

Penwortham Priory Post



Meet the Lead Teacher for History - Mr Eccles

Mr Eccles is the new Lead Teacher for History at Priory and is making a big impact already.

Mr Eccles came to Priory in September from Our Lady & St John Catholic College in Blackburn, where he taught for over 10 years. He studied Modern American History at the University of Sheffield and is keen to make a difference at Priory.

"I came to a meeting here quite a few years ago but I was impressed with it," said Mr Eccles. "When I saw the job advertised, I wanted a new challenge and this is perfect for me."

"My aim is to raise the profile of history at Priory, to get more students taking it at GCSE level and to encourage more workshops and real-life experiences of history."

He has already used his contacts as Steve Irwin from Blackburn Museum came in, with artefacts and costumes, to talk about the English Civil War to Year Eights recently.

Head of Humanities Mr Metcalfe said: "I am thrilled with how Mr Eccles has settled in at Priory. Together with myself, Mr Eccles has redesigned the five-year curriculum structure of history for the benefit of all our students."

"New topics have been introduced and a new style of lesson that incorporates fertile questions has been very popular with our students across both key stages. These lessons aim to engage and provoke inquisition so that learning is fun and exciting."

"Coupled with this, Mr Eccles has integrated new trips and visits to supplement the learning in the classroom. The English Civil War Exhibition run by Steve Irwin from Blackburn Museum before half term 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, all with 100% attendance, are:

**Year 11 -
R3 and H1
Rest -
H6 and D1**

Well done Mr Raynor's, Mrs Robinson's, Mr Eccles' and Miss Conyngham's forms. Pupils in these forms will receive passport reward points.

Penwortham Town Council Memorial Service

Please join the Royal British Legion and Penwortham Town Council to remember those that lost their lives in war conflict on Remembrance Sunday, 11 November at St Leonards Church and Penwortham War Memorial.

A minutes silence will be held as part of the service.

Parade St Leonard's - 9am
Service St Leonard's - 9.15am
Penwortham War Memorial - 10:45am

Representatives from school will be in attendance and will lay a wreath.

KEY DATES

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

Longton Residential Accommodation

Christmas Concert

(during school time / by
invitation)

Weds, 12 December

Christmas Lunch

Weds, 19 December 2018

End of Term Closure

Fri, 21 December 2018

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

Diwali

We are aware that a number of our pupils will be celebrating Diwali next week. Please note the school policy is to allow only one day as an authorised absence for a religious festival; any additional days absence will be recorded as unauthorised.



In order to avoid a phone call disturbing your celebration please notify the attendance officer, Mrs Garnham, of any absence in advance on 01772 320271.



This week Deputy Head Girl, Trista, received a special message of encouragement from the House of Commons.

Trista was the youngest person to finish the Fairhaven Flyer 10K run last month and now has her sights set on completing the Iron Man Challenge.

Seema Kennedy MP had spotted Trista's article in the Priory Post 28 Sept, which later appeared in the Lancashire Evening Post, and sent her personal best wishes.

Ms Kennedy will be visiting Priory on 7 December.

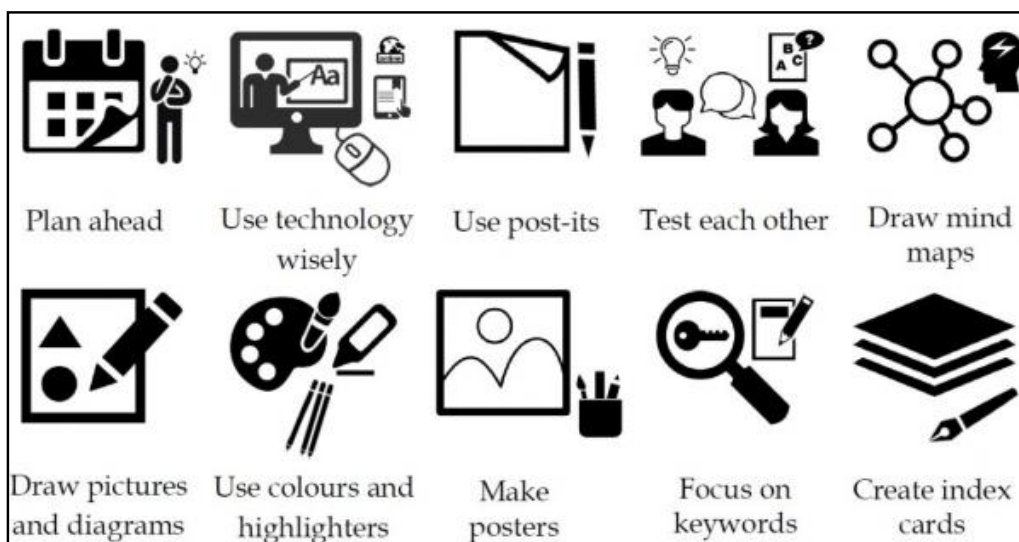
Deputy Head Girl Receives A Special Message

Year 11 Pre-Public Exams Start Next Week

Year 11 pupils will be sitting their pre-public (mock) exams over the next two weeks – 5th and 16th November. All pupils have been issued with their individual timetables which also contain seating plans.

Period 1 reports have also been sent home to parents.

The Assembly Hall, The Gallery and the Learning Centre will be cordoned off whilst exams are in session. Please can pupils not sitting exams be respectful when passing these near areas and keep noise to an absolute minimum.



Learn to succeed



Mr Farron is enjoying a blossoming trophy collection after winning the South Ribble in Bloom Community Area Category.

The Penwortham Priory Academy gardener picked up the award at South Ribble Borough Council's Civic Centre in Leyland, before half term, from a host of dignitaries.

This year, Mr Farron has already helped the school win the Best Community Area in Penwortham in Bloom – the second time they have won this. Priory was also highly commended in the Schools Challenge Category.

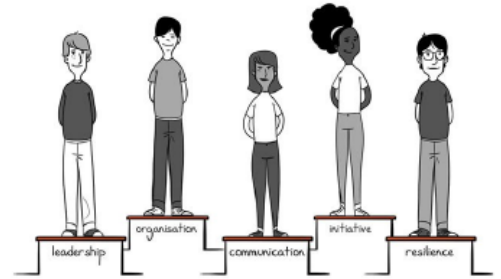
In 2016, the school won the North West in Bloom Environmental Award for Schools – the first time a school in Lancashire had won it.

Mr Farron, who began working as a volunteer after he retired and now works around 20 hours a week, has transformed Priory over his four years working here, turning unused areas into a herbaceous garden, a Mediterranean garden, a memorial garden and more.

"I am thrilled for the school and for the community," said Mr Farron. "The gardens are for the students and for those who also use Priory in the evenings and weekends; it's great to be recognised.

"It's a proud achievement for everyone connected with Priory and it fits in with our headteacher, Mr Eastham's vision for Priory to be locally respected and nationally recognised."

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PiXL Edge - Priory's Awards Scheme

Launched to the pupils this week, PiXL Edge seeks to nurture self-assured and confident young people whilst supporting a well-rounded education.

PiXL Edge gives pupils the opportunity to develop key life attributes through targeted activities and challenges especially chosen for their formative qualities in character development as well as their desirability by employers. PiXL can help pupils to discover their own strengths and aptitudes, and inspire and expand themselves as individuals.

Mrs Hopes, Head of Character & Culture, leads the programme which has been rolled out to all pupils. Pupils who want to participate must complete the blue 'Activity Research and Selection' sheet from Mrs Hopes or the school office and complete it with activity ideas they have discussed during preps and lessons. Completed forms should be returned to the school office by 9 November.

On launching the scheme for 2018-19, Mrs Hopes said:

"This is a fantastic opportunity for Priory pupils to be recognised for utilising personal attributes in and out of school. Our pupils participate in so many activities outside of lessons and appear to be keen to gain recognition for their efforts. There has been a great deal of interest in the award so far and I look forward to reading about the vast array of activities our pupils will be engaged in."

After listening to presentations and reading various promotions in school, pupils can select ten activities across five attributes to work towards their award.



Pupil participation this year is encouraged as follows:

- Year 7 – All pupils to complete the award this year.
- Years 8-10 – All pupils to complete at least two activities this year.
- Year 11 – To complete what they have started either this year or the previous year, however there is no pressure to complete the award due to their focus on GCSE study.

The five attributes are:

- Leadership (eg. Making decisions, acting responsibly, collaborating)
- Organisation (eg. Time management, problem solving)
- Resilience (eg. Showing commitment, working under pressure,)
- Initiative (eg. Creativity and seeing the value in being of service to others)
- Communication (eg. Editing, presenting, matching form and content to the audience)

Pupils will be able to view resources, information and share their activity evidence through a dedicated area on SharePoint. Progress can be made through three levels (Apprentice, Graduate, Master) as they move up the school. Each level should take no longer than a term to complete and can be achieved either alone or as part of a small group in class, extra-curricular or in their lives outside school.

Pupils will receive a Priory PiXL Edge Attribute certificate at completion of each attribute activity. On completion of all ten activities pupils will receive their PiXL Edge Apprentice Award and an interactive digibadge, which records details of the scheme and their achievements online.

More than 700 schools are now members of the scheme which is backed by employers. The awards can be used to support applications to college, university and employment, giving them a competitive recruitment edge.

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 Years 9-11 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.

EVENT: NEXT STEPS CAREERS

Thurs, 13 December, 9:30am - 2pm Held in school for all pupils from Years 7-11

Pupils will have the opportunity to meet employers, professionals, colleges, training organisations, third sector voluntary groups and local universities.

The aim of the event is to raise awareness of the post-16 options and the different jobs and careers available. It is for the whole school and a programme of the day will be sent out.

Mr Ficorilli will be holding assemblies with the year groups to brief them on the purpose of the day. All pupils will be provided with a list of age-appropriate questions that they can use to ask about life at college or working with an employer of the future.

An inspirational careers event for pupils at Priory!



Next Steps Careers Event....

(Yrs 7-11)

Thursday 13th December, 2018
9.30am-2pm
Penwortham Priory Academy, PR1 OJE

An opportunity for young people to explore post 16 options with colleges, industry professionals and universities...

- * Exciting
- * Informative
- * Educational
- * Creative

In attendance are...

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

190 YEARS
1828-2018

Balfour Beatty Construction

Plus many more

For more details please contact ficorilliv@gmail.com



NHS Careers Event

6th November 2018

Chorley District General Hospital,
Education Centre 3, Preston Road, Chorley PR7 1PP
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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Community and Voluntary

The **PL**Edge
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If the atrocious weather put you off last time the Friends of Hurst Grange Park called for help, here's another opportunity for our pupils to provide some support.

The Friends still have 1000 daffodil bulbs, given to them by Penwortham Town Council, that need planting at Hurst Grange in time for their spring bloom. Does anyone fancy getting their hands dirty and helping the group plant them?

Saturday, 10 November from 10am - 12 noon.

Pupils from the school have been invited to assist with the event which will contribute to the Initiative section of the PiXL Edge Award and reflects this term's culture focus - Kindness.

We would encourage as many pupils as possible to volunteer, with a responsible adult in attendance.

Volunteers would need to be at the Coach House for 10am.

Pupils that have taken part should take a photograph of themselves at the event and see Mrs Hopes, Head of Character and Culture, after the end to claim your award contribution.

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.



Penwortham Priory Academy Christmas Card Competition



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Netball

This half term's netball fixtures.

November

Mon, 5th	Year 8 & 9	away @ All Hallows
Tues, 6th	Year 9	away @ Browndedge St Marys
Tues, 13th	Year 11	home v Walton Le Dale and Browndedge St Marys
Weds, 14th	Year 8, 9 & 11	away @ Balshaws
Mon, 19th	Year 7 & 8	home v Leyland St Marys
Tues, 20th	Year 9	away @ Wellfield
Thurs, 22nd	Year 7, 8 & 9	away @ Walton Le Dale
Mon, 26th	Year 7 & 8	home v Wellfield

December

Mon, 10th	Year 7 (A, B & C)	friendly away @ Penwortham Girls High
Tues, 11th	Year 7 & 8	home v Browndedge St Marys

SPORTS REPORT



Primary School Netball

Penwortham Priory Academy is host to many primary school sports including athletics and football, as well as supporting sports days and other events. This year we have been asked to host primary school netball. Eight Priory pupils will undertake a netball leaders' course which will enable them to deliver coaching sessions to pupils from twelve local primary school.



Basketball

Year 7 basketball training will start on Monday 3.30pm to 4.15pm.

Word of the Week

Each week Progress Leaders will be introducing a new word to pupils in their AM or PM Prep time. You will notice that the literacy tip is repeated from last half term; this will be the case every week in order to embed these skills and encourage pupils to use them in lessons.

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.

Notice to Pupils - Have you finished your accelerated reading book? Do you need to change it?

Word of the Week:

nonchalant

*GCSE English Literature students will have seen this word before!
'We watch them wandering up and down the wind is nonchalant,
But nothing happens.'*
Which poem is it from?

word of the week

adjective
Feeling or appearing casually calm and relaxed; not displaying anxiety, interest, or enthusiasm.
Eg. "she gave a nonchalant shrug"

Literacy tip of the week...

A lot

Shelley reads **a lot** of books on her way to school.

The word 'alot' does not exist (unless you mean the Indian town of Alot)

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A lot

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

Where are they now?

Join the alumni association at Penwortham Priory Academy



Careers Event - Get Involved!

Once again, we will be holding a Next Steps careers event for all Priory pupils. The event will take place in school on 13 December (see advert on the careers page) and we invite you to get involved.

Do you work in any of the professions listed below and would be willing to attend and speak to our pupils at the event about your career?

- Sport
- Legal Profession
- Specialised Business
- IT & Digital
- Engineering & Technology
- English & Journalism
- Maths, Accountancy & Finance
- Science & Research



If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact the school's careers advisor, Mr Ficorilli, by email at v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk or via mobile on 07582 710324. Some employers allow staff to attend events such as these under their corporate social responsibility duty.



Daniel Appleby (Priory 1997-2002)

The parents of Daniel Appleby, who sadly passed away last year, have dedicated an award to Priory in his memory. Each year, the Friendship award will be presented to the pupil who has shown to be the best ambassador for friendship, kindness and support either in school, during extra curricular activities or on a trip. They will also receive a £25 gift voucher from the family.

At a presentation evening last night following the Belgium trip the trophy was awarded to Year 11 pupil, B Rooke. A poignant award as older siblings of the Rooke family attended Priory alongside Daniel.

Geography teacher, Mr Watters, is pictured with Daniel's father, Mick. Mr Watters, who taught Daniel, dedicated the Belgium trip to his memory.

Daniel died last year following a brain haemorrhage linked with diabetes, which he had since he was 11 years old. His family held an It's a Knockout Roadshow at school in the summer with all money raised going towards Preston and Chorley Junior Diabetic Support Group.



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Shoe Box Appeal

The **PL**Edge



Mr Watters' H7 progress group, along with pupils working towards their PixL Edge awards, have contributed to The Samaritan's Operation Christmas Child campaign and today saw their gift boxes begin their journey to surprise those in need.

Pupils were keen to be a part of changing children's lives all over the world through the power of a simple gift. They made up shoe boxes for different age groups with goodies ranging from toys and stationery items to hygiene products and were able to include a handwritten note from the sender.

This is the 25th year Geography teacher and organiser, Mr Watters, has asked pupils to get involved in the appeal. He commented, "The pupils are always enthusiastic and we get around 50 parcels each year. Over the years this has been a tremendous support and I'll be travelling over to Fleetwood after school today to drop the boxes at the distribution centre".

The charity says, "A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal".

Image: L Gregson, L Barden, V Bazso and Mr Watters.



On the last day of half term, staff celebrated 'wear it pink' and raised £47.63.

The day was created during Breast Cancer Awareness Month for people to unite by wearing the colour that symbolises breast cancer.

Staff made cakes to sell as well as donated £1 for wearing pink.

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