book from the recommended reading list (incoming year 7s specifically)



Pembroke #Curiosity

'Reading is what we do!'

Be sure to like our social media pages! Once we reach a thousand likes on our Facebook page we will run a prize draw of book-related goodies, to be chosen randomly at our Open Evening on Thursday 23rd September!

We are also running a [selfie competition](#), to see who can snap the best photograph with Pemby, the Pembroke Imp. All photographs should be submitted to the Pembroke Facebook page, with prizes awarded for the best selfies!

You have to be in it to win it #curiosity



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The Knighting #PembrokeValues



In June 2021, Mr Evans was finally able to keep good his promise to formally 'Knight' all the Pembroke students who have gained every single pledge since starting their Pembroke journey. The celebration: **outstanding demonstration of our values**. The destination: **London**.

Jack Searston, the first ever student to achieve all his pledges, now in Year 9, wrote a journal of the day's jam-packed activities:

We arrived at school for 7:00 and drove down to Newark to catch the 8:22 train to London. We could tell when we had reached the outskirts of London because the buildings began suddenly to get taller and more modern.

We arrived at Kings Cross at 10:00am. Now in London, we started our conquest and began with the Walkie Talkie building.

On our way, we visited St Paul's cathedral with its amazing dome piercing the skies. We also saw a monument to commemorate the great fire of London, showing the building where it had all started.

At last, we arrived at the Walkie Talkie building and made our way inside to experience the sky gardens on the top floor. Once we arrived at the gardens; we were impressed by the variety of different plants up there. The views were incredible- you could see just city for miles! We could see many famous landmarks too: Wembley stadium, the Shard, London eye, tower bridge and our next destination — The Tower of London.

The tower of London was a remarkably interesting building to look at, due to how it was so different to the modern skyscrapers that surrounded it.

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Seeing the different architecture throughout the city really showed how much we have developed throughout time: from the medieval castles; to the Victorian factories and housing; and now to the modern skyscrapers.

We then stopped for an ice cream and took in the views of the castle one last time. We spotted the befeater and Ms. Cooper managed to persuade him to take a picture with us, telling him that we were on a history trip!

After this, Mr. Evans went to look at boats at a nearby dock that overlooked the Thames. We, meanwhile, went into the gift shop. We ended up getting a little wooden sword— this will come in later! We then came out of the shop and went back over to Mr. Evans, who had bought tickets for a boat ride across the Thames.

We got on the boat and had a nice journey across the Thames. We went past the Shard and the London eye and saw the Walkie Talkie building that we just went to the top of. We got off at a dock opposite the London eye and made our way to the main event— **The Knights Templar.**

We approached the temple and were granted exclusive access inside the temple because of our reason for being there. Seeing the effigy of Sir William Marshal was an incredibly special moment and a highlight of the day. Here, we gave Mr. Evans the wooden sword we bought at the gift shop so he could properly knight us (*for some reason we were not allowed to bring our real one!*)

Next: the Houses of Parliament. It was again interesting to see this old style of architecture contrast with the modern skyscrapers all around. Past the houses of parliament, we came to Downing Street. It was strange to think that the leader of our country was in one of those houses right next to us. We also saw the Court of Justice, with its unique design.

By this point, we were quite tired so we decided to take a break and relax at St James Park. While we were there, William and Harry drove past in their cars, which were heavily protected by police, as they came from the event that they had just held.

Once we had regained our energy, we made a move around the park and towards our next destination— Buckingham Palace. We came across a tree that had loads of green parrots in! It was strange to see such exotic animals in London of all places. Carrying on our walk, we found some wooden statues of elephants. There was a good few of them, at least 10, all with their own names and appearances.

At last, we had reached Buckingham Palace. It was an incredible building and so much bigger in person— who needs that many rooms?! We tried to see the Queen, but she sadly wasn't in!

At this point, it was time to go. So we cut through Green Park and went to the underground. The train was extremely fast, and we only had 20 seconds to get off once it had stopped! Luckily, we were all off and back in King's Cross in a matter of minutes, and we were back in perfect time to have some tea and then catch the 6:05 train back to Newark. We arrived back at Pembroke at 8.10 pm., exhausted and buzzing with the momentous and long-awaited day we'd had!

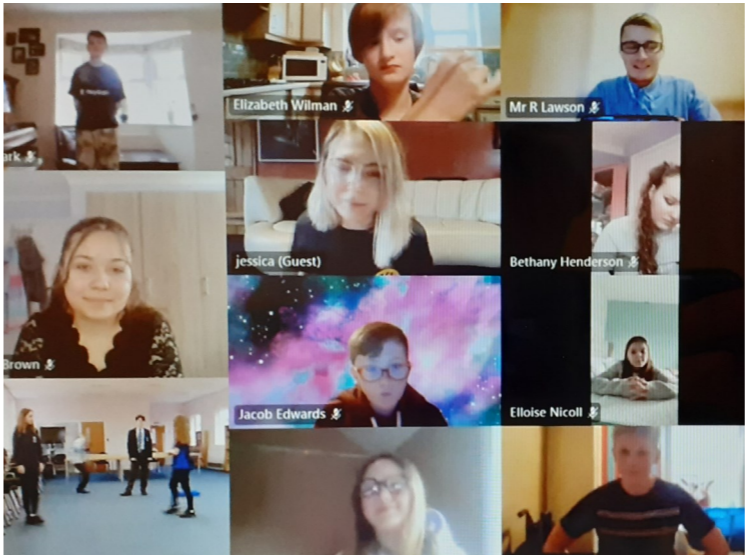
Jack Searston, Year 9



#Courage For Theatrical Creativity

Over the course of the second lockdown, Mr Lawson organised for students from different year groups to come together online and participate in a fantastic creative opportunity, working alongside REACH Performing Arts. Wednesday afternoons saw the transformation of the Drama studio and students' homes into a rehearsal space and with Jess and Jordan guiding us we displayed **#courage** and created our very own devised performance based on our lives in lockdown. Although we weren't all together physically, it was nice to 'stay in touch' with other students and share a collective passion for performing. I would highly recommend checking out Reach Performing Arts if you have a real passion for the arts!

Jacob Edwards, Year 8



#Curious About Our Reading Room?

Follow our brand new #bookstagram account to find out more about what we're up to in the Reading Room and what students recommend as their top reads. **@priory_pembroke_reads**



#Passion For Creative Writing

Pembroke hosted a creative writing workshop in July with Lincolnshire-based author Kerry Drewery as part of the Newark Book Festival. Select Year 7s and 8s were chosen to participate in the workshop. Kerry Drewery based her session around detective stories where she gave the group tips and tricks to help craft a good detective story, from including gun shootouts, cheating the system and police procedures.

All students who participated in the workshop were highly engaged and productive — with many producing a first draft of a short story!

Madeline Capps in Year 7 commented, 'the workshop was not only engaging but taught us a lot, allowing us to work together to create a great detective story! I would highly recommend Kerry's books; my favourite being *The Last Paper Crane*.'

Kerry Drewery herself took to Twitter after being blown away by Pembroke's **#Passion** for creativity!

Miss Michels



School Games [#AchievingTogether](#)

In July, a group of Pembroke pioneers set off for Yarborough Leisure Centre. You could sense the anticipation in the air as the mini bus arrived. We were the first of nine schools to arrive and we were feeling determined for the day that waited ahead of us.

We decided to take part in this trip to help boost our confidence within PE lessons, as well as exploring a wider range of activities that we would not usually have the opportunity to try. The day was filled with a number of activities: wheelchair basketball, football, golf, netball, dance, skipping and boxing. The clear favourite among the whole group was wheelchair basketball as it was something completely new to us all and very different to the sports we currently take part in inside school.

My top three activities of the day included wheelchair basketball, netball and boxing. These were all extremely enjoyable, and through taking part, helped me to develop a clearer understanding and appreciation for the sports. Wheelchair basketball was by far the best activity on offer because we were able to work together in teams and it was highly entertaining. It was very interesting using the wheelchair as you have to think very carefully about the movements you wanted to make and really made me think about how easy the sporting professionals make it seem—it definitely takes time and practice!

Although the weather brought about a miserable end to our fun-filled day, everyone involved in the organisation of the day remained highly positive, keeping us motivated right up until the end of the day.

We are extremely grateful for the opportunity that has been given to us and very much look forward to the next event!

[Kelcie Jarrold and Teigan Blood, Year 9](#)



Sports Day



Thursday July 15th marked the first of two days Pembroke spent under the rays — the first major event that we've held since the easing of restrictions. Not only was it the first time the entire school has been together in 16 months, but it also saw the first win for De La Haye (the best house — only joking!) and triumph for Mr Selby and Mrs Coggan (pictured above) with the sports day trophy.

From the shotput, to egg and spoon race, to the final relays, students demonstrated heaps of [#courage](#), [#passion](#), [#curiosity](#) and [#generosity](#) for the races. Particularly the notorious ski slalom (pictured right), devilishly difficult to get right and once or twice requiring the [#wisdom](#) of some staff to get going! As well as good sing-a-long to all the pop hits blasted by our current DJ-in-house, Mr Lawson, students cheered and shrieked from the sides, supporting their houses while enjoying some ice lollies. A truly spectacular sight, something that we have all missed over the last 16 months.

Long may De La Haye reign!

[Miss Farrell](#)



#HotChocolateFriday



#HotChocFri is a staple of life here at Pembroke. Throughout your time in school, teachers will nominate students who regularly go above and beyond both in and outside of the classroom. This year alone, we have had over 100 recipients all earning the coveted #HotChocFri badge and joining the exclusive club. It's not just students that can earn their badges, staff also have the chance to show #passion #generosity #courage #wisdom and #curiosity, displaying that they too represent the #PembrokeValues

Mr Lawson



Pembroke at the Beach!

"July 16th: we're all going to beach." Announces Mr Evans. Everyone looks around at one another with uncertainty. Surely he can't mean all of us — staff and students — with the rollercoaster year of disruption, restrictions, testing and remote learning that we've had? ***Surely it would be too good to be true?***

But Pembroke at Mablethorpe beach was a tradition that began in 2019, — a celebration of everything Pembroke is about, inclusive of everyone — and the Pembroke staff were determined, as Mr Evans says, to "make it work". And make it work we did.

The moment the trip was announced to students, the room lit with anticipation. Every day since, there have been fevered discussions about the sandy stretches of Mablethorpe. Arriving there did not disappoint. Stepping off the coach into a wall of solid sunshine, we walked until the path gave way to light sand and the ocean breeze mixed with the sweet smell of just-hot fresh doughnuts.

We gathered on the sand, and suddenly: it was summer.

The next few hours were students racing for the shore, squealing in delight as foamy sea water enveloped their ankles, digging in the sand (some with an incredible show of Pembroke #passion), a plethora of fish and chips, dizzying fairground rides, throbbing pop music, jingling arcade slots and Mr Whippy dripping over fingers.



The day represented something we could never have dreamt of, back at the beginning of February, joining the lobby for the fourth lesson that day on Teams, glancing out the window to sleet yet again spreading over the windows. That beach day in 2019 seemed like a distant dream.

It was everything Pembroke needed — and everything Pembroke deserved. Students returned base camp on the beach with hands full of shells, of arms laden with prizes —of both the fluffy and sweet variety — with tans that were the work of hours, and reporting, with flushed cheeks, "I think I've eaten too many doughnuts."



"Just so long as you ate them after you went on the rides." Was the perennial reply.

Pembroke at the Beach will continue to be an annual tradition, celebrating all the #PembrokeValues that are shown, day in day out in school — in the big ways and small, in every single student and staff member. It was a trip that was a testament to our motto, never more relevant or important than in a year like this: ***#achievingtogether.***



Miss Farrell

