

Penwortham Priory Post



South Ribble Cross Country Championships

Priory was invited to take part in the South Ribble Schools annual cross country championships last Saturday at Hutton Grammar School. Almost forty of the school's best runners, across Years 7-11, were selected to take part and compete against ten other local schools.

There were three age categories with individual races for boys and girls. Four Priory pupils finished in the top ten positions which was an excellent result for races with over 70 participants in each category.

Head of PE & Sport, Mr Bullock, commented: "A massive well done to all the pupils that gave up their Saturday morning to represent the school. They gave it their best and were worthy ambassadors of the school".

Overall, Priory came in 4th place, behind All Hallows (winners), Balshaws (2nd) and Browndedge St Marys (3rd). Below are the highest positions achieved for each race:

Year 7 Boys	J Thompson (5th), J Goodwin (12th)	Overall 3rd
Year 7 Girls	P Hodgkinson (9th), S Tomlinson (29th)	Overall 7th
Year 8/9 Boys	W Jones (17th), N Higham (18th)	Overall 6th
Year 8/9 Girls	C Smith (29th), M Ind (49th)	Overall 6th
Year 10/11 Boys	B Withers (5th), B Mason (9th)	Overall DNQ
Year 10/11 Girls	S Sheridan (18th), O Costello (24th)	Overall 4th
Overall Boys	6th place	
Overall Girls	4th place	

OVERALL POSITION

4th PLACE

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Attendance Winning Forms

Each week the attendance officer calculates the winning form for 'Year 11s' and 'The 'Rest' of the school. As the Year 11 form groups are smaller than the others, they are more likely to achieve full attendance. Therefore to ensure fairness, results have been separated out.

This week's winners are:

**Year 11 -
D8 (100%)
Rest -
H2 (99.60%)**

Well done Mrs Elliott's and Mrs Simpson's forms. Pupils in these forms will receive passport reward points.



The lost property has built up greatly over the last few weeks.

We would like to remind pupils to check the trolley outside the school office regularly if they are missing any unnamed items. Lost PE kits will be held by the PE Department.

We return all named items to pupils when they are found.

Please note, items will be disposed of after three weeks.

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KEY DATES

Belgium Residential Trip

Weds, 17 to Tues, 23 Oct

Summer Reading

Challenge - Final

Weds, 17 October 2018

(during school time / by invitation)

Mid Term Closure

22-26 October 2018

Year 10 Parents Evening

Thurs, 1 November 2018

3.30pm-7pm

Celebration Evening -

Class of 2018

(Year 11 Leavers)

Weds, 7 November 6.30pm

PSHEE Day

Mon, 12 Novovember 2018

(Early lunch followed by early closure at 1:30pm)

Year 11 Parents Evening

Weds, 28 November 2018

4pm-7pm

Parent Governor Vacancy



The Governing Body of Penwortham Priory Academy currently has a vacancy for a parent governor to serve for a period of up to four years. He or she must be the parent/guardian of a pupil.

Joining the Governing Body as a parent governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of Priory. Experience is not necessary as training and support is available.

If you wish to nominate yourself as a parent governor please complete the nomination form, after referring to the criteria to ensure you are eligible. Both documents are available on the school's website at:

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/governors

Please return the form via email to Mrs S Spencer, Clerk to Governors (s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk), or in an envelope marked 'Parent Governor Nomination' via the school office, **no later than 12 noon on 18 October 2018.**

Community and Voluntary

The **PiXL** Edge

The Hurst Grange Park Working Party has an event tomorrow **Saturday, 13 October from 10am - 12 noon**. The group has been given 3000 bulbs by Penwortham Town Council and they need planting!

The snowdrop, daffodil and primrose bulbs need planting at Hurst Grange during October in time for their spring bloom. Does anyone fancy getting their hands dirty and helping the group plant them?

Pupils from the school have been invited to assist with the event which will contribute to the Initiative section of the PiXL Edge Award and reflects this term's Priory culture focus - Kindness.

We would encourage as many pupils as possible to volunteer, with a responsible adult in attendance.

Volunteers would need to be at the Coach House for 10am.

Pupils that have taken part should take a photograph of themselves at the event and see Mrs Hopes, Head of Character and Culture, on Monday to claim your award contribution.



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Attendance - Why It Matters!

Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good habits for when young people enter into work and life.

Annually, prizes are announced for several categories to recognise consistently high attendance throughout the academic year. Last year there were many pupils who achieved 100% attendance and names are drawn out of a hat during a full school assembly; the winner of each category receives a prize:

Best Attendance: D Crossey (R8)
Best in House: J Ball (C2), D Hatch (D4), G Pratten (R3) and E Holt (H8)
House Winner: Hodder
Form winner: Mrs Scully's form, D6

So why is attendance so important? Here are the facts:

1. Good attendance means being in school at least 95% of the time or between 180 and 190 days.
2. 90% attendance may sound good, but it is the same as missing half a day each week or four weeks off school each year. During five years at school this would add up to missing half a year.
3. A child on holiday for two weeks during term time will miss 50 one hour lessons.
4. There are 190 school days each year, that leaves 175 days not in school for holidays.
5. 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school.

There is clear evidence of a link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement. For example, pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school, only 35% manage to achieve five A* to C GCSEs, including English and maths.

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Attendance

Attendance & Inclusion Manager, Mrs Swire said:

"We have been really impressed with our attendance, especially this school year."

"We reward students by giving award points out every week to the form with the highest attendance. At the end of each term various prizes are awarded to individual pupils during house and full school assemblies."

"We do everything we can to encourage pupils to attend school on a regular basis as we know how important it is to their education. Students are more likely to succeed academically when they attend school punctually and consistently."



Pictured above: Winning form D6 with form tutor, Mrs Scully.

ATTENDANCE LINE 01772 320271

Did you know that the attendance line is not just for letting us know if your child is ill and therefore will not be in school.

You can call and leave a message if:

- ✓ Your child will be late for any reason
- ✓ Your child has a medical appointment, either that day or at a later date
- ✓ You require a leave of absence request form
- ✓ Updates on absence due to illness/hospital stays
- ✓ Any other reason why your child may not be in school.



Please leave a message on the voicemail for Mrs Garnham, the Attendance Officer, stating your name and contact number plus your child's name, form and reason. Mrs Garnham will get back to you if necessary.

Being Late

Please note that the school day starts at 08.40 am. In accordance with Lancashire County Council guidelines, children who arrive in school after 08.40 am without a genuine reason will be marked as 'late' in the register and will receive a break detention that day.

Sickness/Appointments

Please could we remind parents to telephone school on 01772 320271 and leave a message if your child is unwell or has an appointment before school commences. Where possible please book a dental or medical appointment after school or in the holidays. If this is not possible please make sure your child attends school before and after the appointment.



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Top images: Year 7 Boys and Year 7 Girls

Opposite image: Year 8- 9 Boys

Below left image: Year 8-9 Girls

Below right image: Year 10 and 11 Girls

Front page: Year 10 and 11 Boys (Ben, Byron and Dillon)



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FIXTURES

SPORTS REPORT

It's been a great week for boys football in the South Ribble League against Walton Le Dale High School.

The Year 7 team won 8-0, Year 10 won their match 7-0 and the Year 11s won 11-1.

Next week the boys play against Leyland St Mary's Catholic High School.

Today (Friday) also sees the Year 10 team play in the Lancashire Cup against St Wilfrid's CE Academy, Blackburn.

On Monday the Year 11s team will take part in the English Schools Cup. This is the second round which will take place in Rossendale.

CARDINAL NEWMAN COLLEGE

Today, the Year 11 GCSE PE class has been invited to Cardinal Newman College to sample their facilities.

During the visit, pupils were also taught a practical and theory lesson by Newman staff. The content covered is part of the GCSE specification and is relevant to the OCR course being studied.

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Word of the Week

Each week Progress Leaders will be introducing a new word to pupils in their AM or PM Prep time.

Pupils will be encouraged to use the 'Word of the Week' in their work and to check through their written pieces to ensure they apply the 'tip of the week'.

If pupils fancy a challenge and the chance to win a treat, they should write a sentence which includes the Word of the Week on a slip of paper and hand it to Mrs Robinson-Ali in Room En2.

<p>Word of the Week:</p> <p>Purposeful</p> <p><i>adjective</i> Having or showing determination/ having a useful purpose Eg. Turning, he walked down the hall with long purposeful strides.</p>	<p>Literacy tip of the week...</p> <table border="1"><tr><td><p>There</p><p>Meaning to be in or at a certain place. The best way to remember it is 'here and there'...</p><p>T → here</p><p>E.g. Her coat is over there The shop is over there There are three people here</p></td><td><p>They're</p><p>This is a shortened version of 'they are'. The apostrophe in the word replaces the 'a'. E.g. They're at the park They're such nice pupils.</p></td><td><p>Their</p><p>This is possessive. When something belongs to someone it is <i>theirs</i>. E.g. Their coat Their house Their toys</p></td></tr></table>	<p>There</p> <p>Meaning to be in or at a certain place. The best way to remember it is 'here and there'...</p> <p>T → here</p> <p>E.g. Her coat is over there The shop is over there There are three people here</p>	<p>They're</p> <p>This is a shortened version of 'they are'. The apostrophe in the word replaces the 'a'. E.g. They're at the park They're such nice pupils.</p>	<p>Their</p> <p>This is possessive. When something belongs to someone it is <i>theirs</i>. E.g. Their coat Their house Their toys</p>
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Belgium Residential Trip

Forty-five Priory pupils set off for Belgium next Wednesday, 17 October (returning late on Tues, 23 Oct).



This residential trip has run many times before and has been a successful, fun-packed football tour. Unfortunately it will be the last trip based on the combination of Football and World War I and II site visits.



The group will visit a wide range of World War I and II sites as well as a Champions League Club. Pupils will have the opportunity to watch a Belgian league game as well as play Belgian clubs in several football matches. Based in Ostende, pupils will take part in various other activities including 10-pin bowling, swimming and visit a national fairground. The trip incorporates visits to Bruges, Ypres, the Menin Gate Last Post ceremony, war graves, Hill 62 and the trenches.

Geography teacher, Mr Watters, will lead the trip and we look forward to reporting on how they got on.



Celebration Evening

YEAR 11 LEAVERS (CLASS OF 2018)

All Year 11 leavers and their parents are invited to Priory's Class of 2018 Celebration Evening on Weds, 7 November.

This is their chance to celebrate the successes of last year, catch up with former classmates, and importantly, collect their GCSE exam certificates.

If you have not already notified us of your attendance, please email j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk

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The Hex will be used for lessons from Monday after final snags have now been resolved.



Pupils should note new rooms:

H1 and H2 are upstairs, H3 is downstairs.

H4 is the community room. If pupils have any suggestions for a better name for H4, please let a senior member of staff know.



What is an alumni?

An alumni refers to the graduates of an educational establishment.

If you would like to become a member of Penwortham Priory Academy's alumni association, just provide us with your name and email address so we can keep in touch. You can also go to the school's Facebook page and request to join the alumni group.

Email alumni@priory.lancs.sch.uk with your name, email and year you left school. Facebook group - www.facebook.com/groups/penworthamprioryalumni/



Morgan Homson-Smith (Priory 2009-2014)

Southport Football Club have announced the signing of former Priory pupil Morgan Homson-Smith (pictured centre).

A right-winger, Morgan joins the club from the Football Development Agency (FDA) Academy who aim to give young players who have been released from the professional game a competitive environment to showcase their ability.



The left-footed attacking player is confident on the right wing or in a forward position and is another addition with a promising future ahead.

Since March 2018 he has spent time at Prescott Cables, where he has put in some match-winning performances, after moving from Harrogate Town. His other clubs also include AFC Fylde and Kendal Town.

Still based in Preston, 20 year-old Priory alumni has trained with the club recently and impressed the management team immediately, who didn't waste any time in securing his signature.

"We are delighted and proud of what Morgan has achieved since joining the FDA Academy. Morgan is part of a recent group of players who we have worked with and assisted to find a pathway back in to full-time football having been released from the professional game. Morgan optimises what we're all about, giving young, hungry players a second opportunity. Southport have gained a very talented individual." Ian Flannery founder of the FDA (pictured right)

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Careers Advice

Mr Ficorilli, Priory's independent careers guidance adviser is available in school throughout the year to arrange individual career appointments with any Year 9, 10 or 11 pupils.

Pupils may like to discuss:

- The world of colleges and the various pathways they offer
- Employer apprenticeships and the application process
- Specialised work placements for year 10 & 11 pupils
- Specific career pathways
- Higher education and applying to university
- Job market information.

Each pupil will receive an action plan to show parents/carers and can request another appointment via their Progress Leader or House Progress Leader.

Mr Ficorilli runs a very successful careers lunchtime drop-in session for pupils and will also be in attendance at parent evenings as well.

Day in school: Mondays

Place: House Progress Leaders Office

Email: v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk



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As more and more young people are opting to study at professional football clubs up and down the country as an alternative to their education, there's never been a better time than now to continue your studies at PNE!

Whilst plenty are aware of Preston North End as a football club, there may be less people familiar with Preston North End as an education provider, but having delivered Level Two and Three Diplomas in Sport and Exercise for six years, the course welcomed a total of 38 students on to the programme for last month's 2018/19 intake.

Our courses are ideal for anybody who is looking to put their passion of sport into practice with various modules that prepare students to progress in the sport and leisure industry, as well as real life work experience opportunities. This includes working as Academy coaches to becoming fully qualified referees.

So, if you or you know somebody with a passion for sport who is looking for the next step in their education, we have upcoming open evenings where all are welcome to meet our course tutors and coaches and find out more about the education programme at Preston North End.

Both open evenings will be hosted in the community offices, which are located at the back of the Alan Kelly Town End at Deepdale, from 6.30pm. To find out more, or to inform us you are coming to one of our open evenings, call 01772 693309 or email community@pne.com.

Thursday 18th October | Thursday 29th November | Contact: Graeme@pne.com | www.pne.com | www.mypne.com

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