

# Penwortham Priory Post



## An Evening of Music & Dance

There were talented tap dancers, musicians, singers and more as we hosted our Summer Arts Evening on Tuesday. Pupils took to the stage where the audience were treated to some top grade performances.

"It's the third time we have held the Summer Arts Evening at Priory and every year we are impressed with the range of talented students we have here," said Head of Creative Arts Mrs Hopes. "They never cease to surprise us. It's great to watch how students' musical talents have developed and how they are growing into confident performers."

Louis Fielding, Year 7, is a Grade Five tap dancer. "Grade Five is high for my age," said Louis. "For gradings, it's more about technique but when I am performing it's funkier and cooler."

Year 9 Joel Gardner has a Grade Four in drumming and attends BMA Music to perfect his skills with the drumsticks. "I got into drumming through a friend in Year 7. I have my own drum kit now and I also play the piano."

Year 8 pianist Colin Chan is studying and practising to achieve the highest grade available in the UK – Grade Eight. "I've been playing keyboard for just over five years, and every time I have taken the exams, I have achieved distinctions".

There were other top performers on the night including Olivia Tomlinson and Emily Ruscoe playing the flute, Georgia Patten and Luci Florea on the piano, Jodie Emberton on the guitar with the multi-talented Erin Coleman and Robyn Walker tap and ballet dancing, while there were a host of singers, performing songs from Adele, Judy Garland to Keane.

### Winning Form

This week's winning form for attendance and punctuality is R3 with 98.44% attendance and 0 lates.

Well done to Mr Raynor and R3!

### On Ya Bike, Boys!

Over the summer we have three Priory pupils competing in biking championships across the world.

Finley Beard in Year 9 is off to Estonia as he represents GB in the MX Bike World Junior Championships.

Meanwhile, Leon Parker-Livesey (Year 7) and Jay Fairbank (Year 10) are off to South Carolina, America to compete in the BMX World Series.

We look forward to finding out how they got on when they return in September.

# Sports Day 2017



It was a perfect day for it. The pupils donned their team colours and stretched out the banners to cheer on their houses through the day's track and field events. Excellent team spirit accompanied the highest standard of behaviour on one of the most looked forward to events of the year.

Mr Hardcastle and Mr Taylor were on the mic directing order, presenting certificates and generally keeping everyone going whilst a crack team of timekeepers, referees, recorders and photographers worked behind the scenes to ensure that everything ran smoothly.

	CALDER	DOUGLAS	HODDER	RIBBLE
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>931</b>
<b>YEAR</b>				
7	211	226	225	204
8	228	189	203	244
9	133	157	219	219
10	232	232	210	215



## And the winner is... Ribble!

Obviously, as House Progress Leader, Mr Faulkner was pleased with his team's results!



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# Meet The Governor - Professor Phil Range

Priory's Community Governor, Phil Range, tells us a little about himself and how his expertise will benefit the school.



"I have lived in Penwortham for over 30 years having moved here to take up a post at what was then Lancashire Polytechnic. Our son attended Priory and I am glad to have the opportunity to support the school as a member of the Governing Body. Before retiring I was the Director of the Library and IT Service at Manchester Metropolitan University. Prior to that I held a variety of roles in IT and Learning Technology in Universities across the country. I have also been involved supporting colleges, schools and local businesses.

I am particularly interested in the use of IT to support and enhance learning and hope that my expertise in this and as a senior manager will help Priory on its journey to be a great school of first choice.

## New Form Structure Aims to Help Pupils Achieve Their Full Potential

As from September 2017, the form structure at Priory will be evolving into a more refined system in order to further all pupils to achieve their full potential.

As such, from the new academic year, Year 11 pupils will continue in their current house with their current House Progress Leader, but Maths and English specialists will be allocated as their new Progress Tutors. This will ensure that additional support can be provided to Year 11 in their final year from these subject specialist staff in these core subject areas.

In order to accommodate this change, there will need to be a slight restructure of the House system, which will involve a number of pupils remaining within their House but having their am/pm prep delivered by a new Progress Tutor.

Pupils affected by this restructure are those in :

C5, C8, D3, D8, H1, H4, R1 and R3.

Between the end of this term and the start of the next academic year, there will be regular meetings between staff to ensure a smooth, supportive transition. Should you have any further questions please contact your child's House Progress Leader.

### PROM NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHS

At last, here's what our Year 11s have been itching to see!

Photos from the prom are now available to download at:

[www.mattdeverphoto.com](http://www.mattdeverphoto.com)

Please email [info@mattdeverphoto.com](mailto:info@mattdeverphoto.com) for the password, providing him with your child's full name and form.

Once logged on go to Archive > All Galleries and click on the folder Penwortham Priory Academy Prom 2017.

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**LANCASHIRE BOOK  
OF THE YEAR  
WINNER  
ANNOUNCED**

Priory students have been involved in the selection process to identify the Lancashire Book of the Year 2017.

Students managed to narrow down a long list of 92 novels to a short list of 10 and finally down to a winner, *The Deepest Cut* by Natalie Flynn, which was announced last week at UCLAN.

Pupils attended the announcement and got to meet the authors as a reward for their efforts.

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**Priory Lane  
Youth Club**

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
7pm - 9pm.

A friendly youth  
club open to all  
young people in the  
Penwortham area.

Ages 13-18.  
50p entrance fee

## Pupils Meet Local Author

An author hopes to inspire the next generation of writers after she held a workshop at Penwortham Priory Academy.

Multi-award winning Sarah Mussi, who writes children's and young adult fiction, spoke to keen Year 7 and 8 English pupils about what it takes to write a book.



Sarah's first novel, *The Door of No Return*, won the Glen Dimplex and Irish Writers' Children's Book Award while her second novel, *The Last of the Warrior Kings*, was shortlisted for the Lewisham Book Award. Her novel, *Riot*, was crowned the Lancashire Book of the Year in 2015.

"I was proud to win the Lancashire Book of the Year Award and I feel an affinity with Lancashire which is why it is great to come to Penwortham," said Sarah.

Her most recent series is *The Snowdonia Chronicles* which provided a backdrop to the workshop as Sarah explored the mythology of Snowdonia with the students. "It's about getting the students to think creatively, helping to inspire them and thinking about what it takes to write a story."

English teacher Mrs Elliott said: "Sarah held two hugely successful workshops with two separate student groups. Through drama activities and carefully exploring how to develop story ideas, all students came away inspired to both read and write more. They all thoroughly enjoyed it."

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