

Penwortham Priory Post



Highly Commended At The Education Awards Finals

At the Lancashire Evening Post's Education Awards this week, Penwortham Priory Academy were thrilled to be awarded Highly Commended in the 'Secondary School of the Year' and 'Headteacher of the Year' categories.

Mrs Cowell and Mrs Crank attended the presentation ceremony at Preston Guild Hall along with a group of 14 pupils to cheer us on.

Up against two other 'Secondary School of the Year' finalists, we were eventually pipped to the post by Academy@Worden. Congratulations also went to Julie Webster of Queen's Drive Primary School who took Mr Eastham's 2016 accolade as 'Headteacher of the Year'.

These awards, now in their seventh year, celebrate primary and secondary education across central Lancashire. The awards showcase and celebrate the very best students, teachers, schools and employees in the area. The twelve categories recognise the achievements that schools and pupils make within the education sector on a daily basis.

Picture shows children who attended the awards ceremony holding the highly commended certificates.

LEAVER'S HOODIES ARE NOW IN

The Year 11 leaver's hoodies are now available to be collected from the school office between 8.30am - 3.30pm until the 20th July.



Anyone unable to come in during this time may also collect them on GCSE results day - Thurs, 24th August.

WELCOMING NEW STARTERS

Next Wednesday evening we welcome the new intake for September 2017 and their parents.

Children will receive their induction packs, meet their Progress Tutors and other new starters in their Progress Houses.

The children will be back the next day, Thurs, 6th July for their full induction.

VACANCY

PART-TIME MINI BUS DRIVER REQUIRED

We are seeking a part-time minibus driver to cover our morning and afternoon school runs.

This is a 12.5 hours per week post, working 7.30-8.45am and 3.15-4.30pm each day, term time only.

The starting salary is £15,375 pro rata (Grade 3).

The successful person will be expected to undertake basic vehicle checks and maintenance and have a clean driving licence.

If you are interested, please contact Keith Bolton direct on 01772 320257 or email k.bolton@priory.lancs.sch.uk for a chat and to arrange an informal visit to school.

SUMMER ARTS EVENING

Tues, 11th July - 6.30pm

Our Year 10 Drama pupils will be joining a talented set of musicians in the Auditorio for this free arts event.

GCSE artwork will also be on display.

Please email t.hopes@priory.lancs.sch.uk for further information.

Commonwealth Games Medallist Boosts Confidence at Priory

Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Charlotte Hartley has helped the students at Penwortham Priory Academy boost their confidence through sport.

Hockey player Charlotte, from the North West, is a 'Sky Sports Living for Sport Athlete Mentor' and has been taking a keen interest in the girls at Priory over the last few months.



"Thirteen girls have been involved in the Sky Sports Living Project," said Transition Manager Rachel Gutteridge.

"We wanted to inspire the girls. They were each given a pedometer and asked to walk between 8,000 and 10,000 steps each day as well as attending a circuit training session each week.

"Priory was lucky enough to have Charlotte as our Athlete Mentor and she visited the school to work with the girls.

"Charlotte introduced the six keys to success, developed in partnership with the British Athletics Commission which are mental toughness, hunger to achieve, people skills, sports and life knowledge, breaking barriers and planning for success. The six keys to success are designed to help young people develop valuable life skills that will help them in and outside of school, now and into the future."

Charlotte has made no secret of her own battles with alopecia and eating disorders which brought an end to her England hockey career.

"Charlotte inspired the students, she helped to build their confidence and believe in themselves," continued Ms Gutteridge.

To finish the project, the girls went into Howick Primary School to deliver circuit training sessions to the whole school throughout one day.

"The girls loved helping the younger pupils and were really encouraging throughout. The project has been a huge success," added Ms Gutteridge.

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Work like an Egyptian!

Year 8 pupils went back in time on Wednesday to re-enact the Egyptian period to St Mary Magdalen Catholic Primary School pupils.

The eight children held workshops with Year 4 pupils on varying aspects of Egyptian life including family, medicine and work. The day was organised by Miss Summers as part of the 'Re-Enact A Workshop' Programme that also includes the Romans, Vikings and World War 1 eras.

Miss Summers said, "This was an excellent experience for the history group. Our children really embraced the era and enjoyed working with the younger pupils. Thanks must go to Miss Sutton who made and sourced the costumes".



Mr Eastham Goes For Promotion With PNE

You may have spotted our Headteacher amongst the advertisements in local press recently, on billboards or even on the back of a bus!

Mr Eastham and his family were chosen out of hundreds of other keen Preston North End supporters to front their new season ticketing promotion.

PNE were seeking supporters to get involved with their Generation Deepdale campaign. Supporters were also asked to reflect on their best memories of being part of the club, their first game watching the Lilywhites and what Preston North End means to them.

Mr Eastham said, "Being a North End supporter all my life, it was great going down with the family and getting involved with the promotion. Listening to my dad giving his memories about cup finals and watching Sir Tom was particularly memorable for me – they were great times. Let's hope the new manager can bring days like that back to Deepdale again!"



YEAR 7 PARENTS EVENING

Weds, 12th July
4.00-7.00pm

Letters have been sent home today for the Year 7 parents evening.

Pupils have been given an appointment sheet to book discussion time with their teachers. Please can parents monitor its completion in the forthcoming week.

Reply slips should be back in school by 7th July.

ENGLISH AND MATHS COURSES FOR ADULTS

Runshaw College is offering its maths and English GCSE and Pre-GCSE Functional Skills courses for adults. As well as improving job and pay prospects, these qualifications can increase your confidence or simply help your children with their homework as they work towards their GCSEs.

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justask@runshaw.ac.uk

Alumni Update - Top Prize for Hattie



Ex-pupil, Hattie Brunning, has been awarded the AstraZeneca prize for the best Year 2 Examination Performance in 2017.

Hattie, now age 20, has just completed her second year studying chemistry at the University of York.

Hattie left Priory in 2013 with nine A* GCSEs; showing from an early age that she was a bright star in the making.

Lancashire Book of the Year

Over the last six months, a select group of pupils has been involved in the judging process for this year's book of the year. The pupils had the task of reading at least one of the contenders' novels every 6-8 weeks and narrowing over 90 titles down to a top 10.

The winning announcement of the 2017 Lancashire title will be made at UCLan next Friday, 7th July and the pupils who have been involved will be attending as a reward for their efforts.

Mrs Elliott, English Teacher & KS3 Coordinator said, "On this exciting day the students not only find out who has won but will also get the chance to meet some of the authors, listen to where their inspiration came from and what it is like to actually write a book. After this amazing experience perhaps we may have some young authors inspired to write their own novel!"

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South Ribble Athletics Championships

The results are in and we can announce that we took third place in the South Ribble Schools Under 14s Athletics Championships.

Head of PE & School Sport, Mark Bullock, confirmed "We came third overall in South Ribble, with a number of first place finishes".

44 pupils represented Priory in last Friday's competition at Robin Park, Wigan. They competed against ten other schools from the area in a variety of track and field events.



Name	Year	Event	Position
Ben Box	Year 7	800m	1st
Hayden Middleton	Year 7	300m	1st
Rhianna Walmsley	Year 8	Discus	1st
Lucy Fletcher	Year 9	Javelin	1st
Zaman Amin	Year 9	1500m	2nd
Eddan Avila	Year 9	Long Jump	2nd
Charlotte Morris	Year 10	1500 m	1st
Jack Massey	Year 7	Triple Jump	2nd
James Aubrey-Williams	Year 8	Discus	2nd



BELGIUM TRIP OCTOBER 2018

A reminder that deposits for the 2018 residential trip to Belgium must be in next week.

Letters were distributed last week with full details.

This will be the last trip to Belgium based on the combination of football and World War I and II sites.

Please contact Mr Watters, trip leader, by email if you have any questions.

a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk

There will be a parent's meeting once the places have been filled.

YEAR 11 PROM

Monday, 3rd July

Our Year 11 pupils will be dancing away their school years on Monday as they attend their prom at Barton Grange.

Resident photographer, Mr Dever, will be on the red carpet to capture the moments as everyone arrives in their glad rags.

Photos will be on Facebook in due course.

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