

Penwortham Priory Post

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 are available too.

Mon, 2 & Tues 3 October
Book fair continues in the library

Weds, 4 October
Year 11 Aim & Ambition
Revision Event 5.15pm-
6.15pm

Fri, 6 October
Year 11 GCSE History
Trip - Thackray Medical
Museum, Leeds

Mon, 9 October
DofE Information Evening
for Year 9 & 10 pupils and
parents, 5pm-5.45pm

Tues, 10 October
Year 10 Faith Day
Newman College
Assembly (Year 11)

Weds, 11 October
Year 11 Faith Day
Year 7 Settle Factor
Parents Evening

Thurs, 12 October
Author visit (Year 7)
Preston College Lunch
Time Drop In (Year 11)

Mon, 16 October
Year 10 Parents Evening
(online)



European Day of Languages at Priory

Ooh La La! Priory teachers were kitted out in French, Greek and German (and more!) attire for our celebration of European Day of Languages.

Year 7 went off-timetable on Tuesday to celebrate the important day in the Languages Department calendar and highlight the importance of learning a language across Europe.

There were numerous activities including Greek dancing, constructing a European landmark using straws, a café and quiz and a music special, led by Mr Taylor.

Head of Languages Mrs Scully said: "This day is so important and everyone, from staff to pupils, have been so enthusiastic about it.

"Days like this are vital to highlight the importance of learning a different language, and culture, which are on our doorstep and all the school have embraced it.

"It raises the profile of languages and it was great to see all the teachers and office staff dressed up and the pupils have got a lot from the day."

Food Technology teacher Mrs Cowell, whose dad is Greek, taught Year 7s Greek dancing, a few Greek words and they tried some Greek specialities including Feta cheese, Tzatziki, Greek yoghurt, olives and flat bread.

Pupils embraced building a European monument out of straws, with the Eiffel Tower and the Leaning Tower of Pisa proving popular, under the watchful eye of Mrs Bailey.

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Mrs Bailey said: "The pupils have been so enthusiastic, they have had a great time and it's got them thinking about European countries."

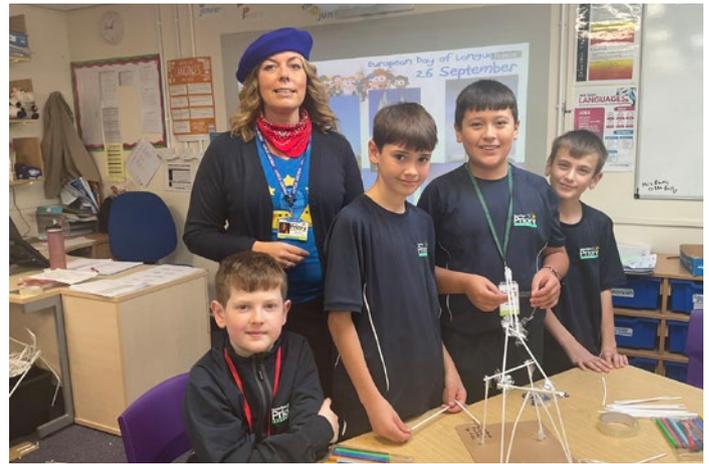
Mr Taylor's music class had maracas, drums, cymbals and more as they played and danced to European songs.

Mr Bullock gave the pupils a run around in the Sports Hall with a game of Handball, one of the most popular sports across Europe. Passes and goals were claimed in Spanish as well as scores announced in the language.

But it wasn't just the Year 7s who got to engage with the theme; teachers were meeting and greeting pupils at the door using a European language and incorporating language into lessons where practical - taking the register using 'je suis ici' or 'Hola señor/señorita', numbers in Maths for example.

Many pupils brought in cakes which contributed towards the MacMillans Coffee Morning at break today, raising money for the annual cancer support campaign. Please don't forget to collect your containers from the Food Tech room on Monday.

Thank you to: Jacob V-Z, Ayana S-F, Emma N, Leon W, Holly McC, Ada McM, Imogen C, Lilly W and Kenzie S. All entries will be awarded house points.



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Thank you to our Year 10 pupils whom assisted with the workshops:

Geetha D, Indra J, Summer W, Connie B, Jolie T, Navah T, Chloe W, Sophia T, Imogen H, Max B, Charlotte M, Darcey K, Aliyah M, Phoebe A-W, Ella G.



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Head Prefects Meet The Community

One of the duties undertaken by our Head Prefects is a termly trip into our local community when they deliver a copy of our termly magazine to the businesses of Penwortham.

The initiative provides the opportunity for Priory to build links in the area and showcase the work of our school and pupils.

Head of Year 11, Mrs Bailey, who accompanied the prefects, said, "It was torrential rain however they did a fabulous job!"

Well done Alex, Cameron, Lewis and Martha.

Mrs Bailey
Head of year 11



An Evening Event
for Year 11 pupils and their parents/carers.

Wednesday, 4 October
from 5.15pm-6.15pm

The event will start with a short presentation delivered by Vice Principal, Mrs Cowell. Subject leaders will be on hand to offer subject specific revision advice and guidance. They'll also be talking about the specifics of exams within their subjects and what to revise when. Pupils can also pick up a **free copy** of the CGP Guide 'How To Revise for GCSEs'.

Enquiries to Mrs Cowell via email at
l.cowell@priory.lancs.sch.uk



Year 11 Revision Event



On **Wednesday, 4 October** we invite Year 11 pupils and their parents to join us at a 'Revision Event' in school, an evening dedicated to getting those hints and tips for success in their mock exams and next summer's final exams.

Subjects that have an exam will be represented on the night, and subject leaders will be available to talk to.

At the event pupils will be able to take away a free copy of the CGP Guide 'How To Revise for GCSEs'.

The event will start at 5.15pm with a short presentation and is expected to end at approx 6.15pm.

We look forward to seeing you then.

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From Primary to Priory at Open Evening

Our doors opened last Thursday evening to over 450 families as they began their search for a secondary school for their children.

Our Principal and Vice Principal, Mr Eastham and Mrs Cowell, were the first to greet families at the door before pupils from all year groups could share their experiences of Priory across the different subject areas. Prefects and Year 10 Peer Mentors welcomed our visitors and were eager to show Priory off to our visitors as they stood by ready to guide them around their school. Year 7 pupils chatted with former primary school peers who were keen to hear all about their first month at Priory - showing such confidence that many parents were fathomed they had only been with us a few weeks!

Oh what a night!

Interactive activities were set up across the school for children to enjoy whilst parents questioned teachers and pupils. Showcase explosions in Science, puzzles in Maths (whilst trying not to gobble too many midget gems!), bon appetit in Languages, trampolining and badminton in PE, Mr Potato Head characters in English and so much more. The ICT & Computer Science department took the opportunity to show off their newest gadgets - robots and a 3D printer amongst them.

Meanwhile, the Humanities department was a hub of activity where Mr Momoniat's OS map folding and dress for the weather challenges were matched by History where visitors were challenged to pair the date with the historic photo in the fastest time before having a giggle at themselves trying on the WWII gas masks.

Visitors were drawn to the Technology department with the smell of cookery in the Food room, pupils' artwork and our young guests took home keyrings which they coloured and then assembled laser-cut Perspex letters spelling out their name - the perfect keepsake of the evening.

The Auditorio was alight with music and drama with show-pieces from the Summer Arts Festival and Year 9's Evie, Ezra and Zach performing an Arctic Monkey's track.

The event was a great success but we couldn't do it without the support of our pupil volunteers. We've received many compliments from prospective families who named and thanked individuals for their maturity, manners and guidance during their visit. You were an absolute credit, pleasant, engaging and confident. Parents - you should be proud!

Mr Eastham thanked everyone for their efforts on the night, but also recognised the hard work beforehand that goes into making these events such a success. We hope the event inspired our visitors and we look forward to meeting them again should they choose Priory as their first choice school.



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We asked our visiting families what three words they would use to sum their experience of Priory...

Friendly, equipped, welcoming.

Impressed, friendly, outstanding.

Welcoming, happy, clean.

Really well planned!

Helpful, polite guide (Megan).

Well organised, fantastic facilities, pleasant pupils.

Enlightening, rewarding, appealing.

Informative, engaging, enjoyable.

Welcoming, friendly, hands-on.

Pleasant, informative, fun.

Surprised, fresh, impressed.

Happy, knowledgeable, useful.

Engaging, good interaction with pupils.

Inspiring, superb facilities.

Friendly, generic, lovely gardens.

And others said:

"I was pleasantly surprised. A wonderful school with a vibrant atmosphere!"

"Overall, the evening was very useful, informative and well run, thank you."

"Interesting, friendly, enjoyable. Please pass on our thanks to Abi for showing us around."

"Absolutely fantastic evening. A wonderful school."



Year 9 pupil's talent is music to our ears



Ben is a self-taught pianist who has Elton John and Queen as his inspiration.

“I took it up about a year ago. I enjoy listening to all music, and then I got an electric piano for my birthday. I started to play my own songs after listening to songs I liked, and began adapting them.”



Ben impressed everyone at last term's Summer Arts Evening and performed in front of the whole school in the end of year assembly having perfected his own compilations, for which he received much applause.

Ben has shown dedication to his passion despite the challenges he faced last year, demonstrating courage and commitment, which is an inspiration to anyone who may be facing challenging times.



Well done Ben!

The Piano at Priory

From Monday, there will be a piano in the Auditorio for pupils to play on at break and lunchtimes very much in the style of those in public places such as Liverpool 1, St. Pancras and Manchester Piccadilly stations. Not sure what we mean? Take a look at this clip...

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=nBNHSON7N1s&pp=ygUSUGlhbmlzdCBTdCBQYW5jcmFz>

Just sit down and play!

*Mr Taylor
Lead Teacher of Music*



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I love Maths because...

Pupils will be pleased to know that the opportunity to claim their 'I Love Maths' badge will continue this year. **Pupils looking to get a badge should simply click the link below to access the survey** and write Mr Sneddon a paragraph or two explaining why they love maths. The best responses from each year group will be selected and each week we'll report what our pupils said.

<https://forms.office.com/e/cAKzEBpP1H>

Mr Sneddon
Assistant Head of Maths



Support with Maths Homework

Sparx Maths homework is set every Friday and due in the following Friday.

During the week, students will be expected to complete homework to 100% completion. If help is needed to achieve this target, Maths teachers are available at break, lunchtime and after school every Monday and Tuesday. Students can also message their teacher for help via Teams.

If the 100% homework target is not achieved, pupils will then attend our compulsory intervention nights on Monday or Tuesday in IT2 to help them with those areas they struggled with, ensuring no pupil feels left behind and no pupil struggles with their learning in their next lesson.



Sparx Maths



Sparx homework club

Come and get your homework done!

Maths teachers will be there to help

Every Monday and Tuesday from 3.10pm to 3.40pm

Room IT2 (upstairs)

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Year 11 Trip Thackray Medical Museum 6 October

Tardy Gate Park Renovations

South Ribble Borough Council has plans to renovate Tardy Gate play and skate park in Lostock Hall and is looking for public feedback.

If you have children who use this park you may like to submit your views in a public consultation which is open until 15th October. Scan the QR code in the poster below or go to <https://yoursay.citizenspace.com/parks-and-neighbourhoods/tardygate/> to leave your feedback

In addition to the online consultation, the council is holding a face to face consultation at Tardy Gate park on Thursday, 5 October 15:00-18:00 where residents can share their views.

New Playground & Skate Park

Tardy Gate, Lostock Hall

Funds have been allocated to refurbish the children's play area at Tardy Gate, Lostock Hall.

The improvements are proposed to take place in the summer of 2024 and will provide new equipment for toddlers (ages 2-6), juniors (ages 7-12) and an improved kickabout area with additional dynamic equipment for the juniors/teens. A new skate park is also proposed as part of the project.

How you can get involved



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Ideas for new equipment can be viewed and feedback left at: <https://yoursay.citizenspace.com/parks-and-neighbourhoods/tardygate> or by scanning the QR code.

The online consultation will run from Monday 18th September – Sunday 15th October 2023.

There will also be a consultation event held at the playground from 15:00 until 18:30 on Thursday 5th October 2023.



We are excited to be able to offer Year 11 GCSE History pupils a limited number of places to the Thackray Museum of Medicine, Leeds on Friday, 6 October. This trip will be beneficial to these pupils as the museum and workshop will cover key aspects of their Medicine topic.

The museum provides immersive galleries where pupils can explore the history of healthcare to the advances that have shaped the way we look after ourselves, and each other. Pupils will be able to wander through mock grimy streets of Victorian Leeds, watch gruesome operations in an 19th-century operating theatre and visit a seventies-style sexual health clinic. The museum will also enable pupils to chart how well the world responds to crisis, and discover the medical innovations that have changed the world.

The price will be £19 and includes return transport.

A copy of the letter that has been issued to pupils this week can also be downloaded from the school website at >>

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

Please note that places are first come, first served.

Any queries can be directed to Mrs Cauchi via email at m.cauchi@priory.lancs.sch.uk



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, Ebony...

Ebony likes books from horror to romance.

Year 10 Ebony was reading 'The Night Shift' by Stephen King, which is a collection of short stories.

"It's a bit creepy but I do like it," said Ebony.

"I like horror books but also like romance and drama. My favourite authors are Stephen King and Colleen Hoover so they are a real mixture. I like any book which catches my eye really!"

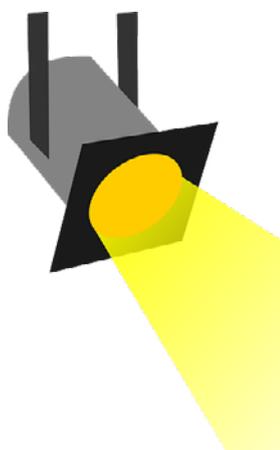


Ebony's favourite subjects in school are English and History but her career ambitions lie elsewhere.

"I want to be a medic on the frontline so I do like sciences as well. A lot of people in my family have army connections so it's always been something I have been attracted to even though I know it could be dangerous."

Ebony is returning to the Army Cadets soon and also does indoor climbing in her spare time.

Mrs Elliott
English Teacher & Chief Librarian



Pupils In The Spotlight

Would you like to tell us about your child's achievements whether it's in sport, charity events, public speaking, drama, environmental issues, maths challenges or anything else? Maybe even someone who has overcome adversity and doesn't mind talking about it? (we like those stories!)

If this is you, please get in touch with your child's form tutor / head of year or contact the Communications Manager, Mrs Yates, via email at:

j.yates@priority.lancs.sch.uk

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Year 7 Digital Programmes and Logins

We have had several questions about homework over the last couple of weeks, particularly regarding log-ins/passwords. We understand it can seem quite overwhelming at first for Year 7 pupils, and we may run things differently to primary school, and so we have put together a crib sheet to hopefully alleviate some of the issues they may be facing.

The crib sheet explains how Microsoft Office works at Priory, and applications used by each department, which you can save, download or print, should you prefer.

The document has been emailed to Year 7 parents this week and is available from our website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/transition

Many thanks for all you are doing to help support your child in such a great start to the academic year.

*Mrs Farley
Head of year 7*



You are invited to our
OPEN EVENTS

Saturday **23rd** September, 10.00am – 2.00pm
Thursday **12th** October, 4.00pm – 8.00pm
Tuesday **21st** November, 4.00pm – 8.00pm

RUNSHAW COLLEGE
runshaw.ac.uk/openevent

50th

Date for your Diary

GCSE Examination
General Certificate
of Secondary Education

PROM

Year 11 Key Dates

We have had several enquiries from parents of Year 11 regarding the prom and GCSE exam dates.

We would like to inform you that GCSE dates have only just been confirmed by the awarding bodies and the last possible date of an exam is Weds, 26 June. A date for the prom will be planned in the coming weeks and Mrs Bailey will confirm this with Year 11 in due course.

Mr Gee, Assistant Principal

Term Dates 2024-25 Are Now Out

We have recently received enquiries regarding the term dates for the next academic year 2024-25 and can now confirm that these are available to download on our website. Parents have also been sent these by email this week.

The term dates for the academic year 2025-26 are also available via the school website.

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates (scroll to end of page)



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Let Them Eat Cake (for a good cause!)

When break-time arrived this morning pupils quickly picked up their bags and dashed over to the Food Technology room. There was cake to be had!

Thanks to the generous donations from pupils, parents and staff, the whole school got to enjoy some gorgeous treats whilst raising funds for MacMillan Cancer Support. With the extra cash in their pockets we were spoilt for choice in selecting the abundance of sweet treats.

It seems that the Maths department weren't going to miss out as Mr Hunter arrived to treat his colleagues. Mrs Eastham and Mrs Nayler also popped down to the Technology block to 'help out'.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is MacMillan Cancer Support's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. The first Macmillan Coffee Morning happened way back in 1990. It was a rather small affair with a simple idea: guests would gather over coffee and donate the cost of their cuppa to Macmillan in the process. It was so effective, they did it again the next year – only this time nationally. Since then, Coffee Morning has raised over £290 million for MacMillan.

House points will be awarded for all those who have donated cakes and the total amount raised will be announced in next week's newsletter.

Thank you for your support!



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We're Recruiting!

Catering Assistant

Closing date: 9 October

Catering Assistant (Part Time)

Grade 2 Scale Point 2

16.25 hours per week (Mon-Fri), term time only

10.15am-2.00pm with 30 minute break

We are seeking a Catering Assistant to provide support in the preparation, cooking and serving of food and beverages plus related catering duties.

Experience not essential however candidates must have good customer care skills and standard of hygiene. Candidates must also be able to work under pressure, have good use of initiative and work as part of a team.

All applications should be on the Penwortham Priory Academy application form (CVs not accepted).

For job description, person specification and application form, go to >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

Closes: 12 noon on Monday, 9 October 2023

Interviews: 16-18 October 2023



MaBaL (music at break and lunch)

Bringing music to your ears at break and lunch

We play music through the school's speaker system during break and lunch. Chosen by Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music, this is designed to offer exposure to the curriculum in different ways, and support pupils' appreciation of music across the school.

We will focus on one theme each week across a genre, a country or from history. The theme could also link to the season or an event in school. Next week it's...

Rock Ballads

Those emotionally-charged, agonising, tormented pieces of music which ebb and flow gently, and then suddenly – when you least expect it – erupt with the gush of a tsunami.



The lyrics are over-the-top and sung in a pleading, heart-wrenching manner, with exaggerated statements about plummeting to the ground on broken wings, doing it for the glory of love or holding on and never saying goodbye etc.

In a musical sense, they are often performed at a slow tempo, with a big sound wall of a backing with rock elements, like distorted guitars, loud, heavy drums and belting vocals. The lyrics are usually romantic - either a celebration of a great love, a lost love or an unrequited one, and sung by someone with a formidable singing voice.

Theme suggestions are welcomed - pupils should see Mr Taylor or email a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Mr Taylor
Lead Teacher of Music

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A Day At The 'Book' Fair!

IN THE LIBRARY UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY

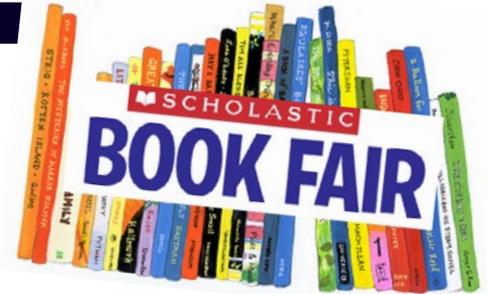
On Thursday we took a trip down to the library to see what was happening at the book fair.

The buzz of excitement could be heard from the corridors as pupils from all year groups were found to be browsing the stands which had arrived the day before. From stationery to books of all genres, there was something for everyone and the atmosphere was delightful to see. Mrs Elliott was directing the crowds and the librarians embraced their duties at the 'tills' as they kerched with cash and card payments.

Everyone that buys a book also gets their name put into a daily prize draw to win a £5 voucher to spend on more books! Now there's a reason to keep going back!

The fair is still with us until next Tuesday so make sure you get down there - miss it, miss out!

Here are some of our librarians and shoppers demonstrating what's on offer - some great posing everyone!



it's back!

We're Recruiting!

Design & Technology Technician

Closing date: 3 October

Design & Technology Technician

Grade 5 Scale Points 6 to 11

Term time plus 5 INSET days
(39 working weeks per year, part time may be considered)

We are looking to recruit an experienced, innovative and hardworking Technician. The successful candidate will work with teachers as part of a professional team to support learning by providing technical assistance, through working with pupils in the delivery / demonstration of practical learning activities and the preparation and maintenance of teaching areas and equipment for pupils.

The D&T department is dynamic and forward-thinking with a desire to produce students who can progress into a future career in the design or engineering fields. The department boasts two Resistant Materials workshops, two CAD Graphics rooms, a Textiles room and a Food Preparation & Nutrition room. There is also a room dedicated to CAD CAM which houses laser cutters and routers.

All applications should be on the Penwortham Priory Academy application form (CVs not accepted).

Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact the school for a tour prior to the final application.

For job description, person specification and application form, go to >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

Closes: 9am on Tuesday, 3 October 2023

Interviews: Friday, 6 October 2023



Fantasy Football League

COMMENTARY BY MR OWEN

If you owned Newcastle defenders in Gameweek Six, then you are likely celebrating all the way to the bank; Kieran Trippier was the pick of the bunch, recording a hat-trick of assists in an eight-goal rout at Bramall Lane. Other FPL heroes included Spurs' main man Heung-Min Son, who bagged a brace to secure his team a point in the North London derby.

Leon A (Year 11) maintained his position at the Priory FPL summit, largely thanks to star performances from Toon centre-half Sven Botman, alongside midfield starlets Bukayo Saka and Mo Salah.

The big mover this past week was **Mr Hyde**. Brighton's Kauro Mitoma managed an impressive brace despite starting the game on the bench, and that, coupled with an excellent ten-point haul from Fulham stopper Leno, saw Mr Hyde fly into fourth place. He is only eleven points behind the leader.

Shiven N (Year 9) stormed up the leaderboard too; he is inside the Top Ten, and has Tripper to thank for it. It also didn't harm when Bruno Fernandes nailed a sublime volley past James Trafford at Turf Moor.

Mr Gee used his Triple Captain on Haaland, as did **Mrs Potter, Mr Raynor, and Alfie P (Year 9)**. He scored six points at home to Nottingham Forest, and whilst that isn't terrible, might this collection of Priory FPL managers rue what might have been when double gameweeks are announced later in the season?

In fact, there is a double gameweek this coming weekend; but does anyone have the stomach to bring in Burnley or Luton Town players?

The competition is heating up. Can **Leon A (Year 11)** keep this up?



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Bike Sheds

A reminder that bicycles brought into school must be stored in the bike sheds provided.



Year 7 & 8 - near the Hex | All pupils - next to the 3G

Bikes must be kept in a roadworthy condition, have working brakes, and lights in the winter months. It is compulsory for pupils to wear a cycle helmet. The school is not responsible for the security of cycles and a padlock is essential.

Please note: Pupils on bikes must stop at Penwortham Primary School when the School Crossing Patrol (formerly known as lollypop lady/man) has stopped the traffic for pedestrians. If a pupil is seen failing to stop they will be asked to see Mr Gee or Mr Eastham.



Year 10 Parents Evening Monday, 16 October

Please note that there was an error printed in last newsletter (issue 15 September)

The parents evening for Year 10 is on Monday, 16 October (not Thursday).

Apologies for any confusion this may have caused.



Key Stage 4 Pupils Meet The Army for Careers Day

On Wednesday, a group of Year 10 & 11 pupils had the opportunity to attend a 'Meet the Army Day' at Holcombe Moor Training Camp, Bury.

Accompanied by Assistant Principal, Mr Gee, the pupils spent the day taking part in various activities from a number of the Army infantry brigades including the Paratroopers and Household Cavalry. The pupils also had the opportunity to speak to soldiers about what a career in the Army is like.

Hope you enjoyed your day: Thomas P, James S, Lochlan S, Max B, Oliver C, James S, Kayleigh I, Marco T, Ebony P.



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Parents Evenings Year 7 & 10

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

Year 7 parents are invited into school to meet their child's form tutor in person, whilst the Year 10 parents evening will take place with subject teachers online.

Year 7 **Wednesday, 11 October**

Year 10 **Monday, 16 October**

Copies of the letters to Year 7 and Year 10 parents, along with 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 for parents to book their slot is now open.



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, the appointment slot will be six minutes for Year 7 parents to meet the form tutor, and four minutes for each appointment with Year 10 teachers. For online appointments, they will 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 the link below.

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

Mrs Farley & Mrs Bullock

hcrpg
Care Group

ChatHealth

Parent or carer

You can text a school nurse on
07312263554

We can help with all kinds of things like.....

Emotional Health & Wellbeing
Keeping Healthy **Bedwetting**
Sleep **Bullying** **Dental Health**
Growing Up **Keeping Safe**
Support with Medical Conditions
in School

Confidentiality
We might inform someone if we are concerned about the safety of you, your child or someone else but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. If it is an emergency call 999 or go to the emergency department (A&E). Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.

SCAN ME

FEARLESS YOUTH
PRESENTS

Youth NIGHT

EVERY FRIDAY
7PM - 8:30PM

MUSIC • FUN • COMPS • SNACKS

Invite a Friend

Tanterton Village Centre,
Kidsgrove, Preston
PR27BX

www.freedomchurchpreston.com

Author Visit Ruth Eastham

meet the
author

We are excited to confirm that multi-award-winning author, Ruth Eastham, will be visiting Priory on Thursday, 12 October for an exclusive event with Year 7.

Ruth is an active guest author at schools in countries all over the world, fascinating children with the supernatural mysteries and dramas that inspire her writing. At the core of every tale are extraordinary children who overcome obstacles to save their families, save their friends, and save our beautiful, irreplaceable planet Earth.



Ruth's debut novel, *The Memory Cage*, was a finalist in the Waterstone's Book Prize. Teachers voted it best story in the UK Literacy Association

Book Award and it was nominated for the prestigious Carnegie Medal. Her second book, *The Messenger Bird*, was chosen as a Book Trust title to be read in schools across the United Kingdom.

For Year 7 Only:

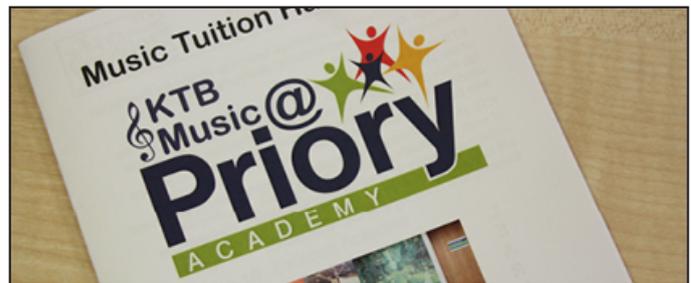
As part of the event, Ruth has some of her books available for purchase and will sign inscriptions. Each book is £6 and can be ordered on SCOPay in advance, if you wish for them to be signed, alternatively, some will be available to purchase on the day in cash (these will not be signed).

Further information about the author and some of her books can be found here:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/authors/e/eastham-ruth/>

Any orders need to be paid for by Tuesday, 3 October.

We hope our pupils are as excited as we are about welcoming Ruth into school.



Sign up for music lessons now! PRIVATE MUSIC TUITION AT PRIORY

If you are interested in taking up an instrument, learning to sing or carry on your lessons from primary school, get in touch with KTB Music or go to the school website to find out more. Pupils can also see Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music at Priory, for a chat and information booklet.

If you haven't got a guitar or sax of your own, don't worry - just sign up now to join the likes of Ed Sheeran and Olivia Rodrigo, they all started at the beginning!

We are looking forward to meeting you!

Lessons are £7 per 15 minute slot. Pupils are mostly taught on a one-to-one basis at school, in school time, and are timetabled on a rotation basis to minimise the disruption of class work. Pupils can study to gain exam grades, to play in concerts or simply for pleasure.

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www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/ktb-music
www.ktbmusic.co.uk



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Fun, sociable music lessons for ages 7-11 & 11-18

WHERE? Penwortham Community Centre

WHEN? Thursdays (term time)

WHAT TIME?
 Juniors (ages 7-11) 4.00 - 6.00pm
 Seniors (ages 11-18) 6.15 - 8.15pm

- ▶ GUITAR, BASS, DRUMS, VOCALS
- ▶ FREE trial session - limited spaces
- ▶ Play in a band each week
- ▶ No experience necessary
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Food Bank Collection Becomes An Inter House Competition



As the inter-house competitiveness starts to take hold, Mrs Massey is ramping up the activity with a good cause in mind.

Not only are staff and pupils asked to bring in food to be donated to the Penwortham Food Bank but now we can watch which House is fairing the best.

Supporting this term's theme of kindness, each House has a set of baskets to fill. Who can fill the baskets and donate the most? The baskets can be found in the Nucleus and will be there until the end of the half term.

Pupils will also be rewarded citizenship points towards their Priory+ award. Donations will be dropped off at the food bank on Friday, 20 October so any items will be gratefully received before then.



Physical Education Department Extra-Curricular Timetable (Autumn Term 1)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch – Sports Hall 13.15 – 13.50	Badminton	Basketball	Badminton	KS3 Development Club	Basketball
After-School 15.15 – 16.15	Year 7 & 8 Football Practice (dependent on fixtures) Year 7 – 11 Netball	Badminton/Table Tennis Club Netball Fixtures Football Fixtures	Staff Meetings KS4 Badminton Club	Basketball Club Girls Football Practice Primary School – Young Leaders	

NB In addition, school teams will have fixtures through the half-term. These may result in some clubs being moved locations/cancelled.

Extra Curricular Activities

Priory's co-curricular clubs, activities, House competitions and events are launching so look out for details on Teams.

For the majority of activities taking place, there is no need to book, simply turn up. Lunch clubs will also allow pupils to eat their packed lunch or 'take away' food from the dining rooms during the session.



Japanese Club

Every Wednesday lunch time in MFL1.

All welcome.



Penwortham Priory ACADEMY

Starts Monday!

LIMITED SPACES

TEXTILES CLUB

EVERY MONDAY 3.10PM-4PM

MATERIALS PROVIDED

ROOM: T4 TECHNOLOGY

BEGINNERS WELCOME

See Mrs.Lockwood in Technology to secure a place

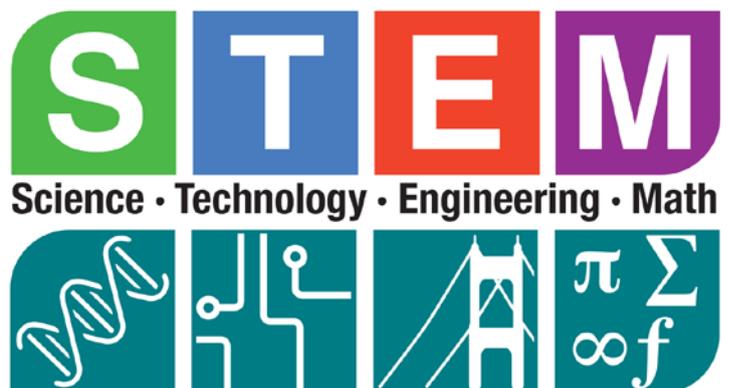
STEM Club Tuesdays

In SC4 every Tuesday after school for Year 7 pupils.

By attending this club, pupils will take part in a range of Chemistry, Physics and Biology-themed activities as well as STEM challenges.

STEM stands for a collaboration of **Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths** and will give pupils an excellent opportunity to develop skills such as perseverance and communication.

Pupils should see Mrs Potter, if you haven't already, for a letter if you are interested in attending.



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Debate Club

Every Monday lunchtime in HU6

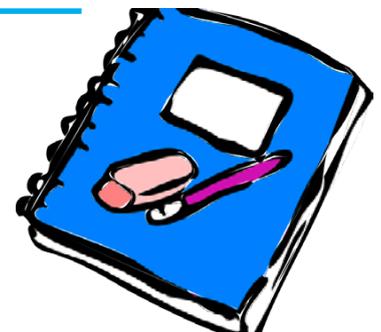
Be willing to debate and argue!

We'll do the classic debates such as abortion, euthanasia, voting at 16 etc and also look at current affairs in the news. Sometimes there will be research to do in preparation for our topic.

All years welcome, the more the merrier. Just turn up! Eat your lunch whilst at the club.

Mrs Hanu & Mr Mononiat

Homework
CLUB



BEFORE SCHOOL

Come and join us:
Every Morning in LEAP 2
Time: 8.00am- 8.30am

AFTER SCHOOL

Come and join us:
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
in LEAP 2
Time: 3.10pm-4.10pm

Just turn up!

All year groups welcome
Use of the computers
Support available

**Also open every
break and lunch**

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NEWMAN
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OPEN DAYS

SAT
14
OCT

SAT
11
NOV

SAT
03
FEB

10AM - 1PM

The College's first Open Day of the academic year will be taking place on Saturday 14th October.

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U14s Girls Team

(years 8 and 9)



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Friendly and enthusiastic group of players.

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OR BEV 07505302789

U14s Girls Team Players Wanted
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Bev 07505302789

SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY

SOUTH

Do you have a child starting
secondary school in September 2024
and living in Lancashire?

Apply now and check your eligibility for school transport at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

or call 01772 532109

Closing date: 31 October 2023

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school.

HAVE
YOUR SAY

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces and click 'school admission policies'.

lancashire.gov.uk



Lancashire
County
Council



Secondary School Admissions

If you have a child in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

Before you apply, research the schools in your area, check school websites for up-to-date information about open days/evening and read the school's most recent Ofsted reports at: www.ofsted.gov.uk.

The closing date for secondary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 31 October 2023.

For guidance on school transport see:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport

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Thursday 7 March 2024, 4-7pm



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Saturday 18th November 2023**

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There are options at a range of levels within each subject, from bespoke Foundation Learning courses through to Level 3 Diploma suites and dedicated T-Level routes. Plus Apprenticeship opportunities in most subjects.

Information about transport routes, financial support and accommodation (at the Preston centre) is available at www.myerscough.ac.uk/students

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