

Autumn 2022



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An introduction from the Principal...

Dear all,

Welcome to the latest edition of our Penwortham Priory Academy 'Priory Post'.

As ever, this edition brings together in one place, all the key stories from this term as they appeared in our weekly newsletters, highlighting the wide-ranging opportunities and activities all our pupils have to contribute to our daily mission:

To uphold our Priory standard – ensuring the highest expectations of all, from all, so that all pupils Learn to Succeed and leave Priory, equipped with the right skills and attitudes to help them succeed in life, contribute positively to society, and go on to further education, employment, or training.

Here at Priory, we pride ourselves on having a school where, first and foremost, pupils feel safe and happy. *Their pastoral care.*

When we have pupils, who feel safe and happy in school, we can focus on providing each with a varied and rich curriculum for them to gain good individual results as a stepping-stone into their futures. *Their academic care.*

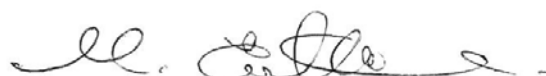
Whilst all the time, gaining opportunities, from reliable adults, on how to become good citizens of the future. *Their 'Learning for Life'.*

In other words, a school where the attention we give to the pastoral care of our pupils is just as important as the attention we give to their academic progress and to the development of those skills we know our pupils are going to need to be successful in their lives beyond Priory – their 'Learning for Life'.

This edition then, once again highlights the wide-ranging learning activities that our pupils have been undertaking, to maximise their chances to achieve, not only in the time they are with us here in school, but in their life beyond Priory too.

A big thank you then to all the staff, pupils, parents and members of our local community for their dedication, commitment and hard work in ensuring that all our pupils leave Priory with not only excellent results, but with these rich and meaningful experiences that are guaranteed to help them in what are sure to be their exciting and bright futures.

We hope you enjoy reading our key stories from this term at Priory, a great school where every pupil *'Learns to Succeed'.*



Mr Matt Eastham, Principal
Penwortham Priory Academy

Our pupils achieved a great set of results again this year and continued to secure our positive direction of travel in terms of academic outcomes as a school.

To all our pupils who have now received their GCSE results - congratulations! They've been through two challenging years and their grades reflect all the hard work they have put in.



All our 2022 leavers should feel proud of what they have individually achieved. We offer our best wishes and thanks to all our pupils who now move on from Priory, secure in the knowledge that they continued to build on the successes of previous years by producing not only some great examination results, but perhaps more importantly, some notable individual accomplishments over their time with us.

GCSE Results Day: Their Stories

Rhianne celebrated a stunning seven Grade 9s and two Grade 8s as well as a Level 2 Star Distinction in Engineering – an extra course Priory fitted in for her.

"I did the engineering after school as I ran out of options I could take in school! I wanted to do everything!" said Rhianne.

"I want to be an astrophysicist so engineering is important. I want to go to the LUSoM (Lancaster University School of Maths) and study Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry. I am just so pleased with my results!"



Ella admitted she had done better than expected with her GCSE results.

She celebrated three Grade 9s, two Grade 8s and two Grade 6s.

"In my mocks I got Grade 5 in both my English subjects and I got Grade 6 on both so that may change my plans for the future.

"I also got three 9s in Science so I might do another science subject among my A-Levels along with Biology, Graphic Design and Maths at Runshaw College. I am thinking maybe an architect in the future, or perhaps something medical.

"I have loved my time at Priory – I felt really well supported."

James celebrated amazing results with eight Grade 9s and one Grade 8.

"I was nervous last night but I am happy with my grades. I want to go onto Lancaster University School of Maths (LUSoM) at Newman College and study Maths, Further Maths, Computer Science and Physics.

"I have enjoyed my time at Priory, the teachers are helpful but it's a relaxed atmosphere too."



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GCSE Results Day: Their Stories



Josh took the engineering qualification and was happy with his three Grade 9s, two Grade 8s and three Grade 6s.

"I enjoyed the engineering course, especially the practical side of it. That was interesting. I have done a lot better than I expected. I was expecting a 7 in Maths and got a 9 so that was a nice surprise.

"I am going onto Newman College to study Physics, Maths and Chemistry."



Hannah achieved a stunning Grade 5 in her Japanese GCSE – the highest grade she could reach!

Hannah has been studying Japanese in her own time and it's something she just wanted to do.

"I was so pleased to get the highest grade I could," said Hannah. "The written part of the exam was tough.

"I also achieved three Grade 9s in History, English Language and Chemistry and an A* in Childcare. I was shocked at getting a 9 in Chemistry and an 8 in Physics, I didn't expect that!"

She will go to Newman College to study English Language, Modern History and Sociology.

Jack enjoys maths – but he has just spent an exciting summer in Malawi building a school with Stanhope Explorer Scout Unit.

"It was an amazing experience, we built a school, went on a safari and climbed a mountain!" said Jack.

Jack celebrated four Grade 9s and one Grade 8 among his strong results and will go to LUSoM with James.

"I got a Grade 9 in Maths and a Grade 8 in Further Maths so I am happy with that."



Twins Alfie and Tom got almost identical GCSE results and are studying the same subjects at college.

Alfie achieved just one grade better than his brother – he got four Grade 9s, two Grade 8s and one GCSE each at Grade 7, 6, and 5.

Brother Tom achieved three Grade 9s, three Grade 8s and a 7, 6, 5.

Alfie said: "There is just one grade difference but we are not competitive! It doesn't matter. We are both going to Newman College to study Maths, Further Maths, Computer Science and Accountancy. We just want to do the same things."

Tom said: "I was surprised at my Grade 8 in French. It's been great at Priory with the variety of trips and the teachers have been supportive. I either want to go into something with history or accountancy and Alfie is the similar, something with accountancy or computing."

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Introducing Your 2022-23 Prefect Team

Priory's new Prefects are ready to take up their roles in school!

Fatima, Ben and Taylor are the Head Prefects for this school year while Holly, Lucas, George and Maya will work alongside them as Senior Prefects.



Ben, whose favourite subjects are history and geography, said: "It's an honour to be a Head Prefect. Mr Eastham said he couldn't separate Taylor and I so instead of two Head Prefects there are three this year! We are still waiting to hear what our exact roles are but will divide our responsibilities and work as a team."

Taylor, who enjoys maths, said: "We have made history! It was a tough selection process, where we had to write a letter to Mr Eastham and then give a speech over zoom, that bit was tough. I was surprised when they said both Ben and I had the joint role but it's good as well."

Fatima, who excels at science, said: "I was surprised when I was selected as a

Head Prefect. There were a lot of girls in the selection process so I couldn't believe it when it was me. I am very proud."

Holly is a Senior Prefect and she may be a familiar face as she was Mrs Wormwood in the school's production of 'Matilda'.

"I was surprised when I was selected, it is an honour. I enjoy history and drama."

Maya enjoys history and geography and said: "We are waiting to find out our roles but we are all excited."

Lucas already has big responsibilities – he is an Air Cadet and attended the Royal Proclamation at Preston, to proclaim King Charles III, which was on the steps of the Harris Museum.

"It was amazing to see the most important people in Preston literally just above me," said Lucas.

Before the summer break, Lucas gained his Air Cadet wings which means he can now fly the Grob Tutor.

"I want to be a Fighter Pilot for King and Country, I have wanted to do it since I was in Year 8."

George enjoys geography and IT in school but wants his future job to go back millions of years!

"I have been interested in dinosaurs since I was little. I want to work in zoology or palaeontology."



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The Harris' New Mural Unveiled

The new mural designed with the help of Priory pupils has been unveiled in an event celebrating Preston's textile heritage through local contemporary artworks.

Preston artist Gavin Renshaw created the mural outside the Harris entitled: "The links in the chain are of equal strength" with the help of pupils, now in Year 10, from Priory and Christ the King Catholic High School

Lead Teacher for Art, Mrs Hopes, attended the unveiling on Tuesday evening with some of the pupils who were involved in the preliminary workshops.

Left to right (top left photo): Mrs Hopes, Gavin Renshaw and Priory pupils Zofia, Megan, Lily, Ralitsa and Mahir.



Compost Corner

Autumn Update

Priory's gardens are our pride and joy and award-winning gardener Mr Farron wants to let parents and pupils know what to expect each month as the landscape changes.



Mr Farron has almost finished Phase 2 in the Priory Gardens and, now we are in Autumn, he is pleased with how it has taken shape.

"We have new signage and Phase 2 was all about the blank wall - creating shadows made by the trees and the roses, which we have planted this year.

"The Bay Trees will cast shadows on the wall, which will change during the day as the sun comes over. The roses are various kinds and are all gold Royal Horticultural Society winners. There are also lots of herbs in this garden."

Autumn leaves cascade & the season begins

Shrubs and small trees are the permanent features that give a garden its framework and less durable plants such as herbaceous perennials annuals and bi-annuals can be planted around them.

So, as the garden that produces such a wonderful display starts its well deserved rest, it is time to reward them with good maintenance and help them prepare for the winter to come, making sure they are secure and protected. The fall of leaves provide an excellent source of compost that enable healthy growth for the new seasons ahead, collected and mixed with nettles and stored in black bags adding a little water will in spring provide a rich abundance of nutrients. This provides a high level of nitrogen - it smells revolting but its good stuff!



It is also time to replant trees and shrubs before first frost so get a move on and pack them well.

Here at Priory we do our utmost to provide a safe haven for all and that includes wildlife. I have mentioned in the past we have a family of wild rabbits, squirrels, moles and ducks and although they are not particularly good for gardens, they do provide entertainment from time to time. They have recently been named as Cyril the Squirrel, Molly the Mole, Rupert The Rabbit, Robin the Robin and Doris the Duck, however each species keeps me on my toes.

I wish you all a really happy autumn and enjoy the splendour and colour this season brings. Keep digging!

Mr C Farron, Gardener

Honorary Member of the RHS

Winner of North West Britain in Bloom,

South Ribble in Bloom,

Penwortham in Bloom

Judge for South Ribble and Penwortham in Bloom competitions



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These articles were spotted in a recent Tweet by St George's Shopping Centre with the caption:

"Were you one of the winners who got to choose what went in our time capsule when our Friargate extension was built in 1998?"



Priory will be doing our own time capsule this year as we celebrate 70 years as Priory! - watch this space!

*Mrs Yates
Alumni Liaison*



Time team capture the best of 1998

PUPILS from a Penwortham school are on their way to making their mark in the history books after scooping first prize in a time capsule competition.

The six, from Priory High School took part in a competition run by St George's Shopping Centre, Preston, which is being given a £23m redevelopment. The youngsters were invited to suggest items for a time capsule to be buried in the centre's new extension.

Pupils from schools all over the area were asked to select items reflecting the personality of Preston in 1998.

Organisers said the response was overwhelming. The six 12-year-olds came out on top winning £750 to be spent on school equipment.

The school plans to include a photo album of different types of houses, a video diary by four families, a scrapbook on transport and a tape of a local radio show capturing the best of this year's entertainment and music.

Among other items will be an autographed Preston North End kit, a recipe book from restaurants in the town, a University of Central Lancashire prospectus, a detailed map of the area and a copy of the Labour Party manifesto.

The youngsters were also eager to ensure a model of Wallace and Gromit were included to capture the home-grown talent of Oscar winning Nick Park.



BACK TO THE FUTURE: Penwortham Priory High pupils won first prize in a time capsule competition which will put their names in the history books are pictured (from left) Trisha Patel, Rachel Clemance, Jennifer Wilcox, Richard Wade, Robert Ashurst and Tony Urbanski

The Headteacher's Log Book - *How things have changed!*

Not quite the 'Captain's log' but back in the day the Headteacher at the time, Mr Summers, kept a journal to record the day's key events. We have recently discovered some of these beautifully scribed logs in our archives and our resident historian, History teacher Mr Eccles, has revelled in them to find 'picks' which we will find amusing to read today. How things have changed!



5 SEPTEMBER 1973:

School opened for the winter term. Numbers on roll increased to 930. The complete 5th year remained at school. A seventh form entry at fourth year has posed some problems.*

School meals rose again to over 600 each day.

Mr Eccles

**Year 10 today*

Lead Teacher of History

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Ooh La La! Priory teachers were kitted out in French, Greek, Spanish, Austrian (and more!) attire for the 20th anniversary of European Day of Languages.



Year 7 went off-timetable on Tuesday to celebrate the important day in the MFL 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."

Bradley and Thomas were working on theirs and had set themselves a challenge: "We want to build the tallest Eiffel Tower!"

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

Meanwhile the MaBaL (music at lunch and break) across school was European themed – from Italian Late Renaissance Monteverdi through to modern French Daft Punk.

But it wasn't just the Year 7s who got to engage with the theme; Mrs Gidden made sure that English lessons got in on the act as teachers discussed famous authors whose works were translated into English from another language.

The Head of English said, "We're so lucky to have so many great writers writing in English, but there are writers and poets who wrote their famous works in another language first - Alexandre Dumas (The Three Musketeers), Jules Verne (Around the World in 80 Days) and Hans Christian Anderson, for example.

And then there's the words we've borrowed!

We're also grateful for words we've borrowed!

- I'd struggle to say the following without the help of the French language!
- I am in the **habit** of reading both **modern** and **historic literature**. My **advice** would be that great **literature** can add **zest** to any holiday even if the **hotel** is dire! So, grab your **money** and make a **detour** to your local library or bookshop – in all **honesty**, it's **money** well spent!

Many pupils brought in cakes and a bake sale was organised by Mrs Scully which raised £70. This will be donated to the children's hospice, Derian House.



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A Day At The 'Book' Fair!

In September the book fair arrived so we took a trip down to the library to see what was happening.



The buzz of excitement could be felt 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 filled up with cash and card/online 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 next week so make sure you get down there - miss it, miss out!



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Computer Science Pupils Keep Robots at Arms Length

Mrs Qadri loves giving her Year 10 Computer Science pupils a challenge – and this year it's been to build Robot Arms.

Over the years, Head of ICT & Computing Mrs Qadri, has given her pupils various tasks, including building and programming cars as well as rebuilding computers. This year her pupils are building Robot Arms to help with their programming skills as an additional extra to their class.

"They have enjoyed the challenge," said Mrs Qadri. "They programmed them to play Jenga which was fun! Some pupils have been more successful than others, it's great to see how eager some pupils are to do it, but they have all had a go."

Nathan said: "I wanted to build the Robot Arms as quickly as I could so I came in at lunch-time and break-times and I finished it in a week.

"I enjoyed it – it's something I looked forward to and it's fun.

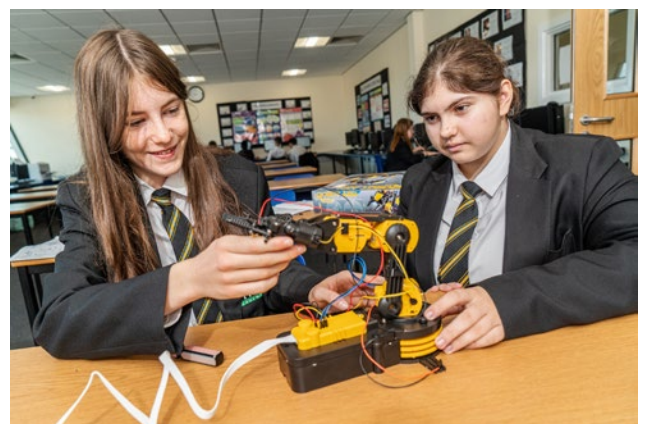
"I build remote controlled cars with my dad so it is something I do in my spare time."

Issac said: "It's quite difficult to do but it's a nice challenge. I have been working with a group and we have had a few setbacks but you learn from them!"

Megan added: "I have been working on my own and it took me around two weeks to build my Robot Arm although I have had a snapped wire and it was taken apart at Open Evening so I am rebuilding it.

"I have learnt a lot about programming from doing this and I would like to do something with STEM in the future."

*Mrs Qadri
Head of ICT
& Computing*



Priory's First Head Prefects Go Back to School

Priory's first Head Boy and Girl were reunited after almost 66 years apart and had the chance to meet the incumbents of the posts.

Sonia Ward (nee Taylor) is now 82 and was invited back to Priory by Principal, Mr Eastham, to have a look around the school earlier this year.

The school opened in 1953 with Sonia among the first group of pupils to join and she became Head Girl of Penwortham Secondary Modern School, as it was then, in 1955.

Her return story was featured in the newspapers and on the school website and she mentioned the Head Boy then – Roy Rich.

Roy saw the story and immediately contacted the school and the two met up again for the first time since they left Priory.

"I saw it in the newspaper and made contact with the school," said Roy. "I have got lost already as it's totally different!"

"It's weird as both Sonia and I went to work at County Hall, it's a vast place, and we never saw each other so this is the first time I have seen her."

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Sonia said: "It's amazing, as soon as I saw Roy I recognised him immediately. I haven't seen him since I was 16 but he still looks the same!"

Priory, which celebrates its 70th anniversary this next year, has changed a lot with a new science laboratory building, a humanities building and IT block among other additions.

"My son Graham, who now teaches in Spain, attended Priory so my last visit would be with him when he left to go to Runshaw College." said Roy, 82, who finished his career as the Local Government Review Officer for Lancashire County Council.

"It was an honour to be Head Boy then, one of my jobs was to instil a little bit of discipline. Smoking was a big thing then so my job was to report it to the Head Master.

"Being back at Priory brings back a lot of memories, a lot of good memories. I remember upstairs was a domestic area for boys and girls and I learnt shorthand and typing which stood me in good stead for my job at County Hall.

"I left school with four O'Levels, I was one of the first to take O'Levels. I had the chance to go to Hutton Sixth Form but I went straight into work at County Hall, that's what most people did then."

The duo looked at archive photographs of their time at Priory with the new Head Prefects, Fatima, Ben and Taylor.

"I remember we had to work hard in the gym, we had to climb the rope all the way to the top," laughed Sonia.

Fatima said: "It was amazing looking at the photographs. It's weird as some of it looks like a different school although some parts look the same with different decorations. It's great to be able to meet Sonia and Roy and follow in their footsteps."

One thing that hasn't changed is football – Roy was in the Priory football team and Taylor was happy to share football stories with Roy!

They gave Sonia and Roy a tour around the school and Taylor added: "It was a pleasure to meet them and hear their stories."



Above: Sonia, Roy and Mr Eastham with our current Head and Senior Prefects

Below: Sonia and Roy on the second row, furthest right.



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A Model Start for Year 7 Science Pupils



Year 7s Wren and Georgia came top of the class after they were joint winners of a Science Summer Competition.

Run by Assistant Head of Science Miss Nouraghaei, it was a voluntary task over summer to prepare the new Year 7s for life at Priory. The competition was to make a scientific model or presentation on a topic of their choice.

Wren chose to make a 3D design of the Solar System, including facts on each planet, while Georgia selected an animal cell, also providing information on her design.

“The Science Department chose Wren and Georgia as the winners of the Scientific Model Competition,” said Mrs Nouraghaei.

“We loved the attention to detail on Georgia’s model and the great information that came with it.

“Wren’s model of the Solar System included lots of amazing facts about each planet which we enjoyed reading.

“Thank you and well done to everyone who took part in this extension task, with the models now being displayed in the science department.”



Georgia said: “It took a while to make my model but I enjoyed doing it.”

Wren added: “I learnt a lot about the Solar System while making my model.”

Miss Nouraghaei
Assistant Head of Science

Year 9 Swimmer Reaches Top 10 in North West Rankings



Swimmer Charlotte is aiming to make a big splash - and has set her sights on the 2028 LA Olympics!

Year 9 Charlotte has been swimming for around four years and competes for Leyland Barracudas. She has represented Lancashire and the North West in 400m and 800m Freestyle for the Under 13 age group.

"I do prefer the longer distances," said Charlotte.

"I am dedicated, I train eight times a week and two days are very early mornings at Leyland Leisure Centre.

"I really enjoy it, I enjoy competing."

Charlotte, who is friends with former Priory pupil Libby who is on the GB training camp for synchronised swimming, is currently ranked third fastest for this year in Lancashire for 800m and seventh for 400m. In the North West, she is ninth fastest so far this year over 800m.

"I competed in a North Lancs swimming meeting recently and came first in the 800m and fourth in the 400m.

"When I started swimming, it was just for myself but now I look up to the likes of Adam Peaty.

"It was great watching all the Olympic and European Championship swimming on TV over the summer and that has inspired me even more.

"I know it will take a lot of dedication but my aim is the 2028 LA Olympics, it's a big goal."



Event Rankings (Last 12 Months)							
Female - Short Course - 800m Freestyle - North West - 13 Years Age Group - At 31st December 2022							
Rank	Name	Ranked Club	YoB	Meet Name	Venue	Level	Date
1	Amelie Blockidge	Co Salford	09	Wigan Best SC Future Stars Open Meet	Wigan		
2	Evie Clare	Stockport Mo	09	NW Winter Regional Swimming Championships (25m)	Manchester	2	26/11/21 9:08.90
3	Abbie Roscoe	Wirral Metro	09	Wirral Metro 3rd Summer Development Meet	Birkenhead	2	06/11/21 9:13.65
4	Evie Cutter	Wigan	09	Wigan SC Distance Meet 2022	Wigan	3	19/06/22 9:26.25
5	Olivia Watts	Warrington W	09	Cheshire County WP&SA County Championships 2022	Macclesfield	4	09/01/22 9:40.78
6	Amelia Gerrard	Warrington W	09	Wirral Metro 3rd Summer Development Meet	Birkenhead	2	29/01/22 9:51.84
7	Jasmine Bouaziz	Warrington W	09	Wigan Best SC Future Stars Open Meet	Birkenhead	3	19/06/22 9:55.09
8	Isabel Hitchmough	Warrington W	09	Wirral Metro 3rd Summer Development Meet	Wigan	2	26/11/21 9:58.27
9	Charlotte M	Leyland Barr	09	North Lancs S&WPA Level 2 Meet	Birkenhead	3	19/06/22 10:00.64
10	Isabelle Fletcher	Windsford	09	Windsford Club Championships 2022	Blackpool	2	17/09/22 10:08.00
11	Kate Roberts	Leyland Barr	09	Leyland Barracudas Distance Gala 2022	Windsford	4	18/09/22 10:09.95
12	Caitlin Postolachi Suciu	Co Salford	09	City of Salford Inter Club Long Distance Meet	Leyland	4	11/06/22 10:10.08
13	Amelia Fitzmaurice	Windsford	09	Wigan Best SC Future Stars Open Meet	Broughton	4	18/12/21 10:14.62
					Wigan	2	26/11/21 10:15.15

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How are you settling in, Year 7?

Our new Year 7s have adapted to life in Priory easily – and they already have favourite teachers!

Head of Year 7, Mrs Farley, has been impressed with how quickly the new group have come to terms with secondary school life.

She said: "I'm really impressed by the Year 7s this year. They have come in and taken to secondary school like ducks to water. I think with so many coming to Summer School this year has really helped them to settle in a lot quicker too.

"They have got to grips with the systems and how we work which can be quite overwhelming – particularly for those



that come from some of the smaller primary schools - but they've all taken the advice given and asked for help when it's needed and they are getting more and more confident each day. They're really getting stuck into life at Priory and it's great to see!"

Megan B said: "It's been a lot of fun so far, I have made a lot of new friends and there is nothing to be scared about. My favourite teacher is Mr Watters, he taught my mum!"

Catherine C said: "It's been great, I have met a lot of new people."

Alfie C said: "I have settled in quite well, it's nice to walk around the school to lessons as it feels like there is more freedom. My favourite subject is definitely maths. Mr Raynor is a great teacher."

Saachi R said: "I love drama and I am looking forward to taking part in the shows."

Wren T said: "My favourite subject is English, you never know what to expect in class."

Joshua added: "My favourite subject is PE, there is a lot more equipment and grounds than at primary school."

Year 9 Shake It Up in Food Technology

Pupils had to be careful not to 'shake it up' when making their Shakshuka at this week's after school cookery club.

The Arabian tomato and egg dish proved a success with the Year 9s who liked the spices and exotic nature of the meal.

Food Technology teacher, Mrs Cowell, said, *"All pupils went home with a hearty portion although some dishes may not have made it home as they were so eager to try it that it possibly got eaten on the bus!"*

What is Shakshuka? The word means 'mix-up' in Arabic and is found on many breakfast menus. It uses mostly store cupboard ingredients such as tinned tomatoes, chilli and eggs.



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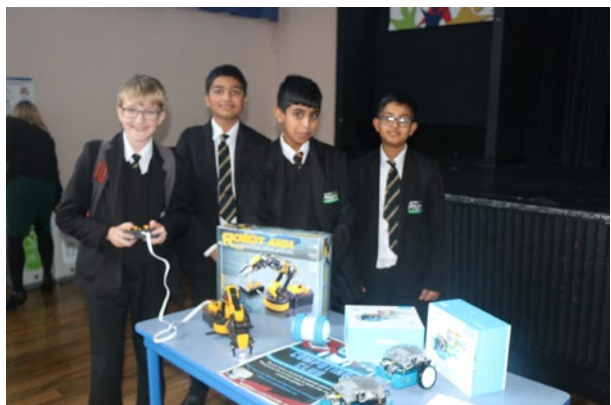
Extra Curricular Clubs Fair

Earlier this week, pupils had the opportunity to check out what's on offer at Priory beyond lesson time.



Organised by Head of Year 7, Mrs Farley, the event provided a picture of Priory's clubs, sports and other activities provision. All departments attended to showcase their lunch and after-school clubs - from art, chess, sports, drama, ICT, culture, science and much, much more. And, along with homework club, there is something for everyone!

At the event, pupils could talk to the staff and current club members to see what they can do to enhance their personal development whilst having fun and making new friends.



Mrs Farley said, *"The event was really well attended and all pupils seemed excited about what they were signing up for. It was also good to see older pupils speak so enthusiastically about what their clubs had to offer and how they enjoyed being part of them."*

Pop down to the Art room in the Technology block for some mindfulness colouring and origami workshops or use some of the art resources to complete your class work.

Year 7 William was super keen for you to join him in the Culture Hub every Wednesday in MFL1.

There's a multitude of sports to have a go at with activities changing every half term. Keep up to date with the timetable to find out what appeals to you.

Mrs Kursitis will be linking up with Eco Club for some of her projects. Pop along and see how you can boost your Geography knowledge.



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Equality and Diversity club

In EN1 every Monday lunch time starting from 26th September.

Come along to help promote equality and diversity at Priory!

We talk about LGBTQ+ related issues, disability equality, racial and religious equality, and so much more!

Pride is for everyone!



At Penwortham Priory Academy we believe that strong Personal Development provision contributes to making a positive difference to our pupils' lives and can create a positive effect in school, at home and in the community in which they live.

Opportunities provided not only allow pupils to engage in activities they are interested in, but enables them to explore and build a strong pathway to, and foundation for, a successful future.

EXTRA! EXTRA!



Megan and Lily are promoting all things Eco and the club's first project starts Mondays after half term - upcycling clothes. Turn your ideas into something useful, learn how to sew, and make do and mend!



Debate Club

Every Thursday 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 lunch at the club.

Miss Ackers

Miss Ackers, Mrs Ham and these Year 10 pupils will argue that their club is the best - join them for Debate Club every Thursday in HU6.

CHESS CLUB

WHEN : Friday lunchtime
WHERE : LEAP 1

BEGINNERS WELCOME

BRING YOUR LUNCH AND YOUR BRAIN!



Mr McKean challenges you to a game of chess every Friday - could you be our next champ?



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Mrs Gidden'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, Bobby...

Football-mad Bobby is concentrating on 007 in his reading!

Year 8 Bobby is currently reading 'Young Bond: Red Nemesis' by Steve Cole.

"It's about James Bond when he was younger," said Bobby. "I like spy books and thrillers and I have seen a lot of the James Bond films."



Bobby admits his heart lies with football though!

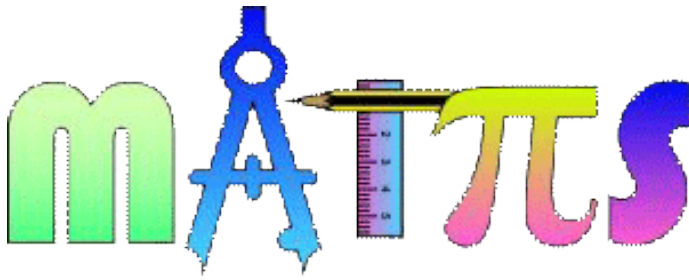
"I am a Preston North End season ticket holder and my favourite player is Brad Potts.

"I play football for Charnock Richard as a striker.

"I prefer football to reading but I do read when I can! I enjoy my English classes."

Bobby's English teacher, Mrs Elliott added, "Although Bobby's first love is football, I'm really pleased that reading still gets a look in! Bobby is really enthusiastic in English and is always keen to take on the next challenge. We're currently reading an excerpt from Orwell's 1984. Bobby has already checked in our library and alerted me to the fact that we don't have a copy! It's now on my 'must buy next' list! A great example to his peers."

Mrs Gidden
Head of English



Former Pupils Calculate A Return To Priory For Top Set Maths Lesson

In October, the Lancaster University School of Maths (LuSoM) delivered an A-level Maths taster session to Mr Sneddon's top set Year 11 Maths class. They also spoke about what pupils might expect at the college and brought along two of our Class of 2022 pupils who are now studying with them. Great to see you, Jack and James!



Head of Maths, Mr Kenrick, will now follow this up with enrichment sessions for those interested and put forward a team for the LuSoM maths challenge, which we won last year.

The Lancaster University School of Maths is a sixth form community where talented mathematicians can excel. Based close to Cardinal Newman College in Preston, they will provide an intellectually stimulating and challenging curriculum along with high-quality resources for 16-19 year olds who love maths.

The college welcomed its first intake this year.



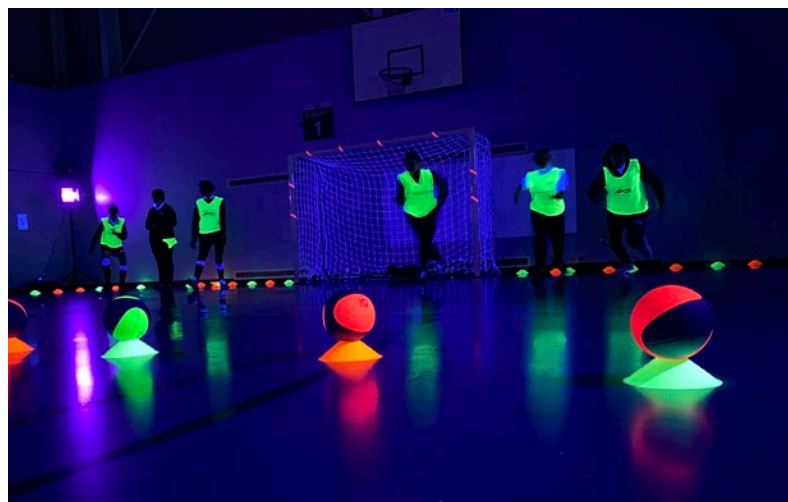
Mr Kenrick
Head of Maths

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Glow In The Dark Dodgeball

SPORTS REPORT



On Monday, we got into the Halloween spirit with a game of 'glow in the dark' dodgeball.

Six Year 9 pupils organised the event which took place at lunchtime for all the year group to participate in - and the excitement even carried over to some PE lessons throughout the day.

Darcey K, Rosie S, Eloise G, Sophia S, Jolie T and Paige M organised the event and promoted it to their year group. They also organised a Halloween quiz for all Year 9 groups to compete with during Learning for Life.



PE teacher, Mrs Bullock, said, "The activities were thoroughly enjoyable and it was a great way to encourage participation in sport - everyone had fun! The girls are looking to organise another event before Christmas".

The group of six will all gain recognition for leadership, communication, organisation and initiative which will earn them credits towards their Priory+ and PiXL Edge awards for personal development.

Well done girls!



Mrs Bullock,
PE Teacher & Head of year 9

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Pupils are Sew Good at Eco Fashion Club

It was the first session of Eco Fashion Club on Monday, a branch of Eco Club where pupils have the chance to make something new out of old clothes and unwanted fabric.

Led by Mrs Massey and Mrs Lockwood, the group had a very productive hour after school in the Technology block (TE4).

Mrs Lockwood commented, "Our volunteer grandparent, Mrs Lazonby, was amazing and with her expert sewing experience pupils made a good start on some practical skills of pattern cutting and machine sewing."



Photos show pupils garment upcycling to make hair scrunchies.

Pupils had some wonderful ideas for other items they would like to produce in the weeks ahead.

The class runs after school every Monday from 3.10pm to 4.15pm up until Christmas. All year groups welcome.



ECO FASHION CLUB

- RECYCLE -

- REDUCE -

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Penwortham

Priory

ACADEMY

MONDAY'S 3.10-4.15PM
(FROM 31ST OCTOBER)
TECHNOLOGY TE4

LEARN GREAT WAYS REDUCE WASTE AND UPCYCLE
YOUR OLD CLOTHES!
TEXTILE DONATIONS WELCOME!

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Geography Pupils Have A Field Day at Wycoller Beck

During the last week of the half term, the Geography department took four groups of GCSE pupils out to Wycoller, near Colne.



Wycoller itself is a gorgeous village where the beck flows through, passing under the arches of the medieval pack horse bridge and two ancient slab bridges. Once the home of Penelope Keith, now home to a small community who are devoted to the village.

Lead Teacher for Geography, Mr Watters, added, "After the short trip down the M65, Wycoller would be a great walk for families and / or dog walkers, the Bronte Way is an easy walk whether you fancy the 3.4 mile round trip or one of the more strenuous strolls. Note, there is a great little cafe in the village open most weekends!"



The four GCSE groups completed a number of fieldwork measurements, recordings and sampling procedures. Pupils studied the processes for the waterfall system and made their own videos explaining how the combination of fluvial processes erode the varying geology to cause the waterfalls to retreat.

After stopping at the first site, pupils recorded sampling methods that they used to test the discharge, velocity, width and varying bedload of the Wycoller Beck as it went downstream. The pupils will share their videos, photos and results for each to produce an analysis and series of graphs which illustrate how the streams correlate with Bradshaw's model.



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Many thanks to the wonderful Year 10 and 11 pupils who were absolutely brilliant on both days. Everyone kept reasonably dry, apart from Tom S, Year 10, who was absolutely fantastic in his own explanation of the differing velocities of the stream going round the meander. He deserves special praise and will always be remembered for his adventurous and clever way of showing his peers how friction slows down the speed on the inside beach compared to the relative pace of the stream!



Thank you for the superb help and support in the teaching from Mrs Kursitis, Mr Gee and, of course, Mr Metcalfe. It was the teaching debut of our trainee Miss Tabberer. We managed to avoid the worst of the weather so we had a couple of great picnics.

Thanks for reading.

*Mr Watters
Lead Teacher of Geography*



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Our Brilliant Bedrock Blasters...

Three Priory pupils have been recognised by Bedrock Learning for their hard work on the English literacy application last half term.

Bedrock's Customer Success Manager, Mr Collier, said, "*We were blown away by your students' hard work on Bedrock Learning last half-term. With over 300,000 students using Bedrock, three of your students have been selected for their consistent completion of lessons - this amazing achievement should be rewarded!*"

The English Department is thrilled to announce that **Mia C (Year 9)**, **Maisie C (Year 8)** and **Summer P (Year 8)** have all been awarded a £10 Amazon voucher directly by Bedrock for their dedication.

Well done!

Bedrock Stars prize draw

Congratulations to these learners!

Maisie C - Year 8
Summer P - Year 8
Mia C - Year 9



Miss Ackers' Recommended Read

The Inheritance Games - Jennifer Lynn Barnes

This month Humanities and AR teacher, Miss Ackers, has sent in her 'pick'...



Avery Grambs has a plan for a better future: survive high school, win a scholarship, and get out. But her fortunes change in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves Avery virtually his entire fortune. The catch? Avery has no idea why -- or even who Tobias Hawthorne is.



To receive her inheritance, Avery must move into the sprawling, secret passage-filled Hawthorne House, where every room bears the old man's touch -- and his love of puzzles, riddles, and codes. Caught in a world of wealth and privilege, with danger around every turn, Avery will have to play the game herself just to survive.

This book is one of my favourite Young Adult books. The final book of the trilogy has just come out and it's the next on my to be read list! It's twisty and leaves you wanting more, there's always a riddle to be solved and Barnes manages to surprise me every time. A must read!

ZPD: 4.7 (Red)

Miss Ackers
 Humanities Teacher

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Full STEAM Ahead for Careers Event

We have welcomed visitors who represented the vast choice of careers in Science Technology Engineering Art and Maths to our STEAM careers event.

Held in the Assembly Hall, classes from all year groups attended to chat with employers, colleges and universities with the aim to inspire and educate pupils about careers in the STEAM sectors.

Organiser and Science teacher Mrs Massey said, "We are passionate about ensuring that pupils are well informed about career options so they can make open minded choices about their future"

"I was really pleased that so many employers and education providers could attend to make this event so beneficial. The pupils were a credit to us, asking great questions, interacting with the activities and collating lots of information. Some were nervous about the prospect of talking to people they didn't know about careers but responded fantastically to the challenge."

Thank you to all our visitors, including local colleges - Runshaw, Preston and Newman - UCLan, Leyland Trucks, Kepak, Nuffield Health, Jemma Oliver Physiotherapy, Natwest, Westinghouse Electric, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals, The Institute of Engineering and Fortitude Fitness.



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A Real Debate For The Humanities Department

Priory's top debaters have entered a national competition and said it has boosted their knowledge and communication skills.

The ESU's Schools' Mace Competition is extremely competitive, it's the oldest and largest debating competition for schools and is open to Years 7-13, involving around 300 schools from each year group.

History teacher Miss Ackers runs the Debate Club at Priory every Thursday and decided that her dedicated pupils should put their talents into practise.

Miss Ackers said: *"I have been doing the Debate Club for a number of years. I enjoy it and it's part of my subject. A natural progression from the club was to start doing competitions and let the pupils put their debating skills to the test."*

Aisha, Grace, Olivia, India, Millie and George made their debut in the heats on Wednesday against older pupils from Stonyhurst College in Clitheroe.



Miss Ackers said: "They were given a topic: *'Should educational policy be decided by educational staff or politicians'* and we had to argue that it should be decided by politicians. - the tougher side!"

"Three pupils debated while three worked behind the scenes, formulating arguments and giving opposite views to help the team practise."

Olivia said: "The Debate Club is a great opportunity to develop my communication skills and logical knowledge. It helps me practise speaking out which I may need in the future. I enjoyed researching the topic we were given. You go in with one view and then you do actually start thinking the other side is right! It keeps you open-minded and makes you look at something from a different perspective."

Aisha said: "I really enjoy Debate Club. It's challenging, it makes your brain work but most importantly, it's fun." India added: "It helps with English and trains you to come up with things quickly when you need to."

As we went to press, we are still awaiting the results and feedback however, whatever the outcome, we are extremely proud of the team.

Miss Ackers
Humanities Teacher

Year 7 Cookery Club

After school on Friday, Year 7 had their first opportunity join in some making and baking fun when Food Technology teacher Mrs Cowell invited them to have a go at making Greek cheese pies called Spanakopita.

What is Spanakopita?

This is an authentic Greek savoury spinach and cheese pie featuring layers of crispy, flaky pastry and a rich spinach and feta cheese filling. This is usually served warm for an impressive but easy to make vegetarian main meal.

Mrs Cowell said, *"Apart from expanding their cultural experiences, the pupils learnt how to handle the delicate filo pastry. It's so thin you can see your hand through it. When cooked it's really crispy and is a good alternative to heavier, more traditional pastries like shortcrust as it's a lot lower in saturated fat."*

"Adding spinach to the pies ensured that they were high in iron, something that teenagers need more of in their diet than at other times of life."



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Alumni: Class of 1997

Jemma Oliver



Former Priory pupil Jemma Oliver has travelled the world but is now giving back to the community of Penwortham.

Jemma left Priory in 1997 but returned for our Career's Fair last week where she talked about her work as a Physiotherapist.

Jemma, now 42, has worked internationally with elite teams, helping GB athletes in athletics, volleyball, bobsleigh and more and was involved in the London Olympics in 2012 as well as the Glasgow and Gold Coast Commonwealth Games with Team England. She has now set up a Physiotherapy practice in Penwortham, at Galloways in Howick.



"It was nice to return to Priory for the Career's Fair," said Jemma. "I stayed in touch with the Head, Mr Eastham, so I have been back a few times but not for six or seven years and it has changed a lot."

"I guess you would say I was a bit of a geek at school, I was a prefect and sports captain, and I threw myself into everything. I have fond memories of my time at Priory so it's nice to give something back."

Jemma admits that it wasn't always her dream to be a Physiotherapist: "When I was at school, I wanted to be a PE teacher. I went to college but was always more into science subjects, so I took that route. I did a Sports & Exercise Science degree at Leeds Met, then I went onto study Physiotherapy at Sheffield Hallam before doing a Masters in Sports Injury Management."

"I worked hard, and it was a dream to travel around the world and work in sport. I have got to say though it was also very tough at times and when you are a therapist, you can occasionally look after everyone else before yourself. This led to some anxiety and mental health issues which I now talk freely about to help others learn more about wellbeing and mental health."

"I came back to Penwortham from living in London to be near family and friends and base my new clinic where I grew up. I don't take a traditional 'physio clinic approach' as I believe it should be more about wellbeing and a chilled-out environment. I take my dog, I have pictures and plants, I want it to be as relaxing and non-clinical as possible."

"I want to use the skills I learnt travelling the world for the everyday person and the local community. My idea is to keep it simple, I treat pain, injuries, look at lifestyles and use what I have learnt about well-being to help the whole person."

Jemma also has an Associate Lecturer role at Manchester Met, writes a blog about mental health and encourages people to be open, as well as talking about her travels and of course her time at Priory on other stages.

"I jumped at the chance to come back to Priory and talk about my career and opportunities within my field. If you want to be a Physio you potentially need to have A-Levels but there are other pathways into working as a clinical therapist including Sports Therapy, Sports Rehab and Soft Tissue Massage work. A lot of children do not know about all the opportunities out there in this field, so it was great to engage with them."

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Pupils Speak Out at Regional Competition



Three Priory Year 10 pupils will take to the stage as part of an annual Rotary Club Speaking Competition.

Grace D is the chairperson, Olivia B is the key note speaker and Aisha B will give the vote of thanks, with Lucy B and India P as back-up for the team. The group have chosen to speak on the topic of 'Race Discrimination.'



The Rotary Youth Speaks Competition is a well-established competition organised and promoted by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. After the hiatus since Covid halted it in 2019 and the district heats will take place at Balshaw's High School on Tuesday, 15 November.

This competition offers the pupils the chance to speak on a public platform and the opportunity of learning and practising high standards of expression and presentation.

Head of English Mrs Gidden has been working with Assistant Head of English Mrs Robinson-Ali to get the team ready for the competition.



"They chose the topic themselves and have been doing such a lot of research from black people being used in medical tests to George Floyd and the current day," said Mrs Gidden.

"They have come up with such a well-written piece and I am proud of how hard they have worked."

Grace said: "I enjoyed doing the research, looking through articles although some were really horrible to read about."

Olivia said: "We want to draw attention to Race Discrimination and this is one way of doing it. There is a lot people do not see and we want to highlight this in our speech. It's such an important topic."

A very proud Mrs Robinson-Ali, added, "They've been working extremely hard and no matter the outcome, we are proud of them for using their voices."

Good luck!

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Year 8 Have Designs on Their Books For Competition

Year 8 Chloe R was 'puntastic' as she won our annual Design a Bookmark competition!

"This year's theme was 'reading puns' and the entries were of an extremely high standard" said Assistant Head of English, Mrs Robinson-Ali, who led the competition.

There were over 50 entries which were narrowed down to six. Chloe's was a Pinocchio-inspired design and was voted as the favourite by Years 7-9.

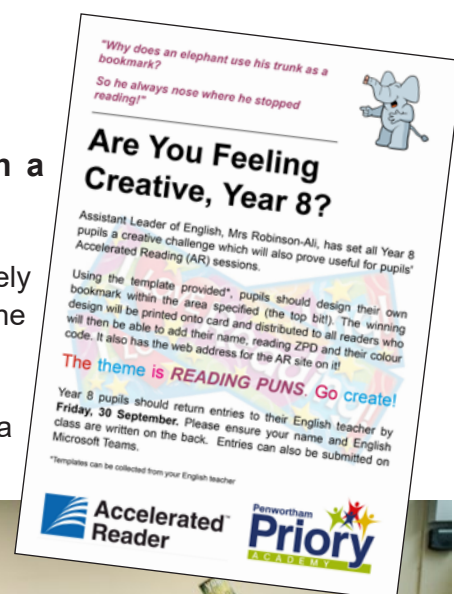
Using the template provided, pupils had to design their bookmark within the area specified. The six finalists' designs were printed onto card and distributed to all readers.

Key Stage 3 pupils now have their own school bookmark where they can note their Accelerated Reader (AR) codes for the year.

Chloe said: "I wanted to do something connected with a film and it didn't take me too long. Art is one of my favourite subjects so I am delighted to win."

Runners-up were Sehr A, Shreya P, Evie C, Anna H, Finlay K with honourable mentions to Yusuf Y and Harriet H.

Mrs Robinson-Ali
Assistant Head of
English



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It's Show Time!



This year's Priory show will be.... Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

As you can guess, it's Mary Poppins which will be performed at school in December.

Lead Teacher of Drama, Miss Howell, said: "It's a bit of a classic, it's got some lovely dance numbers and the pupils have picked up the choreography really quickly.

"They are a dedicated bunch and it's been nice as we have had some new pupils wanting to take to the stage and they are talented. It also means different year groups mix together and they make new friends. We are excited about it!"



Year 10 India was surprised to be given the lead role. "I have appeared in Matilda and Game Over, productions we have put on, but I never expected to get the lead part in this. I was blown away, really buzzing. I have to sing, dance and act but I do that at Create Theatre Academy out of school. We have been rehearsing for two months now and I have seen the costumes so I am excited."

Other leading pupils include Lewis T (Bert), Connie B (Jane), Emily C (Michael), Cyrus B (George) and Holly E (Winifred).



Tues, 6 Dec & Weds, 7 Dec at 7pm

Tickets available via SCOPay on from reception (cash only).

Prices: Adults £7 | Concessions £5



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In Remembrance...

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them."*

On Sunday, Head Prefects Ben and Fatima represented the school at Penwortham's Remembrance service.

After attending St Leonard's church, the pair, accompanied by their Head of Year Mrs Ham, walked to Liverpool Road to take part in the community service at Penwortham's War Memorial. Fatima and Ben were also asked to read the names of some of the fallen before laying a wreath on behalf of the school.

It was a beautiful morning, well attended by the community, and one we were very pleased to be apart of.

So what is Armistice?

Armistice was an agreement to end the fighting of the First World War as a prelude to peace negotiations. It began at 11am on 11 November 1918.

Armistice is Latin for to stand (still) arms.

To this day we mark Armistice Day around the United Kingdom with a two minute silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month.

At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month – we will remember them.

Mrs Ham
Head of year 11



History Pupils Take A Trip Back In Time

In October the History Department led two trips to Lancaster for Year 7 pupils.

Pupils were visiting the city as part of their study of Medieval history and, whilst there, they had the opportunity to explore Lancaster Priory and the Castle.

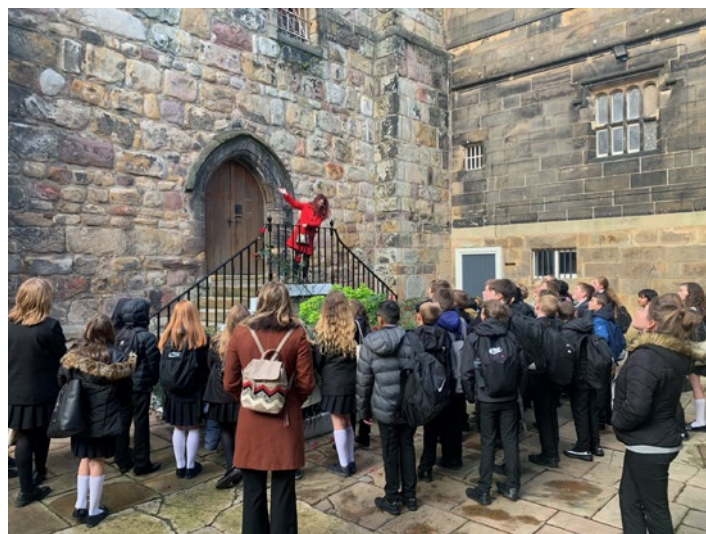
We were fortunate to have Andrew, a superb tour guide at the Priory, where he spoke about its Roman, Anglo-Saxon and Medieval history. He showed us the 14th century choir-stalls which are the second oldest in England - and priceless!

After some free time in the city centre, we then took a whistle-stop tour of the castle. The castle dates from the 1100s and is still a functioning court building although unbelievably, its time as a prison only ended in 2011.

Pupils got to wander the Medieval castle keep and the Victorian prison wing but it was the chance to be locked in an 18th century cell that grabbed their attention the most. Those brave enough to accept the challenge ventured inside the cell, the doors were bolted behind them and the lights turned out, much to everyone's excitement!

It goes without saying that our students were excellent ambassadors for Penwortham Priory Academy, and the History department is already looking forward to our next trip to Quarry Bank Mill with Year 8 pupils in Spring 2023.

Mr Eccles
Lead Teacher
of History



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Siblings Become Bakers for Charity



Penwortham Priory Academy siblings, Seth and Reese, have raised funds for a charity close to their heart.

Year 8 Seth has dyspraxia, a condition which affects movement and co-ordination. His sister Reese, who is in Year 7, decided to sell 'treat box' cakes over October half-term to raise money for the Dyspraxia Foundation.



**DYSPRAXIA
FOUNDATION**
Incorporating Developmental
Co-ordination Disorder (DCD)

Seth said: "I have dyspraxia which makes things in life a little bit more hard work but I always try my best."

Reese continued: "It means his brain doesn't function like everyone else's. We wanted to fundraise and we have always baked. My mum has always made us amazing cakes for our birthdays and she bakes a lot of cakes for charity so it's something we have always done."

"We sent messages to family and friends that we had cakes for sale and we raised £160."



Seth added:

"This is important to me, it affects so many people and many do not talk about it as you can be rejected by friends."

"I don't like talking about it but it's important to raise awareness and my sister helps me do that and she talks about it which is great because I love her!"



What is Dyspraxia?

Dyspraxia is a surprisingly common condition affecting movement and coordination in children and adults. It affects all areas of life, making it difficult for people to carry out activities that others take for granted.

Each person's experience of dyspraxia is different and will be affected by a person's age, the opportunities they have had to learn skills, environmental demands and the support/understanding shown by people around them.

There are, however, some common signs of dyspraxia affecting movement (difficulty coordinating large and small body movements), organisation and planning (organising themselves, their equipment and their thoughts), and speech and language (difficulty keeping up with conversations).

For more information, visit the Dyspraxia Foundation website at <https://dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/>

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Year 7 Gymnastics Success

SPORTS REPORT

A huge well done to Millie D who competed in the English Gymnastics Championships on Saturday, 12 October.

The Year 7 pupil travelled down to New College, Leicester, where she dazzled the judges in the beam, floor, bar and vault to gain a Bronze overall in the Jim Moss Women's Artistic Championships.

The English Gymnastics Gold, Silver and Bronze Championships has been running since 2013. Now in its 9th year, the event hosts gymnasts from all over the country to offer a level of National Gymnastics just below the main English Senior Championships.

Mum said, *"This is the first time Millie has competed at the English Championships. She was up against 40 gymnasts from 16 clubs in the bronze intermediate category and placed bronze overall. We are thrilled for her."*



PE teacher, Mrs Bullock added, *"Millie is unbelievable! It is amazing to see that she medalled - she certainly deserved it"*.



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World Cup Kick Off

The FIFA World Cup kicks off in Qatar on Sunday, 20 November and these Year 7s are already excited for England's first match.

As it's an early finish for our Learning for Life Day, pupils will be able to hurry home to catch the match against Iran.

Come on England!

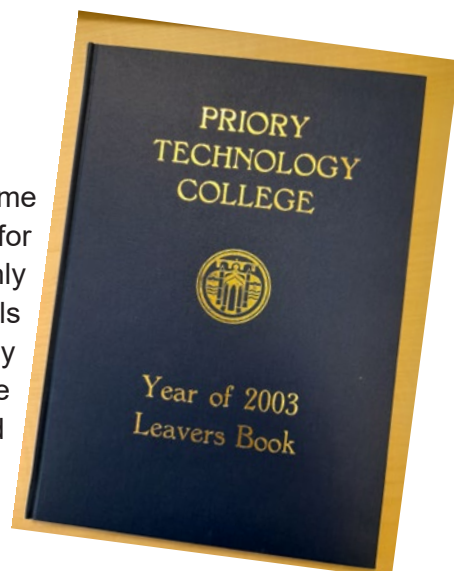


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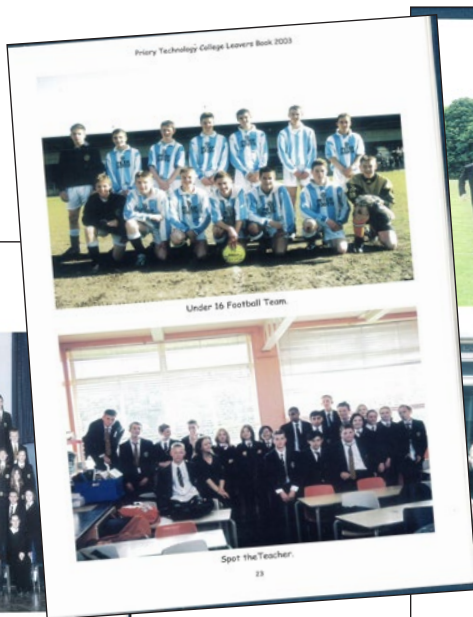


Class of 2003: A vintage year!

Why don't we do these anymore? We came across this on Wednesday after looking for something with our old logo on. It was certainly a vintage year with many trailblazers and professionals including the owner of our peripatetic music tuition, a doctor that officially opened our newest building and current Priory staff (and children of!). The foreword was written by the Head of Year, Mr Faulkner, who is still with us today in the Pastoral team. Here are just a few pages...



School Leavers 2003



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Tickets Now Available

It's been a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious week for 'Mary Poppins' rehearsals and the show is really coming together. Under the watchful eye of Miss Howell, Lead Teacher of Drama, along with musical direction from Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher of Music, they are making sure 'everything is possible, even the impossible'.

If you want a check out if a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down, then make sure you get your tickets soon!

Tickets are now available, in the most delightful way, via SCOPay (card payment only - pupils to collect from school office) or direct from reception (cash only).

Tues, 6 December

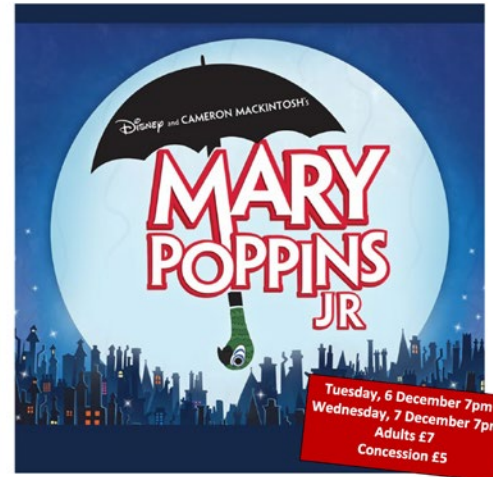
Weds, 7 December

7pm-9pm

Adults £7 | Concessions £5 (child/OAP)



PENWORTHAM PRIORY ACADEMY'S
production of



A musical based on the stories of P L Travers and the Walt Disney film

Director
Miss Howell

Music Director
Mr Taylor

Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins Jr.* is presented through special arrangement with
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Music Theatre International, New York, NY
212-541-4684 mtishows.com



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Pupils Speak Out To Come Third In Rotary Club Competition



Earlier in November, three Year 10 pupils took to the stage for an annual Rotary Club Speaking Competition and were awarded third place.

The well-established competition is organised by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland and took place at Balshaws High School, Leyland, on 15 November.



Assistant Head of English, Mrs Robinson-Ali, who helped to coach the team alongside Mrs Gidden, said, *"The team put on a real showstopper for us and did us proud. Grace introduced the speech with confidence and made the audience laugh with her one liners. Olivia spoke passionately on the topic of race discrimination and used some impactful pauses to hook her audience, and Aisha was our vote of thanks, summarising the speech and offering her opinion."*

The team of three were asked questions at the end of their presentation and each responded maturely and were able to give very thorough answers off the cuff.

But the team couldn't have done it without the support of Lucy and India who were brilliant cheerleaders, as they have been throughout the rehearsal process.

Mrs Robinson-Ali summed it up by saying, *"It was a pleasure to see them up there, giving it their all and doing Priory proud!"*



*Mrs Robinson-Ali
Assistant Head
of English*

Image left: Aisha, Olivia and Grace alongside the South Ribble's Deputy Mayor Chris Lomax and Rotary Club members.



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Key Stage 3 Pupils Racing Ahead with AR

Priory's love of reading is showing in that they already have Word Millionaires in Years 7-9 – even though it's only November!

Jacob R has hit the millionaire jackpot in Year 7 and he is so enthusiastic about reading.

"I love fantasy books and my favourite author is Rick Riordan. I read when I can, in school and at least 20 minutes every night.

"I was happy to be a Word Millionaire but now I am only 100,000 words off making the two million mark!"



Year 8 Jessica achieved millionaire status last year and has done it again!

"I think I have read over 30 books so far this term," said Jessica.

"I like books from the Victorian era, reading about poverty and life back then so I enjoy books by Jacqueline Wilson. I like history and art in school."

Year 9 Emily is a Word Millionaire for the third consecutive year.

"I am always determined to become a Word Millionaire every year as soon as I can!" said Emily.

"I like books on sci-fi and also Greek

Mythology, I enjoy the Percy Jackson series. I read every day."

Head of English, Mrs Gidden said: "We are very big on Accelerated Reader and Renaissance at Priory, it's a massive foundation of our library and how it runs.

"We have got all Key Stage 3 children carrying reading books and Accelerated Reader is improving their reading.

"It also means we can put pupils in line with their chronological age so they are reading at the correct level.

"At Priory, we have an hour in our curriculum just to read and it's benefiting everyone.

"We even have a 'Chocs and Socks' sessions so that classes can bring in comfy blankets and socks to get used to associating reading with relaxing. 9E3 have been our trial class for this and are now our stars!"

South Ribble Cross Country Championships



On Saturday, 19 November, our talented runners made their way to Hutton Grammar School for the annual South Ribble cross country event.

The sun was shining down on our athletes as they prepared to tackle the gruelling course on what was a fresh and sunny morning. There were some fantastic team and individual performances with a number of Priory pupils' finishing in positions leading to invites to represent South Ribble at the Lancashire competition in the New Year.

Top Results

Year 7 Boys

Name	Position
Excellence I	4
Finn T	11
Josh M	15
Ossian H	27
Overall	2nd Place

Year 7 Girls

Name	Position
Eliza G	31
Millie D	40

Year 8/9 Boys

Name	Position
Ethan H	16
Felix D	36
Taylor K	40

Year 8/9 Girls

Name	Position
Jane W	14
Alexa G	25
Harriet H	28
Sky S	36

Year 10/11 Boys

Name	Position
Jack T	5
Connor McG	37

Year 10/11 Girls

Name	Position
Anais McM	16

The Year 10s and 11s began the event with Jack T (Year 11) setting the tone finishing in a magnificent 5th place. Race by race, Priory was represented by some fantastic displays of courage and determination with great results for the girls - Jane W (Year 9) achieving a very respectable 14th place in the Year 8/9 race and Anais McM (Year 10) finishing 16th in the Year 10/11 race. Ethan H (Year 9) ran in at 16th place in the Year 8/9 boys' race out of over 70 runners.

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The Year 7s tied up the morning events, eleven of our newcomers took to the course, with three boys finishing in the top 20, Josh

M in 15th, Finn T in 11th, all topped off by an outstanding finish from Excellence I placing 4th.

Overall, Priory's Year 7 boys came second out of all the South Ribble schools that took part, with Year 8 & 9 girls team coming in 5th in their category.

The organisers commented, "It was great to see so many happy faces competing on the day - the weather also helped! It was the best attendance we have seen in recent years and the event shows how PE and school sport can contribute to the personal development and overall well-being of everyone involved."

It was wonderful to have many parents/carers in attendance spectating throughout the morning who showed their appreciation and support for all of the runners. This creates an amazing atmosphere and experience for the runners.

PE Teacher, Miss Beesley, summed up by saying, "A huge thank you to all pupils who took part on the day - your effort is greatly appreciated."

Mr Bullock
Head of PE & Sport



Year 7 Football Success

A fantastic team performance this week saw the Year 7 football team beat Wellfield Academy 5-2 in the league fixture match.

Every player gave their all with goals from Alex H, Finn T, Connor S and Josh M.

Congratulations!

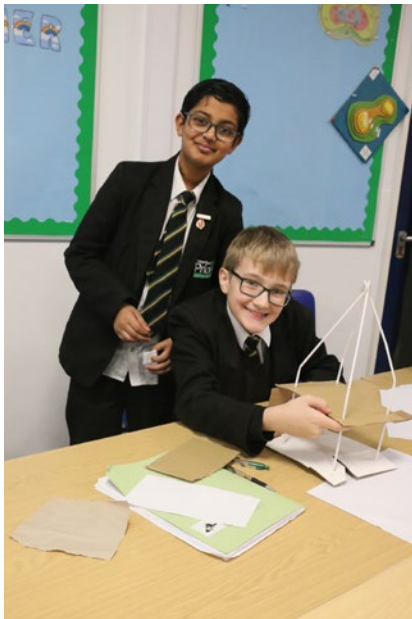
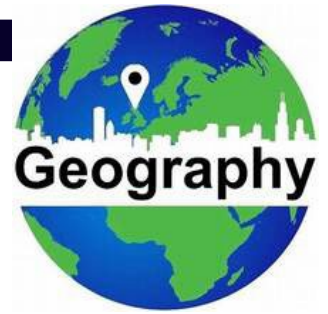
Team:

Adam B, Will B, Theo H, Ossian H, Alex H, Excellence I, Josh M, Daniel McC, Harry M, Isaac S, Connor S, Finn T, George W, Will D.



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Earth Shattering Time For Year 8 Geography

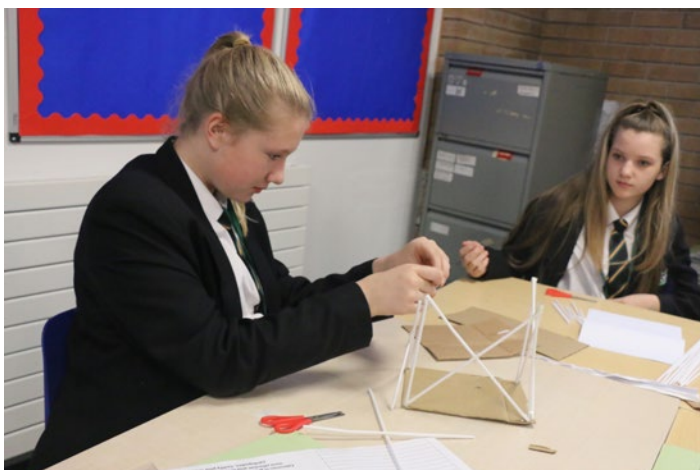


Mrs Kursitis' Year 8 classes have been creating earthquake proof buildings this week.

Pupils had to plan out their designs before making a start on their building. Once their design was drawn up, they were given a select amount of materials to work with including card, small boxes, paper straws and tape.

Earlier in the week, pupils had spent time learning about the dangers of earthquakes and how countries can predict, prepare and protect themselves in a seismic event.

*Mrs Kursitis
Geography Teacher*



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Year 7 Pupils Enjoy a Creative Escape in English



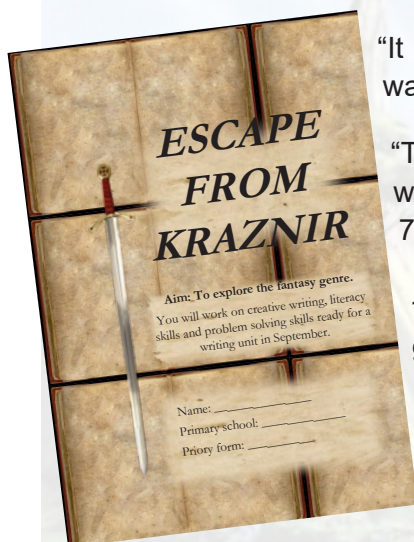
A large number of Year 7s have been granted warrior status by Head of English Mrs Gidden after completing 'The Legends of Kraznir' project.

Mrs Gidden's explained: "The Times Education Supplement ran this scheme around 30 years ago and I revamped it around ten years ago for the 21st Century, using one of my friends as an illustrator.

"We launch it on Taster Day and asked pupils to do it over summer and then, when they come into Priory, they continue working on it as part of their creative writing unit.

"In primary school, English tends to be quite technical so this was about creative writing and firing the imaginations of the pupils. It's pure fantasy!"

"There are four staple characters in everyone's story but the pupils had to invent their lead character, decide which weapons they would have and which magical powers.



"It was centred around stopping the peaceful country of Slinsil being conquered by warlike Kraznir.

"The entries were absolutely superb and I have to give a special mention to Oliver K, who has a stunning way of writing and his imagery was amazing. We hope the Year 7s gain inspiration from it and take it all the way through school."

19 pupils especially impressed their teachers, out of a 150 year group, and they were given certificates.

One of the 'warriors' Elliott said: "I liked it as you got to use your imagination and made your own lead character."

Alfie said: "It was fantasy and really interesting. You had to come up with a number of words to explain events, such as crossing a river and make sure nothing went wrong!"

Jazmin said: "It was creative and I liked it as you got to decide your own destiny."

Logan added: "I liked how you could create your own characters and kill off those you did not like!"

James added: "I like the fantasy genre a lot."



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Artist Returns To Priory To Deliver Workshops



Ten years ago Conlons Construction came to Priory to work on the old G corridor, transforming the Humanities Department and creating the Auditorio. Part of the construction site were the peripheral 60 hoarding boards, keeping construction and pupils safely apart. During this period, which coincided with the school's 60th anniversary, it was decided that each board represent a year in the life of the school and different stakeholders in the school would plan and paint a board, with a winning prize for the best awarded.



Conlons were given a board and drew 1953, the year of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation and the first year of the school. In an attempt to win the prize, Conlons decided to commission local artist Stephen Astbury to paint a portrait of the Queen. Stephen's painting is now on permanent display in the Humanities building for all to admire.

Lead Teacher of Art & Design, Mrs Hopes, said, "*Stephen recently contacted the school and offered to work with pupils in a watercolour workshop and discuss being an artist as a career.*"

A group of Year 9 pupils have attended two, two-hour workshops this week where they have learnt a number of skills. Pupils have revisited Year 7 learning of colour mixing and painting skills. They have learnt how to create washes and how to apply these to copies of Stephen's work. Themes including nature, landscapes and light have been covered.

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Mrs Hopes continued, "*I was delighted to accept the workshop offer as it provides opportunities that wouldn't normally be available to them. Learning skills from a professional artist is worthwhile and provides context. I am hoping that the Q&A session with Stephen regarding his career has provided clarity for pupils wishing to proceed into the same creative field. Stephen also asked pupils to bring examples of their own work to the second session, where he discussed their work and provided expert feedback and direction.*"

Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the workshops.



Image above:
Stephen with his
mural in 2013.



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More Able & Ambitious

OXFORD
Masterclass

Year 9-11 Pupils Able & Ambitious

This week saw our first ever visit from the recruitment staff at the University of Oxford to promote the education and extraordinary range of opportunities which studying at Oxford can allow Priory pupils.

Pupils who are identified as our most/more able (top 20% of pupils in Year 9, 10 and 11 based on their SAT scores) alongside other pupils who had shown the ability, ambition and potential to achieve at least a Grade 7 in a specific subject were invited to attend.

There is no typical Oxford student, and no single Oxford experience and this session was aimed at providing our pupils with the sense of ambition to match their ability, with the self-belief to be whoever they want to be; to feel confident and excited about their future, be that at Oxford, or indeed any other Russell Group university.

As part of our Careers Programme we are now working to make sure that every pupil in Year 9 has the opportunity to visit a local university by the end of this academic year.

Mr Taylor
Able & Ambitious Lead



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Year 11 Childcare Talk Careers in Health & Social Care

Preston College have visited Priory to deliver a session with Priory's Year 11 Childcare group.



The session, delivered by Nicoleen Campbell from the college, both tied in with some revision work which the pupils are doing in order to prepare for their official exam in January but also give them an insight into potential careers within the Health and Social Care sector which they could go on to study in their post 16 provision.

Childcare teacher, Mrs Holland said, "*The students were really engaged in the session and it opened their eyes to how many possible careers they could work towards with a Level 3 qualification in Health and Social Care including, doctors, nurses, therapists, physios, social workers, midwives, teachers and many more.*"

This was a really valuable session both from a subject and future careers perspective. Nicoleen will return to deliver her session to the current Year 10 cohort in the summer term.

Mrs Holland
Childcare
Teacher &
SENCo



Food Technology At Christmas

It's not just our pupils who get to have expert tuition in the Food Technology room with Mrs Cowell. Humanities teachers, Mrs Ham and Miss Ackers both stayed on after school last week to learn how to make a gingerbread house.

Mrs Cowell said, "*The ladies cracked out their creativity as they made and decorated gingerbread houses over two nights after school. We played Christmas tunes whilst we worked. Fabulous fun!*"

Their finished creations look far too good to eat!

Well done, ladies.



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Crochet Club

Crochet Club is getting busier each week and it's wonderful to see these traditional crafts being passed on to the next generation.

Miss Dixon, who organised the club alongside Miss Atkinson, said, "There are plenty of beginners and crochet is not as easy as it looks. It may take time to get everyone trained up, but we are going to post some links to videos on Teams to help them learn the basics over the Christmas period.

"Pupils have told us what they want to make – some of these are rather ambitious, but we will endeavour to help them learn these skills. We aim to crochet scarves, hats and blankets for local homeless charities and women's refuges."



We have had some great donations and welcome any more contributions of wool and hooks (4.0 and 4.5 preferably).



All pupils are welcome to join the group, every Monday break and lunch in LEAP2, to learn a new skill and make new friends. No equipment needed, just turn up!

Miss Dixon & Miss Atkinson
Learning Support



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Compost Corner

Winter Update

Priory's gardens are our pride and joy and award-winning gardener Mr Farron wants to let parents and pupils know what to expect each month as the landscape changes.



“Adeste fidelis laeti triumphantes”

Season's Greetings Fellow Composters

The grounds around Priory continue to look tremendous thanks to our gardener Mr Farron and his helpful assistant Nathaniel.

Mr Farron was given a few hundred trees from the Woodland Trust, the second time the school has had a donation.



He has been extremely busy designing and planting tree saplings of various types kindly donated by the Trust – just over 100 trees including Silver Birch, Crab Apple, Rowen, Wild Cherry, Elder and Hazel, all mixed into two new small, wooded areas, east and west within the school grounds

“We want to create small woodlands,” said Mr Farron. “We have started on the east side and planted 100 trees and then will plant the same on the west side. They are saplings and it will probably be around two years before we see a difference.

“The interesting thing is that in the areas we have been digging there is natural clay but there is also clay which was dumped from Preston Docks which is around 200 years old!”

Year 8 Nathaniel said: “We have been planting trees in the morning, around 8am, just before school. I enjoy helping Mr Farron and I have learnt a lot.”

Mr Farron continued, “This most definitely will encourage wildlife, not forgetting staff and students as well. Here’s looking forward to Spring!”

Advice for the Season

From a creative point of view, when winter-walking through established woodland, there will always be fallen branches that can be recovered and used as winter decorations once brushed down, dried and sprayed with silver or gold, then decorated. Try it, it's good fun!

Now is the time to tidy and prune, especially roses, making sure all leaves are collected and burned as blackspot has spoiled the appearance. Also spray with fungicide, based on Benomy-Buprimate / triforine, and then again in Spring.

There is still time to plant bulbs, preferably in pots, so go for a mixed selection and remember spring is the next one up.

Father Christmas knows well what to place within my stocking. I look forward each year to a fresh supply of exotic seeds and gardening books. These keep me busy in mid-winter with the colourful results to come.

So I would like to wish you all a happy nativitus. Keep blooming and smiling.

Mr C Farron, Gardener

Honorary Member of the RHS

Winner of North West Britain in Bloom, South Ribble in Bloom and Penwortham in Bloom

Judge for South Ribble and Penwortham in Bloom competitions

PS Oh, here's a tip for a delightful present, try a Christmas Cacti, also known as schlumbergera mix, they are truly wonderful in various colours and can be re-potted into a colourful pot - and they are perennials too.



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Year 9 Pupils Extend Their Love of Maths

Last Wednesday, a group of top set Year 9 Maths pupils visited the Lancaster University School of Mathematics (LUSoM).

The enrichment session was part of the college's outreach programme called 'Extend'. During the visit, pupils learned about Game Theory and the hidden maths behind popular games including Monopoly, Deal or No Deal and Naughts & Crosses.

Assistant Head of Maths, Mr Henshaw, who accompanied the pupils said, "*The event helped our pupils to think about how we can use probability and Game Theory in order to have an advantage over opponents in games like these!*"

The programme was designed for high-ability Key Stage 3 and 4 students who have a passion and interest for mathematics and want to go beyond their normal lessons. These sessions cover material which is not on the GCSE syllabus and will show pupils some of the incredible uses that mathematics can have once it is taken to a higher level."

Thomas M really enjoyed the LUSoM activity saying, "*It was very engaging. They used our interests in winning games but using maths. It was really interesting and I will go again next term.*"

Menna Y added, "*It was quite a unique and thoughtful experience where it used an aspect that is not usually taught or shown at school to encourage people to come next term and I am definitely one of them!*"



It's been a busy month for the ICT & Computer Science department with three exciting enrichment events for our pupils. From a **3D Design workshop** at Runshaw College for our Year 10s to **STEM career talks** for Year 9s. This week we highlight the **CyberFirst Empower** event promoting STEM Careers for Year 8 girls.



On 15 November, Head of Department Mrs Qadri, invited over 40 enthusiastic Year 8 girls to Ewood Park, Blackburn for a CyberFirst Empower event. The event was designed to transform the way that girls think about careers in computing and challenge the under-representation of women in tech careers.

The half day trip included immersive and inspiring activities led by some of the leading tech organisations from around the world. Pupils could hear from inspirational women leaders in STEM and explore the latest innovations in areas including AI, cyber security, data science and robotics



Mrs Qadri added, *"The goal of these Empower events was to reach girls at a pivotal moment in their education to change their perspectives on computing and to inspire the next generation of cyber-professionals."*

The girls thoroughly made the most out of the event:

Grace P said, *"All the activities were really fun and creative"*.



Alex G said, *"I am very happy to have had the opportunity to attend this trip, it was so fun and interesting to see all of the different things that we can do with technology. The staff were lovely and I felt like I learnt a lot."*

Holly P said, *"All the activities were very enjoyable and the staff were very positive and didn't let anyone give up"*.

Victoria C-C said, *"I'm so glad I got the opportunity to go on this trip, I loved the activities and the staff were very friendly"*.



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A Christmas Designed for Priory

Dozens of the school's contacts have received a Priory Christmas card, superbly designed by Year 8 pupil Jessica.

Every year Lead Teacher of Art Mrs Hopes asks pupils in all year groups to design a Christmas card which has a Priory 'twist' contained in the design.

The judging panel is Mr Eastham, Mrs Hopes, Mrs Yates and this year last year's winner Year 9 pupil Agnes was invited to be one of the panel.

Jessica came third last year but this year her Christmas tree design was chosen as the winner and the one which will be sent out.

Mrs Hopes said: "Jessica's design appealed because of the skills level which she used, it was creative, clear and it contained the Priory element.

"It was a tough decision but Jessica just edged it. Agnes is a very talented artist so we let her judge this year and she enjoyed giving feedback."

Jessica, who won a £15 Amazon voucher, said: "It's good to see it in print. It took me around a day to design it."

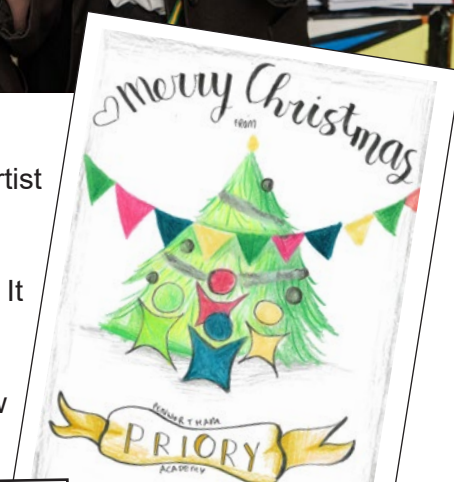
Year 9 Jane came second, winning a £10 Amazon voucher, with her snow globe design and this is on the back of the card.

Jane said: "I wanted to enter and had some ideas and eventually went for the snow globe. It's exciting to see it on the back of the card."

Year 9 Tilly was third, with Mrs Hopes praising her multi-cultural design, and she won a £5 Amazon voucher while

Year 8 Harriet's design was commended and she will collect a selection box in the end of year assembly.

All competition entrants received achievement points.





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