

Penwortham Priory Post



Year 9 Discover Languages At Work

Year 9 pupils learned how a foreign language could be vital to their careers in a successful 'Make Languages Work' event held last Friday at Priory.

Head of Languages, Mrs Scully, split the day into two parts with the aim to show how languages can be used in a range of careers.

"There was something for every pupil," said Mrs Scully. "We had Lee Deaville who produces video footage and he had created pieces for Liverpool Football Club. He talked about how they had to get a translator in to help them because of the language barriers with some players. Some of the pupils were hooked by that!

"We also had a visitor who had worked with Primark, travelling Europe, and she said being fluent in Spanish was vital for her to do her job so I think it made some of the pupils aware of how valuable learning a language can be."

One half of the day included presentations in Chinese with the Confucius Institute at UCLan, a 'hands on' session in British Sign Language, and a presentation from Médecins Sans Frontières where they talked about the value of different languages and the need for translators in the Third World.

The second part was a career speed-dating session which was popular. The hall was filled with tables and the Year 9 pupils moved around to engage with each of the visiting organisations.

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Key Dates

Diary Dates

Did you know that the term dates for the academic year are available to view and download from our website?

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates

Dates for 2024-25 and 2025-26 academic years are available too.

Tues, 5 and Weds, 6 December 7pm
Legally Blonde

Weds, 13 December
Christmas lunch served in the dining room
Hamilton The Musical Trip, Manchester

Mon, 18 December
Year 11 Parents Evening (online)

Fri, 22 December
End of Autumn term
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

Mon, 8 January 2024
Start of Spring term

Tues, 16 January 2024
STEAM Careers Fair (in school)
Year 11 Preston College interviews

Fri, 19 January 2024
Rewards trip

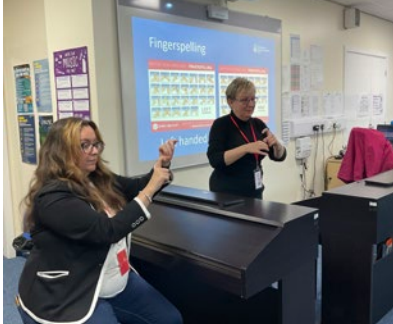
Weds, 31 January 2024
Year 9 Parents Evening (options) (online)

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There was a huge range of people available to chat to about their jobs and the importance of different languages to their roles.

They included: Sarah Cutts Translation, who specialises in Spanish and French to English translation of legal, academic and commercial documents.



A magician talked about how he had to speak four different languages for his shows while Sarah Eastham, a language teacher, talked about living in Tenerife and teaching English there.

Mr Taylor's parents are involved with food and wine from Europe and they chatted about the importance of languages for their business while Lee Deaville was the video producer and director who included Liverpool FC in his talk.

There was a guest who worked on cruise ships, TESOL from UCLAN (teaching English to speakers of other languages), Arabic with Nadja L'Bakkari, a representative from the army and also someone who could speak Japanese, Russian and German.

"There was a varied range of jobs to show the Year 9s," continued Mrs Scully. "We also had good feedback saying how engaged the children were and how well-behaved they were."

"There was something to grab everyone's attention."

Sarah Cutts, who is a parent of a Year 7 pupil at Priory, said: "It's great to be invited back to Priory, as a translator and a parent. Languages have always been my passion, so I am keen to promote careers in translation and other language related professions as much as I can."

Thank you to our Year 10 & Year 11 pupils who supported the event and made our visitors welcome.

Oli H, Josef H, Kayleigh B, Henry W, Cameron H, Sam D, Preston McM, Ella G, Navah T, Jolie T, Chloe W, Sophia T, Summer W, Ruhm S, Max B, Indra J, Connie B, Imogen H, Charlotte M, Layla H, Darcey K, Taylor S, Geetha D-R



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The Countdown Is On!



If you've missed all the hype so far, this is a reminder that it's our musical performance of **Legally Blonde** next Tuesday and Wednesday evening... and you're all invited!

As usual we also have a Christmas raffle and funds raised will be directly invested into the refurbishment of the Assembly Hall.



Tickets for the show and the raffle are available to purchase via SCOPay, reception or on the door on the night (cash only).

For a preview of what's in the Christmas hamper or for further details about the show, please click on the links below.



www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2023-11-05-legally-blonde-tickets-now-available



www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/fundraising-priory/school-production-raffle

Thank you in advance for your support.



Tuesday,
5 December and
Wednesday,
6 December



Adults £8 | Concessions £6 (children 16 years and under / adults aged 65 and over)

Tickets can be purchased via SCOPay for pupils to collect from the school office the next day, or they can be bought with cash from Reception.

Members of the public, friends and extended family are also extremely welcome. Tickets will also be available on the door, subject to availability. Cash only, thank you.

Find our more at>>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2023-11-05-legally-blonde-tickets-now-available

Penwortham Priory Academy
Presents

LEGALLY BLONDE
The Musical JR.



Tuesday 5th December
Wednesday 6th December
Starts 7pm

Adults £8 | Concessions £6

Tickets available via SCOPay or Reception (cash only)

Based on the novel by Amanda Br...
And the Metro-Goldwyn-Ma...

Next Week!

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Pupils Who Cycle To School...

Important Notice



We would like to remind pupils who cycle to school that they must use their lights during the dark winter mornings and when returning home from school.

It is also compulsory to wear a helmet and have a bike that is in a roadworthy condition, with working brakes.

The images opposite were taken by a member of the public this week and, as you can see, it is difficult to spot the cyclist, worryingly putting them in danger.

We conduct regular checks to see that these rules are being adhered to. If a pupil is found to be not following any of these rules, the right to bring a bike into school may be withdrawn.

Bikes can be stored in the bicycle sheds provided, however, the school is not responsible for the security of cycles and a strong lock is essential.

We are sure that parents will support us in ensuring that the cycle journey to school is as safe as possible for their child.



HUMANITIES COMPETITION

**COMPETITION
-TIME-**

Design a Postcard

Produce a new design for the Humanities reward postcards.



The winning artwork will be used by the Humanities teachers to send praise home to parents. There are prizes to be won and you can win points for your House.

Your design must:

- Be A4 landscape
- Include at least one link to Geography, History and RE
- Have the word 'Humanities' on the front

**Entries to Mrs Cauchi by
Friday, 15 December 2023**

Don't forget to write your name on the back!



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Pennortham
Priory
ACADEMY 1948-2023

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Mrs Elliott's Recommended Read

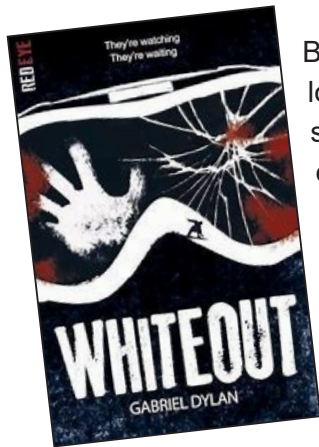
Whiteout by Gabriel Dylan



'She sat us all down and told us a story. About things that lived in the woods. Things that only came out at night.'

For Charlie, a school ski trip is the perfect escape from his unhappy home life. Until a storm blows

in and the resort town is cut off from the rest of the world. Trapped on the mountain, the students (along with mysterious ski guide Hanna), wait for the blizzards to pass.



But as night falls and the town's long buried secrets begin to surface, the storm is the least of their problems....

I loved this book! If you like horror, pace and gore then this is for you. Horror is a tricky genre to write well, but Dylan has produced a fast paced and exciting read

that will keep you gripped until the very end.

This would make a great Christmas gift for a Year 9-11 pupil!

Recommend Age: Year 9+

Mrs Elliott
English Teacher

Overdue Library Books



Please could pupils return their overdue library books.

We have over 250 books due to be returned and numerous others that are simply 'missing'. Thank you to those that have returned theirs already. Please check all your nooks and crannies as we are missing £100s of pounds worth of stock.

Simply hand your book in at the Librarian's desk or pass it back to your English teacher.

No questions asked and no sanctions will be given - we just want the book back so others can have the pleasure of reading them.

Thank you for your support.

The English Department

Year 11 College Applications



Year 11 pupils will be given access to the ICT suites during their PE lessons over the next two Mondays so they can complete their college application forms.

Pupils must know which colleges (we recommend a minimum of two) and which courses (this can be changes at a later date if they are unsure) they want to apply for. We aim to have all college applications completed before the Christmas holidays.

Week 1 to 4 of their Learning for Life lessons this half term has covered the topic of applications. Pupils will have also completed a mock college application and apprenticeship application. They should have these to hand when completing their online applications over the next two Mondays.



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From Pupil to Teacher: Mr Walsh



Mr Walsh has turned from a Priory pupil into a Priory teacher – and loves it!

History teacher Mr Walsh left Priory as a pupil in 2006 and has returned as part of his PGCE until December.

“I actually thought it would be weird coming back to the school I used to go to but Priory has changed so much that it hasn't been like that at all.

“My inspiration to be a teacher came from English teacher Mr Wall and my best memories of Priory are of the teachers.

“There aren't many left from when I was here although Mr Watters popped in this week and Mr Eastham was the PE teacher when I was at school.

“I am enjoying my role here. I studied History at Oxford University and then travelled, teaching English as a second language in Russia and Japan. I think it was then I knew that I definitely wanted to be a teacher.



“I am currently doing my PGCE at Cardinal Newman College and I will teach A-Level History there from January although I am still deciding what level I want to teach at.”

English Department

New Books in the Library

Mrs Elliott has been doing what she likes best - buying books for the library!

Over 100 books have been added over the last week and are now out on the shelves. The next wave to hit the shelves before the end of the term or so will include some of your favourites, from the football books by Matt and Tom Oldfield to Kinney's Wimpy Kid series, new Treehouse books and lots more.

Give the library a visit to grab your favourite books!

Ps Please remember to look after the books you borrow.



Mrs Elliott
English Teacher & Chief Librarian

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Pupils Shoot The Hoops For House Competition



HOUSE
COMPETITION



During Thursday lunchtime, the Houses went head to head once again.

The fourth 'just for fun' event took place in the sports hall where pupils were challenged to shoot the hoops as many times as they could within a minute.

One volunteer from each form made a team of six, with reserves and spectators at the sidelines.

House Leader, Mr Raynor, said, "The players could shoot as many times as possible, all at once or one at a time. The team with the highest score will win."

As well as having fun, volunteer pupils honed their communication and teamwork skills as they get to work with pupils from other year groups belonging to the same House that they wouldn't normally interact with.

Special mentions to:

Ribble: Christopher, Alfred, Tobias, Noah, Joe, Mahir, Cameron, Junior

Hodder: Kai, Yaseen, Ted, Alexa, Josef

Douglas: Connie, Alice, Thomas, Henry, Lucas, Joel

Calder: Oscar, Marshall, Freddie, Jack, Alexander

Congratulations to Mr Raynor's Ribble who scooped the net the most times (seen below with Pedro!)

1st Ribble (44 hoops)

Joint 2nd Hodder & Calder (22 hoops each)

3rd Douglas (16 hoops)



The scoreboard is now as follows:
Ribble's gold has helped to push them up into 3rd and Calder have increased their lead a little bit further with another silver.

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Calder	4	5	3
Hodder	4	2	6
Ribble	2	4	6
Douglas	2	3	7



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Year 9 Pupil Who 'Spotted' Something To Do In His Spare Time



Year 9 pupil Yaseen is hoping to become a TikTok sensation like his trainspotting hero Francis Bourgeois.

Luke Magnus Nicolson is otherwise known as Francis Bourgeois (image below) and is a British trainspotter, social media personality, model and author.

His social media accounts have millions of followers as he posts light-hearted and humorous videos about his love of trainspotting.

Priory's Yaseen has just started his own TikTok account about his love of trains and, with his own unique style and enthusiasm, he is hoping his will become popular as well.

"I live near the bridge in Farington so I started going there and watching trains. There are a variety of freight trains, and the 92 is really big, and also there are a number of steam trains which are always popular.



"There are rare trains - the 37, 47 and Class 50.

"I use Realtime trains which provides information about trains on the UK network so I always know what is running and at what time. It's 24/7 so you can track them all.

"I follow Francis and admire what he has done. He posts a lot of videos.

"I started my own TikTok account and I have 100 followers in less than a month.

"Trainspotting is fun, there is a lot of hanging around, but it makes me happy."



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Mrs Elliott's Cool Readers Club

Here's what our Cool Readers Club is all about...

These are our reading stars put forward by their English teacher. We interview them about their current book, what they like reading about and what they like to do when they're not reading.

Introducing, Chittara...

Chittara is a true friend – she is reading a book which she wouldn't normally select but was gifted to her by a friend.

"It's not really to my taste but I feel like I should read it as it was a present from a friend when I left India," said Year 10 Chittara, who moved to Penwortham Priory Academy from India three months ago as her dad got a job at BAE Systems.

"It's called 'Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe' and is about two friends who don't fit in well and they realise how much they like each other but they can't say it.

"The books I choose to read are usually philosophy or poetry, books with good vocabulary and a bit more serious.

"I enjoy reading and do read a lot although haven't been able to read as much as I would like recently as I have a lot of school work.



"My favourite subject is Engineering (NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Engineering) and I also enjoy English and Maths.

"I would like to be an aeronautical engineer in the future but I would like to do a Masters in Business to keep my options wide open."

Mrs Elliott
English Teacher & Chief Librarian

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Chilli Challenge Winners



Douglas have swept the board for number of entries and winners this week!

Year 7	Pharoah B	D1
Year 8	Zara W	D1
Year 9	Freya Y	D3
Year 10	Agnes K	D3
Year 11	Devon S	Douglas

Mrs Cowell has distributed chilli tokens to pupils in Form time this morning for them to claim their free breaktime snack from the dining rooms.



The leaderboard for the number of entries looks like this:

1st	DOUGLAS
2nd	CALDER
3rd	RIBBLE
4th	HODDER

Don't forget to pick up your next challenge sheet from the post boxes in your dining areas. There are three challenges to complete, each one with an increasing difficulty, and pop your answers in your year group post box.

Mrs Cowell
Vice Principal

English persist list



Address	Doesn't	Rhyme
Aggressive	Embarrassed	Rhythm
Because	Enjambement	Separate
Believe	Hyperbole	Successful
Caesura	Implies	Tension
Colloquial	Mischievous	Unnecessary
Connotation	Necessary	Weather
Definitely	Onomatopoeia	Weird
Disappear	Receive	Whether
Divide	Responsibility	Withhold

Maths persist list



Alternate	Forty	Quadrilateral
Angle	Height	Rhombus
Approximately	Isosceles	Scalene
Chord	Metre	Similar
Circumference	Median	Simultaneous
Column	Ninth	Symmetry
Correlation	Parallel	Tessellation
Discrete	Perimeter	Translation
Enlargement	Perpendicular	Trapezium
Fibonacci	Prism	Triangle

Year 11 Parents Evening

Monday, 18 December

Booking Opens at 5.30pm Tonight

To facilitate these events we use a web-based program called 'SchoolCloud Parents Evening'.

The link for Year 11 parents to book their slot will open this evening and a text will be sent as a reminder.

Full instructions on how to book and attend appointments, can be downloaded from the school website www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters.

In addition, a tutorial video can be viewed by

clicking on the link>>

<https://vimeo.com/473882995>

The link to access the event is the same link you use to book your appointments, as follows:

<https://penworthampriory.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

To enable teachers to meet with as many parents/carers as possible, each appointment slot will be five minutes long. The appointments automatically stop after this time and teachers cannot extend the call.

If you wish to meet with your child's teacher for further discussion after this, please arrange this with them during the session or via email at a later point. If you would like to speak to another member of staff, please feel free to contact them direct. A full email list can be found via our website at

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list





Christmas Lunch

Menu

Wednesday, 13th December

Served in the Dining Room (all year groups)

Roast Turkey

or

Cheese & Onion Pastry

Both served with all the trimmings

£2.15



Sticky Toffee Pudding

Served with double cream (optional)

or

Mince Pie

60p

Served in the Bistro (all year groups)

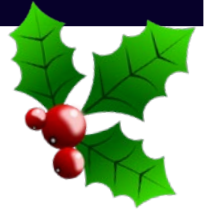
Chicken Wraps | Paninis | Jacket Potatoes

Online ordering options as normal. Break served as normal.

Two Course Meal only £2.75



PENWORTHAM
TOWN COUNCIL



Penwortham Christmas Markets

6pm to 9pm

Liverpool Road

Wednesday, 13th December

Come and see us under the Priory gazebo where we'll be selling Christmas decorations and other wares lovingly made by the Technology department.

Kingsfold

Pope Lane & Hawksbury Drive

Monday, 4th December

Middleforth

Penwortham Sports & Social Club Car Park, Leyland Road.

Wednesday, 10th December

This week's winner...

Congratulations to 'Mrs B'!

By taking part in our lottery, the pupils here at Priory will benefit directly regardless of who wins as every penny raised goes straight back to our school. Tickets are only £1 and there is a guaranteed cash winner for one of our supporters each week plus the chance to win £25,000 in the national jackpot!

Play along! It's easy to get your tickets online - only £1 each.

You can choose to set up a direct debit, a recurring card payment or a one-off payment by card (the minimum term for this is 5 weeks at £5). If you're able to take part, please visit our 'Your School Lottery' page to purchase your tickets >>

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/penwortham-priory-academy



Next Draw
Saturday
2 December

Penwortham
Priory
ACADEMY



1

JOIN OUR LOTTERY



2

BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



3

WIN CASH PRIZES



It's As Easy As



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot

To start supporting, visit:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Penwortham Priory

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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Barnardos

Lancashire Link Christmas Drop-in

What: Come along to the Christmas Drop-in for parents/carers and children and young people – a place and time to have a chat with one of the social prescribers who will be available to give confidential advice and offer signposting to support emotional health and wellbeing for your child/teenager. Gain support for a range of emotional health and wellbeing needs including anxiety, emotional regulation, self-esteem and confidence, friendship issues, goal setting to name a few.

When: Tuesday, 5th December 3-5pm

Where: Longton Library

* The Adult Social Prescriber for Preston and South Ribble and the Care Co-ordinator will also be available at the drop-in should any parent/carer wish to access support for themselves or other adult members of their family.

This event is open to everyone regardless of which GP families are registered with.

See poster opposite for details

Preston & South Ribble Primary Care Network
Working together for our patients

LANCASHIRE LINK DROP-IN

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS ON OFFER

COME AND HAVE A CHAT WITH THE ADULT AND/OR CHILDREN & YOUNG PERSON'S SOCIAL PRESCRIBERS ABOUT WHAT WE CAN OFFER TO SUPPORT YOU/ YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

NEXT **5TH** TUESDAY DEC 3.00-5.00 PM LONGTON LIBRARY.

- CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE
- SIGNPOSTING TO SERVICES

Believe in children Barnardos

LINK Building local links that matter to you

Lancashire Football Association

Young Influencer Programme



Interested in being a Change Our Game influencer?

Want to revolutionise football with Lancs FA?

Want to influence grassroots football in Lancashire?

Similar to a youth council but more exciting, engaging and will actually give young people a say on their game.

Let Lancs FA know if you're interested here.....

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/98983e62662f4ff8a321a3a70bede32b>

Open to 11-18 year olds only (girls and boys).

CHANGE.OUR.GAME C.O.G

CAN YOU BE AN INFLUENCER FOR FOOTBALL IN LANCASHIRE?

Are you 11-18 years old and keen to be an influencer to feed back and directly impact the game?

Revolutionise football with us.

SCAN ME

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South Ribble Leisure Centres: What's On For Young People Plus 50% Off Activities



South Ribble Leisure has four centres; Leyland Leisure Centre, Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre, South Ribble Tennis and Fitness Centre and Penwortham Leisure Centre. It prides itself on providing great value access to sport and leisure in the area, and students and young people can enjoy even more incredible prices!

Memberships or Pay-As-You-Go

Pupils have the option of a reduced price membership from £14.99 per month OR 50% off a range of pay-as-you-go activities at our centres.

Full details can be found here: www.southribbleleisure.com/students



New Activities

- **NEW! Social Netball at Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre** - Every Thursday from 8-9pm, it's game time! Gather your squad - all ages, mums, daughters, and everyone in between - for an evening of fun and fitness. Embrace the spirit of teamwork, make new friends, and enjoy the social and health benefits of this fantastic sport. It's not just about the game; it's about the community! Spread the word and let's hit the court together. £3 per person, book online or on our app.
- **FREE TRIAL! Tennis Lessons at South Ribble Tennis Centre** - South Ribble Tennis and Fitness Centre has an outstanding tennis programme with spaces available now plus a FREE TRIAL! Led by Lawn Tennis Association qualified coaches, these tennis lessons will help your child keep fit, sharpen their coordination, learn teamwork and decision making. And of course, it's a perfect way to make friends and have fun! Details at > <https://southribbleleisure.com/Tennis>
- **NEW CLASS! Les Mills Born to Move at Penwortham Leisure Centre** - a movement class for children aged 13-16. Details at > www.southribbleleisure.com/penwortham



Are you eligible for **50% off** swimming, gym sessions, squash, badminton and tennis?

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