

# Penwortham Priory Post



## September 2019 - We Are Full!

Mr Eastham is delighted as, for the third year running, Priory has a full intake.

In September, once again, all 180 places will be filled which Headteacher Mr Eastham and his staff are proud of.

"This is the third year running that we will be full and it's brilliant," he said. "It shows the confidence in the school from the community which we serve and in the education and experience we provide."

Mrs Farley, Transition & Integration Manager said: "All pupils should have already received a welcome letter, and will shortly be receiving more information over the coming term about the next stages of their journey to Priory. I have started my visits to the primary schools and I'm really excited to meet all 180 pupils and their teachers to find out about our new Year 7s".

There has been substantial building work at the school over recent years with new technology and science blocks, a refurbished gym, and last September the opening of a £1.4m purpose-built ICT & Computer Science building known as The Hex.

"We are delighted that the dedication of staff is paying off with our increased numbers and the new facilities do also make a difference to the learning experience," added Mr Eastham. "It's an exciting time to be at Priory."

## 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 - C7 (99.63%)**

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



## Rewards Trips

The end of year rewards trips will be held in July - date to be confirmed.

There will be Gold, Silver and Bronze trips depending on points achieved.

**Key Stage 3** - Blackpool Pleasure Beach

**Key Stage 4** - Alton Towers  
| Blackpool Pleasure Beach  
| Trafford Centre & Cinema

Pupils must keep up their hard work and exemplary attendance to be offered these opportunities.

## KEY DATES

### **'County Lines' Theatre Production** (in school)

Year 8 & 9 pupils only

3 April 2pm-3.20pm

### **Year 10 Faith Day**

(in school)

Weds, 3 April

### **Gym & Dance Show**

Assembly Hall

3 April, 6pm-7.30pm

### **Year 8 London Theatre**

**Trip** (one day)

Thurs, 4 April 2019

### **School Trips Meeting**

4 April 1.35pm-1.55pm

### **End of Term Closure**

Fri, 5 April - Early lunch

followed by school closure  
at 1:30pm

### **Start of Summer Term**

**School re-opens -**

Tuesday 23 April 2019

### **Paris Trip**

23 -26 April

### **School Trips Meeting**

Thurs, 30 April

### **PSHEE Day**

Tuesday, 30 April 2019

Early lunch followed by  
school closure at 1:30pm

# County Lines - Theatre Production

## For all Year 8 & 9 Pupils - 2pm Weds, 3 April

**What is county lines?** *Criminal exploitation is also known as 'county lines' and is when gangs and organised crime networks exploit children to sell drugs. Often these children are made to travel across counties, and they use dedicated mobile phone 'lines' to supply drugs.*

Lancashire County Council has commissioned, AlterEgo Creative Solutions, to tour schools with their highly innovative production 'County Lines'. This production also fits in well with our PSHE programme and aims to address some of the issues youngsters may face and enables them to have strategies to deal with them.

Letters were sent home with pupils this week and can also be downloaded from the school's website at >> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters)

## Exciting News From The School's Trip Organiser!

**We have three great residential trips in 2020 for our pupils to chose from.**

Pupils may select from a trip of lifetime to Iceland which will run over the May bank holiday break or a fully active water-sports trip to Meymac in France which will run at the latter end of the May half term. And finally, a London, Paris & Bruges combined trip which will run in October 2020.

All trips are voluntary however pupils may only attend one as we expect a large up-take for each.

We carefully consider educational personal development opportunities and of course, 'wonder', for each of the trips. Please be assured that obtaining the best price for the best trips is our key aim. To this end we work hard to ensure that budgets are best value for you and your child.

Letters of interest for each trip will be available to pupils on Thurs, 4 April in a meeting held by Mr Watters in the assembly Hall at lunchtime from 1.35pm to 1.55pm.

Please consider allowing your child/ren to attend one of these voluntary trips as each will provide a great opportunity for them to experience travelling with friends to discover new lands which will obviously support educational development.

An expression of interest reply slip attached to each letter must be returned by Fri, 24 April. To allocate places there will be a second meeting in school for pupils on Thurs, 30 April.

Any queries should be forwarded to Mr Watters, Lead Teacher for Geography, by email at [a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk). Copies of the letter will also be uploaded to the website at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters)

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# Our Litter Heroes!

Priory pupils were definitely part of the pick on Tuesday when they joined up with South Ribble Borough Council to support Keep Britain Tidy.

As part of the #GBSpringClean, the class of Year 7 pupils travelled to Penwortham Holme, led by Head of PE Mr Bullock, to help improve the environment on their doorstep.



The group worked in partnership with the council's Neighbourhood Services to collect and safely dispose of litter from the area which will then be recycled as much as possible.

Mrs Hopes, Head of Character & Culture praised the event by saying:

*"I welcome any opportunity offered to the pupils of Priory to participate in a community event. In particular the support roles, as children can gain valuable team working, resilience, confidence and communication experiences. Of course the enormous sense of achievement our children gain from helping and carrying out positive activities for the community, is our main focus."*



All pupils agreed that litter pollution, including single-use plastic – which degrades the beauty of our environment and threatens to harm wildlife – is just not acceptable.

Many thanks to Booths Supermarkets who supplied pupils with well-earned refreshments.



## Join the Great British Spring Clean

Be part of the pick

**22 MARCH - 23 APRIL 2019**

Register your support [keepbritaintidy.org](https://www.KeepBritainTidy.org)

**#GBSpringClean**

Keep Britain Tidy is a registered Charity No. 1071737

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## Year 7 student, William, is hoping his posters will keep Priory clean!

William has designed a poster which will go up around the school with the logo 'See It Grab It Bin It' and the word 'Litter' in 3D.

"I did have some help from my mum and dad with the designs but we all worked together to come up with the poster and the logo," said William.

"I will feel very proud to see my posters around school and I hope students will respond to it."



It will also count towards William's PiXL Edge Award - PiXL Edge is a framework for secondary schools where students develop attitudes, attributes and skills essential for employability and life.

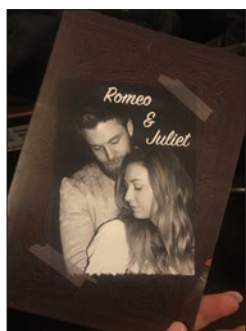
Mrs Hopes, Head of Character & Culture, commented: "William has worked very hard on all of his ten PiXL Edge activities since the Autumn. This activity explores the 'Communication' attribute and William has learnt a lot from it. The poster will be reproduced and displayed around the building."

## Romeo & Juliet Theatre Trip

**Priory students saw their GCSE text come to life at a performance of Romeo & Juliet at the Lancaster Grand Theatre last week.**



The Year 10s made the trip to watch the National Theatre Company production of the William Shakespeare play which is part of their English Literature GCSE.



The students admitted it was an entertaining evening but also an educational one as it helped them understand the play better.

Amber said: "We haven't finished reading the play yet so there were a few surprises but it did help us visualise what happens. You can picture what Juliet is feeling, rather than just see it in text."

Jo-Ann said: "It will really help me with my studies. It was good to watch it live and discuss it."

Alice added: "It definitely helped me understand the play better. One of the actors was playing a part for the first time so it was good to encourage them as well."

Head of English Mrs Gidden said: "The students are reading the play and some have seen the film but I think seeing it on stage is a much better way of understanding it."

"Some of the actors and actresses doubled up their roles so it did lead to some confusion but it made the students ask questions and think about what they had seen."

"They will be able to relate to the play better now - although it did spoil the ending!"



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# Pupils:

## Do you need to change your Accelerated Reader books?



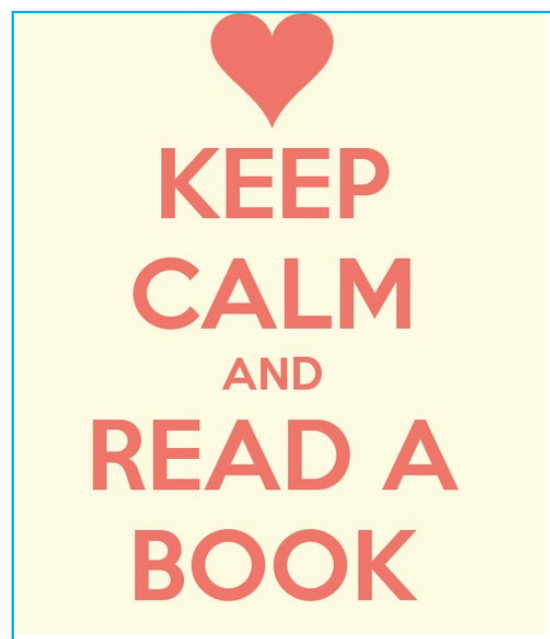
Remember, the only times you should be changing them are:

Before School | AM Prep | Break | Lunch |

PM Prep | After School

Make sure you are organised and have changed them before your English lesson. Unfortunately books can't be exchanged during lessons as this causes delay and disruption to learning, as well as disturbance to Mrs Elliott's class which links to the library.

**Remember:** You MUST be able to produce your AR book if you are asked to by a member of staff – it's part of your uniform and you will be sanctioned appropriately if you do not have your book.



## Word of the Week

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

'Evaluate' is a verb that we regularly see at the start of exam questions across the curriculum. It is a tier two word from the Academic Word List which makes it applicable to all subjects.

The Literacy Tip - We often hear pupils say 'aswell' instead of 'as well' and, as a result, they write it as one word in written responses. It reminds Mrs Gidden of a well full of donkeys, so pupils will be encouraged to pronounce 'as well' as two separate words to avoid confusion. This will also be emphasised in teaching.

### Word of the Week:

## Evaluate

*verb*  
To form an idea of the amount, number, or value of. To assess.  
Eg. "Evaluate the usefulness of source B..."

A small logo for "Word of the Week" with the words in a stylized, colorful font.

### Literacy tip of the week...

## As well

Meaning in addition to.  
'Mrs Gidden loves dogs **as well** as cats.'

The word 'aswell' does not exist!

People should be able to recognise that 'as well' is two separate words! Oracy is important!

An illustration of a wooden well with a bucket. Several donkeys are standing around the well. A speech bubble from one of the donkeys says "A well full of donkeys is not a thing!".

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# The Runshaw College Maths Challenge

Priory entered two teams into the Runshaw College Schools Maths Challenge last week – and impressed Head of Maths, Mr Kenrick.

Seven Year 10 Gifted & Talented students spent an evening at Runshaw College, with altogether around 140 Key Stage 4 students taking part.

Runshaw described it as one of the best high scoring challenges to date and Mr Kenrick said: “It was extremely competitive. We had two teams and there were several rounds, including problem solving and general maths challenges while teams had to work collaboratively.



“The standard was really high and, while we didn’t win, we put on a good strong show and I was impressed with all who took part.

“What also delighted me was their enthusiasm about maths and hopefully many of these students will go onto study maths at A-Level standard and above.”

Well done to Akalvily, Colin, Sasha, Lucy, Holly, Miya and Paige.

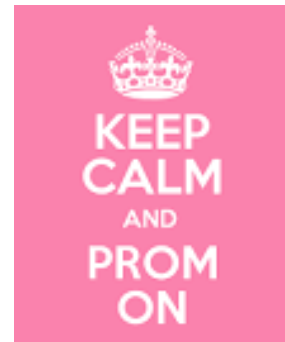
## Year 11 Notices - Interventions

Some departments are offering interventions over the Easter break to support Year 11 pupils with their revision.

As the final exams are so close after our return from the break, the school feels that two weeks away from learning is likely to impact on their progress.

As at going to press, the following dates have been confirmed:

Art:               Weds, 10 April and Mon, 15 April  
English:       Thurs, 11 April (10.15am-2pm)  
Maths:         Fri, 12 April



## The Prom & Hoodies

Final balances are due by next Friday, 5 April. Pupils were given a letter this week stating how much is left to be paid. Remittances and reply slips must be returned to the school office.

Hoodies are due to arrive over the Easter break and will be given out on our return to school.

# 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 11 pupil, Niamh.**

Niamh is one of Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers – but she has to find time to read as she is so busy with her volunteer work with the charity Barnardo's as well as studying for her GCSEs.

Niamh, spends four hours every Thursday and seven hours on a Saturday volunteering at Barnardo's at Lostock Hall.

"My little brother Alfie had a stroke when he was born and we were told that he may not be able to walk or talk, they didn't know how it would affect him as he got older. Thankfully he can do everything, in fact we can't shut him up!

"I decided though I wanted to help children who may need it, it shaped my future, as I also have two disabled cousins.

"I want to be a paediatrician and will hopefully study Health & Social Care at Preston's College.

"At Barnardo's, I do things like organise group baking activities, I help with school work and other activities. It's extremely rewarding."

Niamh is currently reading 'Lord of the Flies' by William Golding.

"I have only just started it but it does seem gruesome. I do like horror stories. I read a lot and am enthusiastic about it.

"We are studying Blood Brothers, Christmas Carol and Macbeth for our GCSE English Literature so I am revising as well!"





# STUDY AT PNE THIS SEPTEMBER

With Level Two and Level Three Diplomas  
in Sport and Exercise

Post 16 education for Male and Female teams



Next open evening: Monday 1st April  
Deepdale | community offices | Alan Kelly Town End Stand |  
6pm until 7pm

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## Course Advice Mornings

- ✓ School Leavers
- ✓ Apprenticeships
- ✓ University Degrees



**Saturday 30th March and Saturday  
22nd June 2019 9.45am-12.30pm**

Myerscough College, Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire PR3 0RY

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# On the menu next week...

## W/C 1 April 2019

### Monday

Brunch

Cheese and broccoli pasta served with garlic bread

### Tuesday

Spaghetti Bolognese served with garlic bread

Cheese pasty served with diced potatoes and beans

### Wednesday

**Cheese & Tomato | Ham | Pepperoni Ciabatta Pizza**  
served with potato wedges and beans or sweetcorn

**Fish goujons served with potato wedges and beans or  
peas**

### Thursday

Chicken curry served with rice and naan bread

Tomato pasta served with garlic bread

### Friday

Battered Fish | Cheese & Tomato Pizza | Steak Pudding

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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## PE NOTICES

### NETBALL - Mon, 1 April

Year 7 A & B teams play away at All Hallows. Pupils will leave school at 3.30pm and will return at 6.15pm.

Parents are welcome to watch and pupils can be collected from All Hallows at 6pm or at Priory at 6.15pm.

### ROUNDERS (Girls)

Rounders will start after the Easter break.

Year 7 - Monday

Year 8 - Tuesday

Sessions will be after school until 4.20pm.

Year 11 Rounders Tournament -  
Thurs, 25 April.

Teams will be selected next week.

# SPORTS REPORT



## Gym & Dance Show

NEXT WEDNESDAY!

3 April - 6pm-7.30pm

**Tickets Now Available**

Tickets are available from the PE office.

Seated allocation.

Adults £2.50 | Children £1.50 | Family £6

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NETBALL FOR ALL



**FIRST 2  
SESSIONS  
FREE!**

THURSDAYS 18:00 - 19:00 <b>REC, YEAR 1 &amp; 2</b> CARDINAL NEWMAN COLLEGE	THURSDAYS 18:00 - 19:30 <b>YEAR 3 &amp; 4</b> HUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL	
MONDAYS 18:00 - 19:30 <b>YEAR 5 &amp; 6</b> PENWORTHAM PRIORY ACADEMY	MONDAYS 18:00 - 19:30 <b>YEAR 7</b> HUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL	MONDAYS 19:30 - 21:00 <b>YEAR 8</b> HUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL
TUESDAYS 18:00 - 19:30 <b>YEAR 9</b> LOSTOCK HALL ACADEMY	THURSDAYS 19:30 - 21:00 <b>YEAR 10 &amp; 11</b> HUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL	WEDNESDAYS 19:00 - 20:30 <b>SENIORS</b> CARDINAL NEWMAN COLLEGE

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## DANCE FROM THE HEART

On Wednesday we welcomed South Ribble Borough Council's sports development coaches who worked with Priory pupils and primary school representatives to learn this year's Dance From The Heart.

The younger pupils will now be taking the routine back to their respective schools to teach their classmates, whilst our Priory girls will go on the road to tour the primaries later this summer to join in with their performances.

Dance From The Heart is an annual dance project involving more than 6000 pupils from over 30 schools across the borough. Pupils perform a medley of songs over a six minute routine.

Credit goes to: E Halsall, L Eccles, I Southworth, N Whiteside-Sutton, O Campbell

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# New Lunchtime Club: Learn All About Korea

# 한국 클럽

**When:** Every Tuesday Lunchtime  
**Where:** EN1

In this new Korean Club pupils can learn all about the Republic of Korea. Run by English teacher Miss Smith, you'll be learning some of the language - including how to read and write in Korean, some vocabulary and learning about the culture. Achievement badges will also be awarded to regular attenders. Watch out for posters around the school!



## From Primary to Priory - Science

Yesterday we welcomed pupils from our feeder schools for a Gifted & Talented Day with a focus on all things Science. Led by Head of Science, Ms Young, with support from Miss Martin and Miss Lister, the primary pupils were set to task with the Faraday Challenge:

*Ease of communication is part of our life, we pick up the phone, turn on the TV or internet to get information. But when all of these are knocked out by natural events - how do we communicate? **Task:** Students are the engineer rescue team based in the town of Alpha which has been relatively unaffected by the extreme weather. As the engineer rescue team in town Alpha, students will design and build a prototype device that will need to send coded messages to town Beta, and create a code to send a message from Alpha across the mountains for decoding in Beta. There is little time to lose, with a helicopter arriving in a matter of hours to transport half of the rescue team to town Beta to set up the system for testing.*

The teams competed against one another to see who could design, create and promote the best solution to this real-life engineering problem. Ms Young, was very impressed with the visiting pupils, saying this was "an opportunity to research, design and make prototype solutions to genuinely tough engineering problems. The activity is adapted from a challenge aimed at Year 8 pupils so they did remarkably well".



The activity draws upon science, maths and design and technology with students demonstrating creativity, innovation, team working, presentation skills and more!

Well done to Year 4 & 5 pupils of: New Longton, Longton, Ashbridge, Cop Lane, Little Hoole, Whitefield, Cottam and Walton Le Dale Primary Schools.



Thank you to our pupil helpers: Hannah P, Bryanny A-W, Lucas C, Josh E, George H (C), Paige H, Harry W and Abby B.

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# Community: Act of Kindness

Following a difficult week for the Penwortham community, we received this little note from our friends at Marylands Nursery, Pope Lane, along with a packet of 'Marylands' cookies.

This small act of kindness, given their recent sad event, really made us smile.

We intend to be paying it forward to our Crow Hills Road neighbours and of, course, getting in touch with the little ones at Marylands.



## Maryland's Nursery Cookies of Kindness March 2019



This gift of cookies will hopefully bring a smile to your face.

The children of Maryland's Nursery in Penwortham, Preston are sending you this gift as an act of kindness. Our nursery recently had a big fire which caused a lot of damage. A dragon was flying over and accidentally coughed and set fire to our building and play area. The dragon is very sorry for what he did and will make sure that our nursery is cleaned and fixed soon. The children were very sad this happened but wanted to feel happy again so decided to show kind and caring acts to cheer themselves up.

We have had lots of sad news in Penwortham the last week and we want our community to know that we care and we are learning to be kind people so that when we grow up we can help to look after each other and make Penwortham a nice place to live.

So enjoy your cookies, and if you are able to, please buy/make some more and pass them onto a friend or neighbour along with this message to make you and them feel good and pass on the kindness.

If you have time please send us an email to share within class and with the Maryland's families who have generously donated the cookies.

Email - [marylands@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marylands@hotmail.co.uk)



## ...From the Food Technology Department!

After learning all about 'chicken' in their Food Preparation & Nutrition course, teacher Miss Lewis-Lavender thought it was only natural that she followed this on with the study of 'eggs'. Of course, the most delicious use for an egg is to make a cake, and with Mother's Day on Sunday, her Year 10 pupils combined their brief with thoughts of this special occasion. I hope we're not spoiling any surprises here but I think there'll be some very happy mums when they see the results!

Well done Harriette E, Olivia T, Danielle S and Brook H-F.



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# GYM and DANCE SHOW

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2019

Tickets:

Adults £2.50 Children £1.50

Family £6

Assembly Hall

6pm – 7.30pm

Tickets on sale in the P.E Office

