

Penwortham Priory Post



Goodbye ROSLA Block!

We are delighted to inform pupils and parents that the disused ROSLA block is to be demolished and a new state-of-the-art IT block will be built in its place.

The ROSLA block was first built in the 1960s as part of a change to the national education system where pupils would stay in secondary school for a 5th year and this is where the ROSLA blocks, which were built all over the country, got their name from (Raising of School Leaving Age). Many middle schools had these pre-fabricated buildings put in place to accommodate the additional year group.

However, in time, many ROSLA blocks became run down and unusable, including our own, which has been out of use for several years.

As part of a lengthy bid process, we had an architect draw up plans for a new £1.4m state-of-the-art ICT block. These plans have been available to see in school all year and we recently got the fantastic news that we have been

successful in the bid and Priory is soon to have fantastic new ICT facilities, as well as the bottom floor of the building having multi-use areas which will be accessible to the local community. We will be looking at taking on community groups, such as drama clubs, the likes of Cubs, Brownies, Guides and Scout groups and more.

The construction of the new ICT block will also bring the IT facilities of the school in line with the renovations of the likes of the Science block and Nucleus, the fantastic Technology block as well as Creative Arts facilities in school.

We are extremely excited for work on the new block to start in September and cannot wait to provide an even better range of learning spaces for our pupils.

The plans for the new ICT block are available in Reception for parents, pupils and members of the community to see and we encourage you to come and see the designs for some fantastic new facilities in the local community of Penwortham.

Winning Form

The winning form, from the final week of last term, is Miss Creer's R5.

They finished the week with 99.05% in attendance and just 1 late.

Facelift Phase 2

On top of the newly announced state-of-the-art ICT block, we are delighted to announce we have been successful in funding for additional window and roofing work.

This means that work that was started at the front of school, the school hall and the gym will continue across the school site and reduce Priory's carbon footprint, as well as increase our energy efficiency.

Director of Year 11

Mrs Crank will be taking on a new role as of Monday 24 April.

With this term being the most important term in all of Year 11's five years here, Mrs Crank will be the 'Director of Year 11' as of next week.

Year 11s will have an assembly on Monday to explain more about the role.