

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Pupils Take Their Next Steps at Careers Event

"What a fantastic day! Our annual careers event at Penwortham Priory Academy was a great success." said Mr Ficorilli, Priory's independent careers adviser.

The school was a buzz of excitement when over thirty employers, colleges, training providers and universities arrived at Priory eager to talk to pupils about the career opportunities they offer.

The Next Steps Careers Event was organised with the aim of raising Priory's young peoples' awareness of post-16 options in their quest to find their perfect career path, get them thinking about life beyond school and asking the right questions to those in the know. Pupils were given a list of questions as prompts when approaching the visitors to ensure they were getting all the right answers.

Organised by Mr Ficorilli, pupils were invited into the sports hall with their year groups to gain age-appropriate guidance on a wide variety of job sectors and post 16 options. Employers such as the NHS, Forbes Solicitors, Network Rail, The Eric Wright Group, the Armed Forces and Preston North End lined up alongside UCLan, Preston's, Runshaw, Southport, Myerscough and Blackburn Colleges. Training providers from Training 2000, Preston Vocational Centre and North Lancs Training demonstrated practical skills and the benefits of apprenticeships.

The event was positive all round for the pupils, school and community. Mr Ficorilli said, "It was a fantastic success in lots of ways and certainly the pupils got a lot out of it. The feedback I got from professionals was our pupils were a credit to the school and all the attendees commented on their willingness to ask questions and get involved". He thanked all the visitors, staff and pupil ambassadors for their help on the day and support with event preparations to ensure that it all ran smoothly.

## Attendance Winning Forms

Each week the attendance officer calculates the form with the best attendance 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 - D3 (99.05%)**  
**Rest - R2 (98.85%)**

Well done to Mr Hunter's and Mr Graham's forms.



## Lost Property

### Notice for Pupils

Lost property has now been moved to the pastoral office.

Left school bags and PE kits can still be taken to the school office where the office staff will arrange for them to be returned to their owner.

All individual items lost/found should go to the Pastoral office for pupils to retrieve from the trolley.

## KEY DATES

### Year 7 Speech

Competition (in school)

Mon, 17 December

### Christmas Lunch

Weds, 19 December

2018

### End of Term Closure

Fri, 21 December 2018

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

**TEMPEST**  
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### School Photography

Unfortunately there has been a delay in the arrival of photo proofs from the photographic company, Tempest.

Photo proofs are now expected in school on Mon, 17 December and will be given out to pupils to take home for parents to view.

All orders must be done online (details included with the proofs). Photos can be delivered to school or to your home address, for an additional charge.

Tempest would like to pass on their apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

# Christmas Jumper Day



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**



## Making things better with a sweater!

Priory's pupils and staff were jump(er)ing for joy today as they put on their Christmas woolies all in aid of a good cause.

Organised by Year 10 Pixl Leader, Sasha, with help from Mrs Gutteridge, she has been busy spreading the word that for one day only school uniform can be left at home in exchange for wearing a festive knit.

Staff too embraced the day with their embarrassing knitwear, from Rudolphins, penguins and sequins, to the more classic Fair Isles.

Everyone taking part brought in £1 for 'Save the Children' or an item for Penwortham Food Bank. Total monies raised were still being counted as we went to press but total raised so far is an amazing £398!

Save the Children's aim is, that with everyone's donations, they can keep making the world a better a place for children everywhere. We even got a thank you from them on Twitter!



Save the Children UK  
@savechildrenuk

Replying to @PriorySTC

Thanks for supporting  
#ChristmasJumperDay! You're  
making the world better with a  
sweater 🧶  
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# Science - Competition Time (Years 9-11)

The Science Department is encouraging pupils in Years 9 – 11 to take part in the Tassomai Christmas competition between us and other schools nationally to become one of the top schools using the application.

Tassomai is an intelligent learning program that helps students achieve outstanding results. It uses multiple choice style micro-quizzes to build knowledge, boost confidence and reduce exam stress. Targeting each pupil's weaknesses, it adapts itself to the user and tailors the quizzes accordingly.

Research shows that targeted repetition, done little and often, is the most effective and efficient way to implant knowledge and prepare for exams. 40% of Science GCSE exams are measured against knowledge and recall.

**Pupils should aim to complete their daily goals between 14 December and 7 January. Every time a pupil meets their daily goal, not only will this support the school's winning chances, their name will be placed into a raffle. The more daily goals they complete, the more chance they have of winning.**

Pupils who need reminding of their login and password should see Mrs Eastham or email [v.eastham@priors.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:v.eastham@priors.lancs.sch.uk)



The Learning Program

**The Christmas competition starts tomorrow!**

We're encouraging a little friendly rivalry between schools that use Tassomai to help with holiday motivation.

Schools will be ranked on Daily Goals per student per week - so **tell your students to keep completing their Daily Goals over the holiday** to be in with a chance to top the leaderboard!

The competition **starts tomorrow and finishes on the 7th January** - so make sure your students keep up the good work over the holidays!



## Penwortham Christmas Markets

It was lovely to see so many people at Wednesday night's Liverpool Road Christmas markets despite the chilly weather. It was a very popular evening and it was good to see some former pupils and parents who took the time to visit the Priory stand too. The Technology Department's creations were sold out by the end of the evening. Proceeds will go to local causes.

Thank you to teachers - Mrs Lawe, Mrs Gutteridge, Mr Taylor and Mr Graham.



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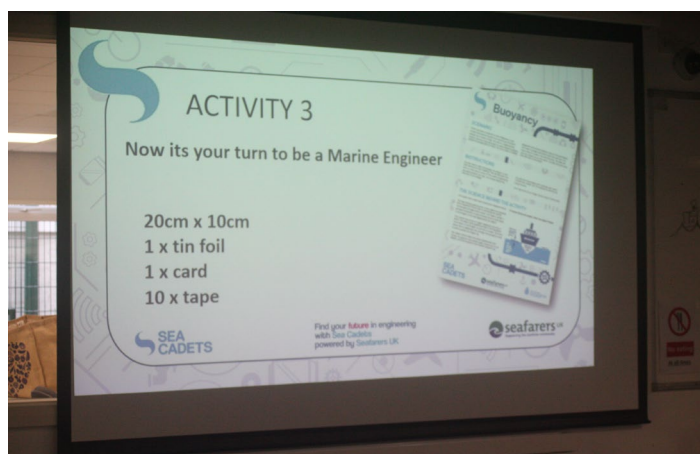
# All Aboard the Science Department!

Year 7-9 pupils with an interest in STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) were given the opportunity to learn about marine biology on Tuesday when the Sea Cadets visited Priory.

The workshops explained and investigated the effects of pressure on sea vessels, with specific focus on buoyancy. Pupils gained the opportunity to develop skills and understanding during the fun, interactive sessions in which they learnt the principles of engineering through use of marine-based real-life scenarios. In teams of three, pupils were tasked to create a boat, using only card and foil, which could hold the most marbles.

Sally Wilkinson, Sea Cadets STEM Co-ordinator, said "We are passionate about inspiring young people to engage with STEM subjects and highlight the career opportunities in Marine Engineering. We have specially created this workshop session covering buoyancy."

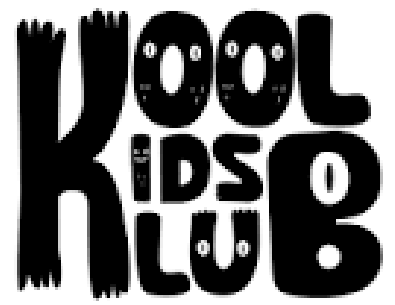
The winning team was 'HMS Tinfoil' with a boat that could hold an impressive 240 marbles. Well done Tom D Alfie D and Rhianne L. Adam B and Dan G came a close second with 231 marbles with their boat, 'Jemima'.



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# Mrs Gidden's Kool Readers Club



Priory's Head of English, Mrs Gidden, has been really impressed with many of our multi-talented pupils lately and wanted to highlight their love of reading alongside their other talents.

This week she interviewed Year 8 pupil, Jake, and said "Jake is on the football team, plus he's in set one and doing really well and I want to raise the profile of pupils who are 'cool' and read, too."

**Mrs Gidden interviewed Jake about fitting in being a footballer and being a top reader and loving Michael Morpurgo books:**

All rounder Jake is 'scoring' high in reading and football.

"My favourite author is Michael Morpurgo. I think his books are all really interesting. His books are never boring; they're about things I like reading about, like the First World War. In History, I like learning about the war as it's part of our culture and we should know about our past."

"One thing I learnt recently and understood for the first time was how much the war affected families like ours. For example, when the men had to leave and go to fight, farm workers lost not only their employees but their sons and fathers as well and I hadn't really thought about it before."

"When I read the most recent Morpurgo book, Private Peaceful, I understood that fighting in the Wars wasn't their job, it was their duty and they had to go and so many men sacrificed their lives."

"My first Morpurgo book was 'War Horse'. I read this in November, around Armistice Day and one of my favourite parts was where two soldiers helped to free Joey, the horse, from some barbed wire, and they made friends. One soldier was German and one was English and it fascinated me that these individuals didn't individually hate each other, they were made to fight against each other and I thought Morpurgo had really cleverly done this so we as readers thought about each individual that war affects."

"I have just taken another Morpurgo book from the library called 'The Eagle in the Snow' and I'll probably read it in class in my AR (Accelerated Reader) slot with my set one Year 8 English group or when I go to my Dad's on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays after football."

"It's hard balancing all my homework, being on the football team and trying to become a 'Word Millionaire' at the same time but it's fun."

"I still love football more than reading but reading is fun too. I have 179,000 words up to now which is increasing my reading age and helping me get better at English."



## Calling all primary school netballers...

Free coaching sessions at Priory alongside Newman Netball Club from 10 January to 14 February. See poster opposite. >>

Contact Mrs Gutteridge at [r.gutteridge@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:r.gutteridge@priory.lancs.sch.uk) to book.

## Interested in joining a local netball club?

Newman Netball runs coaching sessions throughout the area - locations vary according to age group.

Please check out their website for details or see below.

[www.newmannetballclub.co.uk](http://www.newmannetballclub.co.uk)  
Twitter @netballnewman  
Instagram @newmam\_netball  
Facebook Newman Netball Club



# FREE COACHING



## Call Out for Primary School Netballers Years 3 - 6

Penwortham Priory Academy is running free netball coaching sessions alongside Newman Netball Club for all primary school children in Years 3-6.

Sessions will run from 4pm-5pm every Thursday starting on 10th January until 14th February in the Sports Hall at Priory.

If you would like to register or require further information, please contact PE Teacher Mrs Gutteridge.

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## Newman Timetable January 2019



## Training timetable from week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Age Group	School Year	Day	Time	Venue	Coaches
U5s - U7s	Reception - Y2	Thursday	18.00 - 19.00	Newman St. Augustine	Kylie - Alice
U8 - U9	Y3 - Y4	Thursday	18.00 - 19.30	Hutton Grammar	Emily - Tracy
U10 - U11	Y5 - Y6	Monday	18.00 - 19.30	Penwortham Priory	Leanne - Alice
U12	Y7	Monday	18.00 - 19.30	Hutton Grammar	Tracy - Emily
U13	Y8	Monday	19.30 - 21.00	Hutton Grammar	Leonie - Tracy
U14	Y9	Tuesday	18.00 - 19.30	Lostock Hall	Leanne
U15 - U16	Y10 - Y11	Thursday	19.30 - 21.00	Hutton Grammar	Tracy - Emily
Regional Champs	N/A	Wednesday	19.00 - 20.30	Newman St. Augustine	Tracy - Emily
Fitness Session £3 PAYG	Y6 and Above	Tuesdays	18.00 - 19.00	Lostock Hall	Loughy

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## Back of the net for Priory pupils as they sign for local team

Priory students are hoping to be the famous five after signing for National League side AFC Fylde.

Left winger Jake F, 15, centre back Cieran D, 15, central midfielder Jack M, 14, centre back Harrison A-W, 14, and attacking midfielder Byron M, 16, have all put pen to paper on academy deals after impressing on trial.

“We train every Friday night,” said Cieran, who was at Premier League Burnley FC’s Academy in his younger days. “We all want to be professional footballers so this is a big step for us.”



## MATCH REPORT by Mrs Gutteridge - Netball

Monday evening saw the Year 7 A & B netball teams playing their first competitive netball matches against Penwortham Girls High School. Both teams did exceptionally well, showing some superb skills. The Year 7 and 8 netball teams then played against Browndedge St Mary's on Tuesday evening. The Year 7 team played really well, scoring 18 goals to 3.

Well done girls -

Year 7 - Sarah C, Nicole K, Kayla W, Bryanny A-W, Kyra M, Sara T, Eliza W, Ellie W, Francesca L.

Year 8 - Isabella S, Jessica S, Abigail M, Angel D, Leah H, E Bonney, L Eccles, Vidhi C



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## MATCH REPORT by Mr Bullock - Year 11 Football

The Year 11s played against Leyland St Mary's on Tuesday night under floodlights on the 3G.

An evenly fought first half saw Priory go behind before regular goalkeeper, Lee, scored an exquisite first time finish from the edge of the box meaning the half time whistle sounded with the scores level.

The substitution of Parr into midfield provided a more direct approach and this switch in style was rewarded as Priory made their control of the game and possession count.

Dowd and Amin provided the creative sparks as Parr scored a fantastic hattrick as well as hitting the woodwork on two occasions. Hewitson added a fifth before a final change saw Mason move forward and take two opportunities with a net breaking smash and then a composed finish to put the gloss on the victory.

Finished score: 7-1



## Pupils Spread the Christmas Cheer

Wednesday afternoon saw Priory pupils attending Longton Residential Accommodation to perform Christmas Carols for the residents there. A mixture of traditional carols alongside more modern pop songs were sung with interludes of piano medleys played by Joel G and Luci F.

Music teacher, Mr Taylor commented, "Our presence was very well received and it was so pleasing to be able to take such good numbers of pupils to offer some Christmas cheer to both the residents and the staff. We look forward to going again next year."



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# Word of the Week

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## Construct

**verb**  
To build or make something  
Eg. *I constructed a response to the essay.*

Etymology:  
From the Latin word *construo* which means 'I heap together, build, make, connect grammatically'

word week

Literacy tip of the week...

### A lot

Shelley reads **a lot** of books on her way to school.

The word 'alot' does not exist (unless you mean the Indian town of Alot)

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**A lot**

Each week Progress Leaders will be introducing a new word to pupils in their AM or PM Prep time. You will notice that the literacy tip is repeated from last half term; this will be the case every week in order to embed these skills and encourage pupils to use them in lessons.

The word is 'construct' is another word from the Academic Word List and is an example of the level of vocabulary that will be embedded into lessons. Teachers will reference it when asking pupils to write responses to exam style questions or, if in a practical subject, when pupils are asked to build/create a piece of artwork or a meal in Food Technology, for example.

**Etymology** (where the word came from): From the Latin word 'construo' which means 'I heap together, build, make, connect grammatically'.

The Literacy Tip is one repeated from last half term (a lot). Pupils often write this as one word and this is incorrect. Pupils who make this error in written work will see 'sp' for spelling in the margin and will be asked to write the correct spelling at the bottom of the piece of work. Pupils should then copy this out three times.

## Former Pupil Wins The Harris Open



Class of 2015 pupil, Shailan Wynter, has found success by winning the Harris Open over 18s category.

This popular arts exhibition invites Preston residents from all levels of experience to submit work they have created. The Harris bills it as "A fresh and vibrant exhibition full of positivity and colour and is guaranteed to give a boost to get rid of those winter blues!"

Shailan's artwork was mixed media - acrylic and spray paint on board. The piece, entitled 'Stormzy & Michael' is a combination of portraits of the two rappers merging into one.

The exhibition is on until 20 January where Shailan's winning artwork sits alongside another, 'bouf daddy'.

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## Tilly won't be home for Christmas but it's all for a good cause

Tilly is giving up her Christmas meal at home to help feed the lonely and elderly.

Year 7 pupil Tilly and her family will be part of the 'Find a Friend Christmas Dinner' at St Paul's Church in Farington Moss. It's a three-course meal and entertainment for the lonely and the elderly to have company on Christmas Day.

Tilly, who also sings in the Age Concern choir, said: "It will mean it will be a different type of Christmas but it will be nice to see the smiles of the people who come along on the day. I am looking forward to helping others and watch them make new friends."



The Christmas Day experience at St Paul's was started by Lewis Buller four years ago with people within the community coming together in different ways to support it.

Tilly's mum said: "My grandad, Tilly's 'Big GanGan' passed away on Christmas Day eight years ago after a big family Christmas dinner at our house. We haven't had another one since and we have all wanted to do something like this so this year we are finally doing it as a family unit and we are so excited.

"My grandad, Henry Richard Evans JP, was quite a gentleman, the ex-Mayor of Preston and an Honorary Alderman and we are supporting this great cause in his memory."

Look up 'Find a Friend Christmas Dinner' on social media for more information or to get involved.

Age Concern is looking for befriending volunteers to support loneliness and isolation all-year round as part of the #millionminutes campaign. Visit [www.ageisjustanumber.org.uk](http://www.ageisjustanumber.org.uk) for further details.

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