

# Penwortham Priory Post



## 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 are:

**Year 11 - C8 (98.42%)**  
**Rest - C6 (99.23%)**

Well done Miss Thornton's and Mr McIntyre's forms. Pupils in these forms will receive passport reward points.

## Radio 1 DJ Returns to Priory for Celebration Evening

Radio 1 DJ Jordan North returned to his former school for the Class of 2018 Celebration Evening on Wednesday.

Jordan, 26, left Priory in 2006 was invited to return to Priory and hopes to have inspired the students, who left in July.

"It's great to be back," said Jordan, whose parents still live in Penwortham. "I actually felt nervous giving a speech! I came here from years 9-11 as I travelled around a lot as my dad was in the army. I absolutely loved it.

"I left school with GCSEs, mostly Bs and Cs, but I didn't know what to do. I went bricklaying but hated it and then I went to Preston's College and to Sunderland to study media and radio production.

"It wasn't easy for me as I ended up working in a restaurant in Longton for six months while I waited for my chance but it helped when the BBC moved to Salford. I started as a tea-boy at the BBC and worked my way up and it's been great."

Jordan was happy to see one of his favourite teachers, Assistant Head Donna Crank, who teaches IT and Computer Science.

Head teacher Matt Eastham said: "It's fantastic to have Jordan back here, one of Priory's many success stories. He talked to our pupils and their parents about his journey and he showed he had his difficulties and had to overcome hurdles but has fulfilled his dreams which is fabulous."

Award winners on the night included the 'Class of 2018' Head Girl Lauryn Parker who won a Service to the School Award, The Wight Trophy, as well as drama, English Literature and physics individual subject prizes. She also won the Literature Cup and is currently on a Business Management Apprenticeship with BAE Systems.

Katie Johnson, who achieved three 9s in her GCSE results, won the geography individual prize as well as the Arnold McCann Technology Trophy and the Peter Young Science Trophy. Harshal Gosai won the mathematics individual prize – he achieved a grade 9 in his GCSE – and the Taylor Cup for Maths.

There were many other award winners on the night who all deserved their moment in the spotlight.

Well done to all our award winners and we look forward to seeing you again at Priory soon – we hope you will be coming back like Jordan to share your success story!

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## KEY DATES

### Getting Into top

#### Universities Conference

(by invitation)

19 November (Leeds)

### 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)



## Mon, 12 November

**Don't forget, Monday is PSHE Day so  
school will finish at 1.30pm.**

School buses have been rearranged for this earlier time.

Pupils - The timetables will be displayed on the board next to the vending machines and will also be available via Doodle.

If pupils are absent on PSHE day, the work they miss will need to be completed on their return as an extra-curricular activity.

Sessions covered on Monday include:

- Year 7 Managing learning, memory skills, learning effectively
- Year 8 Use of the internet, social networking, digital footprint, cyber bullying
- Year 9 Drugs and alcohol awareness, legal highs, debate
- Year 10 Attitudes and stereotypes, community, Islamophobia, diversity
- Year 11 CVs, apprenticeships, personal statements, college applications



## Congratulations Ms Young!

We're extremely pleased to hear that Assistant Headteacher, Ms Young, has been elected to the Institute of Physics.

Ms Young, who is also Head of Science, will sit on their Women in Physics Group as a committee member with a term of 4 years.

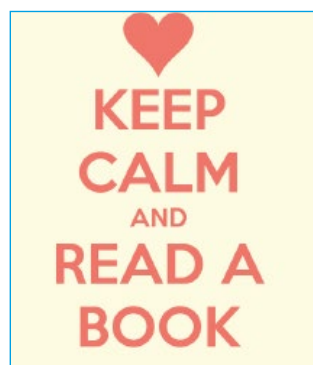
The Institute of Physics is a leading scientific membership society working to advance physics for the benefit of all. Their purpose is to gather, inspire, guide, represent and celebrate all who share a passion for physics. They also ensure that physics delivers on its exceptional potential to benefit society.



## Reading Books

We would like to remind all Year 7-9 pupils that their AR reading book should be carried with them at all times and they will be expected to produce their book both in Prep and in other curriculum areas.

Please do not leave the book in an English room or in your locker.



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# Class of 2018 GCSE Certificates Collection

If former pupils were not able to attend the celebration evening, Class of 2018 pupils can now collect their GCSE certificates from the school office from Mon, 12 November.

Certificates will be available to collect during school hours only by either the former pupil or their parents and must be signed for.

We would like to take this opportunity to emphasise how important it is that the exam certificates are collected, as they are very important documents that are likely to be needed throughout the future and particularly if a path to university is planned.

School is only legally obliged to keep certificates for a 12 month period, after which time they are disposed of. If copies of certificates are needed after that time, students will need to contact the appropriate examination board(s) directly and pay costs to obtain copies. As you will appreciate, these costs can mount up.



Photo: Jay Fairbank, Marcus Calvert, Jack Banks with former Priory pupil and Radio One DJ Jordan North and Headteacher Mr Eastham.



Menu  
Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December

Roast Turkey  
or  
Vegetarian Sausage  
or  
Cheese Pie

Served with all the trimmings  
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Christmas Pudding & Custard  
or  
Mince Pie  
or  
Christmas Biscuit  
or  
Fresh Fruit

Price £2.15 plus drink if required

## Christmas Lunch Weds, 19 December

Weds, 19 December will be our Christmas lunch and therefore we will only be offering the Christmas menu that lunchtime; no other food will be available. Pupils not wishing to have a Christmas meal may bring in a packed lunch. Breakfast and morning break will be served as normal.

In order for our kitchen staff to prepare, pupils should let their form tutors know by Friday, 30 November if they would like a Christmas meal and if so, what their food choice is.

For children on free school meals, the cost of this lunch is covered in their normal daily allowance.

Senior staff will be donning their tabards to serve the lunches - photos to follow!

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# Remembrance at Priory

## The Belgium Trip (17 to 23 October)

Priory's regular trip to Belgium, our 40th year, turned out to also be a special event for Learning Support Assistant Mrs Whalley.

Geography teacher Mr Watters took over running the trip from the now retired PE teacher Mr Rhodes who started it 40 years ago, with a mixture of football and education.



Mr Watters said, "In essence it's a group of Years 8-11 who go on an educational trip and play football against schools and clubs in Belgium, watch a game and also visit the memorials from World War I and II.

He continued, "The key learning is amazing as each pupil gets their own special moment. We took 45 boys and girls on a six day trip this year and played football against teams we have forged strong links with over the years. We also watched FC Brugge play in the Champions League.

"We actually had success on the field as it's the first time we have beaten all of the Belgium teams; their standard is very high, even local sides have semi-professional players.

"All of us also attended the remembrance service at Menin Gate which was extremely emotional. Six of the group presented a wreath for the Preston Pals as we have done for 40 years."

Learning Support Assistant, Mrs Whalley (pictured right), had a special connection at Vimy Ridge as her great grandfather died there in 1916. "It was moving for me. My great grandfather was James Milne and he was a coal miner in Scotland but moved to Canada in the 1913 for a better life.

"He enlisted in 1915 as part of the Commonwealth but was killed in action in 1916. The pupils were keen to find his name on the Vimy Ridge memorial and it was moving to see his name there."

Year 10 pupil, James A-W, was on the trip for the second time. "I went as a Year 8 but this was different. The football was amazing, I was captain and I had a Preston North End flag which I took out there. I also got to play alongside my brother Harrison which was a great experience.

"I found a grave of a Lancashire Fusilier James Harrison, which was both our names and memories like that stick with you. We both laid wreaths at the Menin Gate which was emotional. When they play the Last Post it really gets to you."

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Harrison A-W, Year 9, said: "When you look at the ages of the people who died, they were so young and it makes you think that they had such bravery at such a young age. It was an eye opener.

"I loved the football but I enjoyed visiting the World War sites more and learning more about them. It was emotional at the Menin Gate, laying the wreath as the Last Post is played."

The trip was also dedicated to former pupil Daniel Appleby who passed away last year. His parents, Julie and Mick, have dedicated an annual 'Friendship' award in his memory.

"Daniel was an ex-pupil who went on the Belgium trip in his time at Priory," said Mr Watters. "He was friendly and gave a lot to Priory. We brought back some poppy seeds from the trip for our gardener Mr Farron to plant in the Priory gardens, in his memory."



## 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.

## Memorial Services

Deputy head Mrs Cowell will attend St Leonard's Church this Sunday alongside Head Boy, Danyal, and Head Girl, Georgia, as part of the memorial services there. They will then walk to Penwortham War Memorial on Liverpool Road to take part in the two minutes silence and lay a wreath.

Humanities teacher, Mr Eccles, along with four pupils will also attend the cenotaph on Preston town centre's Flag Market to lay a wreath and pay their respects.

## The Preston Pals

During PM Preps this week pupils learnt about the Preston Pals, a group of men from the city and surrounding areas who volunteered during the first world war.

The young men fought at the Somme and also with distinction at Messines Ridge in Belgium in 1917. A memorial to them, known in military terms as the D Company, the 7th Service Battalion of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, was unveiled at Preston train station in July 2012.

## Painted Poppies

Staff and pupils have painted poppies on pebbles which have been set at the foot of Penwortham War Memorial.



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## Year 9 Netball



Priory's Year 9 netball team played away against Browndge St Mary's on Tuesday evening. The girls played exceptionally well scoring 5 goals in the first half and going on to win the game 13-0. Player of the match was R Haywood for her outstanding movement and shooting.

Netball practice will be on Tuesday after school due to PSHE day on Monday. Reminder that next week Year 8, 9 & 11 are away at Balshaw's on Wednesday after school.

Well done R Haywood, S Clarke, F Duckworth, L Southworth, E Waters, O Smith, E Sanderson.

## South Ribble Badminton Winners



Priory had more success this week as the Under 16s team won the South Ribble Schools Badminton Championships held at All Hallows, beating Hutton Grammar in the final 3-2.

The Under 14s team took second place in their age group after losing to Hutton Grammar.

The Under 16s team will next progress to the Lancashire level tournament.

Mr Bullock, Head of PE & Sport, commented, "I'm very proud of the boys' performance and representation of Priory."

Well done Under 16s - J Gardner, Z Amin, M Ali, K Marshall and Under 14s - D Chauhan, A Wallace, H Middleton, N Highham

## Dance Workshop - All Welcome

Tues, 13 November After School 3:20pm-4:20pm

Dance coaches from Newman College will be leading a dance workshop afterschool on Tuesday. Boys and girls from all year groups are welcome to attend. Meet in the assembly hall.

Pupils should wear their full PE kit - tracksuit bottoms or leggings can also be worn. Please also bring a refillable water bottle.

Pupils should see Miss Beesley if they have further questions.



Word of the Week:

## Apparition

noun

A ghost or ghostlike image of a person

Eg. In front of him stood five ghostly apparitions.

GCSE Literature students!  
Who sees a series of apparitions and in which GCSE text? Which apparitions does he see?

word  
week

# 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.

## Literacy tip of the week...

### There

Meaning to be in or at a certain place.

The best way to remember it is 'here and there'...

T → here

E.g.

Her coat is over there  
The shop is over there  
There are three people here

### They're

This is a shortened version of 'they are'.

The apostrophe in the word replaces the 'a'.

E.g.

They're at the park  
They're such nice pupils.

### Their

This is possessive. When something belongs to someone it is *theirs*.

E.g.

Their coat  
Their house  
Their toys

There are lots of pupils who don't know *their* homophones! *They're* easy to work!

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? Use the OUTSIDE door to access the library if so (visible from Tech) and change your book sensibly and in silence.

Don't be fooled by homophones - they might sound the same but they don't do the same thing.

## Sparks Pupils Aim High!

On Monday, a number of Year 10 and 11 pupils visited Old Trafford Cricket Ground, Manchester to attend a 'Getting into Top Universities' Conference run by PiXL.

The conference aims to encourage more people to apply to the top Russell Group universities and, in the case of Oxbridge, to get through to the interview and then the offer stage. It is increasingly the case that pupils of school age, years 10 and 11, need to be familiar with undergraduate qualifications just as much as sixth formers do.



Taster courses or head start courses run by the Sutton Trust or Eton College came highly recommended as did MOOCs. MOOCs are online courses run by such as Future Learn. They are excellent, free of charge and are very strong evidence in any personal statement or reference of being an independent learner and of being able to cope with University level work.

Key messages in addition to the above personal research were to:

- narrow your focus and be specific as to which course you would like to study at University - eg. exactly what strand of Biology?
- engage fully in your subject outside school
- start your personal statement early and add to it as time goes on
- practice any admissions or aptitude tests
- research interview styles for your course and build on them starting with conversations rather than rigorous interrogations

Mr Taylor, lead teacher for Sparks pupils, commented, "Our Priory pupils took an awful lot from the day and it will definitely have inspired them to aim as high as possible."

Another group of Sparks pupils will have the opportunity attend the Leeds conference on 19 November.

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# Primary Pupils Test Their Maths Talent

As part of Priory's Gifted & Talented Primary School Programme, we invited Year 5 pupils from ten feeder schools to attend a Maths Challenge Day.

Pupils from Whitefield, Cop Lane, St Stephens, Walton Le Dale, New Longton, Longton and Little Hoole Primary Schools worked through three sessions across the day.

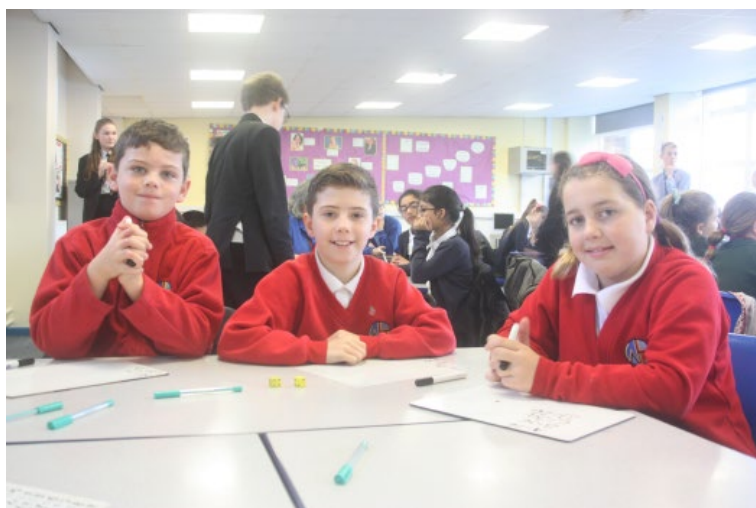
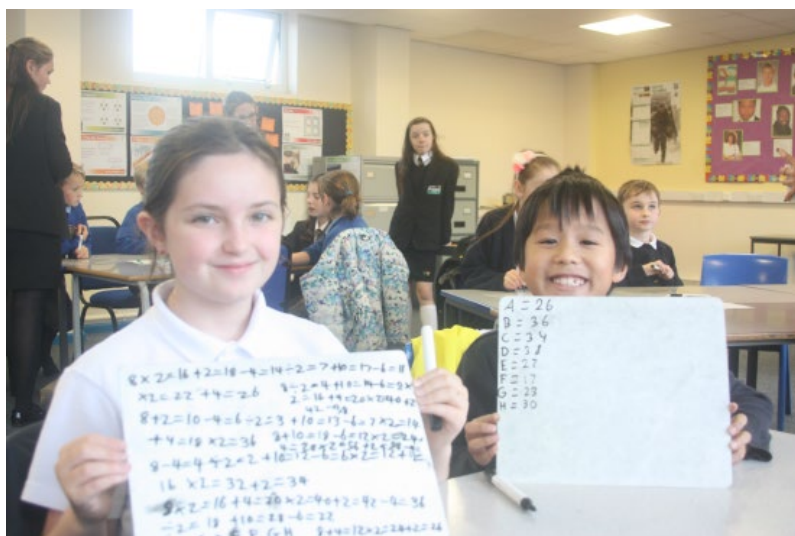
Pupils spent the day with Mr Baker, Mr Raynor and Head of Maths, Mr Kenrick, problem solving in real life contexts, using mental arithmetic and written strategies.

After break, pupils teamed up for challenges using whiteboards to solve fractions, take part in probability experiments and a fraction masterclass, finishing off with a mathematical team relay.

Priory's Maths Sparks pupils supported the younger pupils throughout their visit - T Grafton, H Patrick, C Prescott, A Davies and J Martin. Pupils all returned to their primary school clutching well-earned participation certificates.

Priory's Gifted & Talented Programme continues through the academic year with workshops across the curriculum.

Anyone wanting to know more about them should contact the Transition Manager, Mrs Farley, email [l.farley@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:l.farley@priory.lancs.sch.uk)



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# 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.

Pupils who would like to register on the sessions at Preston's College below must do so via the details on the posters.

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...

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**Balfour Beatty**  
Construction

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Plus many more

For more details please contact [ficorilliv@gmail.com](mailto:ficorilliv@gmail.com)

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- Filming
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- Adobe Premier Pro
- Adobe Photoshop
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- Idea Generation
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- Scripting

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**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February**  
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**Preston's College**  
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