

Christian Houghton - Class of 2001

Christian Houghton is the eldest child of Priory's afternoon receptionist, Mrs Houghton, and has gone on to be very successful in his chosen career as Geotechnical Engineer. Christian was inspired into this career path because of Mr Watters, who was his Geography teacher at Priory.

Always up for a challenge, earlier this month Christian took part in an epic trial with his three gym buddies when they decided to do the 'Rat Race', a 105 mile Coast to Coast endurance event in the Scottish Highlands.

Competitors had to do six physical challenges including a 21 mile run (14 of them up a mountain), a 82 mile cycle (both off and on road), and a one mile kayak - all to be completed in 13 hours!

Christian said, "We just managed it in 12 hours 55 minutes!!!"

"At times through the day we all had our moments but we stuck together and got each other through the tough times. Although I found it hard I had to remember the charity we were raising money for, Children with Cancer UK.

The exhausted former pupil continued: "It was the event's chosen charity; they work with children who have to deal with their challenges every day and this put my own challenge into perspective. My main objective was to raise funds for this great cause who don't receive any government funding and we are so grateful that so far we have raised almost £4,500."

Photo: Christian, far right of picture, with his three team mates.

