

Penwortham Priory Post



Miss Howell is Queen Bee as she Leads This Year's Production

Priory pupils will make sure it's a kind of magic as they put on their production of 'Schools Will Rock You' in December.

Full of Queen songs, new Drama Teacher Miss Howell has been working hard to make sure the show must go on perfectly!

Lead roles include Liam playing Galileo, Miya as Killer Queen, Aimee as Meatloaf and Louis taking the part of Khashoggi.

"With the release of the film Bohemian Rhapsody we thought it would be quite topical to put on the show 'Schools Will Rock You,'" said Miss Howell.

"It's something a bit different, there is a lot of singing and not too many words. It's a challenge but one the pupils have relished so far. A lot of pupils wanted to be involved and we found some very talented pupils.

"It gives the pupils an opportunity to do a full West End show so it's very exciting." Pupil Louis said: "The reason I came to Priory was for productions so I am looking forward to this. I am a dancer and have been at dancing school since I was six so this is perfect for me."

Tom said: "I do BTEC in Acting at Priory so I am really enjoying the rehearsals." Another performer added: "I have the main female role so there is a bit of pressure – I am excited and nervous. I am sure it will be a huge success. Being in Year 11, this is also a nice break from exams."

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 -
R3 (97.69%)**

**Rest -
C7 (99.23%)**

Well done to Mr Raynor's and Mr Bullock's forms. Pupils in these forms will receive 10 achievement points.

Please can we remind everyone of the importance of attendance and punctuality.

Good Luck Connor!

Year 7 pupil, Connor, will be representing England next week in the World Martial Arts World Championships taking place in Blackpool.

Connor has been kickboxing for 7 years and trains 5 days a week. His dedication has resulted in his call up to represent his country for his sport.

We look forward to hearing how he got on!

KEY DATES

Lancashire Police County Lines Workshop (Year 7)
Mon, 4 November

Year 10 Work Experience
Paperwork returned by
Mon, 4 November 2019

Class of 2019 Celebration Evening
Weds, 6 November
7pm-9pm
(All those that left Priory this summer)

PSHE Day
Mon, 11 November 2019
(Early lunch followed by early closure at 1:30pm)

Year 10 Parents Evening
Weds, 13 November 2019
4pm-7pm

Year 11 Mock Exams
w/c 18 & 25 November

Universities Conference, Leeds
18 November 2019
(Sparks, by invitation)

Liverpool Field Trips
19, 20 & 22 November
(Year 10 GCSE Geography pupils)

Theatre Trip - Everybody's Talking About Jamie: The Musical
Weds, 27 November 2019
(Drama pupils by invitation)

GCSE Poetry Live Manchester Palace Theatre
2 December 2019
(Year 11 pupils)

A Message From The Head

Dear Parent/Carer

New Gating System and Access into School

Just a reminder...

From Monday next week, as part of our procedures to ensure the continued safety of all in school, there will be no general vehicle access onto the school grounds.



At the beginning of the school day, pupils can access the school grounds using the pedestrian gates leading onto the yard, through the pedestrian gate opposite the main reception or via the new pedestrian gate leading from the leisure centre car park.

At the end of the school day, pupils can leave the school grounds via these same pedestrian gates.

Pupils arriving by car should be dropped off and enter through any of these pedestrian gates.

Only school buses will have authorised access onto the school grounds.

Pupils, parents and other visitors arriving during school hours will need to press the intercom at the pedestrian gate opposite the main reception for authorised access.

The safety of pupils and staff in school remains paramount and we thank you for your support in ensuring Priory remains a safe and secure site.

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

Mr M Eastham, Headteacher



PSHE (Day 2) Mon, 11 November 2019

Don't forget, 11 November is PSHE Day so school will finish at 1.30pm. School buses have been rearranged for this earlier time.



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Early Opening of Penwortham Bypass and A59 Temporary Closure

A message from the City Deal Infrastructure Delivery Team, Lancashire County Council



The County Council is about to announce the early opening of the new Penwortham bypass, John Horrocks Way. The road is now scheduled to open on Monday, 2 December provided that no unforeseen circumstances prevent this.

Coinciding with the opening, a section of Liverpool Road will close for three weeks, while the final work is carried out on the junction with the new road. This can only be done once John Horrocks Way has opened and traffic levels have reduced along Liverpool Road.

The work will affect vehicles travelling on Liverpool Road between the new bypass and the junction with Howick Cross Lane. There'll be no access during this time onto Howick Cross Lane and Howick Moor Lane from Liverpool Road itself. There will be signed diversions in place for the duration of the closure and the service bus companies and school transport providers are being informed through the relevant County Council service.

Pedestrian and cycle access will still be maintained on the A59 as present using the Northern (Penwortham bound) footway and the signal controlled pedestrian crossing at Howick primary school throughout the temporary closure.

Year 11 Mock Exams - English Literature & Language

The first set of GCSE mock exams begin w/c 18 & 25 November and therefore below are the units which pupils are advised to focus their revision on leading up to this period.

Unit 2 Literature (Modern text and poetry)
Unit 1 Language (Fiction)



Letters regarding CGP revision guides which parents may like to purchase to support your child through the GCSE English Literature and Language courses have been emailed to Year 11 parents and pupils and are available to download from the school website at <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters>



County Lines Workshops

On Monday Lancashire Police's County Lines team will be at Priory to run sessions with Year 7 pupils. Each class will miss one of their usual lessons to attend the workshop instead.

This Monday the following groups are involved in the education sessions: 7E1 7E2 7E3 7W1 7W2.

The aim of the session is to help pupils recognise what being drawn into a County Lines group looks like, strategies to avoid being drawn in, who to alert for themselves and others, the penalties and repercussions for getting involved.

What is county lines? *Criminal exploitation is also known as 'county lines' and is when gangs and organised crime networks exploit children to sell drugs. Often these children are made to travel across counties, and they use dedicated mobile phone 'lines' to supply drugs.*

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Year 11 Playhouse Theatre Trip

"Great theatre is about challenging how we think and encouraging us to fantasize about a world we aspire to." – Willem Dafoe

Year 11 BTEC Performing Arts students were invited to the Playhouse Theatre, Preston, on Monday to take a tour of the only working theatre left in the city.

Mr Richard Catmore very kindly opened the space to give the students an exciting opportunity to take part in various workshops. This opportunity gave students an insight into how a theatre works and the dedication required by all roles within the performing arts industry.

The students took part in acting, lighting and costume workshops. The acting workshop was about getting into character, students took part in physical exercises about status and body language. The lighting workshop saw students take on the lighting desk, which is no mean feat, and how to operate different lighting states creating mood and atmosphere.

The students that took part in the costume workshop were given a brief that outlined a character within a certain time period. Students needed to research ideas before they were let loose on the costume cupboard!

These workshops have allowed all students to embed and extend their prior learning.

The students were a credit to our school showing enthusiasm and respect at all times. Drama Teacher, Miss Howell, said: *"I would like to thank the Playhouse Theatre, Preston, Mr Richard Catmore and all the volunteers who gave up their time to accommodate our school. I would also like to thank the staff for their support in driving the minibuses. It was a truly enjoyable and informative experience for all. We cannot wait for our next trip to support our last locally remaining theatre."*

Following the visit, Headteacher Mr Eastham, received this email from the theatre:

Dear Mr Eastham,

This morning we at Preston Playhouse had the pleasure of hosting your Year 11 Performing Arts students for a tour of the theatre and then a workshop on stagecraft, lighting and costume.

They were a delight: keen, enthusiastic, engaged. We're pretty sure that they also enjoyed the experience, as did we.

They were a credit to your school in general and the guidance and supervision of Ms Howell in particular.

As a postscript: if they were slightly late in returning to school that was our fault, I'm afraid: we were enjoying ourselves too much!

Best wishes

*Richard Catmore
Preston Drama Club at The Playhouse*



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Parents Evening

Year 10 Parents Evening

Weds, 13 November

4pm - 7pm

We encourage parents of Year 10 pupils to attend this session to discuss your child's recent progress. It is imperative that your child also attends with you, in full school uniform.

Letters were sent home with pupils on Monday alongside an appointment sheet for pupils to book discussion time with their teachers and we would appreciate it if parents could monitor this. Please acknowledge receipt of the letter and provide an indication of your attendance by completing the reply slip and returning it to your child's progress leader.

The letter can also be downloaded from the school website at >> <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters>

We look forward to seeing you and appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child maximises their potential.

V. Eastham

Mrs V Eastham
Head of Year 10
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The poster is for 'UCLan Women in Games Careers'. It features the UCLan logo at the top. Below it, the title 'WOMEN IN GAMES CAREERS' is prominently displayed. A subtitle reads: 'Celebrating the achievements of trail blazing women and showcasing career pathways for young people wishing to be part of this dynamic and creative industry.' The central part of the poster is a red circle containing a white game controller icon. Surrounding this central circle are several circular portraits of women, each with a label indicating their role and company. The labels include: 'Catherine Woolley Designer Media Molecule', 'Katie Clague Gameplay Artist TT Games', 'Veronica Heath Talent Ambassador Rare', 'Saija Wintersun Senior Artist Rebellion', 'Sarah Akers VFX Artist Lucid Games', and 'Viki Freeman Talent Acquisition Partner & HR Team17'. At the bottom of the poster, it says 'MEET THE DEVELOPERS - DISCOVER YOUR PATHWAY!'.

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Celebrating the achievements of trail blazing women and showcasing career pathways for young people wishing to be part of this dynamic and creative industry.

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23 NOVEMBER 2019
Saturday 9.30AM - 2PM

MEET THE DEVELOPERS - DISCOVER YOUR PATHWAY!

Join us for an inspiring day at the University of Central Lancashire to hear about fantastic career opportunities available to young people within the games industry.

UCLan | Women in Games Careers

23 November 2019 Saturday, 9.30am – 2pm

We are celebrating the achievements of trail blazing women within the industry and generating a visible career pathway for young game design enthusiasts. Confirmed industry speakers • Catherine Woolley Designer **Media Molecule** • Veronica Heath Talent Ambassador **Rare** • Saija Wintersun Senior Artist **Rebellion** • Sarah Akers VFX Artist **Lucid Games** • Katie Clague Gameplay Artist **TT Games** • Viki Freeman Talent Acquisition Partner & HR **Team17**.

DISCOVER how students can get involved in the industry
LISTEN to our panellists discuss 'Reality v Expectation'
WATCH Media Molecule's innovative 'Dreams' come to life
MEET the designers and artists
CREATE your pathway!

This is a **FREE** event aimed at students aged 13+ and academic staff from secondary schools and colleges.

With just **80 student places available** get your tickets here
<https://uclanwomeningames.eventbrite.co.uk>

We have a number of spaces for **secondary school/college academics** and parents/guardians wishing to accompany students.

VENUE Creative Innovation Zone | UCLan Media Factory | Kirkham Street | Preston PR1 1JN



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Priory Pupil Has Heart-Felt Support For Charity

Year 8 pupil Connie may need another operation after being born with a hole in her heart – so she is making sure she raises funds for Alder Hey Children's Hospital.



Connie, along with friend Amba, held a cake sale at school as well as selling items from Alder Hey, such as a giant calculator which Headteacher Mr Eastham bought.

"When I was born, I left hospital and everything was ok," said Connie. "However it was my auntie who spotted I wasn't breathing correctly when I was around six months old. I went to Alder Hey and was found to have two holes in my heart. They operated and it was a success. However I have been having regular check-ups and have been told recently I may need another operation.

"Having this hasn't stopped my life. I love horse riding at Eccleston Equestrian Centre although I do think I get a bit of slack in PE if I am struggling to do something!

"Knowing I may have to go back, I decided to fundraise and raise awareness for Alder Hey.

"Amba likes cooking so she baked a cake and we made biscuits and brownies.

"It was well-received and we also sold Alder Hey items; Mr Eastham bought a big calculator as his son was born with a heart condition. We raised £85 in total.



"I want to do more things to raise funds, like a Tough Mudder or something."

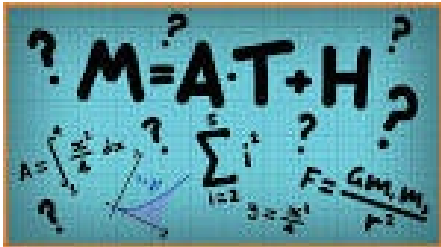
Learning Manager Mrs Nayler said: "The girls came to me with their idea to raise funds but, to be honest, they did it all themselves. They asked Mr Eastham permission to use the LEAP room to sell their cakes and I just supervised it all."

Think About It.

Researchers found that pupils who frequently read newspapers, magazines, comics and non-fiction books did not achieve significantly higher Pisa* scores in reading than those who did not.

However, pupils who read fiction almost every day scored approximately 26 points more in their reading tests than those who never read such books – the equivalent of around 10 months' additional schooling, according to the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation & Development (OECD).

*PISA is the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment. Every three years it tests 15-year-old students from all over the world in reading, mathematics and science. The tests are designed to gauge how well the students master key subjects in order to be prepared for real-life situations in the adult world.



The Maths Department

Like a challenge?

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!

Joe's happiness number is given by the following formula:

$$H = s2c$$

H is the number representing his happiness, s represents the number of sweets he eats, and c is the number of cans of Coca Cola he drinks. Sweets costs £3 each (high quality!) and cans of Coca Cola cost £2 each. His budget for both is £100. How many sweets and cans of Coke should he buy to get the most happiness? He can only buy 'whole amounts' of each, he can't have 0.5 of a can of Coke

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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 and wanted to highlight their love of reading while excelling at other pursuits.

This week we interviewed Year 7 pupil, Nathan.

Nathan likes books which make him laugh - so David Walliams is his favourite author. However, Nathan also admits to having a fascination with vampires!

"I am reading Bad Dad by David Walliams at school and, at home, Midnight Gang by the same author. He really makes me laugh, I like comedies."

Nathan's favourite books, though, are the Twilight Saga.

"I am obsessed with vampires and there are vampires in them. I like all stories like Dracula and things like that."

Nathan's favourite subject at Priory is Art and out of school he enjoys boxing.

"I go to Kingsfold and practice sparring. I also have a punch bag, weights and dumb bells at my garage at home."



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 4 November:

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' My hobbies
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Expressing opinion through debate
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Motivational leadership
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Active learning
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Mental health (part 2)

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Careers Advice at Priory

Hi Everyone,

I am the Careers Advisor at Priory and am in school one day a week, predominantly on Fridays.

I will be available for:

- 1:1 careers guidance interviews throughout the day via an appointment system, and
- Drop in session in the morning first thing from 8.00am to 8.50am and lunch between 1.15pm and 2.00pm.

I can offer pupils impartial careers education, information, advice and guidance on careers that suit their likes and abilities. 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.

I am based in the Careers office along the pastoral corridor and will hold meetings with pupils in the meeting room next to this. Parents and pupils can email:

s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Mrs Khan



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Drop In sessions Times:

Morning : 8.00am to 8.50am
Lunchtime : 1.15pm to 2.00pm

Careers Adviser Dates:

Friday 11th October 2019
Friday 18th October 2019
Friday 1st November 2019
Friday 8th November 2019
Friday 15th November 2019
Friday 22nd November 2019
Friday 29th November 2019
Friday 6th December 2019
Tuesday 10th December 2019, and
Tuesday 17th December 2019

If you would like a 1:1 appointment, please email

s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Registered Professional Careers Practitioner/Member



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Get Caught Reading!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the 'Get Caught Reading' challenge.

Staff 'caught' many pupils reading at break or lunch-time and all of those pupils will receive achievement points but the lucky, randomly selected winners are:

S Maxfield (C7) and L Tabarn (H7)

Both winners will receive a £20 amazon voucher to spend as they choose (hopefully on books!).

The next 'Get Caught Reading' drive will run in the last week before Christmas.



The Great Reading Race

The winners of the class in each year group who read the most words up to Thurs, 17 October were:

- Year 7 Miss Smith's group with 2.6 million words read.
- Year 8 Mr Caddle's group with 2.1 million words read.
- Year 9 Mrs Gidden and Miss Thornton's group with 3.2 million words read.
- Year 10 Mr Faulkner's group with 3.4 million words read.

That's four lots of goodies which headed towards those classes during their reading slot this week.

We will 'race' again in the run up to Christmas.



Book-a-roo



Priory's English department challenge you to Book-a-roo!

Do your preloved books take up too much space? Book-a-roo it our way and help our library grow!

Have you got lots of books at home that you have read, loved but are unlikely to read again? If so, you can help contribute to Priory's library as we grow this important resource.

Pupils could also win the chance to go on a FREE TRIP!

Here's how to participate >> <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2019-10-28-the-english-department-challenges-you-to-book-a-roo>

All pupils will be given their own Book-a-roo grid and can collect stamps for donations up to Friday, 6 December.

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Details have also been posted on Doddle and will be displayed around school.

Deadline on Monday, 4 November. Please hand artwork to the school office.



COMPETITION

Design The School's Christmas Card

Deadline: Mon, 4 November



The Brief:

Be creative and design the school's Christmas card for 2019

Would you like the chance to have your design put in print and circulated to key people around the county?

For the chance to get your creative work recognised and achieve a PiXL Edge accreditation:

- Submit an original design **by Mon, 4 November 2019**
- Designs must be an original winter or Christmas-themed painting or drawing and incorporate a connection to Priory. Alternatively, you may also like to submit a photograph of a model or a Christmas bake that you have made yourself.
- Artwork must be in an 'A' format ie, A5, A4, A3 and can be portrait or landscape.

Entries can be dropped off at the office or photos can be emailed to Mrs Yates at j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk. Make sure your name and form is on the back!

We will be awarding house points for all entries demonstrating effort. There will be bonus points for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each house.

The overall winner will receive art materials, a week's 'Dining Queue Jump Pass' and we'll turn your design into the school Christmas card which will be sent out to over 300 people across the county.



The Weekly Challenge (Week 7)

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 quizzes will enhance learning in all subjects and widen Tier 2 vocabulary.



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

1. What does paramount mean? Use it in a sentence.
2. What does tempestuous mean? Use it in a sentence.
3. What is feng shui?
4. Who invented cornflakes and why?
5. What were peaky blinders?
6. People say you've to repeat something twenty times before it becomes a habit. True or false?
7. What is the average lifespan of a butterfly?
8. Who invented Wikipedia?
9. Why is the sky blue?
10. Where will the next Olympics be held?

Answers on page 13

Answer to Maths Challenge:

17 cans of coke and 22 sweets!

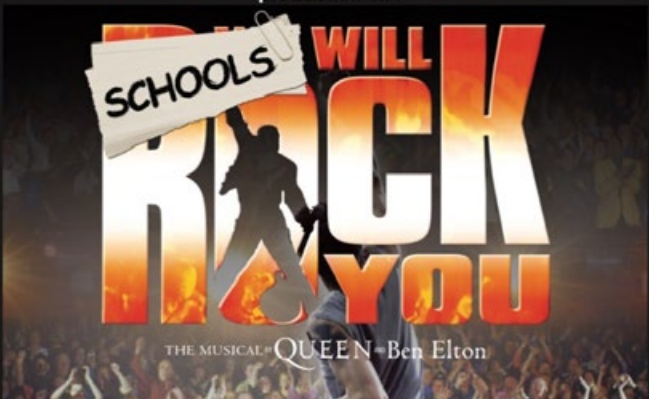
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ANSWERS TO THE WEEKLY CHALLENGE

1. More important than anything else; supreme.
2. Characterised by strong and turbulent or conflicting emotion.
3. It's the Chinese art of arranging buildings, objects, space and life to achieve harmony and balance.
4. The cereal was created by John Harvey Kellogg in 1894 as a food that he thought would be healthy for the patients of the Battle Creek Sanitarium in Michigan where he was superintendent.
5. The Peaky Blinders were an urban street gang based in Birmingham, England, that operated from the end of the 19th century and after the First World War. The group, which grew out of the harsh economic deprivations of working class Britain, was composed largely of young unemployed men.
6. False – It can take some people only eighteen times and others over two hundred and fifty times to form a new habit.
7. It is about one month.
8. Wikipedia began with its first edit on 15 January 2001, two days after the domain was registered by Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger.
9. Blue light is scattered in all directions by the tiny molecules of air in Earth's atmosphere. Blue is scattered more than other colours because it travels as shorter, smaller waves. This is why we see a blue sky most of the time. See more here: <https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/blue-sky/en/>
10. It starts on the 24th July in Tokyo

Penwortham Priory Academy's

production of...



Tickets On Sale Next Week



W/C 4 November 2019

Monday

Brunch

Pasta served with garlic bread

Tuesday

Chicken curry served with naan bread

Creamy veg lattice served with diced potatoes and beans
or peas

Wednesday

Cheese and Tomato | Ham | Pepperoni ciabatta pizza
served with potato wedges and beans or peas

Fish goujons served served with potato wedges and
beans or peas

Thursday

Roast dinner

Tomato pasta served with garlic bread

Friday

Battered Fish | Cheese & Tomato Pizza | Beefburger
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