

Penwortham Priory Post



From Primary to Priory - Welcome to the Humanities Department

On Monday, 24 pupils from our partner primary schools joined us for a Humanities Primary Day here at Priory. Pupils enjoyed sampling lessons and activities from the three subject areas of History, Geography and RE to get a flavour of what Humanities is all about at secondary school. The theme for the day was 'Volcanic Disasters'.

Pupils from St Stephens, Longton, New Longton, Walton Le Dale, Much Hoole and Ashbridge Primary Schools spent the morning session with our Head of Humanities, Mr Metcalfe and our Lead History Teacher, Mr Eccles working on team-building activities so that the pupils could interact and get to know each other better before the day unfolded. Pupils played 'The Floor is Lava' game, where they had to work together and communicate effectively to make their way from one side of the gym to the other without touching the floor, using only a limited amount of equipment.

Mr Eccles taught a History lesson about the story of Pompeii and the 79AD eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Students had to work both independently and with their peers to use source material to gather evidence about what happened on that fateful day, and use GCSE analysis skills to show how different sources of information offer contrasting viewpoints about the eruption.

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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 -
D8 (100%)
Rest - D2 (97.65%)**

Well done to Mrs Elliott's and Mr Baker's forms.

Learning Newsletter

Each month the Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Cowell, produces a Learning Newsletter for parents.

These newsletters look to help parents to implement tried and tested learning strategies at home, in order to benefit your child and further enhance their educational experiences in the long term.

January's issue is out now with a focus on 'Challenge' and GCSE Pod.

Issues can be accessed via the school's website at <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/newsletters>

KEY DATES

Runshaw College

(by invitation)

Forensic Psychology -

5 February

The Krypton Factor -

6 February

Make It Enterprise

Challenge (by invitation)

6 February 2019

Year 9 Parents

Evening

6 February 2019

4pm-7pm

Half Term Closure

18-22 February 2019

PSHEE Day

1 March 2019

Early lunch followed

by school closure at

1:30pm

Year 9 Immunisations

(Girls & Boys)

14 March 2019

Runshaw College

(by invitation)

STEM Day - 15 March

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Following this, students took part in a Geography lesson with Mr Metcalfe which followed on from the morning activities, where students looked at how volcanoes form, the two main types of volcano and the effects of volcanic eruptions on people and the environment. Mr Metcalfe showed pupils the different types of rocks that volcanoes eject, including pumice stone to help stretch and challenge the students further.

Mr Metcalfe commented, "The day was an excellent opportunity for our primary school pupils to get a taste of what life is like in a secondary school, and a great introduction to the Humanities faculty staff".

"I would personally like to thank Mr Eccles and Mrs Farley for their support in planning such a successful visit. In addition to this, our superstar Year 8 helpers were a credit to the school and helped support the primary students not only around the school, but worked closely with them in lesson too. Our helpers were Josie M, Emily B, Charlie E-H and James M."



Pupils left Priory very excited about the day and couldn't wait to tell their friends all about it.

Year 9 - Parents Evening

6 February from 4pm

Parents
Evening

We encourage parents to attend these sessions to discuss your child's recent progress towards meeting target levels, homework, quality of work and work ethic. Pupils must attend with their parents and be in full school uniform.

The careers advisor, Mr Ficorilli, and local colleges will also be in attendance to discuss post-16 options and available courses.

Please return all acknowledgement slips to your child's progress leader and we ask that parents could monitor the completion of appointment sheets.

We look forward to seeing you and appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child maximises their potential.

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Communications - School Closures Due To Weather Conditions



On occasions that the weather may turn for the worse, with ice and snow forecast, we would like to reassure parents that we aim to do all we can to keep the school open as usual.

School closures and transport issues due to inclement weather will be communicated via the school's website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news. Notices will also be posted to our Facebook page and Twitter at @priorystc.

If no notices are posted then school will be open as normal.

Unavoidable school closures are also posted on the Lancashire County Council website at >>

www.lancashire.gov.uk/winter/unavoidable-closures



On next week's menu...

W/C 4 February 2019

Monday

Jumbo sausage roll with diced potatoes and beans or peas
Red pesto tagliatelle served with garlic bread
Southern fried chicken wrap
Cheese | Cheese & Ham | Cheese & Pepperoni Panini
Jacket potato with tuna, cheese or beans

Tuesday

Savoury mince served with mashed potato and
Yorkshire pudding
Cheese quiche served with mashed potatoes and
beans or peas
Southern fried chicken wrap
Cheese | Cheese & Ham | Cheese & Pepperoni Panini
Jacket potato with tuna, cheese or beans

Wednesday

Cheese and tomato, ham or pepperoni ciabatta pizza served
with potato wedges and beans or sweetcorn
Spicy meatball sub served with potato wedges and
beans or sweetcorn
Southern fried chicken wrap
Cheese | Cheese & Ham | Cheese & Pepperoni Panini
Jacket potato with tuna, cheese or beans

Thursday

Roast turkey dinner
Tomato pasta served with garlic bread
Southern fried chicken wrap
Cheese | Cheese & Ham | Cheese & Pepperoni Panini
Jacket potato with tuna, cheese or beans

Friday

Battered fish, cheese and tomato pizza, hot dog - all served
with chips and peas or beans
Southern fried chicken wrap
Cheese | Cheese & Ham | Cheese & Pepperoni Panini
Jacket potato with tuna, cheese or beans

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Mrs Gidden's Cool 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 while excelling at other pursuits.

This week we interviewed Year 8 pupil, Jazmin.

Jazmin is shooting for the stars – as she wants to be a professional footballer.

Jazmin is currently reading *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by American author Ransom Riggs.

"It's about a boy who is trying to find out where his grandfather used to live as his grandfather told him ghost stories about the house.

"I haven't read enough yet to know if there are ghosts!"

Jazmin's favourite author is award-winning John Green who wrote books like 'The Fault in Our Stars'.

"I like him because his stories are real, they are about real teenage problems."

Away from reading, Jazmin can be found playing for Lostock Hall in the West Lancs League as a central midfielder.

"I have played football since I was six. I attended trials for Lancashire Under 14s recently, there were 100s of girls, and I got selected.

"We have played a couple of county games so far and I hope to be picked up by an academy. Teams like Manchester United, Liverpool and Blackburn Rovers are strong around here.

"I want to be a professional footballer and my ambition is to play for England."



Would you like to work at Priory?

PART-TIME SITE SUPERVISOR / DRIVER

See opposite. Closing date: Thurs, 7 February

HEAD OF SCIENCE

We are seeking to appoint an exceptional leader who has a proven track record of achieving excellent results and who can motivate students and build a team of committed, creative and inspiring classroom practitioners. Closing date: Fri, 1 March

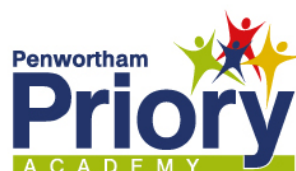
For further details, please visit the school's website at: <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies> or <https://www.tes.com/jobs/employer/-1041544>

We're Recruiting!

Head of Science

Closing date: 1 March 2019

For further information and to view all teaching vacancies at Penwortham Priory Academy please visit: www.tes.com/jobs/employer/-1041544



We're Hiring

Site Supervisor / Driver (Part-Time)

To support to the strategic aims of the school, we are looking to recruit an experienced, talented and hardworking individual with a proven track record in caretaking services delivery.

The Facilities Team is increasing in its responsibilities and this is an opportunity to join the team as it evolves and develops further. The role may suit an existing site supervisor or an individual with general caretaking / maintenance or security experience and a keen interest in working within an educational environment.

Days Monday to Friday full year round post

Hours 25 hours per week, typically working 7am to 12 noon*

Pay Grade 3, £16,755 - £17,391
Pro rata salary £11,320 - £11,750 (25 hours)

Contract Temporary initially until 31 August 2019

For further details and an application pack, please visit the school's website at: www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

Enquiries can be directed to Mr K Bolton, Facilities Manager, via email at k.bolton@priory.lancs.sch.uk. Applications should be emailed to Mrs J Cookson at j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk with 'Site Supervisor - your name' in the subject line.

Closing Date: Thursday, 7 February 2019 | Interviews: Wednesday, 13 February 2019

* A degree of flexibility will be required to attend occasional evening meetings and events and provide overtime cover for lettings, such as Saturday mornings.



Tassomai Progress Reports



Following the successful introduction of the Tassomai system to assist with pupil learning in Science, we are looking to launch a Progress Report option where parents would get an email once a week from Tassomai providing you with an update of how well your child is using the program.

Letters have been issued to pupils in Years 9, 10 & 11 this week for parents to register to receive the weekly email update of your child's progress. Two emails can be provided if both parents/guardians would like to receive the report. Reply slips should be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Tassomai 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.

A copy of the letter can be downloaded from the school's website at <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters>



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KEEP
CALM
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The Prom Reminders

Initial deposits of £10 for the Prom should have been paid by now. Pupils who have not yet submitted their reply slip and deposit should do so Monday morning at the latest.

Orders and payments for the hoodies must be in by Monday, 11 February.

Please note there can be no extras added to the order after this date.



Lost Property

We have a build up of lost coats, PE Kits and numerous pairs of glasses waiting to be reclaimed.

All lost property is now held with the Pastoral office. Please can we remind pupils to check with them if they are missing any property.

May we take the opportunity to raise the importance of naming personal items. The school office will arrange for all named items to be returned to their owner.

Voluntary & Community

Well done to Trista and Tilly who were spotted in the Lancashire Evening Post this week following their charity work at Bamber Bridge Football Club. The girls were also invited to BBC Radio Lancashire on Wednesday to talk about the virtues of young people becoming involved with volunteer work and helping others.

Caring sisters are top of league

Caring sisters Trista and Tilly McNaught are on top form after helping boost funds for charity.

The girls have been giving up their free time to raise money.

They responded to an appeal by fund-raising stalwart and Bamber Bridge Football Club committee member John Gibson to get youngsters volunteering.

The pair have volunteered at nine matches and raised more than £800 for local charities in between taking part

in triathlons, swimming and running.

Trista, 15 and Tilly 13, attend Penwortham Priory Academy and said volunteering was rewarding adding: "We have been warmly welcomed by the club which has made it fun and enjoyable.

"We have met so many different people and would recommend others to come along and support the match charities.

"For both of us nothing is more rewarding than spending some time helping others"



Trista and Tilly McNaught with Brig Cat collecting for Heartbeat

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Badminton

The Under 16s badminton team did it again and beat St Michael's High School 7-0 to win their group and go through to the next stage of the Red Rose Cup.

Well done Joel, Kieran, Zaman, Mohammed!



Gold for Libby!

Year 10 synchronised swimmer, Libby, competed in the North West Championships last weekend and came away with four gold medals for the second year running – figures, solo, duet and team!

This follows on from our report last Autumn when Libby was selected once again for the England Talent Squad for 2019.



The Dance Show 2019



Gym & Dance Show

Dancers | Gymnasts | Cheer Leaders | Trampolinists

The PE Department is almost in a position to confirm the date of the much-awaited show.

Miss Beesley would like to remind all pupils who were successful in their auditions to continue to attend after school practice sessions held in the Auditorio and Assembly Hall.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award



Year 10 Pupils - The deadline for applications is next Tuesday, 5 February. It is good to see that plenty letters of application have been submitted already.

Year 9 Pupils - There will be a meeting for Year 9 pupils interested in the award next Thursday, 7 February at 1.30pm in Hu4. The meeting will be short however vital to attend.

Enquiries about the DofE scheme at Priory should be directed to Mr Watters, Lead Teacher for Geography, via email at a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

