

Who's Who at Priority

Meet the teachers and
support staff



Welcome, our future year 7s, to Penwortham Priory Academy.

We are delighted that you have managed to secure a place with us from September 2023, so on behalf of everybody here at Priory, a very warm welcome to your new school.

In choosing Priory as your school, we believe that the curriculum offered to you, delivered through creative, innovative facilities and resources will maximise your chances to achieve in your life after Priory, reflecting your own individual needs and aspirations.

You will leave Priory with not only excellent results, but with rich and meaningful experiences that are guaranteed to help you in what are sure to be your exciting and bright futures.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Priory in September; a school that has the highest expectations of everyone, is caring, progressive with high academic standards, and where individual pupils learn to succeed.



The Senior Leaders

What They Have to Say:

As the senior leadership team here in school, one of our key roles is not only to provide stability and consolidation of all that is good about Priory, but to deliver the future direction of the school too.

So, we strive, every day, to ensure we have a school where, first and foremost, you feel safe and feel happy and feel that you belong to our school community. *Your pastoral care.*

When you feel safe, feel happy and feel like you belong with our school, we can focus on providing you with a varied and rich curriculum for you to gain good individual results as a stepping-stone into your futures. *Your academic care.*

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

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

As a senior leadership team, we will continue to strive to achieve our daily mission for your benefit:

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



Mr Eastham
Principal



Mrs Cowell
Vice Principal
Food Technology Teacher



Mrs Crank
Assistant Principal
Head of Pastoral Care



Mr Gee
Assistant Principal
PE Teacher



Mrs Barker
Strategic Business
Development Manager

Heads of year

What They Have to Say:

Welcome to Priory!

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to your new school, and we are sure you will have a very happy five years here with us. As Heads of Year, we will be there for you on a day to day basis, helping and supporting you and keeping in touch with your parents to let them know how you're getting on. If you have any questions no matter how big or small, you can come to your Head of Year and we will help.

Whilst at Priory you will learn an abundance of new information in your academic subjects – some that you have probably never done before! You will also learn about life skills and develop your social relationships, giving you a holistic skill set to successfully move on to further education or your chosen career.

There are lots of exciting opportunities here at Priory, it's just up to you to make the most of them. It's important that you try out lots of different clubs and activities, some that you've maybe never heard of – who knows what you might learn and who you might meet!

We will give you lots of information about what is available at Priory in your year group assemblies, post it on our Teams chat, as well as putting information in our newsletter....so make sure you keep your eyes and ears open!

We are really looking forward to getting to know you all and learning all about you, and in turn, helping you to develop into confident, knowledgeable and happy young adults.



Mrs Farley
Transition & Integration
Manager | Head of Year 7



Mrs Ham
Head of Year 8
Lead Teacher of RE



Mrs Eastham
Head of Year 9
Science Teacher



Mrs Bullock
Head of Year 10
Girls PE Teacher



Mrs Bailey
Head of Year 11
Languages Teacher

English

What They Have to Say:

Here in English, we love stories and language!

We aim to show you the magic of the written word through all types of story and non-fiction texts too.

In Year 7, you'll escape from a fantasy land; meet school children from the past; go to Ancient Greece and, in your reading hour, use our Accelerated Reader system to quiz on books and build your word count whilst getting comfy in our beautiful library.

All our staff are passionate and engaging English specialists and we care about your progress in our fascinating subject. No matter where you're going in your future and career, we'll show you how language can help you both communicate and escape reality.

We can't wait to meet you!



Miss Beswick
Head of English



Miss Hearn
Assistant Head of English



Mrs Elliott
English Teacher
Head Librarian



Mr Owen
English Teacher



Mrs Robinson-Ali
English Teacher



Miss Thornton
English Teacher
Lead Practitioner for
Teaching & Learning



Mrs Webster
English Teacher

Maths

What They Have to Say:

Welcome Year 7 pupils to Penwortham Priory Academy; and to the Mathematics Department. We hope you will enjoy your lessons and learn lots!

The mathematics curriculum at Priory has been designed to recognise your prior learning from primary school; to build upon this through challenging work which will require you to think hard and use your problem solving skills.

In Year 7 you will learn to think algebraically, reason with number and apply this to varied situations, to work with lines and angles, directed numbers and fractions as well as becoming confident in place value and proportion.

Things you will need for your maths lessons:

- Pen, pencil, ruler, rubber
- Scientific calculator (Casio recommended, see Handbook)
- A positive mindset!

We look forward to meeting you!



Mr Kenrick
Head of Maths



Mr Sneddon
Assistant Head of Maths



Mr Evans
Lead Practitioner for Maths



Mr Hunter
Maths Teacher



Mr Raynor
Maths Teacher
House Events and PiXL
Edge Award Co-Ordinator



Mr Walker
Maths Teacher

Science

What They Have to Say:

The science department at Priory want to transform the way you see things. From your very first lesson with us, our aim is to broaden and to deepen your understanding of the world around you. Yes, there will be practical work, but much more time will be dedicated to exploring the scientific reasons behind their outcomes and building a solid scientific knowledge base over the course of your five years with us.

To improve your chances of success in science, please bring the following to every lesson:

- Black/blue pen
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Highlighter
- Calculator (Casio recommended, see Handbook)
- A positive attitude to learning
- Perseverance if/when you find it difficult!



Mr Bedford
Head of Science



Mrs Potter
Assistant Head of Science



Miss Clinton
Science Teacher



Mrs Eastham
Science Teacher
Head of Year 9



Mr Evans
Science Technician
Astronomy Tutor



Mrs Massey
Science Teacher



Ms Roberts
Science Teacher

Creative Arts

What They Have to Say:

Creative Arts is a place where you will find your curiosity, creativity and imagination stimulated, a place where your emotions can be expressed, managed and energised. You will study Art, Drama and Music on a carousel system so you will be able to fully concentrate on one subject each half term and devote your class and homework energies to it without worrying about the other two subjects.

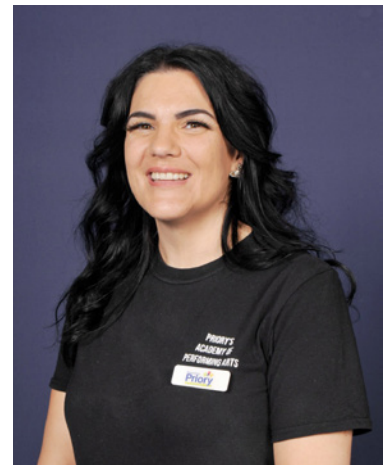
Each of Art, Drama and Music has its own dedicated area of school with specialist resources and equipment to match and then the areas are open for you to come and use each break and lunchtime in addition. The three subjects then combine in whole school events such as our Christmas School Production and our Summer Arts Evening, which we would love you to be part of.



Mrs Shaw
Lead Teacher of Art
Design Technology Teacher



Mr Taylor
Lead Teacher of Music
Languages Teacher
Lead for Able & Ambitious



Miss Howell
Lead Teacher of Drama

Design Technology

What They Have to Say:

Welcome to Technology!

Our department's aim is to allow you to experience a broad range of subjects within Technology whilst enjoying your lessons and learning new skills.

In Year 7 you will be able to experience Graphic Design, Resistant Materials and Food Preparation & Nutrition, learning how to be both creative and practical in the classroom. In future years you will also be able to experience Textiles, Product Design and Engineering lessons.

We have our own dedicated building full of specialist rooms where you will create projects and solve problems in a fun and interesting way, giving you skills for life and your future careers!



Mrs Lawe
Head of Technology



Mrs Cowell
Lead Teacher of Food
Technology
Vice Principal



Mrs Lockwood
Design Technology
Teacher



Mrs Shaw
Design Technology Teacher
Lead Teacher of Art

Humanities

What They Have to Say:

Welcome to Humanities! The Humanities Department here at Priory consists of three different subjects for you to enjoy; Geography, History and Religious Education.

Our main aim for you is to ensure that you enjoy your time with us in lessons whilst broadening and deepening your understanding of the world around you – past, present and future - and learning about a range of cultures to allow you to appreciate this diverse world we live in.

Of course, you will be challenged and supported at all times throughout your Priory journey by amazing teachers. You will be stretched and expected to work hard to make your brain hurt but you will learn to learn and flourish.

The Humanities Department seek to strengthen your knowledge of the geographical, cultural and historical world around you and we try our best to extend your learning outside of the classroom by offering many wide-ranging trips and visits for you to enjoy. Some of these include:

New York | London-Paris | Iceland | Liverpool | Lancaster | Italy | The Lake District | Belgium... and many more!

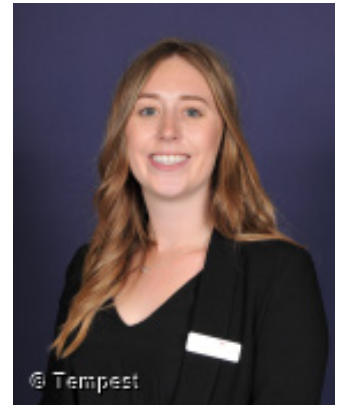
To improve your chances of success in Humanities, please bring the following to every lesson:

Black/blue pen | Green pen | Pencil |
Ruler | Highlighter | Calculator

We look forward to welcoming you to Priory in September.



Mr Metcalfe
Head of Humanities



Mrs Cauchi
Humanities Teacher



Mr Eccles
Lead Teacher of History



Mrs Ham
Lead Teacher of RE
Head of Year 8



Mrs Holland
Childcare Teacher
SENCo and DSL



Mrs Kursitis
Humanities Teacher



Mr Momoniat
Humanities Teacher

ICT & Computer Science

What They Have to Say:

Welcome to the ICT & Computer Science department at Penwortham Priory Academy.

We hope you find your Computing lessons in Year 7 the most enjoyable and fun lessons and hope you learn a lot throughout your time here.

At Priory our Computing curriculum is designed to build upon what you have already learnt at Primary School and to develop new knowledge.

Computing and ICT will undoubtedly continue to form a major part in your life at home, in further education and places of work, so we ensure that we enable you to learn many practical ICT skills throughout your five years with us.

We will study a variety of topics throughout Year 7 such as:

- E-Safety – where you will learn about staying safe online
- Data Representation – where you will understand how a computer can process 1s and 0s as binary
- Scratch Programming – where you can learn to program your own computer games
- Computer Hardware and Software – learning about all the different parts inside a computer and the programs you can run on the computer

Things you will need in your Computing lessons:

- Pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, green pen
- Your computer login details (given to you in Summer School or in your first Computing lesson)



Mrs Qadri
Head of ICT & Computer
Science



Mrs Saunders
ICT & Computer Science
Teacher

Languages

What They Have to Say:

Welcome to the Languages department.

Being able to communicate in an additional language is one of the most rewarding and beneficial skills you can learn.

Here at Priory, we teach French from Year 7. The Year 7 curriculum is designed to build on the language you have learned at Key Stage 2. We want you to share the same love of languages as us!

Throughout your first year, we will focus on the three pillars of language knowledge:

- How you sound out words and new sounds
- Learning lots of new words that are relevant to you
- The language rules that enable you to build your own phrases and sentences correctly.

We have a lot of fun along the way, games, pair, and group work enable you to put your newfound language skills to the test!



Mrs Scully
Head of Languages



Mrs Bailey
Languages Teacher
Head of Year 11



Mr Taylor
Languages Teacher
Lead Teacher of Music
Lead for Able & Ambitious

Physical Education

What They Have to Say:

Welcome to the PE Department at Priory.

Our goal is to promote a healthy lifestyle through physical activity and try to instil the importance of being active so that when you leave Priory you continue with physical activity.

We will provide you with the opportunity to experience different sports as well as offer the chance to represent Priory in local and national competitions.

In Year 7 you will take part in a wide range of different activities from Cross-Country to Trampolining and Badminton to Athletics to name but a few. We have a very busy extra-curricular timetable with practices and fixtures on most nights of the week. In addition we have inter-house events like badminton, football and netball, culminating with Sports Day in the last week of Summer term.

For each lesson we expect you to bring your full PE kit and a pair of trainers (boots if on the 3G or grass pitches). One important piece of advice is to ensure that you have your name in every item of clothing as things easily get misplaced in the first couple of weeks!



Mr Bullock
Head of PE & Sport



Miss Beesley
Girls PE Teacher



Mrs Bullock
Girls PE Teacher
Head of Year 10



Mr Gee
Boys PE Teacher
Assistant Principal

Learning Support

What They Have to Say:

Hello and welcome to the support department here at Priory. We are always here to help. You will see the learning support staff both in your lessons and in our learning support department, which we call LEAP, based at the end of the Pastoral corridor.

Throughout your time here at Priory you may need to access some extra help and support. This might be with your learning, homework or if you are struggling with any other needs.

You can access help through LEAP at any point. We are also open for breakfast club 8.00am-8.30am, breaktime, lunchtime and for homework club until 4pm (Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays).

We look forward to meeting you on your induction day and when you start in September.



Mrs Holland
SENCo and DSL
Childcare Teacher



Mrs Nayler
Learning Support
Manager



Mrs Ali
Learning Support
Assistant



Miss Atkinson
Learning Support
Assistant



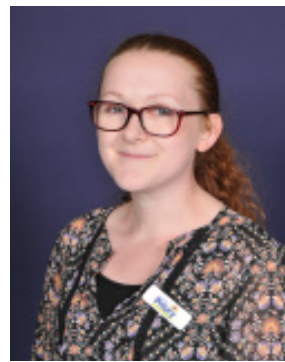
Miss Dixon
Learning Support
Assistant



Mrs Eastham
Learning Support
Assistant



Mrs Simpson
Learning Support
Assistant



Miss Whaite
Learning Support
Assistant



Mrs Whalley
Learning Support
Assistant

Pastoral

What They Have to Say:

As a pastoral team, we are here to ensure that you are happy, safe and well, and that you succeed during your time at Priory.

In Year 7 you'll get to meet the pastoral team and you'll see us around school checking that you are OK and settled.

We are all based in the pastoral area of the school and if you need to see any member of the team then come and see us at break or lunchtimes, you will always be made welcome.

We can't wait to meet you, enjoy your summer and we'll see you in September.

DSL = *Designated Safeguarding Lead*



Mr Shipton
Pastoral Manager



Miss Tarcea
Adolescent Mental
Health Practitioner



Mrs Crank
Assistant Principal, Head
of Pastoral Care and DSL



Mrs Brierley
Attendance & Pastoral
Support Officer



Miss Burbidge
Pastoral Manager -
Culture & Reflection



Mr Faulkner
Pastoral Manager and
DSL



Mrs Holland
SENCo and DSL
Childcare Teacher



Ms Lowe
Managing Director
Charlotte Lowe Psycho-
logical Services



Mrs Swire
Attendance & Family
Support Manager



Mrs Willis
Family Support Manager

Learning for Life

What They Have to Say:

Learning for Life at Priory covers so many aspects of school life and curriculum. It is also delivered by most of the teachers in school and led by Ms Smith.

Learning for Life every day - These sessions are for 20 minutes every day. They are delivered by your Learning for Life teacher, who you will see every day. In a week you will have; an assembly on a Learning for Life theme, two reading sessions where teachers read to you, and two Learning for Life Road Map sessions, where you will cover different themes across your five years with us.

Year 7	Priory Gateway Skills
Year 8 to 11	Health and Wellbeing. Employability Skills. Careers pathways

Learning for Life Days - We have five of these in a year where we focus on other themes in greater depth. These are also delivered by most teachers in school.

Alongside these, we provide; one off workshops and assemblies from guest speakers, opportunities for fundraising and volunteering, extra-curricular clubs and competitions.

Ms Smith oversees the activities detailed above, pastoral curriculum areas, careers information, education and guidance, employability skills, our equality and diversity provision and the Priory+ Award for personal development.

Mr Raynor oversees our House competitions and the PiXL Edge Award, where you will be rewarded for demonstrating employability skills in Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative, Communication (LORIC).



Ms Smith
Lead Practitioner of
Personal Development



Mr Raynor
Maths Teacher
House Events and PiXL Edge
Award Co-Ordinator

Academy Management

Our mission:

"To create a positive impression of the school, through a supportive and seamless communication service to all stakeholders."

What They Have to Say:

As a team, we are responsible for all the communication across the school. We are a link between pupils, parents, staff and visitors, and we will help you the best we can with any information you may need whilst you're with us.

Most of us are based in the main office at Reception and we're a very friendly team. We'll help you if you have any general questions or are not sure where you need to be. You can hand in your reply slips, pick up forgotten PE kits or lunch that your parents/carers have dropped off. We'll sign you in when you are late for school and sign you out when you are going to an appointment. We'll also look after you if you become unwell or have an injury at school.

We're always happy to help!



Mrs Spencer
Academy Manager
PA to the Principal
Clerk to the Governors



Mrs Yates
Communications &
Marketing Manager



Mrs Burkhill
Office Manager



Mrs Evans
Receptionist &
Admin Assistant



Mrs Holt
Receptionist &
Admin Assistant



Mrs Little
Admin Assistant

Business & Finance

Our mission:

"To deliver a professional and personable business service to all".

What They Have to Say:

Welcome Year 7 pupils to Penwortham Priory Academy, we hope you enjoy the five years you are with us!

The Business & Finance Team are here to support you and your parents/carers with a variety of things. We manage the school budget and are responsible for all financial processes in school including buying a tie, setting up your lunch account and parent payment account, paying for school trips, arranging school bus payments and much more. We will ensure you don't have to worry about any of this and can concentrate on your learning journey.

During the year, we will ensure your personal data is correct on our records, your timetable and classes are accurate, school reports are issued on time and, as you progress through the school years, will plan and manage your end of year tests and GCSE exams.

We are based in the Business & Finance office on the senior leaders corridor. Please come and see us if you need anything, we are always happy to help.



Mrs Barker
Strategic Business
Development Manager



Mrs Cookson
Assistant Business
Manager (Finance & HR)



Mrs Diamond-Bugler
Assistant Business
Manager (Business
Services)



Miss Conway
Exams & Pupil Data
Officer



Miss Haydock
Business Support Officer



Mrs Woodburn
Senior Exams Invigilator

Catering

Our mission:

"To give our pupils, staff and visitors a truly great dining experience."

What They Have to Say:

Our catering team aim to provide home cooked healthy and nutritional meals at lunchtimes along with assorted snack items for breaktime.

We have a wide choice of hot meals, snacks and drinks for you to enjoy. You can choose to pre-order cold food to take away through our online ordering system or purchase hot food and snacks in the dining room and pay for them using your ID card - so you don't need to bring cash into school. If you've ordered cold food online, you can collect this from the dining room too.

We can cater for different allergies and dietary requirements - we are always available if anyone has any questions!



Mrs Rigby
Catering Manager



Miss Titterton
Catering Supervisor



Mrs Allen
Catering Assistant



Mrs Billings
Catering Assistant



Mrs Crowley
Catering Assistant



Miss Conway
Catering Assistant



Miss Evans
Catering Assistant



Miss Gardner
Catering Assistant



Miss Morley
Catering Assistant



Miss Patterson
Catering Assistant



Mrs Westworth
Catering Assistant

Facilities Management

Our Estate team's and IT team's mission:

"An estate that gives an exceptional, lasting impression to all users."

"Empowering all staff and pupils to engage in the very best teaching and learning through the use of cutting edge technologies."

What They Have to Say:

The Estates Team is responsible for the whole Priory estate. This includes all the sports facilities, grass and flower areas, buildings and infrastructure that the school uses to operate all activities for the teaching and learning of pupils.

Part of this team also includes all the ICT systems we use around the school site.



Mr Bolton
Strategic Estates
Development Manager



Mr Eccles
ICT Senior Technician



Mr O'Connor
ICT Technician
Apprentice



Mr Wilkinson
Estates Operational
Manager



Mr Bamber
Site Supervisor



Mr Farron
Gardener



Mr Kolacz
Site Supervisor



Mr Tiffin
Site Supervisor



Mr Wynter
Lettings Supervisor