

Penwortham Priory Post



From Primary to Priory at Open Evening

Our doors opened last night to hundreds of children and their families as they began their search for a secondary school. Prefects lined up to welcome our visitors and were eager to show Priory off to prospective families as they guided them round the school.

Year 7 pupils met former classmates who were keen to hear all about their first month at Priory. Newly appointed Head Boy, Danyal, and Head Girl, Georgia, joined Mr Eastham on stage to share their experiences of Priory.

Interactive activities were set up in all departments for children to experience Priory whilst parents questioned teachers and pupils. Showcase explosions in Science, puzzles in Maths, bon appetit in MFL, trampolining in PE and so much more. The ICT & Computer Science department took the opportunity to show off Priory's newest facility, the Hex which will be officially opened next week. We were so overwhelmed with visitors that goodie bags were soon in short supply.

Head Boy, Danyal, said "Priory has allowed me to unlock my full potential and it will do the same for you. The teachers are brilliant and I hope you get chance to meet them tonight as they have changed my life massively and if you come to Priory, I promise they will change yours for the better too."

Head Girl, Georgia, told us why she loves being part of Priory: "From the first day I arrived here I have always felt happy. This is down to the friendly supporting staff who are always encouraging us and helping us to grow from being nervous Year 7s to confident young adults going out into the world".

Prospective families can experience a Priory day for themselves as we open our doors again on Thursday, 4th & Friday, 5th October between 9am and 3pm - no appointment necessary. Tours are on the hour, every hour (no tours between 1pm-2pm).

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 -
C4 (99.26%)**

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

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 will receive an action plan and can request another appointment via form tutors or Heads of House.

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

Mr Ficorilli is based in the Heads of House Office and is in school every Monday.

KEY DATES

Open Days

Thurs, 4 and Fri, 5 October
9am-3pm. Tours on the
hour except 1pm

South Ribble Schools Cross Country Championships

The morning of Sat, 6
October at Hutton Grammar
School (by qualifying time)

Year 7 Settle Factor Evening

Weds, 10 October 2018
3.40pm-6pm

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 Nov 2018
(Early lunch followed by
early closure at 1:30pm)

Year 11 Parents Evening

Weds, 28 November 2018
4pm-7pm

KS4 Theatre Production

(in school)
A Christmas Carol
Mon, 17 December 2018

Year 7 Settle Factor Evening

Year 7 pupils have now been a member of our school community for almost a month and we would therefore like to invite parents/guardians and their child to the Year 7 Settle Factor Evening.

This is an opportunity to meet with the Progress Tutor and discuss how your son or daughter has settled into life and learning at Priory. Taking the right steps to achieve their very best starts in Year 7 and this opportunity, early in the year, allows us to build a good working relationship between home and school for every child.

Your child should now make an appointment with their Progress Tutor at a time of your convenience between 3:40pm and 6:00pm on Weds, 10 October.

Letters have been given to all Year 7 pupils. Reply slips should be returned to the progress tutor and indicating whether you will be able to attend the evening.

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

Vacancies

We are recruiting for several posts this week including:

- Design & Technology Technician
- Catering Assistant (see opposite)
- Receptionist / Admin Support
- Welfare Assistants

For full details and to apply please visit the school's website at:
<https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies>

Enquiries and applications should be submitted to the Head's PA, Mrs S Spencer, at
s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk.



Catering Assistant (part-time)

We are seeking a Catering Assistant to provide support in the preparation, cooking and serving of food and beverages plus related catering duties.

Days Monday to Friday term time only

Hours 16.25 hours per week
10.45am-2.30pm

Pay Grade 2 Point 9
Gross salary £16,755 per annum /
£8,193 pro-rata

Experience not essential however candidates must have good customer care skills and standard of hygiene. Candidates must also be able to work under pressure, have good use of initiative and work as part of a team.

Closing date: Friday, 5 October 2018

Please contact Mrs Barker, Business Manager, or Mrs Titterton, Catering Manager, for enquiries or download an application pack from the school's website at:

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

c.barker@priory.lancs.sch.uk | 01772 320255

j.titterton@priory.lancs.sch.uk | 01772 320262





MacMillan's Coffee Morning

Let them eat cake!

When break-time arrived this morning pupils quickly picked up their bags to dash over to the Technology Block. There was cake and juice to be had!



Led by Year 10 pupil, Olivia, with support from her friends Brook, Leah and Danielle, the girls had the idea once again for the whole school to enjoy some gorgeous treats whilst raising funds for MacMillan Cancer Support.

Donations of cake, brownies and biscuits poured in from parents and staff whilst pupils ensured there was extra cash in their pockets as they were spoilt for choice in selecting the abundance of sweet treats.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is MacMillan Cancer Support's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. Last year they raised £27 million and they are hoping for another successful year. There are now 2.5 million people in the UK living with cancer. By 2030, it will be 4 million people, and they want to be there for them all. Their goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone.

As a thank you to those children that supported Open Evening last night, the school made a donation so that prefects and helpers were rewarded for giving up their time.

Last night the girls took the opportunity to get ahead of the game by holding a baking competition and an early cake sale at the Open Evening which raised £198.

The cake competition was judged by Priory's former Food Technology teacher, Mrs Olywn Marshall and was supported by former pupils Emma and Jane Rooke of The Cow Shed and cake specialist Mrs Rachel Whittingham.

As we went to press, the total amount raised was still being counted but it's sure to say everyone got to have their cake and eat it!



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Open Evening Success!

The evening was a great success but we couldn't do it without the support of pupil and prefect helpers. We've received many comments from prospective families who named individual pupils for their maturity and guidance during their visit.

Headteacher, Mr Eastham, thanked everyone: "Not only for your efforts on the night, but for the hard work and effort beforehand that goes into making these events such a success."

The evening was a huge step towards our collective aim... 'To continue to make Priory first choice'.

Feedback from the evening has been fantastic with some parents also taking to social media to let us know how they felt about the school.



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Word of THE Week

Each week form tutors will be introducing a new word to pupils in their AM or PM form 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>melancholy</p> <p><i>word of the week</i></p> <p>noun a feeling of pensive sadness, typically with no obvious cause. Eg. <i>She felt a little melancholy</i></p>	<p>Literacy tip of the week...</p> <div> <p>Was</p> <p>Used in SINGULAR situations. e.g. first person singular (I) third person singular (he/ she/ it)</p> <p>I was going to the shop She was at the park He was walking the dog</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All past tense All singular (about one person) Either third/ first person </div> <div> <p>Both of these are used in the past tense (situations that have already happened).</p> <p>I see lots of pupils using these incorrectly. E.g. 'We was at the shop' / 'I were going to the shop' - this is INCORRECT!</p> <p>Try these:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I/They was going to the cinema 2. We/I were going swimming 3. She/you were going to the park 4. He/ you was going to the sweet shop 5. They/ I were hoping for the best </div> <div> <p>Were</p> <p>Used in SECOND PERSON + plural (more than one person - we, they) + singular (one person - you, yours, your).</p> <p>They were going to the shop You were at the park We were walking the dog</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All past tense Can be singular/ plural All second person </div>
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South Ribble Schools Cross Country Championships



The championships will take place on Saturday morning, 6th October at Hutton Grammar School. The PE Department have made their selections according to the pupils' effort and attitude in PE lessons.

Please could we remind pupils who have been selected to compete to return their reply slips to Mr Bullock or Miss Beesley as soon as possible, even if they cannot attend.

Leon Steps Up To The Podium

Year 10 pupil, Leon won the No 1 Title of BMX British Championship Expert Male 13s when he raced at the National British Cycling event at Blackpool BMX track on 16th September.

Leon won every race and according to his coach, he was an "awesome rider".

His proud mum said: "Leon has only recently recovered from an injury resulting from a crash when he raced in a national competition at Portsmouth so this win shows his determination as well as his skill."



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Back of the net for Jazmin

Priory pupil, Jazmin came through tough trials to be selected for the Girls Under 14s District Lancashire schools football team.

Jazmin, 12, is a central midfielder for Lostock Hall Juniors and attended trials over two months at Fulwood Barracks for the county team.

Jazmin had to compete against approximately 100 players and got through each trial, before being selected as one of the

remaining 30 for the fourth and final trial.

Jazmin was selected for the County District Squad – a huge achievement as she is one of the youngest in the squad and Trialling alongside players that are signed on to Regional Talent Centres such as Manchester City, Liverpool, Manchester United and Blackburn Rovers.

“It was pressure during the trials,” said the Preston North End fan. “When I got the email to say I had been selected, I couldn’t believe it and my parents were really proud. I am very excited. It’s my first county call-up and it’s a big honour.

Jazmin continued, “I hope to be selected for a Regional Talent Centre and my dream is to play football for England.”

Jazmin will now represent Lancashire Schools in the Northern Counties Cup against Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Cheshire in the group stages. In the first round of the National cup the team will play against Durham.

The 2017/18 u14 squad where crowned Northern and National Champions. You can follow the u14s Lancashire schools team on twitter @LSFAGirls.

Volunteers Needed

Bamber Bridge Football Club’s home matches this season each support a local charity and they are asking for pupils from local high schools for their support.

The young volunteers will be asked to hold the charity collection buckets at the matches. As well as contributing to the community, volunteers will have a complimentary opportunity to watch the game.

If pupils would like to volunteer, parents should contact the organiser, John Gibson - johnsquashcoach@gmail.com | tel 07970 067703.

Next matches:

Kick off 3.00pm unless otherwise stated:

- Sat, 29 Sept - Stafford Rangers
- Tues, 2 Oct - Gainsborough Trinity (7.45pm)
- Tues, 9 Oct - North Ferriby United (7.45pm)
- Sat, 20th Oct - Basford United
- Sat, 17 Nov - Nantwich Town
- Sat, 1 Dec - Stalybridge Celtic
- Sat, 15 Dec - Lancaster City
- Weds, 26 Dec - Marine



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Trista has some iron strength!

Priory pupil Trista is ready to test herself – as she wants to complete an Ironman as a teenager.

Trista is the Deputy Head Girl and, at 15, competes in triathlons and is already training for the big challenge.

She recently completed the Fairhaven Flyer 10K in Lytham in 51 minutes and 45 seconds – she was the youngest person to finish and came 20th female.

And she has set her sights on the Bolton Ironman – a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride and a marathon, 26.2 mile, run, when she is 19-years-old.

“I run every week with the Lions at Higher Wheelton as well as doing Parkruns and 5kms, I swim at Penwortham Leisure Centre and I cycle at UCLAN.

“I can’t compete in some of the longer events because of my age but I have set my sights on an Ironman.

“My birthday is late, in August, and you have to be 18 to do an Ironman so I will be nearly 19 by the time I will do one and the

aim is the Bolton Ironman.

“I just think it would be an amazing achievement, it’s the ultimate challenge. I am determined.”

With her maturity and focus we’re sure Trista will fulfil her ambition and beyond! Good luck.

Community and Volunteering

Being able to gain experience as a young volunteer whilst at high school is important - and looks great on a CV! It gives pupils valuable employability experience, an opportunity to try something different, learn new skills, meet people, and gets them involved in their local community!



Following a plea for support from Bamber Bridge FC, Trista and her sister, Tilly, went down to the ground to help them raise money for St Catherine’s Hospice. Between them, during the game against Workington Town last month, they raised over £100 for the charity.

Feedback from supporters who donated money on the day was excellent and was a credit to the girls, their family and the school.

The photo shows the girls with BBFC Manager, Neil Reynolds.

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Priory is setting up its own alumni association so we can keep in touch with former pupils.

What is an alumni?

An alumni refers to the graduates of an educational establishment.

This is an opportunity for leavers to stay in contact with Penwortham Priory Academy from those that came to the school when it opened in 1953 when it was called Penwortham County Secondary School. Pupils or staff who have walked through our doors since then are welcome to join.

The alumni association has its own Facebook group where former pupils can keep up to date with all things Priory, post updates and connect with other members. And if you have given us your email address you will also receive termly newsletters, invitations to school events and a dedicated school contact.

If you would like to become a member of Penwortham Priory Academy's alumni association, it's easy to join. 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 (if known).

Facebook group - www.facebook.com/groups/penworthamprioryalumni/

Where are
they now?

Join the alumni association at
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Christian Houghton (Priory 1996-2001)

Christian Houghton is the eldest child of Priory's afternoon receptionist, Mrs Houghton, and has gone on to be very successful in his chosen career as Geotechnical Engineer. Christian was inspired into this career path because of Mr Watters, who was his Geography teacher at Priory.



Always up for a challenge, earlier this month Christian took part in an epic trial with his three gym buddies when they decided to do the 'Rat Race', a 105 mile Coast to Coast endurance event in the Scottish Highlands.

Competitors had to do six physical challenges including a 21 mile run (14 of them up a mountain), a 82 mile cycle (both off and on road), and a one mile kayak - all to be completed in 13 hours!

Christian said, "We just managed it in 12 hours 55 minutes!!!"

"At times through the day we all had our moments but we stuck together and got each other through the tough times. Although I found it hard I had to remember the charity we were raising money for, Children with Cancer UK.

The exhausted former pupil continued: "It was the event's chosen charity; they work with children who have to deal with their challenges every day and this put my own challenge into perspective. My main objective was to raise funds for this great cause who don't receive any government funding and we are so grateful that so far we have raised almost £4,500."

Photo: Christian, far left of picture, with his three team mates.



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Emma Rooke (Priory 2009- 2014)

Emma Rooke, 20, took over 'The Cow Shed' on Liverpool Road in Penwortham in May and has been successful in her application for a hot food licence as she looks to extend it.

But she said none of it would be possible without Penwortham Priory Academy Food Technology teacher Miss Lewis-Lavender who helped her and her five sisters find their culinary skills.

Emma won various awards at Priory, including coming third in the UK in the Rotary Chef competition.

Her sisters Hannah, Helen, Kate, Lucy and Jane also showed they could turn their hand to cookery skills, taking part in a variety of competitions throughout their time at Priory.

Young brother Ben is still at the school but, while he helps out at the Cow Shed, his focus is on sport.

"Shelley is the reason I am where I am," said Emma. "It's been my dream to have my own café, I went to catering college in Cheshire, and worked at Lang's Bakery and at Marks and Spencer's but I always wanted to run my own place.

"Shelley had a massive influence on us all. If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't have got into cooking and be where I am.

"My sisters also took part in various cookery competitions in their time at Priory and Kate is in Jersey and makes the ice-cream which we sell at The Cow Shed.

"It is a family affair as Helen is helping me, Jane has just finished at Priory this year and worked during the summer and Ben works after-school and at weekends so everyone is helping out."

Miss Lewis-Lavender said: "I am so proud of Emma. I did an advanced patisserie course with their mum at Preston's College around 20-years ago and she passed on her knowledge from this to them.

"I encouraged them to carry on with their cooking skills and they have all dabbled in different things but tended to come back to food."

Emma was invited to return to Priory for last night's Open Evening, with her sister Jane, where she was one of the judges for the cake competition organised by Miss Lewis-Lavender. During the event Emma and Jane also worked with the pupils demonstrating cake decorating techniques.



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