30 November 2018

Penworthan Privy Post



#### Peer Mentors Proving Perfect Role Models

At Priory we realise that our older pupils are excellent role models for younger pupils and so we have a very successful peer mentoring programme in place. Every progress group has at least one fully qualified peer mentor who will help other pupils cope with everyday life and worries at school and will offer guidance on both social and academic areas of school life.

The pupils had to apply in Year 9 to become mentors and have now found their feet in their important roles in Year 10. They act as reading mentors to younger students, they are a point of contact within their progress groups for new Year 7 pupils and they work alongside the prefects to represent the school at events such as open evenings.

All Year 9s are invited to apply at the end of the summer term ready to take on the role in Year 10. Pupils complete an application form and must include a teacher reference. They carry out a short training course in September to learn about the role and what is expected of them.

Mrs Holland, who leads the peer mentor programme at Priory, said: "In return, it counts towards the voluntary work part of their Duke of Edinburgh, it's used on application forms to become a prefect in Year 11 and it's part of their PiXL Award, to build up credits."

Connor, a Year 10 reading mentor, said: "I enjoy doing it, it's the satisfaction of having an influence on someone and helping them."

The mentors run the paired reading programme for their particular house one afternoon a week. A Year 8 pupil who is helped by the mentors, said: "It's really improved my reading, I set myself targets and I have achieved them."

#### 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(100%)

Rest - D6 (99.35%)

Well done to Mr Henshaw's and Mrs Scully's forms.

#### 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.



#### **KEY DATES**

**KTB Christmas Concert** Fri, 30 November 7.30pm (at school)

**Tempest Photography** Years 7, 9, & 11 Mon, 3 December 2018

**Liverpool Intervention Trip** (Year 10 & 11 GCSE Geography pupils) 5, 7, 11, 17 December 2018

Penwortham Christmas Market - Liverpool Road Weds, 12 December 2018 6pm-9pm

Longton Residential Accommodation Christmas Concert (during school time / by invitation) Weds, 12 December 2018

#### **Next Steps Careers Event**

Thurs, 13 December 2018 9:30am - 2pm (in school)

**Christmas Jumper Day** Fri, 14 December 2018

#### **Christmas Lunch**

Weds, 19 December 2018 (Final orders taken Mon, 3 December)

#### **End of Term Closure**

Fri, 21 December 2018 (Early lunch followed by early closure at 1:30pm)



### **Changes To Pupil Data**

Schools are required by law to hold the name and address of all persons with parental responsibility of each child on roll.



Another vital element of the data we should hold for all our pupils are current telephone numbers for parents and other people you would like us to contact should your child become unwell whilst a school.

If you have recently changed your child's contact details, it is your responsibility to keep us informed of this to prevent erroneous contact. We often have occurrences where we are unable to contact a pupil's parent. In addition, in order for us to offer appropriate care for your child, it is also essential that school is kept informed of any updates to medical conditions.

By ensuring we have an up to date email address for the primary contact, we are able to send you whole school messages such as letters for trips and events, newsletters and careers information.

To update your details, you can do this via the SIMS Parent App, a convenient way to manage your child's information online. Parents may also contact the school office on 01772 320250 or send a note in to school with your child.

If you require support with the SIMS Parent App or require a reminder of your login details, please contact the Exams & Pupil Data Officer, Miss Diamond, e.diamond@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

#### Year 11 Pupils and Parents

#### **GCSE Science Revision Flash Cards**



We have gained access to a stock of GCSE Science revision flash cards. These are offered at a discount and are compatible with the AQA GCSE specifications that the school follows.

The cards enable pupils to be actively tested on their GCSE Science knowledge. Each one starts off with quick warm up questions followed by harder questions, with full answers on the reverse. Diagrams and expert revision tips are included, as well as questions on working scientifically and practical skills.

If you would like to purchase the revision materials, please complete the order form at the bottom of the letter which can be downloaded from the school's website at

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters and return it to school by Weds, 12 Dec with the correct remittance.

If you are unsure of which materials may be of benefit to your child, please ask them to discuss it with their Science teacher or contact Ms Young at school by e-mail on h.young@priory.lancs.sch.uk.





# Christmas Jumper Day Friday, 14 December

As part of the school's character, culture and community responsibilities, once again we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day.

Save the Children

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On this non-uniform day we are encouraging pupils to wear anything Christmas-themed, ideally a Christmas jumper.

This is an optional event and pupils taking part should bring in £1 which will be donated to Save The Children, or an item for Penwortham Food Bank.

#### School Photography Monday - Years 7, 9 and 11

On Monday we have invited Tempest Photography, specialists in academic photographs, to take official school portraits of pupils in Years 7, 9 and 11.

In additional to a single pose, pupils in these year groups with siblings at Penwortham Priory Academy will have the opportunity to have their photograph taken as a family. The image captured on this day will also be used as your child's identification photograph on the school's information management system.

Procedures for the day:

- Year 11s are to register in the sports hall from 8.35am and not go to AM Prep.
- Year 7s should go down to the sports hall at 9.15am.
- Year 9s should go to the sports hall at the start of period 2.
- **Pupils in Years 7, 9 and 11 who have siblings in school** in any year group should go back to the sports hall with their sibling(s) at 10.15am.

Photos will subsequently be available for you to view and order direct through Tempest Photography, with a variety of product packs to choose from. All purchases must be done online (details to follow). Please note that there is no obligation to purchase. Once you have ordered the photos and they arrive at school, your child will sign for them on collection.

We would like take this opportunity to remind pupils of the importance of maintaining high standards of uniform and presentation.



#### Penwortham Christmas Market - 12 December

Priory will once again be setting up stall for Liverpool Road's annual Christmas market. The event, which takes place on **Weds**, **12 December** outside the shops along the road, will be from 6pm-9pm.

The Technology Department will be working with pupils to create crafts for the stall. Please do come along and enjoy the very special friendly, festive atmosphere.

Proceeds from the event will go towards Priory's community links.





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PHOTOGRAPH



# Libby's in synch for England!

It's been a while since we caught up with Libby so we thought we'd have an update on her progress:

Synchronised swimmer Libby is determined to celebrate a hat-trick of years on the England Talent Squad.

Year 10 pupil, Libby, has already enjoyed two years on the national camp in the 13-15 age category and has trials for 2019 this weekend.

Libby, who trains with the City of Salford, has already had a medalwinning few months.

She was recently crowned a four-times North West champion in figures, solo, duet and team events in Manchester.



She also competed in the Scottish National in Glasgow where her team Salford won, she was second in duet, third in figures and fourth in solo.

"I also competed in the junior trials for England and was first in strength but it was against girls who were 20-years-old so I am staying with my age group at the moment," said Libby.

Libby had a big event, the National Championships, in Gloucester last weekend. "I had sinusitis and was ill last year for these championships. I was disappointed to finish 19th so I hoped to improve on that this year." And she did, finishing 9th in her age group out of 150 swimmers this time. There were four older swimmers who came above her so she was fifth for her age. Libby also won a bronze medal with her partner in the duet and her team finished fourth, just missing out on a medal by 0.2 pts.

Libby's dad commented, "Based on her individual performance both us and her coach felt her performance deserved much better than ninth and she was very unlucky with the scoring. Libby performed the best she could under what are very pressurised circumstances, and we are really proud of her."

Her performances have meant Libby has again been invited to attend the England trials in Bristol this weekend as she looks to be selected for the England Talent Squad. "The Talent Squad is great as we have week-long camps in Aldershot and we would also compete in places like Slovakia and Croatia next year so I would love to do that."

Libby trains every day, sometimes twice a day. "I really enjoy it."

House Progress Leader, Mrs Gutteridge, also praised Libby saying, "She is doing exceptionally well and is still continuing to work really hard in school".



# Year 11 Football

On Monday evening the Under 16 girls football team came second in the South Ribble Girls Football Competition at Balshaw's High School, Leyland.

The girls played five matches against Wellfield, All Hallows, Balshaw's, Leyland St Mary's and Brownedge St Mary's.

PE Teacher, Mrs Gutteridge, said, "The girls played exceptionally well winning three of their five matches. R Wojnarowski was the top scorer and player of the tournament with five outstanding goals. A huge well done to the whole team."

Congratulations to:

J-L Pursell.

R Barton.

L Hamasaleh,

A Rutter.

R Wojnarowski,

J Emberton,

G Pratten





#### THE PE DEPARTMENT IS NOW ON **INSTAGRAM**

This is a private account so parents and pupils will need to request to join.

Team photos and match reports will be posted amongst other updates.

Follow them on:

**PrioryPEDepartment** 



The Euxton Villa under 12s girl football team coaches are currently seeking new players in Year 7.

They welcome girls with a love and passion for the game who are without a team and would like to join their successful team.

Training is every Friday at 6pm at Balshaw's High School in Leyland

Girls are invited to attend a taster session prior to any commitment.

#### Indoor Athletics

Year 7 and 8 pupils have been invited to Lostock Hall High School next week to take part in the South

Ribble schools indoor athletics competition.

Girls - Monday

Boys - Tuesday

## Year 11 Football

On Wednesday this week the Year 11 boys football team travelled to Liverpool to represent Priory in the National English Schools FA competition.

It was an nil-nil match at full time, however with a goal from Zaman deep into extra time, the team finally won against West Derby High School.

Well done to Adam L, Kian S, Kieran M, Byron M, Ciaren D, Jack M, Harry H, Adam T, Mohammed A, Zaman A, Harry L, Eddan A and Ben R.

The boys will next play St Helens in the next round. Date to be confirmed.



#### Jamie Edwards Class of 2016

Jamie is featured in Newman College's current marketing campaign.

Whilst at Priory, Jamie became the youngest person in the world to carry out nuclear fusion. He is now studying Physics at Durham University.

We're very proud of this young man and wish him every success in his further studies.

www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-englandlancashire-26450512





Call Out for Primary School Netballers Years 3-6

PE Teacher, Mrs Gutteridge, is holding free netball coaching sessions alongside Newman Netball Club coaches in January for all primary school children in Years 3-6.

These will run from 4-5pm every Thursday starting on 10th January in the Sports Hall at Priory.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs Gutteridge directly. Email: r.gutteridge@priory.lancs.sch.uk or call 01772 320250.





"I GOT THE AMAZING OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT CERN WITH PHYSICS, WHICH WAS FANTASTIC. I HAVE ALSO ENJOYED WORKING WITH OTHER STUDENTS IN MY FAVOURITE SUBJECTS, NEWMAN HAS BEEN A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS. AFTER COLLEGE I HOPE TO GO TO EITHER DURHAM OR ST ANDREWS UNIVERSITY."

JAMIE EDWARDS SCHOOL: PRIORY SUBJECTS: A LEVELS IN MATHS, FURTHER MATHS, PHYSICS AND ECONOMICS





Word of the Week:

Consequently



As a result of something

adverb

**Eg**. The children put lots of effort into their work and, consequently, their grades were fantastic.



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.

Again, 'consequently' is another word taken from the Academic Word List and is an example of the level of vocabulary that will be embedded into lessons. It's a good word for pupils to use in their written work / assessments for the examiner and will add a level of sophistication to pupils' responses.

**Etymology** (where the word came from): 'Consequently' comes from the Latin consequent / consequens, present participle of consequi which means to follow along.

The Literacy Tip is one repeated from last half term. Pupils often write complex sentences but don't know how to punctuate them correctly using commas, consequently making their work difficult to read. Pupils will be challenged to use them correctly.

# **Christmas Concert - Tonight**



BBC Radio Lancashire's John Gillmore hosts a funfilled Christmas concert at Priory

featuring special guests, KTB Music, the school's peripatetic music tutors.

Tickets are available on the door or can be purchased online via

www.wegottickets.com/event/456279.

Under 16s free if accompanied by a paying adult.

Proceeds towards St Catherine's Hospice.

# **&KTB Music Presents**

FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2018, 7:30PM

# SPARKLEJOLLY TWINKLEJINGLEY

PENWORTHAM PRIORY ACADEMY, CROW HILLS ROAD, PR1 0JE - TICKETS £7

Presented by BBC Radio Lancashire's John Gillmore In aid of St. Catherine's Hospice





# 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.

**Careers Library** - The careers library is situated between English rooms 3 and 4 and is open to all pupils. Prospectus from local colleges are available for pupils to take.

**Careers Assembly** - This week Year 11 pupils were guided through apprenticeships and the application process, employability skills and the importance of having a good CV and Personal Statement.

Year 10 & 11 - Pupils who would like to register on the free sessions at Preston's College below must do so via the links on the posters.



For further information and to register your interest, visit:

www.preston.ac.uk/engineering-club

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#### Cleaners Required (Part-time) Bulloughs

Our cleaning contractors, Bulloughs Cleaning Services, are seeking reliable cleaners for duties at Perwortham Priory Academy.

Vacancy

Bulloughs Cleaning Services have been providing cleaning solutions for over 50 years and are now one of the largest independent cleaning companies in the north. They recognise that its employees are their strength and as such are determined to recruit and retain people of the highest standard.



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# **Cleaners Wanted**

Our cleaning contractors, Bulloughs Cleaning Services, are seeking reliable cleaners for duties at Penwortham Priory Academy.

For further information or to apply, please contact Jason Waddington, Bulloughs' Cleaning Manager on 07960 407961.

Application will involve an informal chat prior to arranging an on site meeting.

For more information please visit their website at:

www.bullough.co.uk/why-work-for-us/

Please note that Penwortham Priory Academy is not able to respond to any enquiries directly.

# **Community** Hurst Grange Park Christmas Crafts Workshop

The workshop is for all ages, not just for children, however under 18s must be accompanied by an adult (this is a requirement of insurance).

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