

Penwortham Priory Post



Librarians: For the love of books

The new library at Priory is certainly helping pupils become book-aholics!

English teacher, Mrs Elliott, has overseen the development of the library, which has included new shelving units, a quiet room with comfy chairs to sit and read and, most important of all, new books.

"We have spent quite a bit of money on new shelving units to make it easier to see what books are available," said Mrs Elliott.

"We also have a quiet area and it's certainly had an impact. You see Year 7s and 8s especially sitting in the quiet area and reading at lunch and breaks. We have also received over £1,000 worth of new books which will be popular.

"Our librarians are volunteers and are keen readers. They have their own rota and duty list and really have kept on top of keeping the library, organised, tidy and well-stocked."

Librarian Dominic said: "I started being a librarian in Year 7 and I am now in Year 9. We have organised the library and catalogued the books so we know where every one goes. It's been hard work but enjoyable.

"I am proud when I see people enjoying the library as I know I have helped to make it what it is."

Priory's librarians are: Verity B, Dominic C, Erin M, Violet S, Lily H, Emily B, Scarlett F, Rhianne L, Josie M, Lucy B, India P, Abigail M, Cora P.

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 (98.21%)
Rest -
D2 (96.3%)**

Well done to Mrs Elliott's and Mr Scott's forms. Pupils in these forms will receive 10 achievement points.

YEAR 11 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

On Fri, 13 December Year 11 will be completing their online college applications in school time.

They will do this during their core PE lesson so all lessons will go ahead as normal with the exception of a single hour of PE.

The school will provide all of the information that is required on the day.

Pupils should take time over the next week to look at the local colleges and decide on what course they will be applying for.

If pupil's want to apply for an apprenticeship we will also be able to help with this process.

KEY DATES

Liverpool Road Christmas Market

Weds, 11 December 2019
6pm-9pm

Man United Europa League Match PE Rewards Trip

Thurs, 12 December 2019
(by invitation)

Royal Institute Christmas Lecture Live Screening

(by invitation)
Tues, 17 December 2019

Christmas Lunch

Weds, 18 December 2019

Horrible Histories Theatre Trip, Blackpool

Weds, 18 December 2019
5.30pm-10pm
(Year 7 pupils FCFS)

End of Autumn Term

Early lunch followed by early school closure at 1.30pm
Friday, 20 December 2019

Start of Spring Term

Mon, 6 January 2020

Rewards Trip, Trafford Centre

Weds, 8 January 2020
(by invitation)

Year 9 Careers Day

Tues, 14 January 2020
(in school)

Theatre Visit - An Inspector Calls - The Lowry, Salford

Weds, 15 January 2020
(Miss Thornton's GCSE

A Message From The Head

Dear Parent/Carer

Hobbies and Opportunities

A hobby can make a teenager feel happier in a variety of ways. Hobbies allow them to learn new skills, meet new people and discover new passions. It can enrich your child's life and increase physical and social interactions. Hobbies can also prevent teenagers from feeling bored or keep them entertained.

Research indicates that most children try five hobbies before they find what they like. Studies also show that children who engage with hobbies are more sociable, don't get bored as easily and it supports them to have good mental health.

Teenagers need free time to explore their own interests, unwind, build relationships and have fun.

Research shows that young people thrive on connections they develop, which demonstrates how valuable hobbies are.



Mr M Eastham, Headteacher



What can you do?

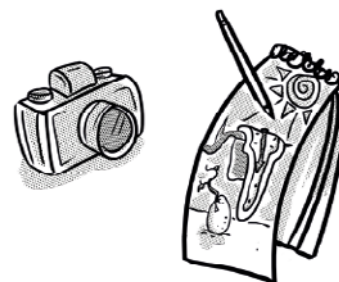


There are many different hobbies for your child to choose from, including sports, music, arts, building, computers, reading, photography, pet care and more.

Encourage your child to take part in individual or group hobbies to enrich their lives and explore their interests.

Talk to your child about what they are interested in and what hobbies they would like to try. Carry out some research in your local area and community to see what they could get involved in. You could also take part in a new hobby together or they could get some friends involved too.

Explain to your child the importance of hobbies to help them be proactive and to take action. Reinforce the importance of hobbies, such as to build confidence, learn new skills, help to choose a career, meet new people, disconnect from technology and discover new interests.



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Do we have any Year 8 pupils who are feeling creative?

English teacher, Mrs Elliott, has set all Year 8 pupils a creative challenge which will also prove useful for pupils' Accelerated Reading (AR) sessions.

Using the template provided*, pupils should design their bookmark within the area specified - the top bit! The winning design will be printed onto card and distributed to all readers who will then be able to add their name, their reading ZPD, their colour code and it also has the web address for the AR site on it - all the questions pupils typically ask during AR sessions!



The theme is READING. Go create!



Year 8 pupils should return entries to their English teacher by Monday, 9 December. Please ensure your name and English class are written on the back of the entry.

*English teachers have already handed out the templates however the template is also on Doodle and is on the last page of this newsletter ready for printing.



Year 11 Parents Evening

Thurs, 12 December 4pm - 7pm

We encourage parents of Year 11 pupils to attend this session, with their child, to discuss recent pre-public examinations (mocks), attitude and behaviour for learning.

IT IS VITAL THAT PUPILS MAKE DISCUSSION APPOINTMENTS WITH ALL OF THEIR SUBJECT TEACHERS.



All pupils have an appointment sheet and we would ask that parents push for its completion in the remaining days leading up to the evening. Replacement copies are available from the school office or can 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.

If you cannot attend Parents Evening, please contact your child's form tutor or Head of Year 11, Mr Faulkner p.faulkner@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

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SPORTS REPORT

Taekwondo Taster Sessions

Last week saw pupils in Years 7-10 given the opportunity for an enrichment taster session of Taekwondo with sessions running in lessons and at lunchtime.

Pupils were instructed by 4th Dan Master Sam Millne-Ellison who currently has two classes running in the evenings, one being at Priory on a Tuesday. The sessions were very well received by pupils, with Sam extremely impressed with the push kicks demonstrated in a number of the groups.

In addition to the evening class we would like to offer the opportunity, for any pupil interested, to sign up for a paid six-week block of sessions on a Wednesday night from 3.20pm-4.20pm beginning in January. Letters will be available in due course, but any pupils who would like to register their interest can do so on a sign-up sheet outside the PE office.

What is Taekwondo?

Taekwondo is a combative sport which was developed during the 1940s by Korean martial artists. Taekwondo is characterised by its head-height kicks, jumping and spinning kicks, and fast kicking techniques with an emphasis on speed and agility.



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Mental Health - Time to Talk has been the theme in both the assemblies and the Character & Culture sessions this week throughout all year groups.



The free NHS online counselling and emotional well-being website, 'Kooth', has been introduced to all pupils. The service is funded by the National Lottery and provides free, safe and anonymous online support for young people. Developed especially for children and young people, the platform is accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop.

The site is staffed by a wide variety of qualified counsellors who are available Monday - Fridays 12pm-10pm and Saturday / Sundays 6pm - 10pm. It is available for young people aged 11-25.

How does Kooth work?

It's an online counselling service, where you enter the chat waiting room, then you get to chat with a counsellor 1:1, it's set up almost identical to MSN or Facebook chat. You can also use message boards, forums, play games, and set up your own blog page. Kooth counsellors are real-life trained mental health professionals, and have details of their qualifications on their own 'About me' boxes, so you can choose which you think would suit you. Kooth also liaises with mental health services, if you are already seeing a counsellor in real-life, then they may ask permission from your counsellor to work with you.

We would like all pupils to go on to the website <https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/children-and-young-people/kooth> and familiarise themselves with what is available, in case they need it now or in the future, or if they know someone else who needs help.

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www.kooth.com



Character & Culture sessions next week will focus on the General Election, taking a look at the five main political parties and their pledges.

Pupils will take part in a class ballot and decide on a winning class party. This will also help pupils relate to what they may see on TV.

Pupils should check Doodle as well as their emails on Friday, as there is some pre-reading to do!

On the curriculum w/c 9 December:



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Young People and Money

Young Enterprise and Young Money give young people the life skills, knowledge and confidence they need to succeed in the changing world of work.



Martin Lewis' Financial Education Textbook For Teenagers

The textbook provides consistency to the financial education young people receive within secondary schools and supports and enhances financial education. It was developed to ensure a relevant, engaging and useful resource.

The downloadable book includes guidance on issues such as: Saving and spending, Borrowing, Good and bad debt, Risk and reward, Insurance, Investments, Student finance, Tax and national insurance

Parents and pupils can download a free copy of **Your Money Matters** via the following link>> <https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/teachers-hub/financial-education/resources-hub/financial-education-textbook/>

Managing My Money for Young Adults - Free Online Course

For Year 10-11 pupils: A free online Open University course designed to give 15-19 year olds personal financial management skills and the confidence to take control of their finances whether still studying, starting work or an apprenticeship or planning to go to university. The course takes no more than 24 hours of study with learners typically completing it in 12 to 16 hours.

You will learn how to make your money work harder and go further, online and at your own pace - at any time, you can save what you have done and return to the course.

Why spend 12-16 hours studying this free course?

- On successful completion, you are awarded an Open University Digital badge to download and share and this badge has recognised status with employers
- You gain the skills and tools to take control and avoid money worries in future
- You can use this course for your Duke of Edinburgh Award skills development
- You get free online tools to help you budget easily and effectively
- You get a free Statement of Participation to go with your other achievements
- You can talk about this independent learning in job interviews and on your university statement

Students learn how to:

- Budget effectively, through different stages of their lives
- Choose and manage bank and savings accounts
- Finance further and higher education studies
- Borrow sensibly and manage debts effectively
- Plan ahead to make life goals are financially achievable.

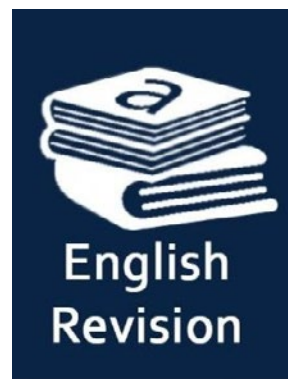
Further information at>> <https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/resources/open-university-managing-my-money-for-young-adults-2/> and register for the course at <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/money-business/personal-finance/managing-my-money-young-adults/content-section-overview?active-tab=description-tab>

Finance will be covered in PSHE sessions with Year 7s being introduced to this topic in June and Year 11s gaining a deeper understanding in April. Pupils can also access these resources via Doodle, Priory's homework platform.

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English Literature and Language Revision Guides (Year 10)

A reminder that English Literature and English Language Revision Guides are available to purchase via school. The guides, endorsed by the examining board AQA, normally retail for £6 each however we have managed to secure these for just £4 each (Literature) and £4.50 each (Language).



The **English Literature** revision guides explain the whole text in a clear and easy to understand way, as well as offering close analysis of certain sections of the text. Pupils will need a maximum of five of these according to their class study:

Macbeth	Power and Conflict Poetry Cluster guide	Romeo & Juliet		
Blood Brothers	Lord of the Flies	A Christmas Carol	Jekyll and Hyde	An Inspector Calls

The **English Language** revision guide is a comprehensive guide to both English Language papers. All students are studying the same papers and there are no tiers in this subject so one guide covers all.

A copy of the letters are available to download from the school website at <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters> or contact Mrs Gidden, Head of English, for further information: a.gidden@priory.lancs.sch.uk.



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!

The Miller took his friends aside and showed them nine sacks of flour that were standing as shown below. "Now, listen all" said he, "while that I do set ye the riddle of the nine sacks of flour. And mark ye, my lords and masters, that there be single sacks on the outside, pairs next unto them, and three together in the middle thereof. By Saint Benedict, it doth so happen that if we do but multiply the pair, 28, by the single one, 7, the answer is 196, which is of a truth the number shown by the sacks in the middle. Yet it be not true that the other pair, 34, when so multiplied by its neighbour, 5, will also make 196.

Wherefore I do beg you, gentle sirs, so to place anew the nine sacks with as little trouble as possible that each pair when thus multiplied by its single neighbour shall make the number in the middle."



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Voluntary, Community & Charity



PENWORTHAM
TOWN COUNCIL

Penwortham Christmas Markets

On Monday evening Mrs Cowell and Mrs Lawe took the Priory gazebo over to Kingsfold Christmas Markets for our stall packed with handcrafted Christmas decorations.

Next Wednesday, 11 December, Mr Watters and Mrs Willis will be hoping to see some familiar faces at the Liverpool Road Christmas Markets.

Once again we will be selling unique homemade wares created by our Technology department which are always a sell-out!

Liverpool Road Christmas Market

Weds, 11 December 2019 - From 6.00pm until 9.00pm

Come along and enjoy the brilliant festive atmosphere.



Answer to Maths Challenge:

2 | 78 | 156 | 39 | 4 |

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Priory's Reverse Advent Calendar

Our reverse advent calendar collection continues throughout December.

To support this term's culture focus: Kindness, throughout the month until the last day of term, we are collecting for the homeless and the Penwortham Food Bank. Mrs Hopes will then deliver items after school closes on Friday, 20 December.



During AM Preps leading up to the end of term, pupils can take items to Mrs Hopes' office or Mrs Holland's old office on the Pastoral corridor. Mrs Hopes will be available every morning throughout December to take in donations.

Pupils have amazed us with their generosity so far including brothers Aaron and Luke who each brought in boxes of essentials (and a few treats!) for those in desperate need.

What is a reverse advent calendar?

Reverse advent calendars work by you filling them every day with items of food or clothing that can then be taken to a food bank or charity in order to help those less fortunate who are struggling at Christmas time.

Here's a list of what the charities are asking for...

(Lists of items are also on Doodle for pupils)

- Coffee, tea, sugar
- Longlife milk
- Cereal and breakfast bars
- Biscuits, cakes, mince pies
- Selection boxes, chocolates
- Packets of dried food inc pasta and noodles
- Tinned pies
- Soup
- Jars of pasta sauce
- Tinned vegetables (inc potatoes, tomatoes)
- Tinned rice pudding, custard
- Beans and spaghetti
- Corned beef
- Men's and women's underwear
- Hats, scarves, gloves
- Shower gel,
- Men's and women's deodorants
- Shampoo, conditioner
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste,
- Soaps, lip balm
- Gift sets
- Washing powder/tablets
- Towels



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Priory Gardeners Sow The Seeds Of The Past

Penwortham Priory Academy pupils are sowing seeds in a new way – making use of abandoned bottles.

Gardener Mr Farron found some old milk bottles in the school archives and has adapted and recycled them for his and the pupils' use.

"All schools tend to have areas where they store things and ours is under our stage," said Mr Farron, who has just helped Priory win two Royal Horticultural Society North West in Bloom Awards for their outstanding gardens.

"The school was built in the 1950s and at that time free milk was given to children.

"I was looking under the stage for some props for the garden and I found the milk bottles covered in dust. They had names on them like Co-op and UCP and could hold one-third of a pint of milk.

"The bottles brought back memories for me, being a former milk monitor, and certain older members of staff.



"I decided to make use of them and show the pupils how to recycle them and we have planted bulbs in them and are watching them develop. We have put them in different types of compost and we are logging how they grow over a period of time.

The pupils are interested, they want to know and we are also using the milk bottles to brighten rooms up by putting our home grown flowers in them."

Year 9 pupil Connor said: "I help Mr Farron most mornings and I enjoy working on the gardens."

Megan, Year 8, added: "I enjoy learning about all the different plants and flowers and learning about the environment. Doing things like this, helps us understand the environment more."

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, Lily.

Lily has a couple of books on the go but is enjoying 'One Dark Throne' by Kendare Blake.

The Year 7 pupil is one who enjoys English, among other subjects.

"One Dark Throne is about three queens who are all fighting, in Ascension Year, to be the one queen and all have different abilities. They have to kill each other and it's gripping so far.

"I actually have three different books on the go, each have more than 300 pages. I jump from one to another whether I am in school or at home.

"I love reading. I like English but I also enjoy maths, history, art, science and geography. I am quite arty so I go to Art Club every Monday after school."



Are you missing something?

Last chance before it goes.



A reminder that all lost property will be removed at the end of the term: Friday, 20 December. We encourage all pupils that have lost anything over the Autumn term to check the trolley before then.

Lost property is located in the Pastoral Office*. Valuables are kept securely so please ask. We endeavour to return all named property to its owner, therefore please ensure that all clothing and belongings are named.

Any property not collected by Friday, 20 December will be donated to charity or will be used as spares for those pupils that have forgotten, misplaced or have spoiled their uniform.

This year, the Pastoral team will be donating coats to the homeless and other clothing will go to the Kingsfold Community Centre.

*Lost PE kits are kept with the PE Department.

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Christmas Fair

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER • 11AM-3PM

AT ST MARY MAGDALENE'S CHURCH HALL
BULLER AVENUE, PENWORTHAM, PRESTON PR1 9QQ

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- FOOD AND DRINK
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We're Recruiting!

Welfare Assistants

Due to increasing pupil numbers, the school is looking to take on additional Welfare Assistants for lunchtime duties.

To apply please send a letter of application to Mrs Spencer, Head's PA, s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk, by post or email, stating why you think you would be suitable for this role and what qualities you will bring.

Full details can be found on the school website at >> <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies>

Catering Assistant

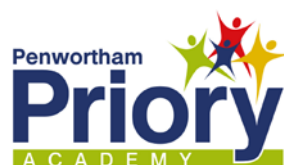
We are seeking a part-time Catering Assistant to provide support in the preparation, cooking and serving of food and beverages plus related catering duties.

See advert opposite for further details.

Please visit the school's website at for an application pack >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

Applications accepted by email or post.

Closing date: Mon, 9 December at 9am.



We're Hiring

Welfare Assistant

We are seeking a Welfare Assistant to ensure the safety, well-being and good conduct of pupils at lunchtime.

Days	Monday to Friday term time only
Hours	5 hours per week* 1pm to 2pm (occasional earlier lunches from 12 noon - 1pm)
Pay	Grade 1 pt 1 Gross salary £17,364 per annum Pro-rata £2,630



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

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

Please contact Mrs Spencer, Headteacher's PA, for enquiries or call in to Reception during school hours.

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

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or visit our website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

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



We're Hiring

Catering Assistant (part-time)

We are seeking a Catering Assistant to provide support in the preparation, cooking and serving of food and beverages plus related catering duties.

Days	Monday to Friday term time only
Hours	16.25 hours per week 10.45am-2.30pm with 30 minute break
Pay	Grade 2 Point 2 Gross salary £17,711 per annum Pro rata £6,547



Experience not essential however candidates must have good customer care skills and standard of hygiene. Candidates must also be able to work under pressure, have good use of initiative and work as part of a team.

Closing date: Monday, 9th December at 9am

Please contact Mrs Barker, Business Manager, or Mrs Titterton, Catering Manager, for enquiries or download an application pack from the school's website at:

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

c.barker@priory.lancs.sch.uk | 01772 320255

j.titterton@priory.lancs.sch.uk | 01772 320262

Interviews will be held on 11th & 12th December 2019.

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W/C 9 December 2019

Monday

Sausage and mash served with beans or peas

Tomato pasta served with garlic bread*

Tuesday

Lasagne

Vegetarian lasagne

Both served with garlic bread

Wednesday

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

Pulled pork barm 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*

**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.*

Name: _____

ZPD range: _____

Colour: _____

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