

7 September 2018

Penwortham Priory Post

Message From The Headteacher

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be able to write to you at the start of this academic year and welcome you back to school after what I hope has been a safe and relaxing summer break for everyone.

A very warm welcome too, to all our new pupils and parents. We look forward to working alongside you over the coming years as you start out on the next stage of your academic life, and embark on an exciting and inspiring learning journey with us.

Congratulations to all our Year 11 leavers and teachers on our GCSE results this year. They have weathered the storm of an unprecedented year of upheaval with 20 new GCSEs being sat for the first time and they deserve full credit for the results they achieved together.

There is always a great deal of interest in those of our pupils who achieved grade 9s, of course. These young people did exceptionally well, but it is important we never lose sight of the achievements of each of our pupils, all of whom recorded very good grades and should feel proud of their achievements. I offer my best wishes and thanks to all our pupils who have now moved on at the end of the last academic year.

Now is a new day, a new year and new opportunities. We are all full of new hope and determined that this year, we will continue to achieve great things for, and with, all our young people.

I would like to finish by taking the opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support of the school and to thank all our pupils for the contribution they make to Priory in so many different ways, whether that be in the classroom, on the sports pitch, on stage, fundraising or in extra-curricular activities.

Priory continues to be about inspiring children to grow into well-rounded people; each child is unique so our responsibility is to find how to enable each to make strong academic progress, achieve the highest levels of academic attainment yet equally, nurture their all-round personal achievement and character.

At the start of 2018, we will continue to do this, and in so doing, secure the best for all, from all.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'M. Eastham'.

Mr M Eastham, Headteacher



Baby News

Congratulations to RE Teacher, Mrs Ham, on the arrival of her baby boy over the summer break.

Welcome baby Parker Stanley Ham.

Lockers (Year 7)



Lockers for new pupils will be in place and keys available in the next few weeks.

We apologise for the delay which is due to building work around school and thereby access to some locker areas is currently out of bounds.

There will be enough lockers for all pupils. When they are ready parents will be emailed and letters sent home with pupils.

Please do not send money in to school in advance.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

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KEY DATES

Year 11 Aim & Ambition Evening

Tues, 11 Sept 2018

5:30pm-6:60pm

Blood Brothers Theatre Visit, Charter Theatre

Mon, 17 Sept (after school)

Open to Year 11 pupils initially.

PSHEE Day

Weds, 26 Sept 2018

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

INSET Day (school closed)

Thurs, 27 Sept 2018

Open Evening

Thurs, 27 Sept 2018

4:30pm-9pm

Head Teachers Speech at 5.30pm and 7.30pm

Open Days

Thurs, 4 and Fri, 5 October

9am-3pm. Tours on the hour except 1pm

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

Year 11 Aim & Ambition Evening Tues, 11 September

Year 11 pupils and their parents are invited to attend the 'Aim and Ambition' night on Tues, 11 September from 5:30pm to 6:30pm where we will share expectations for the year ahead as pupils enter their final year.



The evening will be vital for Year 11 pupils and parents as we will:

- Share the structure i.e. coursework deadlines, pre-public and final exam dates, parents evening dates, etc.
- Demonstrate and give you experience of accessing all the online resources we use e.g. GCSEPod, MathsWatch, Doodle, etc.
- Remind everyone (pupils and parents) of the passwords for the latter so that parents can help pupils at home.
- Explain what PiXL Independence resources are and how to use them.
- Share our expectations of pupils' attendance at lesson 6 and/or intervention when necessary.
- Issue 'how to revise' advice for pupils and parents.
- Provide further education and careers advice.

Letters have gone home again this week with pupils and we ask parents to complete the reply slip giving an indication of attendance and return to the school office by Mon, 10 September. A copy can be downloaded from the website at:

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters



New Teaching Staff

As the new academic year begins we welcome new teaching staff to Priory.

In the Maths department we welcome Mr Baker and Mr Henshaw, a former Priory pupil.

Mr Caddle joins the English department alongside Miss Simpkin who began her post with us just before the end of the Summer term.

Ms Hardwick and Mr Graham join the Technology department under the lead of Mrs Lawe, formally Miss Creer, who married over the summer.

Mr MacIntyre's teaching post was confirmed by the Science department as Ms Young, Assistant Headteacher, also takes up the Head of Department role.

Finally, Mr Eccles joins the Humanities department as he becomes Lead Teacher for History.

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Key Stage 4 - Revision Guides and Work Books

Revision
guides

English Literature

To support learning in English Literature, which involves the close study of several texts, we have secured a limited stock of revision guides through CGP.

The guides, endorsed by the examining board AQA, normally retail for £6 each however we have managed to secure these for just £4 each. The guides explain the whole text in a clear and easy to understand way, as well as offering close analysis of certain sections of the text.

If you would like to purchase any of the guides please return the reply slip by Friday, 28 September.

Food Technology

GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition Practice Workbooks contain realistic exam-style questions and mark schemes, as well as detailed notes on the subject content. Key Stage 4 pupils studying GCSE Food are also asked to purchase an apron and an optional hat.

Letters containing full details have been sent home with pupils this week and are also available on the school website at: www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

Welcome New Pupils

On Tuesday we welcomed a full intake of Year 7 pupils.

Transition Manager, Mrs Farley commented, "The 180 pupils were excited to come back and looked super smart in their uniforms. It was good to see that the only tears were coming from a few parents!"

"They had a full day getting their new timetables, attending their first full school assembly and going into lessons to meet their teachers.

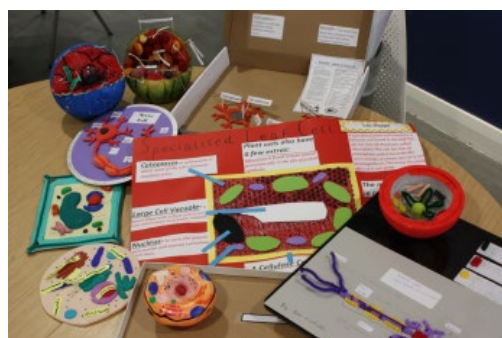
"Year 7 have all done a great job of finding their way around and exploring the school and seem really confident in their surroundings – and we're only on day four! I'm looking forward to getting to know them all even better as Priory pupils and I am sure they will all settle in brilliantly. If anyone does have any concerns about anything they can come to me or their form tutor.

Over the summer, new Year 7 pupils were tasked with challenges from the English, Maths and Science departments.

Head of Science, Ms Young, was very impressed with the pupils' science homework and wanted to share their efforts with the rest of us.

Here are just a small selection of some of the imaginative efforts which will be displayed in the Nucleus.

***TASK:** Imagine the National Science Museum has asked you to make a model cell for a display. Choose from any type of animal or plant cell.*



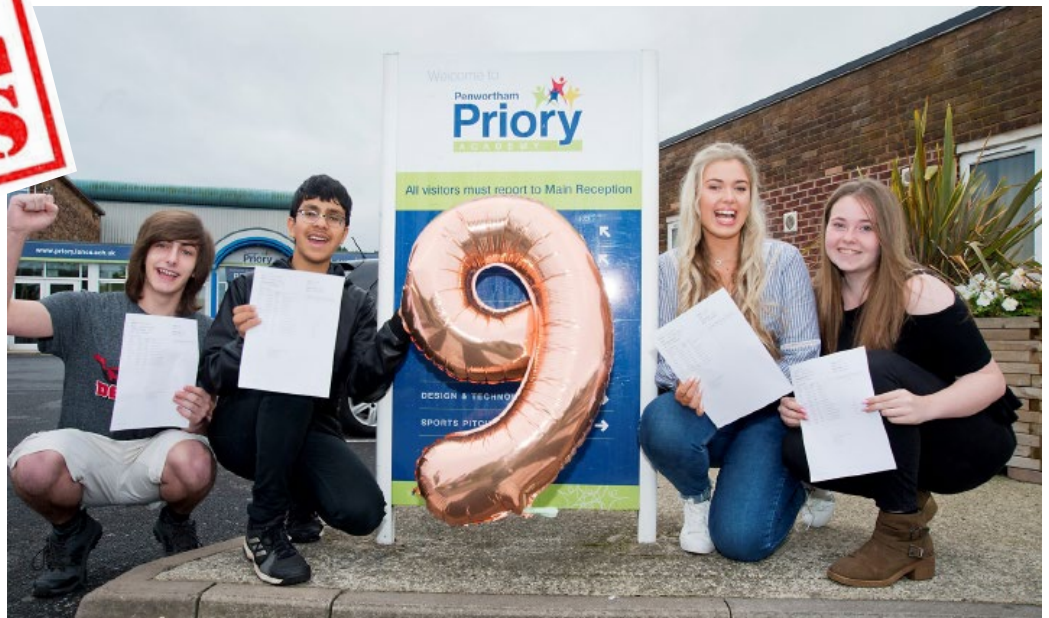
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GCSE RESULTS

GCSE results were announced on 23rd August.

Some of our young stars were invited into school early to open their results.

Here's how they got on.



Headteacher, Mr Eastham, was delighted with the performance of our students in the new-look exams:

“Overall, we’ve maintained a lot of the good results that we got last year and continued to improve results in several key areas as well, despite the new qualifications containing more challenging content and a different assessment regime. We’re particularly pleased that the number of pupils achieving the new government measure of a ‘strong pass’ (grade 5 and above) has improved in the vast majority of key performance indicators.

“These results for 2018 are testimony to the hard work and dedication of staff and pupils and the lengths they are willing to go, in collaboration with each other, to do as well, academically as they can”, said Mr Eastham.

Head Girl Lauryn has secured a coveted place on a BAE Systems Business Management Apprenticeship. Lauryn was one of over 1,000 people who applied for a place on the prestigious course and was confirmed as one of the 20 people who had secured a place. She is excited about starting a new chapter in her life. “I couldn’t believe it when I was told I had got a place. I can’t wait to get started now.”

Lauryn celebrated Priory’s best GCSE results with three Grade 9s - the top grade - including English Language and English Literature, four 8s and two 7s. “I am shocked, I was worried so I am so pleased,” said Lauryn.

Harshal was praised as the ‘best mathematician’ at Penwortham Priory Academy – and secured the Grade 9 in Maths he was predicted.

Harshal also celebrated three 8s in Physics, Biology and English Language among other strong results. “I just love Maths,” said Harshal who volunteered to go to Maths master classes in Liverpool in his younger years. “I want to go to Runshaw College and study Maths, Further Maths, Computing and Chemistry. “My big surprise was English in my results - I never expected to get an 8!”

Katie is hoping it all adds up to success as she wants to be an accountant. Katie achieved three 9s, including English Language and Literature, four 8s and two 7s. Katie will be going on to Runshaw College and will take A-Levels in Accountancy, Economics, Geography and Maths.

Cole is climbing high as he looks at a career in computers. Cole has been rock climbing since primary school at West View Leisure Centre but it is just a hobby. Cole admitted he excelled himself by achieving Grade 7 in Spanish and Maths. “I never expected that at all. I want to work in computers and have been working at North West Computers over the summer.” He will go on to Runshaw College to study Maths, Computer Science and Spanish.

**A summary of results is available on our website at:
www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2018-08-23-results-are-in**

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Come and join the fun!



We've an exciting opportunity for girls in Year 9 come and join our existing team of friendly players!

Training is on Tuesdays 6pm till 7.30pm at Lostock Hall High School with weekly matches on Sundays.



**Get in touch today to book your two
FREE
taster sessions!!**

www.newmannelballclub.co.uk - contact us via our website



CALLING all HIGH SCHOOL Children

Bamber Bridge Football Club Require Young Volunteers

The club was promoted to the EVO-STIK NPL Premier Division this season and for the first time the club is supporting a local charity at every home match so they are providing opportunities for high school children to be young volunteers at their home matches.

As a semi-professional football club, Bamber Bridge FC is looking to build strong and meaningful working relationships within the local community. Sport has the power to engage, unite and challenge people in a variety of ways.

This is a great opportunity for children from high schools in South Ribble to come along and do some volunteering!

Volunteering is good to have on a CV before leaving school and shows that pupils have given up their time to help others.

If interested in getting involved, please contact John Gibson on 07970 067703 or email johnsquashcoach@gmail.com.

Next home matches | Tues, 11 Sept against Buxton 7:45pm kick off | Sat, 29 Sept against Stafford Rangers 3:00pm kick off.

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Online Payment Access Information Year 7s

Letters have been posted home this week with instructions and access codes for the school's online payment system, ScoPay.

This system allows parents to make payments for lunches, trips and other events.

The same account can be used for all children you have in school; a separate link code is required for each child.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Cookson at j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk or visit www.scopay.com/priory for user guides and frequently asked questions

'Early Victorian Penwortham: an introduction to the tithe map'

*This free event is on Thursday 13 September
between 6pm and 7.30pm at*

Penwortham Community Centre, Kingsfold Drive

Do you want to understand more about early Victorian Penwortham?

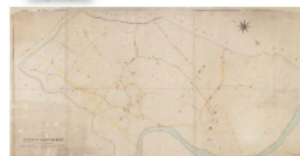
Find out more about the next Heritage Trail Leaflet which takes in Howick and Hutton?

Do you want to learn more about Edith Rigby, an English suffragette who was born in Preston but lived in Penwortham for a while?

Then why not come along and learn more.

Refreshments will be available for a small donation, proceeds going towards the Friends of Marshway Pond.

For more details contact Sue Simpson at 01772 625377



COMMUNITY:

Early Victorian Penwortham: An Introduction to the Tithe Map

This free event is on Thursday, 13 September between 6pm and 7.30pm at Penwortham Community Centre, Kingsfold Drive.



We're Hiring!

Welfare Assistants

Due to increased pupil numbers and Priory's new ICT building ready for completion in the Autumn term, the school is looking to take on further Welfare Assistants for lunchtime duties.

To apply, please send a letter of application to Mrs S Spencer, by email or post, stating why you think you would be suitable for this role and what qualities you will bring.

Email: s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Full details can also be found on the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/job-vacancies



We're Hiring

Welfare Assistants

We are seeking four Welfare Assistants (three permanent positions and one maternity cover) to ensure the safety, well-being and good conduct of pupils at lunchtime.

Days	Monday to Friday term time only
Hours	5 hours per week* 1pm to 2pm (occasional earlier lunches from 12 noon - 1pm)
Pay	Grade 1 Gross salary £16,394 per annum Pro-rata £2,483



Experience not essential however candidates must have an understanding of working with children. Candidates must have good use of initiative and work as part of a team.

The successful candidates may be offered additional hours to support with delivery of hospitality at school events.

Please contact Mrs Spencer, Academy Manager, for enquiries or call in to Reception during school hours.

To apply please send a letter of application to Mrs Spencer, by email or post, stating why you think you would be suitable for this role and what qualities you will bring.

s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk | 01772 320252 | Crox Hills Road, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0JE or visit our website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/job-vacancies

*plus additional time to attend staff meetings, skills training and participate in personal development as required.

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Open Evening - Thurs, 27 September

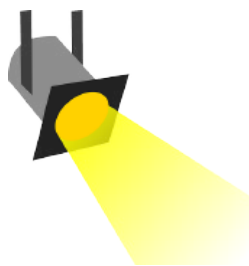
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You may also like to come along to our Open Days - Thurs, 4 & Fri, 5 October - any time between 9am and 3pm. Tours on the hour, every hour, except 1pm. No appointment necessary.



**OPEN
EVENING**

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Headteacher's speech at 5:30pm and 7:30pm.



In The Spotlight

Would you like to tell us about your child's achievements whether it's in sport, charity events, public speaking, drama, environmental issues, maths challenges or more? Maybe even someone who has overcome adversity and doesn't mind talking about it? (we like those stories!)

If this is your child please get in touch with Mrs Yates, Communications Supervisor via email at:

j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk



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