

Penwortham Priory Post

A Message From The Headteacher

Dear All,

May I take this opportunity to welcome you back following our Easter break. I hope you each managed to make the most of the fantastic weather we had.

It was wonderful again, in my first assembly of this the summer term, to be able to celebrate the progress made by so many of our young people and to recognise their contribution to the school. So many were awarded certificates and awards for a wide variety of different reasons. In particular, I was able to present a significant number of our 'PiXL Edge' certificates, in recognition of those pupils who have demonstrated personal attributes essential for employability and life: Leadership, Organisation, Initiative, Resilience and Communication. Well done to all.

There continues to be much to celebrate about Priory. Not least, our new pupil numbers who will be starting with us this September. I am delighted that, once again, we continue to be oversubscribed. We continue to be proud to be able to provide the best possible opportunities, facilities and care for those pupils who are fortunate enough to secure a place with us.

In addition, I am very pleased that we have secured funding from the Department for Education to enhance the safeguarding of our school site. This is particularly pleasing news given the recent events that took place in Penwortham. Therefore, over the coming weeks, we will start work on upgrading the perimeter fencing that surrounds our school site for the benefit of all within our school community.

As we start this summer term, I am sure each of you will join me in offering our very best wishes in particular to our Year 11 pupils who will be sitting their final GCSE examinations in the next few weeks.

As parents and teachers of Year 11, I suggest there are two key areas to which we need to give thought from here on in:

1. **How to ensure our students are in the right psychological shape to perform well.** This means helping them to know that whatever happens they are valued as people, life is more than outcomes - for them, as well as us. We will not only teach the content of what they know, but teach them how to handle the challenges of the test: how to handle panic, how to control irrational fear, how to recall what they know, how to have the stamina to see it through...

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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 - R1 (97%)

Rest - D2 (99.38%)

Well done to Mr Henshaw's and Mr Baker's forms.

Year 11 Last Day

The Year 11 pupils will officially leave Priory on Fri, 14 June at 12.30pm.

On this date pupils will be able to join together for their final moments at school, sign each other's shirts and receive messages of good luck.

GCSE Further Maths pupils will need to stay for their exam at 1.30pm and return on Mon, 17 June for the second paper.

In addition, the government has set a contingency day on 26 June. This date would only be used if there was "a sustained national or local disruption arising during the June 2019 examination series and an exam had to be postponed as a result".

KEY DATES

PSHEE Day

Tues, 30 April 2019

Early lunch followed by
school closure at 1:30pm

Year 10 Careers

Workshop (in school)

Tues, 30 April 2019

Alan Turing Cryptology Day

(by invitation)

1 May 2019

Year 11 French Speaking Assessments

2 May 2019 (Mrs Scully's
Class)

3 May 2019 (Mrs Bailey's
Class)

School Closures

6 May - Bank Holiday

7 May - INSET

Mid Term Closures

27 - 31 May 2019

Year 11 Last Day

Fri, 14 June 12.30pm

Work Experience Week

(Year 10 pupils)

24-28 June 2019

College Sampling Days

(Year 10 pupils)

Runshaw - Mon, 17 June

Newman - Thurs, 20 June

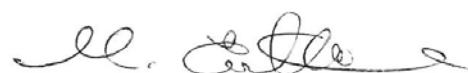
Preston's - Tues, 2 July

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2. **How to ensure our students have the right support and preparation to perform well.** Of many things we can all do, asking each day 'what did you do yesterday and tell me tomorrow about what you did today' makes a difference. We each have a role to play to ensure our students, your sons and daughters, feel they have those around them who care that much to ask those questions.

Please continue to do all you can at home to support your sons and daughters in putting school work and revision at the top of their priority list. Please take an active role in their studies, planning with them at home to ensure the balance between their social time and their academic focus is the right one.

All the very best to all for a positive half term.



Mr M Eastham, Headteacher



Tues, 30 April

**Don't forget, Tuesday is PSHE Day so school
will finish at 1.30pm.**

School buses have been rearranged for this earlier time.

Pupils - The timetables will be displayed on the board next to the vending machines and will also be available via Doodle.

If pupils are absent on PSHE day, the work they miss will need to be completed on their return as an extra-curricular activity.

Sessions covered this next week's session include:

- Year 7 Puberty, Healthy Life Styles, Mental Well-Being
- Year 8 The 5 British Values, Democracy, Human Rights, Why Do We Vote?
- Year 9 What are STIs? Preventing STIs, Prevent Pregnancy, Contraception Safe Use
- Year 10 Speed Networking With Employers, Interviews, Careers & World of Work
- Year 11 Exam Preparation, Interventions and Independent Revision



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PiXL - Character & Culture



This term's Priory Culture focus is 'Staying Safe' covering a wide variety of themes in and out of school.

This week - Week 1 – What are harmful actions?

- Students understand the concept of harm – what it means and what it looks like.
- Students are learning that harm can be felt globally, in the local community, to others and personally. They will also start to look how they can prevent or turn the effect of harm around so it becomes positive.
- Students reflect on what they have learned before deciding the changes that they need to make as a class.

Next week - Week 2 – A world without harm

- Students diagnose the problem and understand what a world without harm would look like to them and us.
- Students learn the difference between physical and emotional harm and the consequences each has on others.
- Students question what the impact would be on our school and the wider community if there were no harm.
- Students summarise their learning and decide the changes that they need to make as a class.

Operation Encompass

This school is participating in Operation Encompass, a unique police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership.



The partnership ensures that a child's school is informed, prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been an incident of domestic abuse to which the child or young person has been exposed, and which might then have an impact on them in school the following day.



Each school is informed of all domestic abuse incidents, not just those where an offence can be identified or those which are graded as high risk. The partnership recognises that all incidents of domestic abuse can be harmful to children and young people.



Nominated members of staff, known as Key Adults, have been trained to liaise with the police. At Penwortham Priory Academy the Key Adults are our Pastoral Managers Mrs S Clementson and Mr G Shipton. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school makes provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families.

This initiative has been implemented across the whole of the Lancashire Police area. More information can be viewed online at www.operationencompass.org or via the school's website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/pastoral-care

A letter has been emailed to all parents and is also available on the school's website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

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Year 7 Poetry Competition Winners



Year 7 are studying poetry as part of their English lessons and it is more about the skill of appreciating it than writing it. However, Year 7s were given their chance to display their creative flair on a poem of something of substance or a controversial topic.

Katie won Priory's voluntary homework poetry competition with a moving piece about her ancestor (see column right).

In a moving poem entitled 'Mystery Man,' Katie wrote about World War One.

"My great great great grandad fought in World War One and he was shot and left in No Man's Land," explained Katie.

"Some guy went to check and found my ancestor still alive and saved him. Without him I wouldn't be here."

Katie's poem tells the story of her relation with poignant verse.

Second place went to Fatima who wrote about anxiety.

"I studied mental health in primary school so I know quite a lot about it," said Fatima. "I want to do something involving mental health in the future."

George came third and he wrote about animal extinction. "It's something I am really interested in, I like the fact animals and humans live together on the planet and killing them off through things like poaching is wrong."

Mystery Man by Katie

The year was 1918,
left for dead was a whole team,
of men who gave it their all,
it was all for a feat so tall,
and now there was nothing at all.

But one man, he survived,
on the floor he was still alive,
knowing he was going to die.
He lay there starting to cry,
with him, no one at all.

Back to camp, amongst all the
cheering,
a mystery man started hearing,
a cry of a man so alone,
and knew that he must take him
home.
He went into-no-mans-land.

Grabbed him by the legs did he,
when all of a sudden what did they
see,
a bullet fly past at the speed of
sound
and all of a sudden they jumped to
the ground.
Stuck in no-mans-land.

"Help us" screamed the mystery
man,
and dropped down in a ditch of the
land.
They ran as fast as the eye could see,
to where his friends were waiting for
he.
The mystery man was saved.

The Weekly Challenge (Week 25)

These weekly challenges which pupils are asked to think about are made of content that will enhance learning in all subjects and widen Tier 2 vocabulary. Parents - How would you get on?



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| 1. What is the currency of Australia? | 6. What is the currency of Finland? |
| 2. What is the currency of Bulgaria? | 7. What is the currency of Guatemala? |
| 3. What is the currency of Cuba? | 8. What is the currency of Hungary? |
| 4. What is the currency of Denmark? | 9. What is the currency of India? |
| 5. What is the currency of Ethiopia? | 10. What is the currency of Japan? |

Answers at the bottom of the next page.

Year 11 - English Revision Notices

Notices from the English Department to get the new term and revision off to a flying start!

All English revision guides are still available for sale - Language £4.50 and Literature £4.00 per text.



The day to day revision guides that date all the way back to February are available free of charge and these will advise pupils exactly which areas to study. If poetry is a stumbling block, then revision guides for the whole anthology are also available free.

The GCSE POD competition and usage is hotting up. Gift vouchers will be awarded for the top two users of GCSE pod (English Language and Literature) by the end of this half term.



Pupils should see Mrs Gidden for copies of, or to purchase, revision guides as stated above.

Year 10 - College Sampling Days

Year 10 pupils are invited to visit Newman, Preston's and Runshaw College to further explore their options for life after Priory. Pupils will take part in different classes during each day, allowing them to experience college life.

Runshaw College	Monday, 17 June 2019
Newman College	Thursday, 20 June 2019
Preston's College	Tuesday, 2 July 2019

Pupils must arrive at school, in uniform, as usual on these days where they will be picked up at approximately 9.00am by the college.

The Newman College sampling day has fallen on our PSHE day, which means pupils will not be back in time for the school buses at the earlier finish. Pupils will be allowed to make their own way home from Newman College once the visit ends at 2.15pm, or pupils can be brought back to school where they can leave from Priory or be collected. Please return all reply slips by Fri, 3 May indicating your permissions for the return from this visit.

Copies of the letter are available to download from the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

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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, Erin.

Erin is one of Mrs Gidden's 'Cool Readers' and she is also a keen photographer.

Erin is on the Accelerated Reader Programme and is reading 'Let's Get Lost' by Sarra Manning.

"It's based around an 18-year-old who has no mum and gets involved with alcohol and drugs.

"It's kind-of a love story but she gets involved with an older guy and lies about her age. It starts off as a bit of a prank but there are consequences.

"It's interesting because it isn't a regular love story, it's a bit different which is what I like about it.



"It's up there among my favourite books and I also like the Geek Girl series by Holly Smale as I can be a geek!" When not reading, Erin can be found behind the lens of a camera.

"I got a camera a few years ago and I really enjoy taking photographs. I was at my aunty's wedding alongside a professional photographer and a lot of my photos were used in her album.

"I like doing landscapes rather than people and have already looked into the fact there is a photography club at UCLAN as I want to keep it up.

"I am interested in science so I am looking into brain neuroscience as that involves photography as well, taking pictures of the brain, so it combines my two loves. It's a perfect job for me."

ANSWERS TO THE WEEKLY CHALLENGE

1. The currency of Australia is the dollar.
2. The currency of Bulgaria is the lev.
3. The currency of Cuba is the peso.
4. The currency of Denmark is the krone.
5. The currency of Ethiopia is the birr.

6. The currency of Finland is the euro.
7. The currency of Guatemala is the quetzal.
8. The currency of Hungary is the forint.
9. The currency of India is the rupee.
10. The currency of Japan is the yen.

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Voluntary & Community

Penwortham Gala - Seeking the Next King & Queen

Penwortham Town Council is looking for applications for the next Gala King and Queen. Children must be in Years 5 - 8.

Gala Prince and Princess applications are also sought for children in Reception to Year 4.

For application forms and enquiries, please contact Samantha Jones, Events Coordination Officer at Penwortham Town Council.

01772750533

samantha@penworthamtowncouncil.gov.uk

Closing date - 13 May 2019



Penwortham Gala

We are looking for
the 2019
Penwortham
Gala King & Gala
Queen
(Year 5 to Year 8)

Gala Prince & Gala
Princess
(Reception to Year 4)

*Are you aged 4-14 and wanting to be
part of Penwortham's fantastic family
friendly gala? You will be part of our
procession and represent all the
wonderful children in our community.*

To apply, please visit our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/penworthamgala2019/>
Or collect an application form from the
Penwortham Community Centre,
Kingsfold drive, PR1 9EQ

Applications
close
13th May
2019



On the menu next week...

W/C 29 April 2019

Monday

Toad in the hole served with mash and beans or peas
Cheese and broccoli pasta served with garlic bread

Tuesday

Spaghetti bolognese served with garlic bread
Plain or cheese omelette served with hash browns and
beans or peas

Wednesday

Cheese & Tomato | Ham | Pepperoni Ciabatta Pizza served
with potato wedges and beans or sweetcorn
Spicy chicken burger on a bun served with potato wedges
and beans or sweetcorn

Thursday

Savoury mince served with Yorkshire pudding and mash
Tomato pasta served with garlic bread

Friday

Battered Fish | Cheese & Tomato Pizza | Hot Dog
All served with chips and peas or beans

Available Every Day

Southern fried chicken wrap
Cheese | Cheese & Ham | Cheese & Pepperoni Panini
Jacket potato with tuna, cheese or beans

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South Ribble Sports Awards

Over the Easter break, we we received confirmation that the school and one our pupils have been shortlisted for the South Ribble Sports Awards.

The school has been shortlisted for the Secondary School of the Year category and Year 10 pupil, Libby, has been shortlisted as 'Rising Star'.

The awards are organised by South Ribble Borough Council in association with South Ribble Community Leisure Trust and recognise sports personnel in the borough, whether they compete locally, or have the potential to be the next generation of Olympic athletes. The awards also pay tribute to those who have shown their dedication to support individuals or clubs for the love of sport.

Synchronised swimmer Libby has earned an England Age Group call-up and has competed in the World Championships for her sport. Late last year she won four gold medals in the North West Championships for the second year running and is now part of the England Age Group Squad.



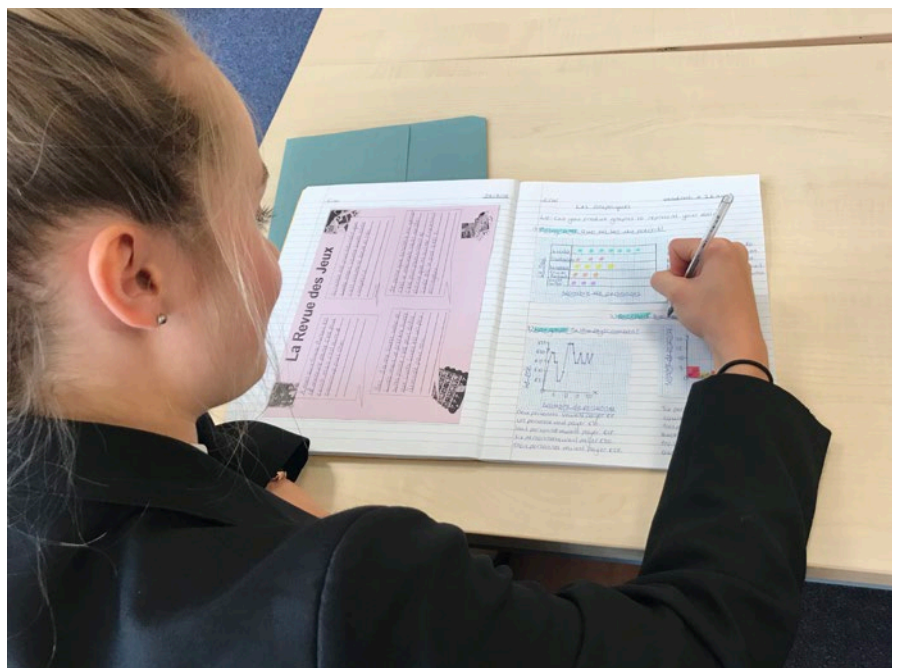
Head of PE, Mr Bullock, has selected four Priory sporting champions to attend the event organiser's photoshoot on 14 May at the council offices, along with Libby. Letters will be going to those pupils next week. The Awards take place at the Hallmark Leyland Hotel on 28 June.

Year 9 Pupils Gaming Around in MFL!

In the Modern Foreign Languages department, Year 9 students are preparing to create their own board game in French and carried out some 'Apprentice Style' market research.

This week pupils transferred their numeracy skills to the language classroom and used a variety of methods to represent their data.

In a message to the Head of Maths, MFL Lead Teacher Mrs Scully said, "Don't worry Mr Kenrick...we remembered to label each axis, add a title and use the correct units!"



Word^{of}THE Week

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

It is vital that pupils are familiar with these tier two vocabulary words to improve and support their literacy.

Tier two consists of high frequency words that occur across a variety of curriculum areas. That is, these words occur often in mature language situations such as adult conversations and literature, and therefore strongly influence speaking and reading.

Word of the Week:

Coincide.

verb

To happen at the same time as something else.

'Shakespeare's birthday coincides with the start of the Summer term'



Literacy tip of the week...

Gotten

We see this non standard word all the time!

The word 'gotten' does not exist in English. It's what we call an Americanism and is not proper English.

Unless you're a pirate and you have 'ill-gotten gains', it's not a word you should be using!



Award for Priory hero Zoe after quick thinking and life-saving help

You may have spotted Year 11 pupil, Zoe, in the media spotlight recently after being honoured for her heroic quick-thinking actions to help a severely injured road crash victim.

Zoe, who is a Staff Sergeant at the Leyland Army Cadet Force, was travelling with her mum when she noticed cars stopped ahead of her with their hazards lights on. There appeared to be debris on the road from a motorcycle and people in a ditch at the side of the road. Zoe, who was returning home from the cadets, got out of the car to help.

She helped to put the casualty who was in the ditch into the recovery position, talking to and calming the accident victim - who was very distressed and trying to move - until the ambulance arrived. Zoe passed on relevant medical information to the paramedics who attended the scene.

She received a certificate for Praiseworthy First Aid from the force's Deputy Commandant Colonel Gareth Wright as a result of her deeds (see image).

Over the Easter break, Zoe was one of 12 cadets who attended a military training exchange trip to Barbados following an vigorous selection process.

Amazing work, well done Zoe!



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Preston's College School Leavers Advice Event



Thursday, 2 May, 4pm - 7:30pm

At the Open Evening you can speak to course tutors, specialist support staff, advisors and learners about the experience you'll get at Preston's College. You'll also have the chance to explore their industry standard facilities, apprenticeships and learning opportunities.

Some of our Year 11 pupils have applied for full time courses or an apprenticeship at the college so it would be a really beneficial opportunity to go and ask any questions related to their course, any specific course assessment dates to attend, higher education courses or pupil support. Pupils can complete any application form online on the evening as there will be lots of college staff to help and support.

If pupils are unsure about their options after school then go along to the Fulwood Campus and speak to the team of qualified careers advisors, course tutors and their students about your future.

You can also enquire about their Gifted & Talented Scholarship programme offered alongside Level 3 courses. and how you can study an extra A-Level alongside selected Level 3 courses.

A poster for the NHS Careers Event. It features the NHS logo, the text "Together", "The Health Academy Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust", and "NHS Careers Event 7th May 2019". It lists the location as "Royal Preston Hospital, Health Academy Centre 1, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood" and the time as "PR2 9HT 3pm-6pm". It asks "Have you considered a career in the NHS?" and encourages attendance to find out about apprenticeships, NHS careers, and university paths. It mentions interactive stands from various departments. At the bottom, it says "You do not need to register for this event" and provides contact information for Brittany Mollart. There is also a photo of people at a stand and the Learning Inspiration Future Employment logo.

NHS Careers Event
7th May 2019

Royal Preston Hospital, Health Academy Centre 1, Sharoe
Green Lane, Fulwood
PR2 9HT
3pm-6pm

Have you considered a career in the NHS?
Come along to find out information on apprenticeships, NHS
careers, University paths and much more.
We will have interactive stands from a wide range of our
departments for you to explore.

You do not need to register for this event
For more information please contact Brittany.Mollart@lthtr.nhs.uk

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Learning Inspiration Future Employment

NHS Careers Event 7 May 2019

See poster (left).

All students are invited to attend the event and are able to drop in any time between 3pm-6pm.

There will be a range of both clinical and non-clinical departments showcasing a wide variety of job roles within their departments and the wider Trust.

They will also have three local colleges attending with a stand and information with regards to university paths.

For further information contact:

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<http://healthacademy.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/widening-participation>

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