Penworthan Priory Post



Miss Ackers Shortlisted For The South Ribble 'Teacher of the Year' Award AWARDS

Humanities teacher Miss Ackers only started at Priory in September – and she has certainly made a big impression.

Pupils were asked to vote for their Teacher of the Year for the South Ribble Community Awards and Miss Ackers, at Priory as an NQT, won by overwhelming votes despite only being at the school four months.

Her Head of Department Mr Metcalfe said: "Miss Ackers is charismatic and a big asset to our department. She is hard working, committed and pupils warm to her. She has made a big impression in her short time here.

"She creates exciting lesson plans and her lessons grip the students. She is an NQT but is a master of her subject and is keen to share her specialist knowledge."

One pupil Lauren said: "In History lessons, whenever I don't get the work and need help, she goes through it with the whole class so she knows anyone else who doesn't have the courage to say they don't get it, will also get it."

Another pupil said: "She makes sure that I get on with my work and keep my cool (I get mad easily and have trouble listening to people). Miss Ackers brings history to life and makes it very enjoyable."

Another pupil added: "Miss Ackers is the best teacher in Priory. She makes learning really interesting for everyone. She is an engaging and incredible teacher, she is creative, kind and generous and pushes everyone in the class to achieve their absolute potential. She is the most motivational teacher. She is funny, enthusiastic and empathetic. In short, Miss Ackers is the most chilled, friendliest teacher that everyone would love to have!"

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Attendance Winning Forms

Every student. Every day.

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 -D8 (99.29%)

Rest -D1 (100%)

Well done to Mrs Elliott's and Mr Wade's forms for their best attendance. Pupils in these forms will receive 10 achievement points.

Year 11 MFL Conference Thurs, 6 Feb

Year 11 pupils studying French are invited to attend a PiXL conference in Manchester aimed to get them 'exam ready'.

The event will be interactive, motivational and will equip students with a range of strategies and techniques which will maximise their exam performance.

The cost of the half day event is £12 and a copy of the letter can be downloaded from the school website at >> <u>www.</u> <u>priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/</u> <u>letters</u>

KEY DATES

Year 11 Revision & Support Workshop Weds, 22 January 2020 6pm-7pm

National Citizenship Service Fri, 24 January 2020 (Year 11 / in school)

Runshaw College Interviews Tues, 28 January 2020 (Year 11 / in school)

MFL Pixl Conference Thurs, 6 February 2020 Manchester (Year 11 French classes)

Year 9 Parents Evening Tues, 11 February 2020 4pm-7pm

Year 7 Careers Day Thurs, 13 February 2020 (in school)

Mid Term Closure 17-21 February 2020

Blackpool Zoo Tues, 25 February 2020 (Year 8 pupils)

Theatre Visit - A Monster Calls - The Lowry, Salford Weds, 26 February 2020 (Miss Smith's 9E3 class)

Theatre Visit - Blood Brothers The Grand, Wolverhampton

Thurs, 27 February 2020 (Key Stage 4, by invitation)

Year 7 Parents Evening Weds, 26 February 2020 4pm-7pm

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Miss Ackers, who studied history at UCLan and specialises in modern history, admitted she was shocked by being voted as their favourite teacher by the Priory pupils.

The South Ribble Community AWARDS 2019

"I am so touched and shocked, pupils kept saying they had voted for me but never in a million years did I think I would come out on top at Priory.

"I just try and bring history to life. Some see it as a dull and boring subject because it's in the past but I make the pupils take part in classes, they are up out of their seats, we have role plays and we act battles and scenes.

"I play videos so they can picture what is being taught and it's amazing I have made such an impression."

The awards ceremony takes place next Friday evening, 24 January, at South Ribble Borough Council's civic centre. The awards celebrate those individuals, groups and organisations across South Ribble that consistently go above and beyond their call of duty to make a positive difference within our communities.

Year 9 pupil, Rhianne, has been commended for the Young Volunteer of the Year Award for her work at South Ribble Tennis Centre. Rhianne will receive her certificate from the organisers after the ceremony. Rhianne's story in next week's issue!

New Interim Head of Year 7



We would like to inform all Year 7 parents/carers that Mrs Farley will be starting her maternity leave at the end of next week. She has thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our youngest pupils so far and hopes that they all feel settled and part of the Priory family.

Any correspondence with regards to Year 7 pupils should go through Mrs K Ham during Mrs Farley's absence.

Mrs Ham will already teach many of the pupils and she will be introducing herself to those that don't know her in the upcoming weeks' assemblies. Mrs Ham will be contactable via email at <u>k.ham@priory.lancs.sch.uk</u>, however there will be a period of handover where Mrs Farley's emails will be monitored.

Please be assured that she has passed on all current information to Mrs Ham whom will continue to follow up on any enquiries that have been passed her way.

Mrs Farley wishes all her Year 7 pupils the best with the remainder of their first year at Priory and looks forward to seeing them flourishing as Year 8s upon her return.



Music To Your Ears At Break and Lunch

Continuing on from last term, music will be played through the school's tannoy system during break and lunch. Chosen by Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music, this is designed to offer exposure to, and appreciation of, music to the wider school.

w/c 20/1/20 - The Western Classical tradition

Encompassing European secular and non-secular music from approximately 1700 - 1810, primarily late Baroque Handel and Vivaldi via Mozart, Haydn and Schubert through to Beethoven at the start of the Romantic period.

Secular music from this time includes sonatas, concertos, symphonies, and opera. Non-secular music includes Gregorian Chants, Passions, Masses, and Requiems.

DId you know? The term 'Classical' music originates from the Latin classicus, meaning first class, or for the Romans, artistry of the highest order.

Year 11 Revision Skills & Support Workshop Weds, 22 January 2020 | 6pm-7pm

This invaluable event focusses on providing students and parents with the essential information, skills and strategies required as we lead up to the final GCSE exams.

We strongly encourage both parents and students to attend this event.

Reply slips must be returned to pupils' form tutors urgently. Please contact Head of Year 11, Mr Faulkner, with any enquiries <u>p.faulkner@priory.lancs.sch.uk</u>. A copy of the letter can be downloaded from the school website at >> <u>https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters</u>

Where is your tie?

A reminder that all pupils must have a school tie.

We are having to allocate 'lend' ties to pupils all too often. The tie, worn by house colour, is just as important as any other aspect of the school uniform.

Pupils who come to school without their tie will be sent to the Pastoral Office for a 'lend' tie and asked to leave an item for security, such as their phone,

which will be returned in exchange at the end of the day. We only have a limited supply of these ties. Pupils can buy a replacement tie from the Finance Office at a cost of £5.

Penwortham Priory Academy expects the highest standards of its pupils and parents are asked to support our school uniform and appearance policy.

Thank you for understanding in this matter.



Classical







Year 9 Introduced To Life Beyond Priory At Careers Event

Priory's Year 9 pupils spent a day learning about construction, the NHS and Army jobs at our careers event on Tuesday.

The day was organised by Assistant Head Mr Gee, Head of Year 9 Mrs Bailey, and Inspira's Enterprise Co-

ordinator Shaheen Gul. Pupils spent the day moving between the careers workshops and their normal timetabled lessons in a carousel format.

The Army came in to talk about their apprenticeships, the NHS discussed the many jobs within the health service, one of the biggest employers in the UK, while Preston's College 'Building Bridges' chatted about the construction industry.

Mrs Bailey said: "The sessions were designed to give the pupils an overview of the different opportunities available to them. For example, there are more careers in the NHS than being a doctor or a nurse.

"Army instructors, who are based in Preston but have been all around the world, shared their experiences while Preston's College opened up about the world of construction, not just working on a site but managing building sites and so on.

"The pupils are considering their options so hopefully this will enthuse them and they can speak to their teachers about different career paths open to them and what subjects to take."











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In the Army's session, the pupils practiced problem solving, team building and skills and drills and Year 9, Jack admitted: "We were trying to put a puzzle together and it's harder than it looks. It has made me think about careers and possibly joining the Army."

In construction, pupils had to build a bridge out of Lego and each Lego part was worth a sum of money and they had to do it as cheaply as possible.

Pupil George said: "You can earn more money than I thought in construction. It's something to think about."

In the NHS sessions, Robert Barton from Lancashire Teaching Hospitals, set pupils a task to streamline the way people book an appointment. He wanted pupils to think digitally, using a mobile device or social media and less paper, and also think about the jobs created and lost in the process. The workshop encouraged pupils to look at other professional roles within the NHS which were not just doctors and nurses.

Ellie said: "It made you think about careers and the different opportunities within each of the industries. I have learnt about the Army, about construction and demolition as well as how the NHS is developing. I also learned what skill set I need for each of the careers."





Grace added: "I would like to go into the army – or be an artist although the two are pretty different!"

Bottom image: The NHS workshop challenged pupils to come up with the most efficient solution to streamline the system from patients making an appointment to seeing the consultant using more digital means and less paperwork. Tyler, Alfie, Ciaran and Declan's group were joint first in their session.

Further careers events are planned for Year 7 (13 February), Year 8 (5 May) and Year 10 (27 March). Year 10 pupils will also be undertaking their work experience w/c 30 March.

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Year 11 Spring Term Mock Exams

The next set of mock exams for Year 11 pupils will begin on Monday, 2 March and will run up to Wednesday, 18 March.

Copies of pupils' individual timetables, also containing their seating arrangements, will be given to pupils in due course.

In the meantime, the full timetable across the period is available to download from the school website at >>

https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/revision

Due to the length of some exams, there will be an early lunch for all pupils on 2 & 10 March. The Sports Hall and the surrounding area will be out of bounds for other pupils during this period and we ask that they are respectful and keep noise to an absolute minimum.

NHS Apprenticeships Poster Competition

Lancashire and South Cumbria Careers Hub is running a competition for students across the area to create a poster to promote apprenticeships in the NHS and social care. The competition aims to spread the word of apprenticeships in a creative and fun way, allowing students to showcase their imagination and produce a poster that stands out from the crowd but also to inspire others to consider apprenticeships with the NHS. **Apprenticeships**



Get involved with spreading the word of apprenticeships!







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- MEET THE EMPLOYER
- APPRENTICESHIP
 INFORMATION TALKS
 (4PM/5PM/6PM)
- CV AND INTERVIEW HELP STATIONS
- CURRICULUM LEADERS FROM
 OUR SECTOR SPECIFIC AREAS

If you're not sure what to do when you finish school this summer, why not come along to our Apprenticeship event! On the night you will be able to speak to our industry-expert curriculum leaders from a variety of Apprenticeship sectors and meet the employers who are keen to recruit school leavers, whilst offering guidance on what they are looking for in a budding Apprentice. Plus, you will be able to learn about the world of Apprenticeships in our information talks throughout the evening. We look forward to seeing you there!

We offer Apprenticeships in:

- Accounting
- Automotive
- Business
- Construction and the Built Environment
- Dental
- Engineering
- Hair & Beauty
- Health & Social Care
- Lab Tech
- Leadership & Management
- Marketing & IT
- Pharmacy

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Year 7 Basketball

The Year 7 basketball team played and won their first match of the season on Wednesday.

Taking on Corpus Christi in the Under 12s Lancashire Cup, Priory led for each quarter eventually running out 14 – 4 winners.

The team played some excellent basketball and now host Broughton High School next Tues, 21 January.

The team was Andre-Manuel, Coleman, Collinson, Dave, Martin, Matthews, McFarlane, McGovern, Ogdin, Sales, Topley, Wyllie and Eland. Assistant Team Coach & Scorer - W Jones.



At Penwortham Priory Academy the Character & Culture curriculum is designed to support the promotion of excellence for pupils and do all it can to improve their life chances.



Pupils have three 20 minute Character & Culture lessons each week.

On the curriculum w/c 20 January:

Year 7	Spring Term - Theme: 'Expressing myself effectively' When am I resilient?
Year 8	Spring Term - Thinking with a clear head' Approaching problems with a clear head
Year 9	Spring Term - Theme: 'Adapting my voice' Online behaviour
Year 10	Spring Term - Theme: 'Owning my actions' Harm online
Year 11	Spring Term - Theme: 'Charting the course' Positive thinking



SPORTS NOTICES

Extra Curricular Timetable Spring Half Term (After School)

Monday Badminton, Netball Pratice/Matches

Tuesday Dance, Netball Matches

Wednesday Taekwondo

Thursday Trampolining, Cricket

Fixtures Spring Half Term

Monday, 20 January U13/U15 Girls cricket @ The Tennis Centre

Tuesday, 21 January Year 9 Netball Tournament @ Priory Year 7 Basketball vs Broughton (H)

Monday, 27 January U13s boys cricket @ The Tennis Centre

Monday, 3 February Year 7 Netball Tournament @ Priory Year 9/10 Volleyball Competition @ Hutton

Tuesday, 4 February U16a Indoor 7-A-Side @ Balshaws

Monday, 10 February Year 7 Netball Tournament @ Priory



Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers Club

Priory's Head of English, Mrs Gidden, has been really impressed with many of our multi-talented pupils and wanted to highlight their love of reading while excelling at other pursuits.

This week we interviewed Year 8 pupil, Ben.

Ben is a keen sportsman, he wants to be a lawyer and he enjoys reading!

Ben is currently hooked on the book 'The House of Hades' which is in the Heroes of Olympus series of Rick Riordan's books.

"I like Greek mythology and Romans as well. I find it really interesting and these are really good books. I think the one I am reading at the moment is my favourite book.

"It's about Percy Jackson and Annabeth and they fall into the underworld and demigods have to save them."

Ben enjoys Maths in school and out of school takes part in sport – as well as reading.

"I play cricket for Vernon's Cricket Club, I am an all-rounder in the Under 12s, and I also play tennis at South Ribble Tennis Club

"When I am older I want to be a lawyer, I like helping people and I like questioning things."

The Weekly Challenge

These challenges are added to Doddle each week for pupils to have a think about. Pupils should then revise these during the week in preparation for a test during their Friday Character & Culture session. The content of these guizzes will enhance learning in all subjects and widen Tier 2 vocabulary.

Here is today's challenge. Parents - How would you get on?

- What does dilate mean? Use it in a sentence. 1.
- What does endeavour mean? Use it in a sentence. 8. What is classed as cutlery? 2.
- 3. What is kintsugi?
- 4. Who invented the telephone?
- 5. What were the names of the three wise men?
- What's the history of the British afternoon tea? 6.
- 7. What is the gestation period of a giraffe?
- 9. What is the National Minimum Wage for Under 18s?
- 10. Where will the next FIFA World Cup be held?

Priory Library



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Attention Art Students:



Creative Workshop: Pattern Design with artist Bonnie Craig

Saturday, 7 March 2020 at 1pm - 5pm Harris Library, Market Square, Preston, PR1 2PP

Join them for this creative workshop and learn how to make your own repeat pattern designs based on sketches you make of the Harris building and its collection. Putting motifs into repeat is a really simple and satisfying technique with endless creative possibilities.

This workshop is inspired by their current exhibition. The Artful Line, which features drawings especially selected from the Harris collection and The Courtauld Gallery.

Tickets for this afternoon workshop are £20. This includes a tea or coffee in the Harris cafe, all tuition and materials.



No previous art or design experience is required and beginners warmly welcomed.

https://www.facebook.com/HarrisMuseumandArtGallery/ | https://www.facebook.com/events/1554613138019238/





RUNSHAW COLLEGE

Enter Holocaust Memorial **Competition with Runshaw** College RUNSHA COLLEGE

То commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January, Runshaw College has invited students from local high schools to submit entries for their annual Sophie Scholl Awards - HOLOCAUST see poster opposite for full details <<.



MEMORIAL

As detailed on the poster, all entries should be forwarded directly to Giles Inman at Runshaw College no later than 4.30pm on Tues, 25 February 2020.

When all entries have been received they will contact prize winners via school. As well as the prizes on offer, all winners will be invited to an awards evening on Mon, 23 March from 4.15pm.

Pupils with any questions can also see Mr Eccles, Lead Teacher for History or parents can email: <u>a.eccles@</u> priory.lancs.sch.uk.



For adults wanting to return to education or those looking to enhance their career with a work-based course.

RUNSHAW COLLEGE





The Head of Maths, Mr Kenrick, will be testing our brain power each week with one of his puzzles.

Here you will find a puzzle or a problem solving task - these can help to build students' perseverance, mathematical reasoning, ability to apply knowledge creatively in unfamiliar contexts, and confidence in tackling new challenges. Why not have a try yourself!

Using the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 once each only, can you write down three 3-digit numbers, so that the second is double the first, and the third is triple the first?

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Take part in an innovative cyber competition delivered by law enforcement agencies across the UK.

The National Matrix Challenge 2020 is a national cyber skills competition open to all pupils. Contestants will compete in one of two age categories, 11-14 or 15-17 years old.

The qualifying stage of the challenge, which runs between 20 January and 14 February, is a fun digital game.

The game tests participant's knowledge of the computer misuse act, how to stay safe online and then really push those cyber skills. This online game will take around 35 minutes to complete and can be completed at school or at home.

Once stage one closes on 14 February the top players from every region will be invited to a live minievent where they will take on a number of challenging activities designed and delivered by the cyber security industry.

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The top three competitors in each age category will then be selected for a grand final in July where top technology prizes and the chance to be crowned Matrix Challenge UK Champion will be up for grabs.

The Matrix Challenge is designed to bring the future of cyber security together with the industry.

Their goal is to provide young people with an opportunity to learn about the legal use of their computing skills and put their knowledge to the test to compete for a place at our live final where they will meet a number of leading industry experts.

Pupils who would like to take part in this challenge should see Mrs Qadri, Head of ICT & Computer Science, or parents can email <u>s.qadri@priory.lancs.sch.uk</u>.

Please visit <u>www.matrix-challenge.</u> <u>uk</u> for further information.



Answers to the weekly challenge...

- 1. Dilate means to make or become wider, larger, or more open.
- 2. Endeavour means to try hard to do or achieve something.
- 3. It's the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery by mending areas with precious metals such as gold.
- 4. Born on March 3, 1847, Alexander Graham Bell was an inventor, scientist, and innovator. He came up with and patented the first practical telephone.
- 5. The Three Wise Men, also known as the Three Kings or the Magi, were Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. In the Bible, they presented gifts to Jesus soon after his birth.
- 6. The birth of the afternoon tea happened in 1840 when Anna Russell, the seventh Duchess of Bedford, requested snacks in between lunch and dinner. It became a repeated occurrence, and she began inviting friends over to relish the treats with her. Now, afternoon tea is served regularly around the globe, mostly as special offers in fancy hotels and English restaurants.
- 7. The gestation period (pregnancy) of a giraffe is 13-15 months.
- 8. Cutlery includes any hand implement used in preparing, serving, and especially eating food in Western culture. A person who makes or sells cutlery is called a cutler.
- 9. The current National Minimum Wage for Under 18s is £4.35. It will rise in April 2020 to £4.55
- 10. The next FIFA World Cup is scheduled to take place in Qatar in 2022.

Answer to Maths Challenge:

Three possible answers:

192, 384, 576

219, 438, 657

327, 654, 981



W/C 20 January 2020

Monday

Brunch Pasta served with garlic bread*

Tuesday

Spaghetti Bolognese served with garlic bread* Cheese pie served with diced potatoes and beans or peas

Wednesday

Cheese | Cheese & Ham | Cheese & Pepperoni Ciabatta pizza Spicy chicken burger Both served with potato wedges and beans or sweetcorn

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*

*Gluten-free option available

If you would like a gluten-free option pupils must order in advance with the kitchen staff, the day prior preferably. Thank you.

