

Ciaran Henshaw - Class of 2009

Penwortham Priory Academy maths department has certainly got their sums right after a former pupil returned to teach.

Ciaran Henshaw, 25, is a former Priory pupil and has gone full circle to return to the school he left in 2009.

“I was always good at maths, Mrs Butler taught me but she has since left,” said Mr Henshaw.

“In Year 10 I went to St Stephens, my former primary school, on work experience and I have always wanted to be a teacher since then.

“I went to Cardinal Newman and studied maths when I left Priory and Mrs Butler and Catherine Clarke, the maths teacher at Cardinal Newman, had the biggest influences on me.

“I then went to the University of Northumbria and did my PGCE as Newcastle University. I got a job at St Thomas More in Newcastle and worked there for three years but decided to return to Preston.

“I wasn’t sure about returning to Priory at first as I wasn’t the best behaved at school! But when I went for my interview, I immediately wanted the job, with a young and vibrant maths department who are passionate about their work.



“There were a few familiar faces in the staff room who couldn’t believe I had become a teacher, as many remembered me whether they had taught me or not due to my behaviour, but I love it here.”

Mr Henshaw admitted it is a bit deep but said: “Maths is the language of the universe. The more you learn, the better you understand things that you thought you already knew!”