

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Celebration Evening Success!

One of the highlights of the school calendar took place this week as we formally invited the Class of 2016, as well as their families, to celebrate their successes and hand out awards for their achievements at Priory.

Every year, the leaving year group are given the opportunity to be together in Priory one last time, collect their GCSE certificates and be presented individual subject awards, trophies and prizes. This year, the guest speaker was Mr Tim Farron, the leader of the Liberal Democrats and the son of the school gardener, Mr Farron.

Mr Taylor welcomed guests into the hall as he played the grand piano, whilst the waiting guests had the chance to see photographs of the year group from their time in school.

Mrs Cowell then opened proceedings with a speech, where she declared that Celebration Evening is always a one of Priory's favourite events and a chance to give the leaving year group her

congratulations and thanks for getting through their GCSEs and leaving Priory with many happy memories.

She then invited pupils on stage to receive their awards from Mr Farron. There were individual subject awards, house awards, subject cups and trophies and special awards from Priory.

Mr Farron then took to the lectern and delivered a humour filled, but directional message, about not giving up hope and not letting failure deter you from progression.

Once he had spoken, a recorded speech was played from Mr Eastham who was unable to be in attendance on the evening.

Finally, guests were invited to socialise in the dining hall, with complimentary refreshments and food.

All-in-all, the evening was a fantastic, enjoyable success and one we hope the Class of 2016, as well as their guests, enjoyed as much as we did.

## PSHE Day Reminder

It is PSHE Day on Monday and this means, as usual, that the school day will finish at 1.30pm.

The school-ran bus services will be arranged to reflect this time.

## Year 11 Parent's Evening

This is a courtesy reminder that it is Parent's Evening for Year 11 on Wednesday of next week.

All Year 11 pupils have already been handed their booking sheets for their teacher appointments.

If you have any issues about attending, please contact your child's form tutor.

## Cinema Trip Reminder

This is a courtesy reminder that Mrs Elliott's cinema trip takes place next Wednesday morning.

Pupils on the trip will be watching 'Kubo and the Two Strings' as part of English.

## Reckless Sleepers

Mr Hardcastle has announced a trip for GCSE Drama pupils to go and watch the production Reckless Sleepers.

See Mr Hardcastle for more information.

## Winning Forms

The winning form this week is Mr Raynor and Mrs Naylor's R3.

They finished the week with a perfect 100% attendance and 5 lates.

## Priory Remembers

We continued our long-held tradition in remembering those who gave their lives, as part of Remembrance Day in Priory.

Mr Eastham called an whole school assembly this morning and proceeded to read a poem named 'Why wear a poppy?' by Don Crawford before we observed a minute's silence.

Furthermore, Ms Young and some pupils will take part the annual Penwortham Remembrance Day service on Sunday and lay a wreath from Priory at the war memorial on Liverpool Road.

Mr Farron had also put in some work to update the 'Lest We Forget' poppy display outside Humanities, adding some bordering and pots to add to last year's award-winning flower display.



## Christmas (Carol) Comes Early!

Mr Hardcastle and Mr Taylor fielded a trip for two GCSE Drama classes to watch the production 'A Christmas Carol' at Preston Guild Hall. The show starred one of our very own pupils, Abbie Edwards (C7), and the show was a spectacular extravaganza of song and dance.

## The Boys are back from Belgium!

Prior to half term, Mr Owers, Mr Watters and Mr Taylor set off with a group of our students on a footballing trip to Belgium. The boys went sight-seeing around Bruges, visited the Menin gate, toured a Belgian Chocolate Shop and even attended a Belgium First Division match, with Oostende playing international opponents, visited the Standard Liege! A busy few days!

