

Penwortham Priory Post



These Pupils Have 'The Edge'

Ten Priory students have achieved Apprenticeship Level in the PiXL Edge awards and have been presented with certificates.

PiXL Edge is a national award recognised by colleges and employers which emphasises the development of what are known as LORIC attributes: Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication, skills essential for employability and life.

These pupils have passed the Apprentice Level – there is also Pioneer and Graduate level - which requires pupils to provide two pieces of evidence for each LORIC Attribute.

Lucian said: "For Leadership and Communication, I played the piano at Open Evening, I also helped out on the technical side at the various musical events in school. My dream is to work in the music industry so this is helpful to me."

Year 11 Emily believes having the PiXL Edge award on her CV helped her secure a place at college and an interview for BAE Systems' apprenticeship scheme. "I am a prefect so that helped with the Leadership category and for Resilience, I had 95% attendance last year which I am proud of, and for Initiative, I work at Pink Tree Parties in Kirkham which is a balloon company and I help with their website at home without supervision."

Head of Character & Culture, Mrs Hopes said: "At present, the vast majority of our Year 7 pupils are working on their PiXL Edge Apprentice Award and are looking forward to many of them receiving the full award in the summer. As PiXL Edge Lead at Priory, I feel an enormous sense of pride every time one of our pupils completes one of the ten activities or takes the initiative to volunteer to complete an activity which helps people in school and out in the community. This Year, Year 10 have become more engaged in the initiative as they recognise that it interests colleges when applying for places and apprenticeship employers value the award as evidence of proven transferable LORIC skills."

Well done to Lucian F, Eliza W, Louis F, Aimee H, Sasha C, Colin C, William C, Jack W, Emily H and Isaac M.

the PiXL Edge

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 - C5 (100%)
Rest - C3 (100%)

Well done to Mr Sneddon's and Mrs Hardwick's forms.



**Year 8
Girls**

**HPV
2nd Injection
16 May**

Inline with the NHS school-based immunisation programme, the second Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) dose will be given to Year 8 girls on Thurs, 16 May.

Please note: Parent consent was provided in advance of the first dose which was given in the Autumn term so no additional consent is required.

If your daughter is absent on this date the Immunisation Team will be offering catch up sessions.

KEY DATES

School Closures

6 May - Bank Holiday

7 May - INSET

Geography Field Trip to Wycoller Beck

Year 9 & 10 - An essential section of GCSE Geography where pupils will investigate rivers, coasts and urban regeneration.

Weds 8 May – 9B G1

Thurs 9 May – 9C1

Tues 14 May – 9A G2

Fri 17 May – 9A G1

Mid Term Closures

27 - 31 May 2019

Year 11 Last Day

Fri, 14 June 12.30pm

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

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

Year 11 English Revision

Priority revision for this weekend:

Literature 1 - 19th century texts and McBeth. Focus on writers' methods and plot revision.

A reminder that the exam is Weds, 15 May.



Mon, 6 May and Tues, 7 May 2019

A reminder that school will be closed for the bank holiday on Monday and INSET on Tuesday.

School reopens as normal on Wednesday.



Duke of Edinburgh Meetings With Mr Watters in HU4

For all pupils undertaking the award:

Year 10 - Tent session

Thurs, 9 May 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Year 11

Thurs, 9 May 1.30pm - 1.45pm

Pupils will receive a letter about their camp and expedition 5-8 July in Ribchester.



PiXL -

Character & Culture

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

Next week - Week 3 – The Power of our Words

- Students think about the impact of their words have on others around us – kind / hurtful
- Students think about the initial effects and consequences our spoken words have on others and gets them to reflect on their prior knowledge and learning.
- Students look at how harm is caused using written or spoken word.
- Students summarise their learning and encourages the students to commit to making choices that impact positively on others.

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Are you missing something?

Last chance before it goes.

All lost property that was handed in before the Easter break will be removed at the end of next week, Fri, 10 May. We encourage all pupils that have lost anything over the Spring term to check the trolley before then.

We would like to remind pupils to check the lost property trolley regularly if they are missing unnamed items. We have recently had a large build up of jackets and coats, as you can see from the photo.

Lost property is located in the Pastoral Office*. Valuables are kept securely so please ask. We endeavour to return all named property to its owner, therefore please ensure that all clothing and belongings are named.

Any property not collected by next Friday will be donated to charity or will be used as spares for those pupils that have forgotten, misplaced or have spoiled their uniform.

*Lost PE kits are kept with the PE Department.



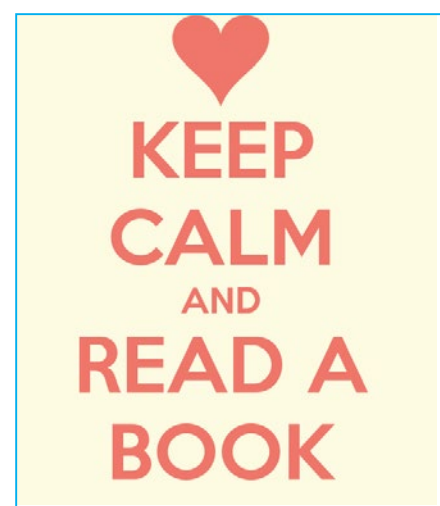
Pupils - Year 7, 8 & 9

Every child in Key Stage 3 should have a reading book in their school bag every day - no exceptions! Progress Leaders will be checking and also testing pupils on their knowledge of the Word of the Week and Literacy Tip.

If you need to change your Accelerated Reader book 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.



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Class of 2018

Josh Traynor



Four years ago, Josh Traynor said at Penwortham Priory Academy his dream was to play pool for England – and he has now earned himself a national call-up.



Josh, now 17, started playing pool when he was five as his family had a pool table in their garage but it became serious when Josh was 12.

Josh, who trains at Stephen Hendry's Snooker and Pool Club, was selected for Lancashire youth (U18) trials when he was 12 and helped his county win the regional title.

He had England trials then but didn't quite make the grade as he competed against players much older. However he took part in a tournament in Leicester and clinched his England shirt recently.

"I am really proud as it's always been my dream to play for my country," said Josh, who now attends Newman College and is studying A-Levels in Film and Sociology and a BTEC in Business.

Josh puts a lot of his success down to his time at Priory as Headteacher Mr Eastham gave Josh time off to practice and attend tournaments. "They were really good with me, they let me have days off and supported my dream. I really appreciated it all," said Josh.

"To play pool for England is special. My dad cried when I was picked for Lancashire but thankfully there were no tears when I got selected for England," added Josh.



Josh in his school days back in 2015

What a trip!

3 Nights Away To Paris

Report by Mr Andy Watters, Lead Teacher for Geography

Fifty pupils from all of our year groups set off from school last Tuesday night.

We all settled to a good night's sleep as we journeyed straight through to Disneyland, arriving as the huge park opened. Using 'Fast Passes' our pupils got on as many as 12 different rides, regularly met up for meals and the amazing new Disney parade. We were lucky with the weather and stayed 'til the park closed to watch the most fantastic light and fireworks display. Many pupils voted that as a huge highlight of their trip. The Hawaiian Surf blue hoodies were both really smart and a great way to easily identify our pupils in the crowds.



We managed a full night's sleep at the hotel. The pupils and staff really appreciated the en-suite bathrooms with power showers. A cooked breakfast strengthened both body and soul as we had a very full and detailed itinerary for a day in Paris.

We started the day with a trip up to our first viewing point at the Sacre Couer, the marble basilica overlooking Paris. What amazing views as Paris is not blighted by the usual mass of city centre high rises. We centred into the Isle de la Citie, where we were able to get a better view of the Notre Dame Cathedral from the Bateaux Mouches river cruise as our planned route was closed due to fears of the cathedral's poor condition after the tragedy of the fire the previous week. We managed a great walk along the River Seine taking in the sites and sights. I think the pupils really enjoyed their street food adventure in the Latin Quarter. It is amazing just how many combinations of different food types our pupils could wrap into a crepe! - "Why don't they do Butter pies, sir?"



A real highlight was our later afternoon trip up the Eiffel Tower. I am glad we took the lift up and down! A few pupils felt it was necessary to hang onto the sides however what a safe building despite being so high. The clouds cleared to give us such an amazing vantage point. Paris looking splendid bathed in dappled sunlight.

We managed to cram even more in. We ate at a typically busy restaurant on the Champs-Elysees. They catered for everyone, a four course banquet or a chicken and chips; whatever the pupils fancied. After a quick look at shops we couldn't even afford the shopping bag from we travelled across Paris to Montparnasse. The fastest lift in Europe meant the 56th floor was reached in just a few seconds. With ears popped we had fantastic night time photos of the twinkling lights across Paris. Yes, Paris does remain a romantic, beautiful city!



Another night at the hotel and all slept like logs. A slightly later get up was much appreciated. We set off fully packed and had a selection of sing-along movies to either sleep or sing with. Our driver, Dave, of AVA Coaches was a dream to work with. I want to thank our staff who joined me on the trip; Mrs Holland; the newly married Mrs Willis, Mrs Clementson and our newest appointment in English, Miss Smith whom was a real star, Miss Walsh from the Geography department and Miss Pearson who had been with the PE department last term and came back to help.

The weekend rest was needed by staff who are just superb and quietly got on with helping pupils, many of whom had never been abroad or in a few cases never slept away from home. Keeping pupils going when they are a tad tired is a real skill. Thank you to each of them.

The pupils managed a couple of hours of retail therapy at a tourist supermarket. We were able to give the pupils a lot of extra spending money as we had organised our Euros and finances very carefully, thanks especially going to the silent heroine in the office Mrs Cookson.

We had great return sailings from Dover to Calais. I even managed to get in a few bits of extra Geography about the White cliffs of Dover!

Despite a couple of M6 closures we got back just on midnight. Everyone well and very tired however very very happy.

We are off to Italy later in June, Duke of Edinburgh in July with Year 11 and are fully booked for the Iceland trip in 2020. There are just a few places left for the London and Paris combined trip for 2020.

Andy Watters

Thank you to our pupils who were an absolute credit to the school, parents and Preston.

Mr Andy Watters



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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?

1. What do the opposite sides of a dice add up to?
 2. What is trigonometry?
 3. What is a palindrome number?
 4. Write 2019 in Roman numerals
 5. Berenika buys 35 T-shirts. Each T-shirt costs £5.80. How much does she spend?
 6. If 16 flapjacks have 120g of butter in them, how much is there in 4?
 7. What are the four operations in Maths?
 8. What is an ordinal number?
 9. When we talk about the capacity of a container what do we mean?
 10. What is the point at the top of a cone called?
- Answers at the bottom of the next page.**

From Primary to Priory - The English Department

Yesterday was the English Department's turn to welcome primary school pupils into its classrooms when they joined us for a Public Speaking workshop.

The Gifted & Talented pupils from Priory's feeder schools were challenged to deliver a speech about their hobby with the final aim to convince their peers to try it too.

Led by English teacher, Miss Simpkin with support from Miss Smith, it was a quiet start due to the mixture of new faces; pupils didn't know each other and were nervous and a little reluctant.

After ice breaker exercises to get their voices heard, pupils mind-mapped ideas about their hobby as they started to become a bit more excited and willing to share their thoughts. The class looked at good examples of speeches and started to get a better idea of the task ahead. With planning well underway, Miss Simpkins said, "The group were really keen on getting their ideas down on paper as they started to draft their speeches".

After lunch the nerves started to get the better of some of the young pupils as the speeches became imminent. However, more ice breakers soon resulted in eagerness for willing volunteers to deliver their final talk.

At the end of the day, Miss Simpkin commented, "Pupils left Priory more confident to speak to a room full of strangers. The speeches were beautifully written and extremely well spoken with some very impressive vocabulary!"



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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, Scarlett.

Scarlett is riding high as one of Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers. She is a keen equestrian as well as enjoying a love of reading.

"I am currently reading Love Letters by Ann Cassidy.

"It's quite serious, it's about a girl who receives love letters thinking it's her best friend's brother but in fact it is her boss, who has a wife and a child.

"It's the fall-out from this, with the boss being sent to jail for harassment.

"It's educational as it gives out various messages such as don't trust people just because they are nice, don't keep stalking to yourself and keep the evidence.

"It is interesting so far.

"My favourite book is Blind Beauty by KM Peyton."

Scarlett has been riding for over three years. "I go to Eccleston Equestrian Centre, I have done various competitions including dressage and showjumping. I enjoy the adrenaline of it all and the technical side of it. I would like to do something which involves horses when I get older."



ANSWERS TO THE WEEKLY CHALLENGE

1. The opposite sides of a dice always add up to seven.
2. Trigonometry is the study of the relationship between the angles of triangles and their sides.
3. A palindrome number reads the same backwards and forwards e.g. 12421
4. 2019 in Roman numerals is MMXIX
5. Berenikaspends £203.
6. Four flapjacks have 30g of butter.
7. The four operations in Maths are addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
8. Ordinal numbers refer to positions e.g. first, second, third.
9. The capacity of a container means how much it will hold.
10. The point at the top of a cone is called the vertex or apex.

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Voluntary & Charity

Deaf Awareness Week In School 7th - 9th May

Next Weds/Thurs/Fri, Year 7 pupil Scarlett will be raising money for CICS as part of Deaf Awareness Week.

Charity merchandise on sale throughout the week during break and lunch.

Bake sale on Friday.

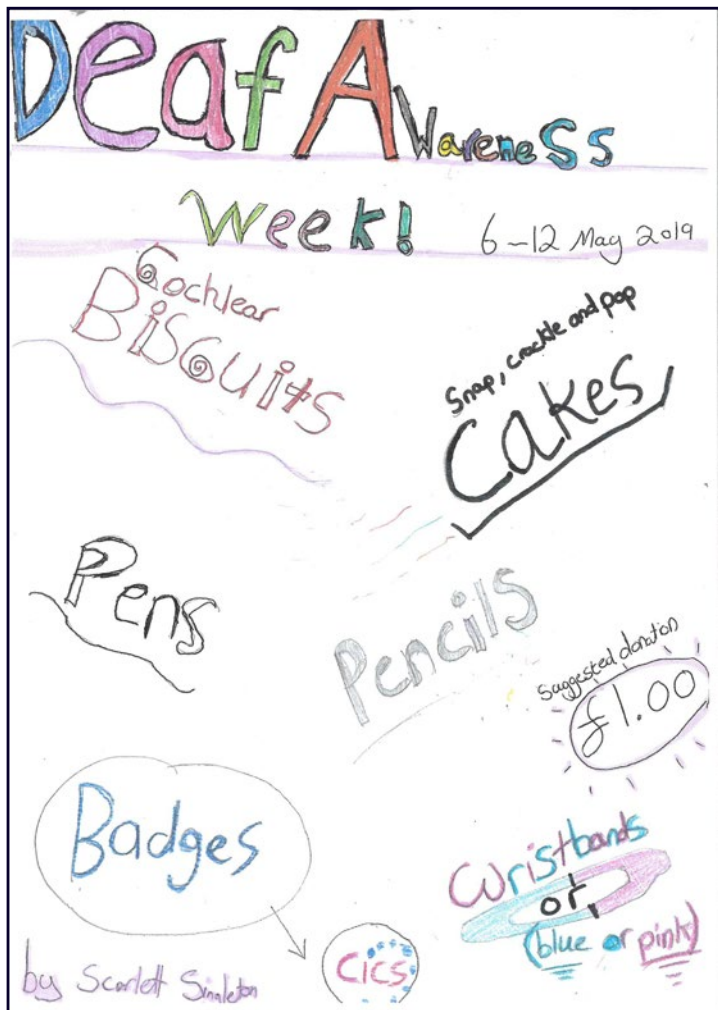
All happening in LEAP 2

Scarlett has a cochlear implant and her family have benefitted from the Cochlear Implanted Children's Support Group (CICS), an independent voluntary group run by parents.



Deaf Awareness Week aims to raise awareness and challenges of deafness and hearing loss faced by 1 in 6 people in the UK.

Please pop along to LEAP 2 next week to support Scarlett and the charity. Why not have a chat with her and find out more about how the implant helps her - she might teach you some sign language too!



On the menu next week...

W/C 6 May 2019

Monday - Bank Holiday

Tuesday - INSET

Wednesday

Cheese & Tomato | Ham | Pepperoni Ciabatta Pizza

Fish goujons

Both served with potato wedges and beans or peas

Thursday

Roast Dinner

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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Year 11 - South Ribble Cup Semi Finals

An incredible team performance on Monday evening saw Priory's Year 11 football team progress to the South Ribble Cup final.

SPORTS REPORT

Playing with only ten men, the team came from two goals down after just ten minutes to beat a strong team from Balshaws 3-2 by full-time.

A first half direct free kick from Mason and an acute angled drive from Ali saw Priory draw level within five minutes of half time.

Amin, playing upfront on his own proved a constant threat and this was realised as he scored the winner with a powerful right footed strike.

Thank you to all family and friends who came to support the team on the night. Good luck to the lads as they play at UCLan next week in the final, all spectators welcome!



Match report by Mr Bullock.

Year 7 - South Ribble Cup Semi Finals

Congratulations also go to Priory's Year 7 team after they reached the South Ribble Cup final for their age group on Tuesday too.

Playing Leyland St Mary's, it was a very even end to end game. After extra time a 0-0 score line resulted in a penalty shootout when Clarke saved an impressive three penalties!

Special mentions also go to Podmore-Nappin who played left-back for the first time and proved a rock at the back. Also to Thompson who was fantastic in mid-field.

The final will be played against All Hallows next week. The boys have already won the Year 7 football league.

Well done to Stephen P-N, Charlie C, Matthew S, King F, Curtis H, Lewis C, Jimmy S, Jack T, Tavien R, Josh E, Oliver S.

Match report by Mr Gee.

South Ribble Cup - The Finals

Congratulations to the Year 9 and Year 10 teams who also qualified for the finals last night - match reports still to arrive!

All matches will be held at UCLan Sports Arena and parents are welcome to watch.

Weds, 8 May - Year 9 at 4pm | Year 10 and Year 11 both at 5.30pm

Year 7 - Date to be confirmed.

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Word ^{of} THE Week

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

The literacy tip of the week is a mistake seen almost every day. It is important that we raise the profile of these mistakes to prevent pupils from making them.

Pupils: If you fancy a challenge and the chance to win a treat, write a sentence which includes the 'Word of the Week' on a slip of paper and hand it to Mrs Gidden. Try your best to use the word accurately! Who will the winner be?

Word of the Week:

Intervene.

verb

To take part in something in a way that alters the course of events.

'My brother and I fought and my Dad had to intervene to calm us down'



Literacy tip of the week...

Woman/ Women

These words are totally different.
The first refers to one lady and the second to two or more. It's the same rule as 'man' and 'men'.

Part of the problem is that 'women' should be pronounced 'wimmin'

Do not use 'women' when you only mean one lady!



And the ducks have returned!

For the fourth year Mother Duck has returned to the school's Mediterranean garden to rear her young.

Mum delivered 17 eggs which hatched over the Easter break.

Spotted when arriving at school early one morning last week, gardener Mr Farron was met by Mother Duck as she proudly showed off her ducklings. It seems the little ones had already learnt how to swim in the pond although still needed the careful watch of mum.

To avoid being attacked by the gulls and magpies in the open space, Mr Farron escorted mum through the old Art rooms, dutifully followed by her ducklings, and out into the woods at the back of the school. Under regular watch by the facilities staff, this is where they stayed for the next few days before they were led to fresh water ponds near the Ribble estuary.

Hopefully, they'll be back to see us again next year.



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Year 10 Careers Workshop



On Tuesday, as part of the PSHE day, we invited 28 local employers to spend the morning providing careers experiences for our Year 10 pupils.



The day began with a speed networking session in small groups during which pupils moved around the employers for a 10 minute Q&A session.

Following on from that, every pupil had a one to one interview to give them real experience of what it is like in the hot seat. They each received feedback on their performance.

The event aimed to raise career aspirations, enable pupils to engage with employers and provide them with experience of the interview process.

We would like to thank all the local businesses who gave up their time to support this valuable event.



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



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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Voluntary & Community

St George's Day Parade

Last Sunday we hosted South Ribble District Scouts as they gathered at Priory before heading through Penwortham for their St George's Day Celebration Parade. Thankfully the weather was kind and there was a fabulous turn out of support from the local community.



Room Hire at Priory

Did you know our rooms are available to hire?

Gym | Assembly Hall | Auditorio | Class Rooms | Meeting Rooms

One Off Events - Birthday parties, area meetings, reunions, training courses

OR

Regular Bookings - Fitness classes, sports clubs, organised/uniformed groups.

Booking slots available for just one or two hours to half or full days.

For enquiries, prices or to check availability:

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