

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Priory Brings History From The Past Into The Future

History came to life for Year 8 Priory pupils this week as they got the chance to hold a real 17th Century cannonball and don clothes from the English Civil War.

Steve Irwin (pictured far left) is the Education Officer at Blackburn Museum and was invited into the school by the Humanities Department to talk to the students about life during the English Civil War. We were also fortunate that he was able to bring in artefacts from that time.

"It's about making history come to life," said Steve. "It's nice to see the faces of the students as they hold real items from all that time ago."

"It's also great to see the students work it out for themselves. Rather than just talking to them, they get to sample what life was like then."

Lead Teacher of History, Mr Eccles, joined Priory in September and he has known Steve for 15 years.

Mr Eccles commented, "Steve really brings the feel of what it was like during the English Civil War into the classroom. He provides insights into what life was like during that time and has brought in costumes and some artefacts, including a cannonball. I think the students were surprised how heavy it was!"

"It's great for the students to have hands-on experience like this. I want to raise the profile of History at Priory and introduce more workshops into school so students have a greater experience of the subject."

Head of Humanities, Mr Metcalfe, highlighted that, "Our lessons aim to engage and provoke inquisition so that learning is fun and exciting. The English Civil War Exhibition run by Blackburn Museum has been a great example of this, and the two day visit was an integral cog in showing students first-hand what they have been learning in the classroom. Mr Eccles is truly bringing History from the past into the future here at Priory."

## 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 (99.55%)  
Rest -  
H8 (98.62%)**

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

Please can we remind pupils about their punctuality and how it has an impact not only to themselves but also to the rest of their form.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Lockers



We often have pupils that have forgotten their locker keys. Please can we remind you that the school office will only be able to open lockers for pupils before and after school.

We would also like to emphasise that lockers must not be shared.

## KEY DATES

### Belgium Residential Trip

Weds, 17 to Tues, 23 Oct

### Mid Term Closure

22-26 October 2018

### Year 10 Parents Evening

Thurs, 1 November 2018

3.30pm-7pm

### Getting Into top Universities Conference

(by invitation)

5 November (Manchester)

19 November (Leeds)

### Summer Reading Challenge - Final

Weds, 7 November 2018

(Postponed from 17 Oct)

(during school time / by invitation)

### Celebration Evening - Class of 2018

(Year 11 Leavers)

Weds, 7 November 6.30pm

### PSHEE Day

Mon, 12 November 2018

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

### Year 11 Parents Evening

Weds, 28 November 2018

4pm-7pm

### End of Term Closure

Fri, 21 December 2018

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

## We're South Ribble in Bloom 'Best Community Area' Winners!

Thanks to Priory's wonderfully talented gardener, Mr Farron, who continues to improve the school's gardens for the benefit of our pupils and community.

Full story in the next issue.

**HOT OFF THE PRESS**



## Wear it Pink Day

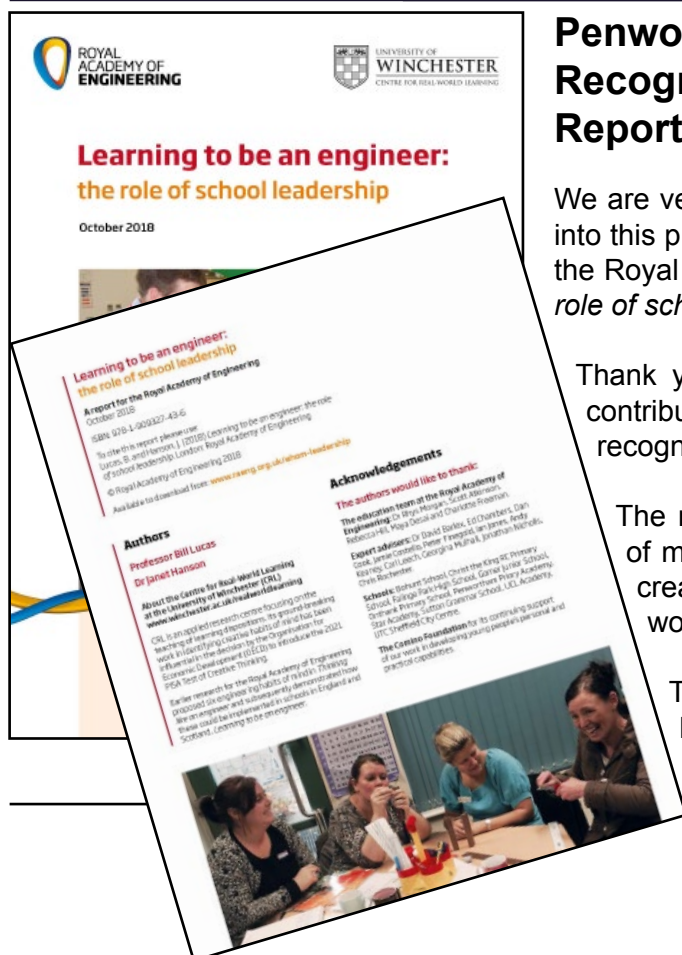
Staff wore pink for 'Wear it Pink' today, a day created during Breast Cancer Awareness Month where people could be united by wearing the colour that symbolises breast cancer.

On Breast Cancer Now's wear it pink day, thousands of amazing people wear it pink in their communities, schools or work places for the UK's largest breast cancer charity. And since their first event in 2002, together they've raised over £31.5 million for life-saving research. The research is working to discover how to prevent breast cancer, how to detect it earlier and how to treat it effectively at every stage so we can stop the disease taking lives.

Staff made cakes to sell as well as donated £1 for wearing the day's colour. As we went to press, the total amount raised was still to be confirmed.



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## Penwortham Priory Academy is Nationally Recognised in Royal Academy of Engineering Report

We are very pleased to be acknowledged and thanked for our input into this prestigious report which was published earlier this month by the Royal Academy of Engineering: 'Learning to be an engineer: the role of school leadership'.

Thank you to Priory's Chair of Governors, Mr K Burke, for his contribution to the school's aim to be 'locally respected, nationally recognised'.

The report builds on the Royal Academy's 'engineering habits of mind' work, and explores the ways that school leaders can create better and more engaging learning opportunities for would-be engineers.

The full report can be accessed via this link>>  
<https://www.raeng.org.uk/news/news-releases/2018/october/tinkering-unlocks-engineering-potential-for-primar>

With the new ICT & Computer Science building, The Hex, now in use, we thought we'd share this bit of nostalgia sent in from a former pupil:

*Just to share - in 1982 I joined the 'computer club' which was with Mr Glenn, the wonderfully insane Maths teacher, my elder brother and his mate, Richard. The only computer in Priory at that point was a research machine (a massive black metal box with a TV monitor attached) and we wrote programmes in BASiC. I'm going to assume that Mr Glenn had somehow conned the school into buying it! It was locked away in a small room behind the language classrooms. How things have moved on.*



## LONDON RESIDENTIAL TRIP CANCELLED

It is with regret that the English department has had to make the decision to cancel the trip to London next year due to minimum numbers not being reached.

All deposits paid will be duly refunded and letters have been sent home to advise parents.

Parents should contact the Finance Officer, Mrs J Cookson, via email [j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk) or tel 01772 320250 opt 2 to advise how they would prefer to have cash payments returned.

The trip will be relaunched again in early Spring next year for a Summer 2020 visit. Details will be circulated to all pupils near the time.



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All named property is returned to the owner when found, therefore please can we ask that all clothing and belongings are named.

In addition, it would help if locker keys are kept on a key ring so they are easier to identify and less likely to become lost.

**As the saying goes, “nothing is lost until  
you find it!”**

Lost property is put on the trolley outside the school office for pupils to check through. Lost PE kits are kept in the PE office. Small or valuable items are kept securely in the school office and pupils should speak with a member of staff about these.

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# Careers Advice

Mr Ficorilli, Priory's independent careers guidance adviser is available in school every Monday to offer independent careers advice and guidance as well as arrange individual career appointments with any Year 9, 10 or 11 pupils.



Pupils may wish to discuss the various post 16 career pathways on offer at colleges, with employers through apprenticeship or training programmes, life at university and degree courses or signposting for potential work experience.

Mr Ficorilli will also be available at Year 11 parents evening on Wednesday, 28 November to meet, discuss and answer any questions relating to post 16 options with parents.

Mr Ficorilli runs a very successful careers lunchtime drop-in session for pupils. He is based in the House Progress Leaders Office. Parents and pupils can email: [v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

Are you ready for your career to take off?

Come and find out more...

BAE Systems Academy for Skills & Knowledge - BB2 7FT	BAE Systems Academy for Skills & Knowledge - BB2 7FT	BAE Systems Academy for Skills & Knowledge - BB2 7FT	BAE Systems Academy for Skills & Knowledge - BB2 7FT
Thurs 25 October 2018	Sat 3 November 2018	Thurs 13 December 2018	Thurs 7 February 2019

Reserve a place: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BAESystemsApprenticeEvent>  
Photographic ID will be required for entry

BAE SYSTEMS

BAE Systems is holding an event for Year 11 pupils interested in Advanced Level 3 Apprenticeships for Business & Engineering.

Book online to visit the Academy for Skills & Knowledge (ASK) centre in Samlesbury for their open events. This is an excellent opportunity to speak to current apprentices and professionals.

[www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/baesystemsApprenticeEvent](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/baesystemsApprenticeEvent)

TRAINING 2000

YEAR 11 & APPRENTICESHIP OPEN DAY

VIEW FACILITIES | FULL TIME COURSES | CAREERS ADVICE

30th October  
From 2.30~6pm

Furthergate Business Park, Harwood Street, Blackburn, BB1 3BD

[www.training2000.co.uk](http://www.training2000.co.uk) | 01254 54659

EARN, LEARN AND STUDY UP TO DEGREE LEVEL WITH AN APPRENTICESHIP

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Training 2000 is holding an event for any Year 10 or 11 pupil who would like to find out more about the employer apprenticeships they deliver and the application process.

Mr Ficorilli is planning visits after Christmas for small groups of pupils from Years 9-11 interested in a career in the technology sector.

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# Passionate About a Career in Sport?

## Study At Preston North End



**Any Year 9, 10 or 11 pupil interested in a sporting career is invited to attend their open evening to find out more about post 16 sports courses and work placements.**

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 it as an education provider, but having delivered Level 2 & 3 Diplomas in Sport & Exercise for six years, the course welcomed a total of 38 students on to the programme for last month's 2018/19 intake.

The 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 provide real life work experience opportunities. This includes working as academy coaches to becoming fully qualified referees.

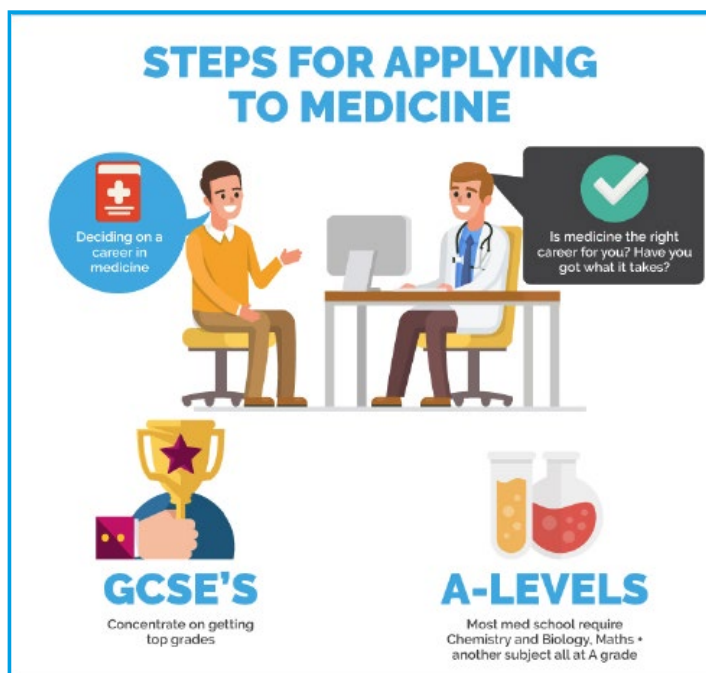
So, if you or you know somebody with a passion for sport who is looking for the next step in their education, take a look at their open evening where you can meet course tutors and coaches and discuss voluntary experiences and find out more about the education programme at Preston North End.

The event will be hosted in the Players' Lounge at Deepdale (PR1 6RU) from 6pm-7.30pm. To find out more, or to inform them of your attendance, contact Graeme Atkinson on 01772 693309 or email [graeme@pne.com](mailto:graeme@pne.com).

**Thursday 29th November | Contact: [Graeme@pne.com](mailto:Graeme@pne.com) | [www.pne.com](http://www.pne.com) | [www.mypne.com](http://www.mypne.com)**

## How do you get into Medical School?

Premed Projects has produced a really useful guide for students aged 14-17 considering a career in medicine.



The guide covers all the common questions students want to know surrounding the application process to medical school from personal statements to interviews, UKCAT examinations, work experience and A-level questions.

You can access the guide via this link:

[www.premedprojects.co.uk/applying-to-medical-school-the-guide-2019](http://www.premedprojects.co.uk/applying-to-medical-school-the-guide-2019)

Premed also welcome any questions directly from budding medics requiring advice and information or work placements.

Contact Jasmine Little, The Premed Projects Team

E: [info@premedprojects.co.uk](mailto:info@premedprojects.co.uk)

W: [www.premedprojects.co.uk](http://www.premedprojects.co.uk)

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# Governor Vacancy at Broad Oak Primary School - Your support is needed!

Broad Oak Primary School, Pope Lane, Penwortham is looking for governors to take on a supporting (voluntary) role in the school. The role commits three to four meetings per term on a Wednesday evening from 6pm - usually lasting a couple of hours.

Their current governors have provided support for many years however two are taking retirement soon and they also have a further three vacancies. The current situation makes it extremely difficult for them to make key decisions as a minimum number of votes is required and so they are desperately trying to fulfil these vacancies.

Being a governor is good for career development and the experience can actually be fun! **You don't have to have a child at the school or have had any other connection with it.**



If you are interested in supporting this local community school, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs Sarah Barton, at Broad Oak directly - [head@broadoak.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@broadoak.lancs.sch.uk) or tel 01772 749511.



## Penwortham Priory Academy Christmas Card Competition



### Be creative and design the school's Christmas card for 2018

Would you like the chance to have your design put in print and circulated to key people around the county? For the chance to get your creative work recognised and achieve a PiXL Edge accreditation:

- Submit an original design to Mrs Cowell by 3.20pm on Friday, 9th November 2018 (make sure your name and form is on the back)
- Designs must be an original winter or Christmas themed photograph you've taken, or a painting or a drawing. Incorporating a connection to Priory would be preferred.
- Images must be either A5 or A4 and can be portrait or landscape.

The winner will receive art materials and we'll turn your design into the school Christmas card which will be sent out to over 300 people.

## Looking for something to do over half term?

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# 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](mailto:alumni@priory.lancs.sch.uk) | Facebook group - [www.facebook.com/groups/penworthamprioryalumni/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/penworthamprioryalumni/)

Where are they now?

Join the alumni association at Penwortham Priory Academy



## Julie Gabbott

Former Priory pupil scoops gold as she is named as one of the world's best tour guides.

Julie Gabbott beat off competition from 2,000 guides to win Gold at Wanderlust Magazine's World Guide Awards, 2018. The former Penwortham Priory Academy pupil was praised for her humour, empathy and organisational skills.



Image courtesy of Wanderlust Travel Media.

*Chair of the judging panel revealed, "Julie impressed every single judge; her fun but determined personality shone through in the dozens of testimonials we received from her grateful customers. She has clearly inspired and transformed the lives of others, and left us all awestruck at her accomplishments."*

Julie said: "I'm still overwhelmed. The calibre of the people I was up against is amazing, so it's a bit of a shock."

Having been bitten by the travelling bug on a trip to Australia aged 19, she quit her job in a solicitor's practice to pursue her dream job, which has seen her travel across the globe, including East Africa, the Himalayas, Beijing and Istanbul.

As an overland tour leader for Dragoman since 2013, she is responsible for organising every element of trips, including booking accommodation and permits, checking local political advice, and driving and maintaining a 14-tonne lorry.

The self-confessed travel addict said: "It's a lot of pressure, but every day is different. "I'll go anywhere, but I particularly love mountains, and big animals, so Africa is a favourite of mine."

Julie's next tour sets off next month, taking in West Africa, from Dakar to Cape Town. She plans to split her £5,000 bursary for winning Gold between charitable projects.



Words courtesy of Catherine Musgrove, LEP and former Priory pupil.

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# Inter-House Cross Country - The Results

Earlier this month, all pupils took to the fields for the annual inter-house cross country race. This year had been kind to pupils as we didn't have the usual mud fest brought on by the Great British weather. Congratulations Ribble!

...and the  
winner is:  
**RIBBLE!**



HOUSE	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	OVERALL POSITION
CALDER	3	4	3	1	3	4
DOUGLAS	4	1	1	4	4	2
HODDER	2	2	4	2	1	3
RIBBLE	1	3	2	3	2	1

HOUSE	Girls	Boys
CALDER	1	4
DOUGLAS	2	3
HODDER	3	2
RIBBLE	4	1

Fastest Girl - T-L Keenan (Year 9) 9mins 17secs

Fastest Boy - B Withers (Year 10) 7mins 50secs

Images below show Year 7 winners.



J Thompson 1st, J Goodwin 2nd, L Wilkes 3rd



P Hodgkinson 1st, A Barnes 2nd, S Tomlinson 3rd

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W Jones 1st, J Partington 2nd, A Pugh 3rd



V Singleton 1st, J Attwood 2nd, M Ind 3rd

**Above images Year 8 winners. Below images Year 9 winners.**



D Macpherson 1st, H Middleton 2nd, TJ Busuttill 3rd



T L Keenan 1st, K Mills 2nd, C Smith 3rd

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B Withers 1st, M Davies 2nd, L Freeman 3rd

**Above images Year 10 winners.**



M Somerville 1st, S Sheridan 2nd, K L Thomson 3rd

**Year 11 winners:**

**Boys:** B Mason 1st, O Parr 2nd, M Ali 3rd | **Girls:** T McNaught 1st, K Baron 2nd, C Rigby 3rd

## English Schools FA Cup

The Year 11 boys football team played All Saints High School, Rossendale, on Monday in the English Schools FA cup.

They won 6-2 with goals from Amin (2), Dowd (2), Hewitson and an own goal.



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# Community and Voluntary



## Volunteering at Christmas with Galloways

Every year local sight loss charity, Galloway's, takes over St George's shopping Centre in Preston to operate a Santa's Grotto and a gift wrap counter.

An army of volunteers dedicate a few hours of their time to ensure that they can bring joy to the people of Preston over the festive period. It is impossible to run the grotto and gift wrap, which has raised tens of thousands of pounds over the years, without any of their wonderful volunteers. The money they've raised has made a life changing difference to local people affected by sight loss.

The charity literally couldn't do any of it without the support of its incredible volunteers. It is a great opportunity whether you volunteer as an elf or help with gift wrapping.

*Previous volunteers have said it's great to be a part of a team to ensure everything runs smoothly, whilst delivering a bit of Christmas cheer to the people of Preston.*

As many students are increasingly searching for experience to boost their CVs, progression files or future college applications, it can be a really fun way of getting this credit. Galloway's can work

with students to tailor the experience of volunteering in St George's to ensure they are getting their specific criteria for any courses they are studying. Alternatively if volunteering at Christmas isn't the right thing then they have plenty of other volunteering opportunities at their main centre.

If you would like to know more about the work Galloway's does to support local people affected by sight loss or about volunteering opportunities such as those at Christmas then please contact:

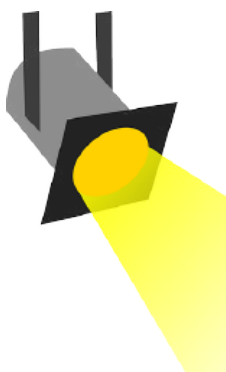
Charlotte Carnell, Fundraiser | [charlotte.carnell@galloways.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.carnell@galloways.org.uk) | 01772 744148 | [www.galloways.org.uk](http://www.galloways.org.uk)



We close today for half term.

School reopens on Mon, 29 October.

## Pupils In The Spotlight



Would you like to tell us about your child's achievements whether it's in sport, charity events, public speaking, drama, environmental issues, maths challenges or more? Maybe even someone who has overcome adversity and doesn't mind talking about it? (we like those stories!)

If this is your child please get in touch with the Communications Supervisor, Mrs Yates via email at:

[j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

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