

Summer 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

Last month we met up with five of our sporting stars - *Oliver, Umar, Phoebe, Martha & Jack* - whose dedication and hard slog is getting the results they deserve. Here's Phoebe, Martha and Josh's story...

It's a hat-trick of successes for Priory pupils as they have hit the big time with their hockey skills!

Year 10 Phoebe has gained a coveted place on the England Hockey Performance Programme for 2021/22 while Year 9s Josh and Martha have been selected to represent Lancashire Under 14s, after all came through tough trials.

All are members of Preston Hockey Club and what makes their achievement even more amazing is that they are in a minority in their squads as they are from a state school, with most county and national hockey players coming from independent schools which have funding to play hockey regularly in school.

Phoebe has been attending Performance Centre trials over the last few months, which is the England hockey pathway which could lead to elite level hockey.

She has represented Lancashire at Under 12, 13 and 14 level and was nominated by her county coaches to attend the England trials.

64 girls started out at the North West trials at Fylde, with Phoebe up against girls from Cumbria and Greater Manchester as well, and she was selected in the final 36.



Phoebe, 14, who plays left midfield, said: "I have been playing hockey for five years, my mum is the Junior Head Coach at Preston Hockey Club, so I got into it through her. I train five days a week.

"There were eight trials and it was really nerve-racking as it was so competitive. When I got the email to say I had been selected for the Performance Programme I was excited. I have started attending their training events in Fylde. My dream is to play hockey in the Olympics."

Martha, who plays right midfield, attended six hours of trials for Lancashire Under 14s at the AKS School in Lytham.

"I have played for Lancashire at Under 13 level and then went for Under 14 trials," said Martha. I like hockey as it's really fast. I train five times a week and it's exciting to receive the Lancashire kit and represent your county."

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Josh, 14, has been selected for his county Under 14s as well.

"I got into hockey through my dad and while I can play any position, my favourite position is right wing. I have been at Preston Hockey Club for 11 years, *I have been playing almost all my life and played for Lancashire Under 13s.* The trials were at Fylde Hockey Club and they were tough but I was happy to get through. I don't know how far I want to take my hockey, I just enjoy playing it with my mates."

Phoebe's mum is the Junior Head Coach at Preston Hockey Club and also Lancashire Under 13s girls coach.

Mrs Bolton said, "*Phoebe, Josh and Martha all have the odds stacked against them and all have done exceptionally well to be selected for their county and upwards.* They went into trials against pupils from independent schools who have around 4-6 hours of hockey a week within school, play inter-school competitions at weekends and have extra hockey training at school.

"They play so much more hockey at independent schools while Priory is similar to the majority of state schools where hockey is not a sport in focus and that's just the way it is. *It's meant all three have had to work extra hard to make their impact.* I am Under 13s Lancashire coach and 60 girls are invited for trials for 20-24 places and the majority are from independent schools.

"Martha has been selected for U13s and U14s so she is in the top 20 in Lancashire which is a fantastic achievement.

"For the England Performance Centre, you have to be selected to go for the trials and be an outstanding talent. There are 16 Performances Centres around England which have a squad of 24 in each and Phoebe is in the minority coming from a state school but all three haven't let it deter them."

Well done to all three of you and we look forward to hearing more about your successes in the future.

Part Time Catering Assistant Required

To assist in the preparation, cooking and serving of food and beverages as defined by the Catering Manager.

Experience not essential as the successful candidate will be trained through a short induction period, on the job and through instruction.

Further information at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

Applications should be submitted to Mrs S Spencer, Academy Manager via email s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk with 'Application for Catering Assistant - your name' in the subject line.

Closes Mon, 21 February at 9am.

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We're
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Catering Assistant (part-time)

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

Days Monday to Friday term time only

Hours 16.25 hours per week
10.15am-2.00pm with 30 minute break

Pay Grade 2 Point 2
Gross salary £18,198 per annum
Actual pro rata salary £6,727 per annum

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.

Closing date: Mon, 21 February at 9am

Please contact Mrs Barker, Business Manager, for enquiries or download an application pack from the school's website at:

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies
c.barker@priory.lancs.sch.uk | 01772 320255

Interviews will be held on 1st & 2nd March 2022.



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Priory Footballer Leads Lancashire into the Finals



Year 11 pupil, Jazmin, has led the Under 16s Lancashire County Schools FA girls team into the national finals.

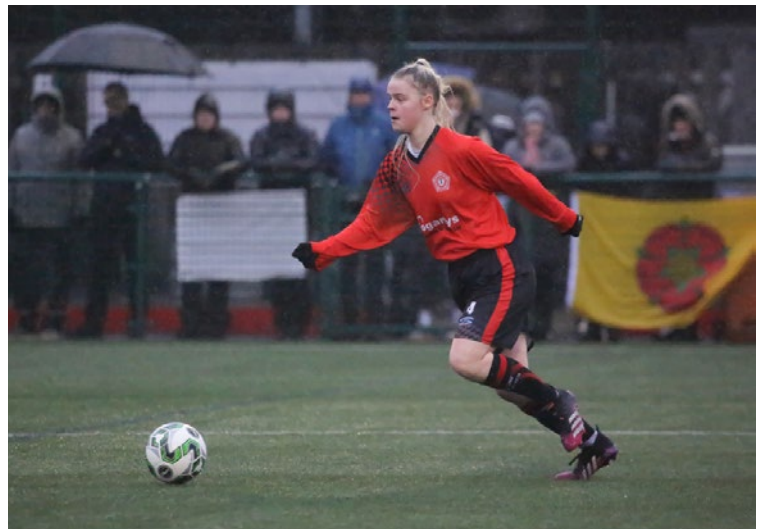
At the start of the half term break, on a very wet and windy Saturday afternoon, the U16s girls team faced Northumberland in the semi-final of the National County championships at Fleetwood Town FC's Poolfoot Farm training ground.



Jazmin, who is the captain of the squad, led the scoring by netting the opening goal of the game with a stunning 25 yard shot. The game was not only a hard fought battle between the two teams but also a battle of the elements. On the blow of the final whistle the Lancashire red roses came out 3-1 winners, booking themselves a place in the national county final against Kent, and a chance to defend their national champions title from last year.

Dates and venue of the final are yet to be announced but in the meantime Jazmin and the Lancashire Roses will continue to take part in the Northern County competitions in the coming weeks.

We're amazingly proud of Jazmin who plays for Blackburn Rovers Ladies and continues to inspire the girls she coaches at Lostock Hall Juniors FC.



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World Book Day At Priory

It's not often, if ever, you see a dinosaur running around Priory but it was all part of an action-packed World Book Day!

Year 9 pupil, Lochlan, donned the outfit as part of the 'dress up as a book character' challenge but that was only one section of the fun-filled literacy events which were going on around school yesterday.

"I got the costume for Hallowe'en and thought I would wear it for World Book Day," said Lochlan. "I did take it off for class though!"

On a tour around the school, you could bump into Mary Poppins, Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, Mr Trunchbull from Matilda along with Where's Wally, plenty of Harry Potter characters – Mr Watters as Albus Dumbledore was impressive! – Mr Men, Sherlock Holmes and many more as pupils and staff alike really got involved in the day.

Head of English, Mrs Gidden said: "For the English Department, this is a really important day. We know the importance of reading and we stress this in English every day but it's a chance for other departments school-wide to spread the love of reading."

"It's a chance for the children to dress up and express themselves – and the staff love it too!"

Mrs Scully won the decorated door event – in a very high-standard of competition – with her door, with added balloons, depicting 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.'

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Weds, 2 - Tues, 15 March

Year 11 Pre-Public Exams (mocks)

Thurs, 10 March

Year 7 Billionaire Boy Theatre Trip Manchester

Tues, 15 March

Live author event (virtual) Year 7

Weds, 16 March

Year 9 & 10 catch up DTP & ACWY vaccinations

Tues, 22 & Weds 23 March

Game Over - Tickets available from Monday

Fri, 25 March

Learning for Life Day 3 Early lunch followed by early school closure at 1.10pm

Weds, 30 March

3D Printing Workshop (Year 8) (invitation only)

Thurs, 31 March

Theatre in Education Year 10 (in school)

Conflict in Ukraine and its Impact on Children and Young People



This may be a worrying time for pupils. Although pupils may prefer not to speak about these issues at school, children and young people may be accessing information about the conflict from sources of varying degrees of reliability.

In order to help us all to assist our pupils understand some of the issues associated with the conflict in our discussions with them, both in school and at home, the [British Psychological Society](https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/supporting-children-manage-anxiety-over-war-conflict-and-crises) has advice and guidance on how to best support children and young people who are anxious about war and conflict:

www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/supporting-children-manage-anxiety-over-war-conflict-and-crises

Also, the [Department for Education](https://www.gov.uk/government/departments) has guidance available:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>

The [National Youth Agency](https://www.nya.org.uk/ukraine-crisis/) has a platform of support for young people and their workers. There are resources and a message of support board:

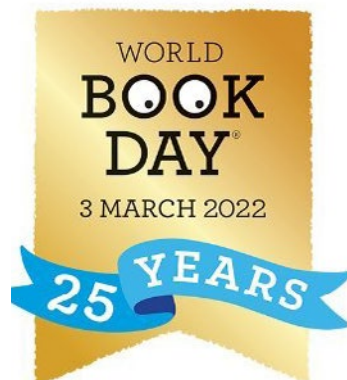
[https://nya.org.uk/ukraine-crisis/](https://www.nya.org.uk/ukraine-crisis/)

Also, [BBC Newsround](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002) can be a good resource for age-appropriate and accurate information on current events.

www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002

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"I am surprised to win," she said. "I chose the book as it's my daughter's favourite, but all the ideas, including the balloons to make the caterpillar, came from the pupils who helped me."



There was a Treasure Hunt at lunch-time as well as the popular Masked Reader competition, where a teacher read a script with a few clues but a voice changer disguised their voice and the pupils had to identify the teacher.

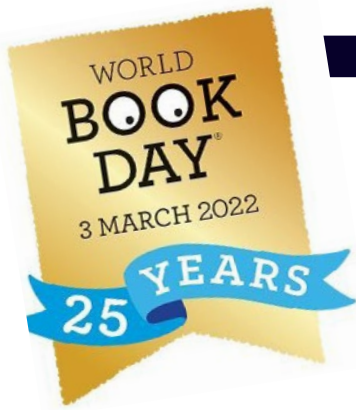
There was also a 'Hooked into Books' quiz from Mrs Elliott where pupils had to guess which books got which teacher 'hooked on books'. Who enjoyed Horrible Histories? Which teacher read the Beano all the time? Who loved any Roald Dahl books? Who enjoyed the diary format of Adrian Mole? All questions which the pupils had to answer.

Head Girl, Darcy, dressed up as Mary Poppins, and was voted one of Mrs Gidden's favourites, and admitted it was tinged with a bit of sadness. "It was my last World Book Day at Priory so I wanted to do something special and I do like to dress up!"

Kyle was Mr Wormwood in the school production of Matilda and he had the chance to wear his bright outfit again. "I decided to revamp it!"

A hugely successful World Book Day at Priory – where a love of reading from staff and pupils is clear!





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Year 8: World Tapas Day

After school on Thursday, Mrs Cowell invited Year 8 pupils to join her for a creative cookery class where they celebrated World Tapas Day.

Tapas are small portions of savoury Spanish food and during the extra curricular workshop, pupils made meatballs, tortilla (a type of omelette) and skewers of vegetables and chorizo.

Hope you had fun:
Emily P, Tyler F, Ethan P, Skye S,
Rhea B, Tilly P, Emma H,
Agnes K, Lauren C.

Mrs Cowell
Food Technology Teacher



Mrs Duck delivers her second brood!

Spotted this week in the Mediterranean garden: Mrs Duck has delivered her second batch of ducklings this year.

Mr Farron had left the Jubilee bunting up to deter nature's predators and has now since taken Mrs Duck and her ten ducklings to the Crookings Lane nature reserve where we hope they'll be very happy.

Thank you to Year 11 pupil and keen photographer, Will J, for these beautiful shots.



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We have been fortunate to be invited to work with an eminent local artist on a design project in conjunction with The Harris Museum & Art Gallery



Gavin Renshaw and Toya Walker will work with Priory pupils over the coming months to design and decorate hoarding boards around the museum which will be in place until its reopening in 2024. The project has been arranged by, and involves, The Courtauld Institute of Art in London.

The two artists visited school yesterday to meet with our top Year 9 artists and guide them through the brief and initial concepts.

Gavin has just finished working alongside Preston artist Chris Dorning on a mural at the back of the Black A Moor pub in the city centre. The artwork, which was commissioned as part of the 'Paint Preston' project funded by Preston Town Fund board, supersedes Gavin's acclaimed work down the side of what was Yates', Bolton Court.

Lead teacher for Art, Mrs Hopes, said, "We were delighted to be selected by The Courtauld as one of two Preston schools who would be involved in the collaborative. The original project, prior to 'lock-down', was to work on a collaboration inside the art gallery. Post lock down, and on closure of The Harris, the project evolved and we were approached once again.

"It has been fascinating to watch Gavin and Toya work with our young people, in order to develop ideas to be included in the piece, which will feature on the front of the Harris site from May onwards.

"As a designer, I have enjoyed working with the artists today, creating the intermediary between them and the pupils. I also enjoyed being party and involved in the discussions at the end of the day, as work was selected to go forward to the final design and the debate regarding translation of small-scale studies and concepts to enlarged artwork in the outcome."

*Mrs Hopes
Lead Teacher for Art*

Read more about Gavin's recent work at >>

www.blogpreston.co.uk/2021/09/gavin-reنشaws-first-paint-preston-mural-spotted-on-boltons-court/



#LetGirlsPlay Football

SPORTS REPORT

This week England Football organised the biggest ever football celebration for girls in school - #LetGirlsPlay.

The FA, supported by Barclays, want all girls to have equal access to football in schools by 2024. They believe girls should have the same opportunities that boys currently have to play.

During our PE & Sports curriculum on Wednesday, Priory delivered #LetGirlsPlay football sessions to all girls groups. Mr Hankin, Priory's South Ribble Sports Partnership Coach, gave the girls a range of drills to practice and also introduced them to matches.

During Period 2, all Year 7 & 8 girls who attend extra curricular football practice took part in an additional session of training. Mr Hankin was extremely impressed with the girls' skill level and said they were fantastic!

These girls have been given a letter inviting them to attend the Women's Euro 22 opening ceremony at Old Trafford in July.

Mrs Bullock
Girls PE / Head of year 8



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Our Year 8 Girls Footballers are Winners!

Priory's Year 8 girls team took part in a South Ribble football tournament on Thursday evening at Balshaw's High School.

"Eight teams competed and from start to finish our girls did Priory proud", said PE teacher, Miss Beesley.

Fantastic goals from Mia C and Caitlyn P, teamed up with great attacking play from Molly S, secured a winning streak from game one. Game after game Priory's defence and midfield were strong, and a clean sheet from goalkeeper Remi S and her defence ensured no goals were conceded.

Miss Beesley added, "Each player played with guts and determination which enabled the girls to win six games and draw one, making them overall winners. Well Done girls!"

Miss Beesley
PE Teacher



March 2022

Tuesday, 15 March

Year 7 Netball tournament @ Priory

Thursday, 17 March

Year 9/10/11 7-a-side girls football @ Balshaws

Year 9/10/11 7-a-side boys Football @ Balshaws

Monday, 21 March

Year 9 Netball tournament @ All Hallows

Tuesday, 22 March

Year 10 Netball Tournament @ All Hallows

Monday, 28 March

Year 8 Netball tournament @ All Hallows

Monday, 29 March

Year 7 Netball tournament @ All Hallows

Please note that these dates are subject to change.

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Year 8 Pupils Take Part in 3D Printing Workshop

Sixty lucky Year 8 pupils were selected by Head of ICT & Computer Science, Mrs Qadri, to take part in an exciting #InspiringLancashire Project on Wednesday, funded by BAE Systems.

Priory has been given a 3D printer as part of the link-up and we have worked with CREATE Education to deliver the school-based 3D Printing Workshop Day.

Mrs Qadri said: "I took part in a course on 3D printing and BAE Systems were selecting 50 schools across Lancashire to gift a 3D printer to.

"I applied and thankfully Priory ended up being one of the schools. I had a training day at CREATE Education in Chorley and part of the project was that BAE Systems, through CREATE, will offer a 3D Printing Workshop Day as well as a day of careers advice.

"BAE Systems want to create more jobs in the future in the Lancashire area and they hope, by training pupils on such items as 3D printers and show how they are used in their business, this will give them an understanding of the careers available to them and the chance to stay in Lancashire for the jobs.

"A 3D printer is expensive, around £3,000, so we are delighted to have one in school.

"At the Workshop, the pupils designed a mini rocket ship and printed it as well as learning simply CAD/CAM skills."

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Tues, 19 April 2022
Start of Summer term

Weds, 20 April
Revision Evening Event
Year 11 pupils and
parents 5.30pm-6.45pm

Weds, 20 April
Year 8 Theatre Trip
Animal Farm, The Grand
Theatre, Blackpool

Tues, 26 April
Learning for Life Day 4
Early lunch followed by
early school closure at
1.10pm

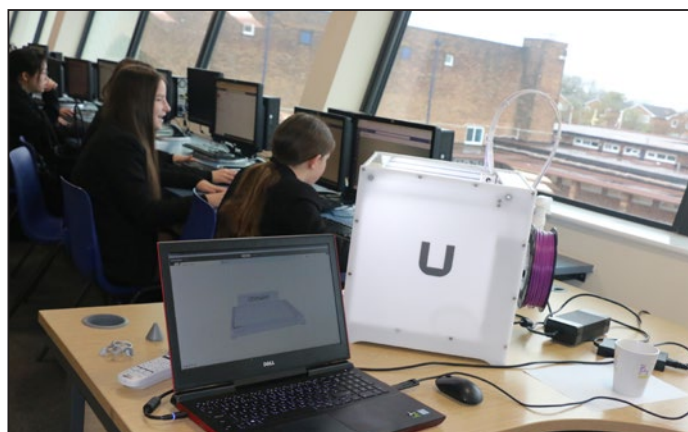
Tues, 26 April
Edge Hill Game Changers
Event (invitation only)

Mon, 2 May
May Day - school closed

Tues, 3 May
INSET - school closed

Thurs, 19 May
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Year 8 Pupils Take Part in 3D Printing Workshop



Year 11 Residential Helmsley Trip



A Year 11 group of 30 pupils travelled by minibus for a superb long weekend to a wonderful youth hostel at Helmsley, North Yorkshire.

We had the whole youth hostel to ourselves which meant lots of space and great room allocations.

On the way out to the North Yorkshire Moors we stopped off at Go Ape near Leeds. The pupils had the place to themselves giving them plenty of extra time to go round the different courses. The pupils had an amazing time led by great staff. Many pupils won awards for trying several of the big drops and superb zip-wires.

On arrival at the hostel, the range of team-building games were fun and educational. The pupils got used to their surroundings and sat down to a lovely range of curries. Many of the pupils were a real help preparing food and even washing up after meals and night-time hot chocolates and muffins.



An early start on the Saturday was rewarded with a cooked American style breakfast and a trip to Saltwick Bay. A walk down to the bay was lovely. The pupils studied and explored the different geology, many pupils finding an array of fossils and differing rock types. Lunch was their own home-made packed lunch.

The group had time in Whitby with the vast majority venturing up the 199 steps up to the impressive ruins of the Abbey. The tradition of fish, chips and mushy peas was provided to all. We went to the blood-curdling exhibition of Bram Stoker's Dracula. Bram Stoker based so much of the novel on his stays in Whitby.

Whitby was a lovely day out and equally popular as Go Ape the previous day. A games evening was fantastic. Competitions and games of skill and luck kept us royally entertained.

The lovely atmosphere throughout the long weekend really deserves a mention. The pupils earned their praise from each of the venues we visited. For the staff to say they had a great time and felt relaxed with 30 Year 11s returning home 'chilled' is a lovely compliment to such a wonderful group.

The last full day was spent at Flamingoland. We almost had the site to ourselves. The zoo was amazing, pupils selecting the hippos as their favourites, with the giraffes a close second. Each pupil enjoyed the rides, going on all of the thrill rides



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several times over. We have to admit, the staff spent a considerable time at the zoo rather than taking on those rides!!

Awards and prizes were part of the last night. Further games included a very popular chocolate egg hunt. A thorough clean and pack up on the last night meant an early get away and early return to school on the Monday.

We all really enjoyed the trip and hope to run the same for the next group of Year 10s and 11s over the coming years.

Thank you to the staff - Mrs Holland, Miss Ackers and Miss Makinson for their fantastic work over the weekend, and Mr Eccles for encouraging so many at Go Ape to take that extra leap of faith.

Mr Watters
Lead Teacher of
Geography



18 May is National Numeracy Day and we'll be celebrating this during Wednesday's Maths and Learning for Life lessons.

The Maths department has organised lots of fun numeracy activities for their lessons that day. In addition, Head of Maths, Mr Kenrick will be working with the Head of Learning for Life, Mrs Hopes, to put together a range of interactive numeracy activities for pupils to get involved with in the day's Learning for Life class.

National Numeracy is an independent charity established in 2012 to help raise low levels of numeracy among both adults and children and to promote the importance of everyday maths skills. They aim to enable everyone across the UK to be confident and competent in using numbers and data, to be able to make good decisions in their daily life and at work.

www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/numeracyday

Mr Kenrick
Head of Maths

Mathematics
may not teach us how to
add love or minus hate.
But it gives us every
reason to hope that
every problem has a
SOLUTION...

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Our Very Own Rising Star

Year 10 Aimee W has been working hard to break into the performing arts industry and has finally made her break.

Aimee loves dancing, acting and singing and has spent years developing these skills. She has been a big part of the school productions and has been involved in many performances outside of school.

She has recently been offered a place on the Mune Casting Agency's books and we wish her all the luck in establishing a long and happy career in the industry.

Recently she has filmed for the BBC television drama 'Waterloo Road' and had an amazing time.

Aimee tells us...

"Last week I had the opportunity to be in the TV series, Waterloo Road. As I want to be an actress in the future, I was really excited that I got to experience what a TV set was like."

"When I first arrived, I was taken to hair and makeup and given my costume before travelling down to the set. We filmed a few scenes in the morning and then were treated to lunch. After lunch, we had a big scene to film so we rehearsed a few times and then filmed from all different angles which took all afternoon, but it was exciting meeting all the cast and crew and seeing how things worked in front and behind the camera. I had a lot of fun and hope to do more in the future."

Lead teacher for Drama, Miss Howell tells us...

"It is so refreshing seeing students reach for their dreams. Many people can be very negative about performing arts and a career in the industry and young people listen to this and then never try. I believe that every young person has the potential to be whatever they want and as educators, we should instil belief, passion and drive in our young people. We should encourage them to fight against the 'norm' and reach for the sky regardless of how difficult this might be."

"We at Priory are so proud of our students and how hard they work to achieve who they want to be."

Well done Aimee and we wish you all the luck in your future career.

Miss Howell
Lead Teacher of Drama



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Lochlan's Charity Bike Ride Success

Year 9 pupil, Lochlan, used pedal power to raise money for the RSPCA.

Lochlan, alongside his dad, completed the Coast-to-Coast 139 mile journey in just over 12 hours, which was just over two and half days of cycling!

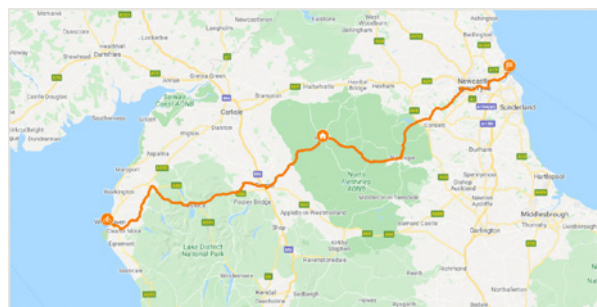
Lochlan's dad told us, *"He did fantastically well on the ride and really showed that his training paid off."*

So far Lochlan has raised £580 and with everyone's support he hopes to reach £750.

Setting off on 12 May, after taking the train to Whitehaven at 5am, the pair began their journey from there and rode onto Penrith in just over 5.5 hours - 62 miles and some big hills!

The next day Lochlan and his dad rode to the village of Rookhope with their biggest climbs including Hartside Pass which opened out to the whole of the Yorkshire moors. At 1900ft, Lochlan completed it with ease. Sunderland was the final stage although it meant they needed to complete 18 miles off road which was tough, with the last 25 miles being a quiet ride down to arrive at their destination.

Dad said, *"Thanks for all the support, I'm very proud of what Lochlan has achieved and I'm thankful to everyone at the school."*



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When the past came back to Priory

It was back to school for Priory's first ever Head Girl and her conclusion on the new-look Priory was 'it's amazing'.

Mrs Sonia Ward (nee Taylor) is now 82 and was invited back to Priory by Principal, Mr Eastham, to have a look around the school, which opened in 1953 with Sonia among the first group of pupils to join.

It's obviously changed structurally since she was Head Girl of Penwortham Secondary Modern in 1955 but Sonia insists the atmosphere and feel of the school is still the same.

"They say your school days are the best of your life and I was happy at Priory," said Sonia. "I cannot see any pupil not being happy here as it's an amazing school."

Sonia laughed as she was shown photographs from her year group and form from her time at Priory. She said: "I was Head Girl and Roy Rich was Head Boy. I have spotted him on some photos Mr Eastham has shown me and I can remember a lot of my classmates when I see their pictures. It's so beautiful to see."

"I don't know how I got the role of Head Girl. I think the headteacher and staff nominated me, but I was honoured to get it. I remember our jobs as prefects was to search the school as pupils then had to leave the buildings at break and dinner and some were always trying to hide indoors from the cold. Our job was to find them!"

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Year 8 Parents Evening
Year 10 Preston College sampling day

Tues, 21 June &

Weds, 22 June (15 June cohort)

Year 8 Geography Lake District Trip

Tues, 21 June

Year 10 Runshaw College sampling day

Thurs, 23 June

Year 11 last day - final exam followed by celebration assembly.

Learning for Life Day 5
School closure at 1.10pm

Fri, 24 June

Year 11 Alton Towers trip
Year 8 The Big Bang Science Fair Trip
Year 7-10 Athletics Competition, Blackpool

Weds, 29 June 2022

Year 9 Mini Master Event at Ormskirk School (invitation only)
New Pupil & Parent Evening 6pm-7pm (2022)

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"We also helped new pupils settle in when they arrived and did a lot of the usual jobs.

"I came back many years ago for a reunion but it's my first time back since then. I cannot get over how amazing it is.

"There is still the main building from when I was here although obviously it's been modernised inside and expanded. Saying that, the basic layout of it is still the same and I remember the main corridor and I could point out which classroom was there. I remember the science labs were on the top floor and they have their own building now.

"I also asked if the bungalow where the girls did 'Housecraft' is still there. It was a place we learnt cooking and sewing. It does still exist but it's a storage place now.

"We did do different subjects, it was a different time. I enjoyed sports the most and was on the rounders and netball team.

"Even though it has changed, it still feels like Priory."

'Principal, Mr Eastham added,

"It's been an absolute pleasure to welcome Sonia back to Priory, to share our stories, look back over photos and chat about how the school has evolved from the time she was Head Girl here. It's particularly pleasing to know that she still felt like she was coming back to her school, to Priory, despite it looking and feeling very different to when she was a pupil here. Next year we will celebrate our 70th birthday as a school, so we'll look forward to welcoming Sonia back as part of those celebrations too."



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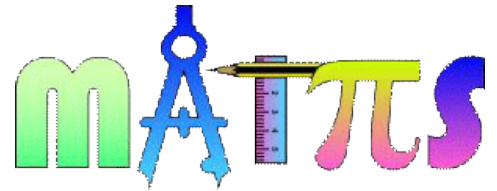
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Peer mentoring allows you to build supportive relationships with other students by demonstrating and developing your communication and mentoring skills which will prepare you for life beyond Priory.



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Top Year 7 & 8 Pupils Take On National Challenge



Year 8 Daniel M was 'Best in School' at the recent Junior Mathematical Challenge (UKMT) as he collected a Gold Award.



United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust

Around 60 Priory pupils in Years 7 and 8 took part in the hour-long, multiple-choice national challenge.

The problems are designed to make pupils think, encouraging mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

Maths teacher Mr Hunter said:

"To recognise the highest performers in the Challenge, the top-scoring 50 per cent of participants across the country are awarded with Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates."

"Daniel was our 'Best in School' with a staggering 101 points from the 25 questions while Oliver S was our 'Best in Year 7' and these also received a badge on their certificates to denote this."

"We have six pupils who collected a Silver Certificate – Evie C, Lucy J, Niamh P, Jayden H, Oliver L along with Oliver S."



"Many received the Bronze Award and pupils not among the high scorers received a Certificate of Participation."

"There was some outstanding problem solving by our Priory pupils. It's great to have these maths competitions back in school, especially in Key Stage 3."

Daniel said: "I wasn't expecting a Gold Award. I can do maths quite well and I enjoyed the challenge." Evie said: "It was a fairly difficult Challenge with a lot more logic than expected." Lucy said: "As it was multiple choice, a lot of it was a process of elimination." Best in Year 7 Oliver S said: "I am proud to be 'Best in Year 7' and I enjoyed having a go."

Daniel went through to the next round, the 'Junior Kangaroo,' which he sat on Tuesday afternoon. We will receive his results over the coming weeks - good luck Daniel!

Mr Hunter
Maths Teacher

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So after five years we said goodbye to our Year 11s

Emotions were high on Thursday as our Year 11s spent their last day at Priory.

After their final exam in the morning, pupils ventured out into the Priory Gardens for shirt-signing followed by their Celebration Assembly where Mr Eastham, Mrs Cowell and Head of Year 11, Mrs Eastham, handed out numerous - and well deserved - certificates, awards and trophies. Before they headed out of the gates together for the last time as Priory pupils, they giggled and cringed as they watched their farewell presentation with photos of their early school days, memories and things we'll miss about this special year group.

The Year 11s assembled again today for their finale trip to Alton Towers and we look forward to seeing them back at school for their GCSE results on 25 August.

We wish all our Year 11 pupils the very best of luck in their future careers and we thank our parents/guardians for all the help and support you have given to them, and the school, throughout their years with us.

After recent difficult years of uncertainty this year group has shown such strength and resilience. Now they've grown their wings to fly away and follow their dreams, whichever way they've chosen to reach them. Enjoy the summer everyone!

More photos inside.

Key Dates

Diary Dates

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Mon, 27 June

South Ribble Cricket Tournament (Girls) (invitation only)

Weds, 29 June 2022

Year 9 Mini Master Event at Ormskirk School (invitation only)
New Pupil & Parent Evening 6pm-7pm (2022 intake)

Thurs, 30 June

Years 7-10 Rewards Trips

Mon, 4 July

Year 7 Parents Evening

Tues, 5 July

Year 10 Newman College sampling day

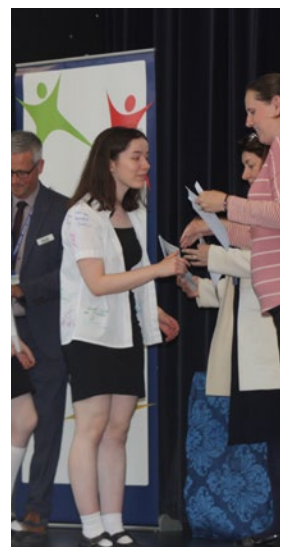
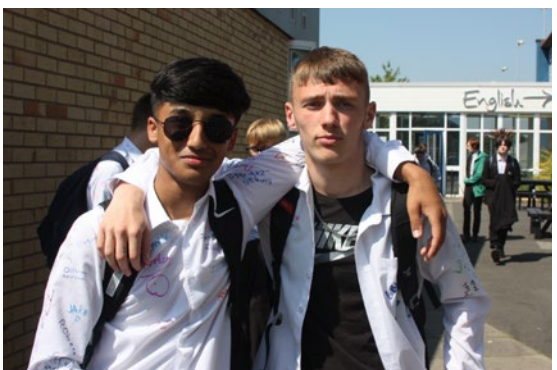
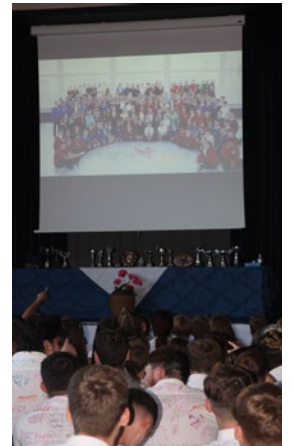
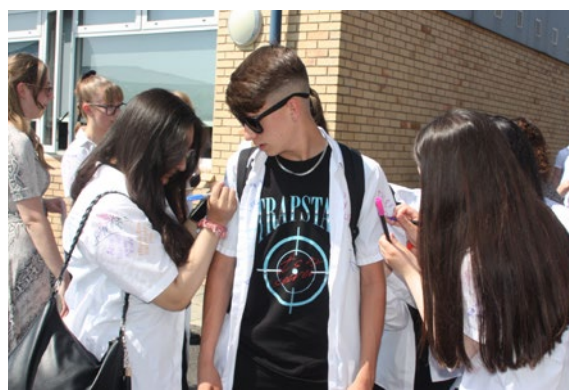
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Year 11 Prom
UEFA Women's Euros Trip PM (invitation only)
Year 8 STEM Challenge Day - Lancaster & Morecambe College (invitation only)

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LUSoM Maths Challenge Event (invitation only)

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***"Our lessons come from the journey,
not the destination"***

The Final Lesson

Today's the day you leave us
But it seemed so far away,
When we'd have to say goodbye to you,
And wish you on your way.
You are all such special people,
To know you it's been a pleasure,
You'll never know how proud we are,
Your memory we'll treasure.
Five years you've been with us
Every lesson, every task,
And now our part's all over,
We have one thing to ask:

Promise here today just one last thing,
Leave your word here with me,
That you'll dream big and never quit
When you're gone from Priory...

Take life by the horns, stretch yourself,
Never shy away from toil,
Be confident in your own self,
Don't let your ambition spoil.

Read lots of books and make new friends,
Travel, laugh, dream too
Be weird, be kind, be eloquent,
Be fabulous, be you.

Be inquisitive, be humble, knock on every door,
Use courage, semicolons,
And the correct you're versus your.

Five years have been a great success,
We're so proud that you did it,
Now your whole life is in front of you,
Take it, love it, live it.

So a job well done you lovely lot,
The best Year 11 ever,
You really are quite extraordinary,
We'll remember each of you forever.
You're unique, clever and talented,
But please don't cry and whine
You could always come to visit,
If you ever have the time.

*Written by
Mrs Gidden and the English Department*



More photos can be found on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PriorySTC and, for Year 11 families that would like to see the farewell presentation, you can access this from the Year 11 Teams page - go to the Files tab and it's pinned to the top. Please 'Open in Desktop App' if you can - sound on!

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Year 9s Have An Enterprising Way To Get Into The New Business Course

Priory is looking to find the next Steve Jobs or Joe Wicks as they launch their new qualification, **NCFE Level 2 Business and Enterprise**, from September.

It's available for Year 10s and Head of ICT & Computer Science, Mrs Qadri, will be teaching the course.

She has already given the Priory pupils, working in small groups, a taste of what to expect by asking Year 9s to research and produce a presentation or poster on an entrepreneur.

Megan H's group selected Walt Disney. She said: "He was one all three of us already knew something about so we worked together on Walt Disney. We did find out some new facts, such as he moved around a lot when he was younger."

Sam's group selected fitness guru Joe Wicks and admitted: "We knew about him before but he came to everyone's attention during lockdown."



Mrs Qadri said: "*We got them to choose from a list of 20 entrepreneurs and find out about their business, how they started, what they give to charity and so on.*" I think they found it interesting.

"We used to teach the Business and Enterprise qualification a few years ago but then we introduced Computer Science and this took over. However Computer Science has been running for a few years now and we decided to put Business and Enterprise back on the Key Stage 4 curriculum and pupils have shown a great deal of interest in it.

"It's the equivalent to a Level 2 qualification, it's vocational and is an equivalent to a GCSE.

"The course involves looking at entrepreneurial characteristics and business aims and objectives; legal structures, organisational structures and stakeholder engagement; marketing mix and market research; internal and external influences on business; human resource requirement for a business start-up, sources of enterprise funding and business finance and a lot more."

Year 9 pupil Grace said: "I want to do this qualification as I feel it will help me in the future. I am really excited about starting it."

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Year 8 Pupil is Racing To The Top!

Tyler Y loves getting on his bike – and competes regionally and nationally in BMX competitions.

The Year 8 trains and rides for Mid Lancs BMX Club in Coppull.

“I started in 2018 just for fun and I have competed ever since,” said Tyler, 12.

“We go all over the UK competing and I get a buzz out of it.

“I train around three times a week and to me, it’s not dangerous although you do have to go fast and deal with obstacles.”

This year, Tyler has started racing in the National BMX Series and has competed in the Male 13 category against riders from

all over the UK.

He has

raced at Cyclopark in Kent, Cumbernauld, Manchester and he tested himself at Peckham recently with the last event in Birmingham in August.

Tyler’s national ranking is 45 and this year it’s about setting himself a target to beat next year although he has already made it to 15th in the North Region.

Tyler is following in the footsteps of former Priory pupil and BMX competitor, Leon Parker-Livesey, who left school last year.

Mum said, “The great thing about BMX-ing is that you get to make friends from all over the UK. Although there is a saying “no mates on the gates!”



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Priory Welcomes Its New Pupils

On Wednesday evening we welcomed our new intake of pupils and their parents as they begin their journey at Priory.

Mr Eastham introduced key staff and policies to parents in the Assembly Hall. Meanwhile, the new pupils met their Head of Year, Mrs Farley, and future classmates in the Auditorio. This was an opportunity for us to get to know our new families and for them to pick up essential information about uniform, transport etc and ask questions about the transition from primary school.

On Thursday, 7 July our new pupils will return for a full sampling day, as they experience lessons in English, Maths and Science and have a tour of the school.

In the meantime, we asked our current Year 7s what they would say to the Year 6s...

Our Year 7s are close to completing their first year at Priory and all admitted that, while they were nervous before they came into school, they have relished their first year here. You will get a warm welcome at Priory!

Chloe said: "It's been really good, Priory is a lot bigger than my primary school and we have to move to each classroom, which is different, but I am used to it now. My favourite subjects are Art, English and History. I would say to a Year 6: 'Priory is fun, there is nothing to be scared of.'"

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LUSoM Maths Challenge

Event (invitation only) and

8 July

Fri, 8 July

Year 8 & 9 HPV vaccine catch up

Mon, 11 July

Newman College Escape Room Event (invitation only)

Weds, 13 July From 7pm

Summer Arts Festival

Weds, 20 July

Sports Day

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Advice from Year 7 pupils

Kayal admitted: "My first year at Priory has been interesting and fun. The lessons I have enjoyed are History and Computing."

"My message to Year 6s is 'Stay Strong.'"

Harriet said she got lost on her first days at Priory!

"I would advise Year 6s to keep hold of their maps at the start as I nearly got lost a few times!"

"The classes are fun and enjoyable and I like Computing, PE and Maths and also play football and rounders."



Bobby's advice to Year 6s is to take part in as many sports as you can!

"I like football, cricket, rugby and my favourite subject is PE, as well as Maths."

"I would also say to talk to as many people as you can."

Caleb admitted he was nervous when he first came to Priory.

"It is a big school and I was scared and nervous at first but I soon made a new bunch of friends and realised it's alright."

"I like Maths and English, I took part in a Maths Tournament recently, and I also play basketball after school."



Olivia said: "I have made a lot of new friends in my first year at Priory and learnt a lot. When I first came, I made sure I talked to a lot of people."

Maisie enjoys History and Science.

"It's all about enjoying yourself, making friends and making memories."

"To Year 6s, I would say do not worry about embarrassing yourselves, put yourself out there and roll with whatever happens!"

Josh added: "I enjoy History and I made friends easily. I was scared of the older and taller pupils but I got used to it!"

Aaron said: "I like PE, Maths, History and Science, my first year at Priory has been really good. I would tell Year 6s to work as hard as they can."

Mrs Farley
Head of year 7, Transition Manager



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Flintoff takes on Priory Pupil

Sporting legend Freddie Flintoff takes on his toughest challenge yet: creating a cricket team from scratch with reluctant teenagers from his hometown of Preston - and one of them is our very own Year 11 Priory leaver, Umar!



Umar will be a hit on your television screens next week as he shows off his cricketing prowess. He is taking part in a TV programme where he is coached by former England and Lancashire all-rounder Andrew Flintoff, now a presenter.

The programme is a BBC One series called 'Freddie Flintoff's Field of Dreams' where 'Freddie' will put together his own side in a bid to change people's perspective of the sport.

From Preston, the former England international visited under-privileged parts of Lancashire to find 11 teenagers for his side who will be called 'Freddie's First Eleven.'

It was for teenagers who had not considered the sport before and is challenging the idea that cricket is a game for the posh, privileged and the privately-educated as Andrew broke the mould, being state-educated.

"I liked watching and playing cricket and I was involved with the BYDS Youth Club in Broadgate and got selected from there," said Umar.

"They said they wanted to do a documentary about cricket and give people like me an opportunity which I might not otherwise have. It was filmed every Tuesday at Preston College. We were trained by Andrew Flintoff, who is really down-to-earth, and Kyle Hogg as well. They taught us different types of cricketing skills and it has been really good. I would say now I am a bit of an all-rounder. The idea is for our team of teenagers to play against league teams made up of people around our own age.

"I have been interviewed a lot for the programme and they have been to my house and interviewed my family as well."

Freddie said: "Cricket is not an easy sport and some of the boys had never picked up a bat before. I was also dealing with kids who thought it was posh and boring so I had to change their minds. I got far more invested in the boys' lives than I thought I would but I care more about them as people than their cricketing ability at the end of the day. It was definitely worth it."



Channel	one
Date	Tuesday, 5 July, 2022
Time	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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London Calling - At Last!

After two years of waiting, Priory's Year 9, 10 & 11s finally set off on their trip to London and Paris on Wednesday.

Due to the hiatus of Covid, the trip, originally planned back in 2019 for October 2020, finally set off with almost 50 pupils and staff making the journey to Paris via London. First stop was Harry Potter World on Wednesday after an early morning start from Penwortham.

Mr Bullock reported on Wednesday evening, *"Day 1 of the London-Paris Trip: Early start and straight to Warner Bros Harry Potter Studio tour before a bus tour of the sights including Trafalgar Square; Nelson's Column and Shaftesbury Avenue topped off with a meal at Bubba Gump Shrimp. Tired kids and staff!"*

Yesterday saw the group travel more sites of London including a guided tour of Shakespeare's The Globe Theatre, the London Eye and St Paul's Cathedral plus a couple of hours in the Natural History Museum. Late into the evening they then set off across the Channel heading towards Paris!

It was another early start this morning, however a day full of joy and thrills lay ahead when Mr Bullock sent a shot of the group at Disneyland Paris. The weekend will see an exploration of the sites of Paris from Montmartre and the Eiffel Tower to a river cruise along the Seine. There'll be some very tired pupils on Monday morning!



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Class of 2017: Annie Hargreaves

This week we welcomed back our Head Girl from
Class of 2017.

Annie is currently undertaking her PGCE in Primary Education at Nottingham University and has returned to Priory for her compulsory two weeks of secondary school experience. Annie has been under the wings of her former form tutor and professional mentor, Mr Taylor, and has been shadowing Year 7 classes during her time with us.

Annie writes,

"My time at Penwortham Priory Academy was filled with lots of special memories and achievements. It helped to shape me into the adult I am today and sparked a passion for teaching. Now I am currently completing my teacher training, although at primary level, returning to Priory to understand the transition Year 6 pupils make to Year 7 felt important."



"It has been a pleasure to see the faces of my old teachers such as Mr Taylor, who was my form tutor and encouraged me throughout my time at priory.

"Returning has been a pleasure and has developed my understanding of what makes effective teaching and learning. It has been eye opening to develop an understanding of what teachers at Priory do behind the scenes to ensure that every child receives an enriching education. From active learning experiences in class to 'Learning for Life' sessions, I can see how each child is supported in every aspect of their development which has furthered my understanding and supported my own professional development.

"Although many things have evolved since my time at Priory it is clear that teachers old and new truly value each individual and work tirelessly to support them in achieving their best. I will always cherish my memories of Priory and thank everyone who made me feel welcome then and now."

Annie xx

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