

Penwortham Priory Post



From Primary to Priory at Open Evening

Our doors opened last night to hundreds of children and their families as they began their search for a secondary school. Prefects lined up to welcome our visitors and were eager to show Priory off to prospective families as they guided them round the school.

Year 7 pupils met former classmates who were keen to hear all about their first month at Priory. Newly appointed Head Boy, Colin, and Head Girl, Sasha, joined Mr Eastham on stage to share their experiences of Priory.

Interactive activities were set up in all departments for children to experience Priory whilst parents questioned teachers and pupils. Showcase explosions in Science, puzzles in Maths, bon appetit in MFL, trampolining in PE and so much more. The ICT & Computer Science department took the opportunity to show off Priory's newest facility, the Hex.

Head Boy, Colin, said "Secondary school is no doubt an important part of your life: both academically and in terms of defining you. And Priory works hard to deliver on both counts. We are a community that supports and makes no compromises for its learners. Priory will give you opportunities to develop as an individual, the skills to succeed; the betterment of your character. You'll be encouraged to mature your own unique, diverse personality"

Head Girl, Sasha, was asked to summarise her time at Priory: "My first thought was, that's going to be challenging. How am I meant to describe my four and a bit year journey in just a few minutes and then I realised. Yes, it's a challenge and that's exactly what teachers do here; they challenge every single pupil to achieve their personal best."

Prospective families can experience a Priory day for themselves as we open again on Thursday, 3rd & Friday, 4th October from 9am to 3pm. Our doors open on the hour, every hour (no tour at 1pm). No appointment necessary.

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 -
D8 (99.31%)**

Rest - C4 (98.46%)

Year 7 Settle Factor Evening Weds, 9 October

This is an opportunity to meet with the Progress Tutor and discuss how your child has settled into life and learning at Priory. Taking the right steps to achieve their very best starts in Year 7 and this opportunity, early in the year, allows us to build a good working relationship between home and school for every child.

Letters will be given to all Year 7 pupils next week. Your child can then make an appointment with their Progress Tutor at a time of your convenience between 3:40pm and 6:00pm.

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KEY DATES

Open Days

Thurs, 3 & Fri, 4 October
9am-3pm

Doors open on the hour,
every hour except 1pm.

Sponsored Walk

(Sponsor forms back Thurs,
3 October)

Tues, 8 October

Year 7 Settle Factor Parents Evening

Weds, 9 October 2019
3.40pm-6pm

Mid-Term Closure

21-25 October 2019

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)

Legacy Garden Fundraiser Walk

On Wednesday we launched our sponsored walk campaign which will raise money for the development of a legacy garden to add to our outstanding open space environment.

The monies raised from the sponsored 6KM Penwortham route aim to provide us all with the best working environment and leave a legacy for the next generation of pupils coming to Priory.

This is the school's fifth big fundraiser across 25 years. We are hoping to have the same fantastic response as we did four years ago when we raised enough to purchase a minibus.

Following an assembly this week, pupils were given their unique named and numbered sponsor sheet. **Pupils should collect sponsors and have their forms back in school by Thurs, 3 October so that we have time to verify who is walking as a sponsored pupil.** All pupils are walking. Pupils who have lost their form can go to the school office to collect a replacement.

Here's what we are doing:

The walk day is Tues, 8 October, weather permitting (a reserved date will be published if necessary).

Pupils will walk with their form groups, progress leader and two prefects. The remainder of the Year 11 will walk in their own forms. Everyone will walk along pathways with directional arrows. There will be two registration points along the route.

Pupils may wear their own appropriate clothing and sensible trainers or walking boots. They must also have a refillable drink bottle.

There will be awards for individuals and forms who have raised the most - your name could be added to a plaque on the legacy wall or tree!

We want every area of the school to be useful, calm and beautiful. We would like our pupils to have a say in how it will look and be used, and together we will create outdoor areas that can be used, by everyone, all year round.

Organiser and Geography teacher, Mr Watters, said,

"We are really looking forward to the whole school and staff walking together. We will walk from school along Liverpool Road to Howick Cross, down to the Ribble pathway, across to the back of the golf course and then work our way back to school."

"If there are any companies or parents who feel they could donate building materials or skills when we come to complete the building of the open-air legacy area please do get in contact with me at a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk."

"Thank you so much for your kind support. Fingers crossed we have a great walk in lovely weather!"



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Open Evening Success!

The evening was a great success but we couldn't do it without the support of pupils and prefect helpers. We've received many comments from prospective families who named individual pupils for their maturity and guidance during their visit.

Headteacher, Mr Eastham, thanked everyone: "Not only for your efforts on the night, but for the hard work and effort beforehand that goes into making these events such a success. The evening was a huge step towards our collective aim... 'To continue to make Priory first choice'."

All pupils who supported the evening were treated to cakes as the school donated, on behalf of everyone, to the MacMillan Coffee Morning taking place across the country today.



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Priory Pupils Become Better Cyclists



On Tuesday a group of our pupils took up the opportunity to make themselves better, safer cyclists.

We advise that all pupils who cycle to school complete the Level 3 Bikeability course. This two hour course is offered free through school and is run by South Ribble Sports Development. Training takes place on public roads, under supervision.

Level 3 teaches pupils how to cycle on multi-lane roads and use complex junctions.

At Level 3 you can

- Prepare for a journey
- Understand advanced road positioning
- Pass queuing traffic
- Perceive and deal with hazards
- Understand driver blind spots
- React to hazardous road surfaces

For further information go to www.bikeability.org.uk



The next course will be offered again at Priory on Mon, 7 October. Pupils should register their interest with Mr Bullock, Head of PE & Sports, by next Weds 2 October (parents can email m.bullock@priory.lancs.sch.uk).

A reminder that a helmet is compulsory. Bikes must be in good working order, with working brakes and pumped up tyres.

The Weekly Challenge (Week 3)

These challenges are added to Doodle 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.



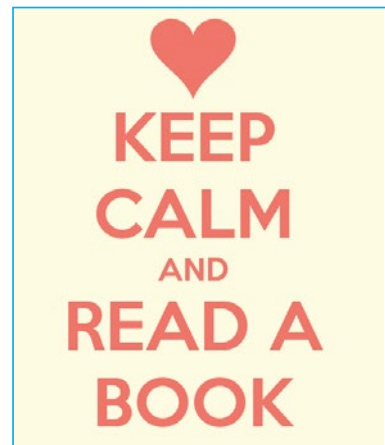
Here is today's challenge. Parents - How would you get on?

1. What's the population of Britain?
2. What are the three biggest cities in the UK?
3. What are the UK's 3 biggest exports?
4. What are the UK's 3 biggest imports?
5. Who wrote the national anthem?
6. Approximately how big is the UK in square miles?
7. What is the official flag of England known as?
8. Which is the highest mountain in the UK?
9. What are the capital cities of Britain, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales?
10. Which sea is closest to Preston?

Answers at the bottom of page 12

Pupils - Year 7, 8 & 9

Every child in Key Stage 3 should have a reading book in their school bag every day. Progress Leaders will be checking!



Pupils - If you need to change your Accelerated Reader book remember, the only times you should be changing them are:

AM Prep* | Break | Lunch | 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.

Did you know - Reading and literacy is the single biggest predictor of high academic achievement?

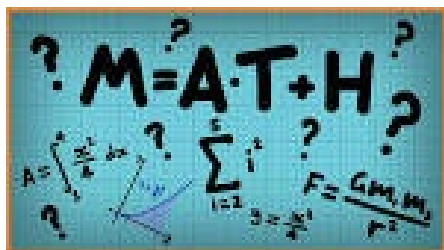
*pupils should go to their form to get their registration mark first



2020 Exam Dates

The dates of the summer GCSE exams are still being finalised however all pupils must be available up to and including Weds, 24 June 2020. Please do not book any holidays on or before the 24 June for Year 11 pupils.

Exam boards have set 24 June set as the contingency day (and anytime leading up to then) for if anything happens during the exam period which requires an exam to be rescheduled. This is beyond our control and although unlikely to happen we have to make every effort to ensure all pupils will still be able to attend the exam if this is the case.



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!

Answer page 6

Alex, Ben and Chris are each either a Knight, Knave or a Spy. The Knight always tells the truth, the Knave always lies, and the Spy could be lying or telling the truth. Based on the statements below, which person is which?

Alex: 'Chris is a Knave'

Ben: 'Alex is the Knight'

Chris: 'I am the Spy'

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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, Preston.

Preston is reading two advanced novels - and it has improved his writing vocabulary as a result!

He is currently deeply involved in two books: "I am reading Northern Lights by Phillip Pullman and Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers by JRR Tolkien.

"I started Lord of the Rings at home and then I started reading Northern Lights in the school library. My friend Samuel and I are both planning to read Phillip Pullman's Dark Materials trilogy at the same time then we can both discuss it.

"My favourite book is the Earthsea trilogy by Ursula K Le Guin. They are a bit like Harry Potter as they are about wizards.

"It's based on every spell you cast has a consequence so if you asked for rain, it would stop raining somewhere else.

"The lead character in the first one is a boy called Ged who tried to bring someone back from the dead and it backfired and now he has released a shadow which looks like himself and he has to try and defeat it."



Preston's favourite subject in school is Maths and he also goes to the Art Club on Mondays.

"I also take part in dancing every Saturday at PM's Dance Club, with Latin, ballroom and hip hop. It's fun."

Preston's dream is to own his own restaurant. "I can cook a bit and when I was younger I loved watching my mum cook. I watch Masterchef and Bake Off and I enjoy them so that's where the idea of a restaurant came from!"

Alex = Knight Ben = Spy Chris = Knave

Answer to Maths Challenge:

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STEM

Careers Fair

Last Friday was our careers event when we invited a range of organisations from the world of business and education to talk to Priory pupils.

The event focussed on careers in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) industries and was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to talk to our visitors and open themselves up to the different career routes in the sectors.

Throughout the morning, Pupils went into the Assembly Hall with their lesson group for the chance to ask questions and hopefully be inspired to pursue STEM career paths in the future.

Assistant Head of Science, Mrs Massey, who organised the event said, "The event aimed to showcase jobs connected with Science such as engineering, environmental science, pathology, health & fitness, and encourage pupils to take up a career in the industry."

Thank you to the fifteen organisations that supported the event including the all local colleges and UCLan, Leyland Trucks, The Royal Navy, Levity Crop Science, Nuffield Health, Rosemere and Lancashire Teaching Hospitals.



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Attendance - Why It Matters!

Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good habits for when young people enter into work and life.

Annually, prizes are announced for several categories to recognise consistently high attendance throughout the academic year. Last year there were many pupils who achieved 100% attendance and names are drawn out of a hat during a full school assembly; the winner of each house received a prize.

House Winner: Hodder
Form winner: Mr Scott's form, D2

This time we also gave four prizes out for pupils who gained at least 97%.

So why is attendance so important? Here are the facts:

1. Good attendance means being in school at least 97% of the time or between 180 and 190 days.
2. 90% attendance may sound good, but it is the same as missing half a day each week or four weeks off school each year. During five years at school this would add up to missing half a year.
3. A child on holiday for two weeks during term time will miss 50 one hour lessons.
4. There are 190 school days each year, that leaves 175 days not in school for holidays.
5. 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school.

There is clear evidence of a link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement. For example, pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school, only 35% manage to achieve five grade 9 to 4 GCSEs, including English and Maths.

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Attendance continued...

Attendance & Inclusion Manager, Mrs Swire, said: *"We have been really impressed with our attendance, especially this school year."*

"We reward students by giving award points out every week to the form with the highest attendance. At the end of each term and half term various prizes are awarded to individual pupils during house and full school assemblies."

This year we are introducing another prize of a breakfast voucher which will be awarded throughout the year which I am sure will go down well!"

"We do everything we can to encourage pupils to attend school on a regular basis as we know how important it is to their education. Students are more likely to succeed academically when they attend school punctually and consistently."

Image on previous page shows: D2 Form Tutor Mr Scott, Mrs Swire Attendance Manager, and Mrs Bailey Head of Hodder House.

ATTENDANCE LINE 01772 320271

Did you know that the attendance line is not just for letting us know if your child is ill and therefore will not be in school.

You can call and leave a message if:

- ✓ Your child will be late for any reason
- ✓ Your child has a medical appointment, either that day or at a later date
- ✓ You require a leave of absence request form
- ✓ Updates on absence due to illness/hospital stays
- ✓ Any other reason why your child may not be in school.



Please leave a message on the voicemail for Mrs Garnham, the Attendance Officer, stating your name and contact number plus your child's name, form and reason. Mrs Garnham will get back to you if necessary.

Being Late

Please note that the school day starts at 08.40am. In accordance with Lancashire County Council guidelines, children who arrive in school after 08.40am without a genuine reason* will be marked as 'late' in the register and will receive a break detention that day.

*Pupils delayed on school transport excepted

Sickness/Appointments

Please could we remind parents to telephone school on 01772 320271 and leave a message if your child is unwell or has an appointment before school commences. Where possible please book a dental or medical appointment after school or in the holidays. If this is not possible please make sure your child attends school before and after the appointment and brings a note signed by the parent confirming where they have been.

Year 7 football team start as they mean to go on...

Match report by Mr Gee.

The Year 7 football team started the season with a fantastic win over Lostock Hall on Monday. After a promising start Priory found themselves 1-0 down after 10 minutes. This changed after Eland scored his first goal for Priory before quickly netting his second of the match for Priory to take a 2-1 lead. Lostock equalised with the last kick of the first half meaning the score was 2-2 at half time.

A positional change saw Collinson move to centre forward in the second half and his pace made the difference seeing him score a second half hatrick for Priory to eventually run out 5-3 winners.

The team travel to Worden on Monday, 30 September for their second game.

Team : L Hallows, W Ward, M Rhema, H Coleman, A Bodi, J Topley, T Collinson, C McGovern, M McKay, A Eland, H Russell, S Girulis.

Apologies - no photo!



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 30 September:

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' What are organised acts of kindness?
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' The cycle - thoughts, words, deeds
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Helping each other to grow
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' What organisational skills do I need at school?
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Presenting organised arguments

SPORTS NOTICES

If you have any questions about fixtures, extra curricular sport activities or matches please contact the following staff.

Boys - Football

Year 7 - Mr Gee
n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk
Year 8 - Mr Scott
i.scott@priory.lancs.sch.uk
Year 9 - Mr Henshaw
c.henshaw@priory.lancs.sch.uk
Year 10 - Mr Sneddon
a.sneddon@priory.lancs.sch.uk
Year 11 - Mr Bullock
m.bullock@priory.lancs.sch.uk

For all other boys' sports, contact Mr Bullock, Head of PE, email as above.

Girls - All Sports

Mrs Bullock- r.bullock@priory.lancs.sch.uk
Miss Beesley - a.beesley@priory.lancs.sch.uk



THE PE DEPARTMENT IS ON INSTAGRAM

For team photos, notices and match reports follow the Priory PE Department on:

Priorypedepartment

Inter House Cross Country - Hodder Does It Again!

The weather wasn't kind to our Key Stage 3 cross country athletes this week as the persistent rain over the previous days made the route a bit of a quagmire. However despite this, our resilient pupils were still determined to do their best for their house. The results are below, indicating the overall winning house as **Hodder**.

The top ten finishers of each year group have now been invited to represent Priory at the South Ribble Championships at Hutton Grammar next Sat, 5 October.

Pupils should return their permission slips to Mr Bullock (boys) or Miss Beesley (girls).



GIRLS

HOUSE	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	TOTAL POINTS	OVERALL POSITION
CALDER	297	152	245	694	3
DOUGLAS	393	175	122	690	2
HODDER	263	42	234	539	1
RIBBLE	276	137	311	724	4

BOYS

HOUSE	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	TOTAL POINTS	OVERALL POSITION
CALDER	531	461	300	1292	4
DOUGLAS	450	395	271	1116	2
HODDER	726	362	164	1252	3
RIBBLE	427	350	207	984	1

OVERALL

HOUSE	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	TOTAL POINTS	OVERALL POSITION
CALDER	297	613	545	1455	4
DOUGLAS	393	570	393	1356	3
HODDER	263	404	398	1065	1
RIBBLE	276	487	518	1281	2

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ANSWERS TO THE WEEKLY CHALLENGE

1. The population is currently approximately 67,545,000.
2. The three biggest cities in the UK are London, Birmingham and Manchester.
3. The three biggest exports are machinery/machine parts, vehicles and gems/jewellery
4. The three biggest imports are fuels, animal/vegetable oils and fats, crude materials e.g. copper.
5. Thomas Arne
6. It's approximately 93,000 sq miles
7. It's called the Union Jack.
8. Ben Nevis in Scotland at 1,343 metres
9. London, Edinburgh, Belfast and Cardiff
10. The Irish Sea.



W/C 30 September 2019

Monday

Brunch

Red pesto tagliatelle served with garlic bread

Tuesday

Cottage pie served with warm crusty roll

Cheese or plain omelette served with hash browns and
beans or peas

Wednesday

Cheese and Tomato | Ham | Pepperoni ciabatta pizza
served with potato wedges and beans or sweetcorn
Spicy chicken burger served with potato wedges and
beans or sweetcorn

Thursday

Roast dinner

Tomato pasta served with garlic bread

Friday

Battered Fish | Cheese & Tomato Pizza |
Hot Dog

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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