

Penwortham Priory Post

A Message From The Headteacher

Dear All,

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be able to write to you at the start of this academic year and welcome you back to school after what I hope has been a safe and relaxing summer break for everyone.

A very warm welcome too, to all our new pupils and parents. We look forward to working alongside you over the coming years as you start out on the next stage of your academic life, and embark on an exciting and inspiring learning journey with us.

I am extremely proud to be the Headteacher of Priory; a school that has the highest expectations of everyone, is caring, progressive with high academic standards, and where individual pupils learn to succeed.

I offer my best wishes and thanks to all those pupils who have now moved on at the end of the last academic year, secure in the knowledge that they continued to build on the successes of previous years and produced, yet again, some great examination results. I hope that our school leavers of 2020 will achieve some of our best results ever and am confident that with the hard work of all involved, they will not disappoint.

On that note, I would like to finish by taking this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support of the school and to thank all our pupils for the contribution they make to Priory in so many different ways, whether that be in the classroom, on the sport's pitch, on stage, fundraising or in extra-curricular activities.

Priory is all about inspiring children to grow into well rounded people; each child is unique so our responsibility is to find how to enable each to make strong academic progress, achieve the highest levels of academic attainment and nurture their all-round personal achievement.

At the start of the 2019 academic year, we will ensure we continue to do this, and in so doing, secure the best for all, from all.



Mr M Eastham, Headteacher



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 are separated out.

Results are published a week in arrears so this week's winners will be announced next week.



Dates For Your Diary

Did you know term dates for the new academic year, as well the following two years, are available to view and download from our website?

<https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates>
(scroll down to the bottom to view future academic years)

The school calendar is also kept up to date with term closures, PSHE days and events >> <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/calendar>

KEY DATES

**Class of 1989
30 Year Reunion**
Sat, 14 September
2.30pm-5.00pm

**Year 11 Aim & Ambition
Evening**
Weds, 18 Sept 2019
5:30pm-6:30pm

The Book Fair
Weds, 18 September -
Tues, 25 September
In the library

PSHEE Day
Weds, 25 Sept 2019
(Early lunch followed by
early closure at 1:30pm)

INSET Day
School closed
Thurs, 26 Sept 2019

Open Evening
Thurs, 26 Sept 2019
4:30pm - 9pm

Open Days
Thurs, 3 Oct & Fri, 4
October 9am-3pm
Doors open on the hour,
every hour except 1pm.

**Year 7 Settle Factor
Parents Evening**
Weds, 9 October 2019
3.40pm-6pm

Mid-Term Closure
21-25 October 2019



**Weds, 18 September
5.30pm-6.30pm**

Year 11 Aim & Ambition Evening



Year 11 pupils and their parents are invited to attend the 'Aim and Ambition' night on Weds, 18 September from 5:30pm to 6:30pm where we will share expectations for the year ahead.

The evening will be vital for Year 11 pupils and parents as we will:

- Share the structure i.e. coursework deadlines, exam dates, parents evening dates, etc.
- Demonstrate and give you experience of accessing all the online resources we use e.g. GCSEPod, MathsWatch, Doodle, etc.
- Remind everyone (pupils and parents) of the passwords for the latter so that parents can help pupils at home.
- Explain what PiXL Independence resources are and how to use them.
- Share our expectations of pupils' attendance at lesson 7 and/or intervention when necessary.
- Issue 'how to revise' advice for pupils and parents.
- Provide further education and careers advice.

Please put this date in your diaries now - 18 September, 5.30pm-6.30pm

School Photographs



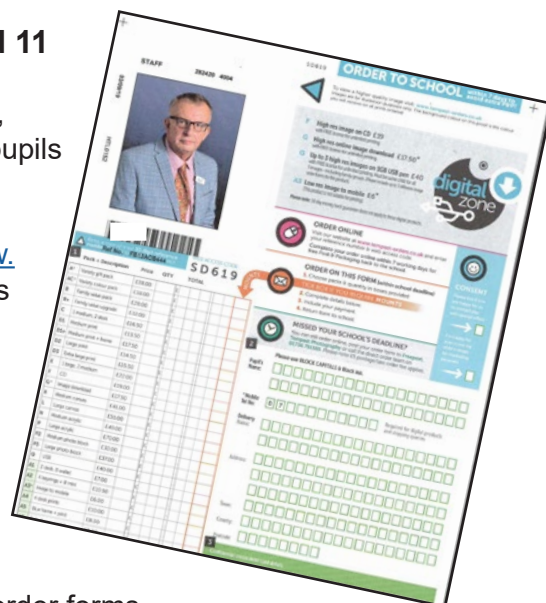
Pupils and Parents - Years 7, 9 and 11

Following the photo session on Tuesday, order forms have been sent home with pupils today (Friday).

All orders should be made online at www.tempest-order.co.uk. No money or forms should be brought back into school. Tempest will send orders to school to be distributed to pupils accordingly.

Please note the last date for free delivery is Thurs, 12 September. After that date, delivery must be paid for.

Unfortunately, we do not hold copies of order forms.



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Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

Whether your child is starting Priory for the first time in September or if you already have children on roll at the school, you may not be aware whether you are entitled to claim Free School Meals (FSM).

By registering your child for FSM means the school receives additional funds (called pupil premium) which can assist with purchasing additional resources to aid achievement. Registering your child is confidential and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

If parents have already made a successful claim for FSM, then no further paperwork or phone calls are required as the claims will continue between key stages including the transfer to secondary school.

Only new claimants need to ring or send documentation to the Area Education Team at Lancashire County Council. Please read the eligibility criteria before applying as Working Tax Credit is not a qualifying benefit.

Further information can be found on the school's website at >> <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/free-school-meals>



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.

The aims of the **Character** programme are to equip students with the skills, knowledge and competencies, distinct from their academic work that will help them succeed in the future.

Culture work focuses around the importance of community and how we can live together more harmoniously. This is split into three distinct areas - Kindness, Respect, Living Without Harm.

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

We will explain more about this programme in next week's issue.

On the curriculum w/c 9 September:

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' Introducing organisation
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our differences' There is no 'I' in team
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Voice
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Mindset assessment
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Breaking down the journey

Drop-in Sessions

The **PL**Edge

2pm-2.20pm Every Day

Call in to the Learning Centre to see Mrs Hopes or Mr Raynor during your Character & Culture session.

This is for pupils who have any questions about Pixl or may need to write up completed activities.

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GCSE Results 2019



Headteacher Mr Eastham was thrilled as GCSE results showed improvements in several key areas.

Thirteen pupils gained a Grade 9 in either English Language, English Literature, Maths, History, Art and Design, Chemistry or Technology.

In Maths, 23 pupils gained one of the top three grades of 7, 8 and 9, as did 22 in English.

41% of all pupils achieved a Grade 5+ (strong pass) in English and Maths, an increase of 3% from last year while 63% achieved a grade 4+ (standard pass) - an increase of 8% from last year.

Grades 7, 8 and 9 were also achieved in several other subjects, most notably Art, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, French, History, Technology and Combined Science.

Mr Eastham said: "Our pupils have done well this year. We've seen an improvement in our results in several key areas and we've maintained a lot of the good results that we got last year. So, overall, it's a pleasing picture for us as a school.



"We're particularly pleased that the number of pupils achieving the Government measure of a 'strong pass' (Grade 5 and above) has once again improved from last year.

"We are pleased for our pupils who have achieved the top grades and this is testimony to the hard work and dedication of both our staff and pupils and demonstrate that we continue to move in the right direction, going from strength to strength.

"But it's about the achievements of all our young people who, based on their individual ability and resilience, have also recorded very good grades and should feel proud of their own individual achievements.

"Results are only part of a bigger picture. While they provide a platform from which our pupils can now embark on the next stage of their lives, they do not define any of our pupils or their future successes. Other things matter, too – their health, happiness, their ability to work with others.

"For us, Priory is all about inspiring children to grow into well-rounded young people. Therefore, our responsibility is to find how to enable all our pupils to make strong academic progress, achieve the highest levels of academic attainment and nurture their all-round personal achievement so each can be a fully engaged, caring and contributing member of society."

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Notice for pupils going on the Iceland Trip:

Please can pupils see Mrs Cookson in the Business & Finance office with their passport no later than Tuesday morning, 10 September.

Passport details need to be checked and recorded for flight passenger information.



The posters are up, the leaflets are out and it can mean only one thing:

The Scholastic Book Fair is Returning to Priory!

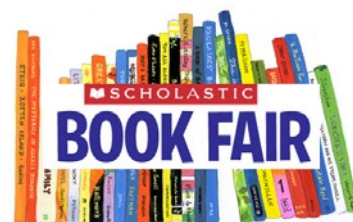
It'll be arriving Wednesday, 18th September so make sure you join us for this celebration of reading!


Over the years our annual Book Fair has proven a huge hit with the students of Priory. From pens to posters to books, there really is something for everyone. The Fair will be with us, in the library, until Tuesday, 24th September so please ensure you purchase what you want before the Fair leaves!

Also, for further discounts at the Fair, log onto Scholastic's website at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/giftvouchers and purchase gift vouchers worth 20% off!

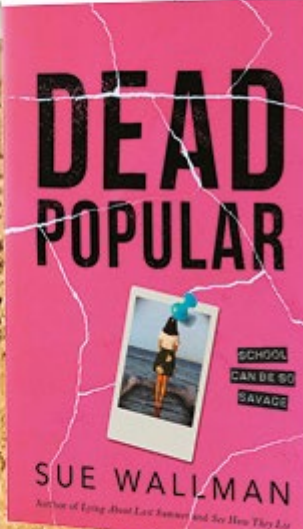

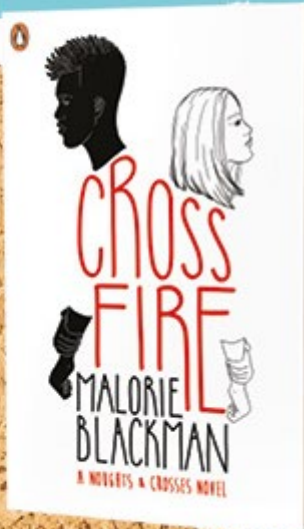

The more the students spend, the more books we can earn for our school library so it really is a win, win!

We look forward to seeing you there!





Come to our Book Fair!



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Game, Set and Match, Jake!

Jake is hoping to be a big hit in the tennis world especially after sampling Wimbledon.

Year 8 Jake has played tennis since he was four and is a member of Penwortham Lawn Tennis Club. He trains four times a week, including travelling to Manchester once a week to train with a performance squad.

When we interviewed Jake at the end of the summer term, he had recently won both the singles and doubles titles in the Warrington Cup. Jake competes all over the North of England and Wales, playing county or regional level tournaments as well as club competitions.

Jake is currently ranked number six in Lancashire in the Under 12s and, before the summer break, was selected as a promising junior by his head coach in Manchester to spend the day at Wimbledon, funded by the Cheshire Youth Trust.



“I saw my favourite player Roger Federer as well as Rafa Nadal, Dominic Thiem and Maria Sharapova. It was really good and you could see how fast the game was and how quick they were.

“My dream is to play at Wimbledon. I know it will take a lot of practice and dedication but I want to be a professional.”

Last week, Jake was selected to attend Lancashire's under 14 county training programme for 2019/2020. He will be attending camps to train with the best players in the county.

There's no doubt that we will be hearing more about this young man as his tennis career progresses through his time at Priory and we wish him the best of luck.



W/C 9 September 2019

Monday

Hunter's chicken served with diced potatoes and sweetcorn

Cheese or plain omelette served with hash browns and beans

Tuesday

Savoury mince served with mash and Yorkshire pudding

Red pesto tagliatelle served with garlic bread

Wednesday

Cheese & Tomato | Ham | 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 |

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



Bake Sale!

**Weds, 18 Sept
Break & Lunch*
In the Library**



Year 11 pupil, Verity, is organising a bake sale to raise funds for her scout group.

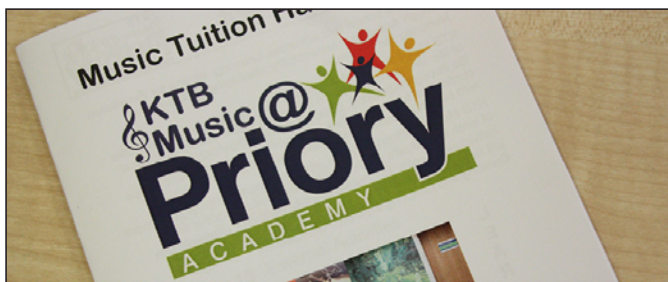
The bake sale, on Weds, 18 September, takes place in the library at break. *The sale will continue at lunch if there is anything left!

Money raised will go towards 5th Penwortham Scout Group's Poland Jamboree 2020.

Any donations of cakes would be very much appreciated. They can be dropped off at the library before or during AM Prep that day.

Pupils - don't forget to bring in a small amount of cash if you want to buy!





PRIVATE MUSIC TUITION AT PRIORY

Pupils can learn to sing, or learn to play the drums, a brass instrument, piano, keyboard, flute, clarinet, electric, acoustic or bass guitar with KTB Music's peripatetic tutors.

Lessons are £6 per 15 minute slot. Pupils are mostly taught on a one-to-one basis at school, in school time, and are timetabled on a rotation basis to minimise the disruption of class work.

Pupils can study to gain exam grades, to play in concerts or simply for pleasure.

For information please email KTBMusicatpriory@outlook.com or pupils can see Mr Taylor, Head of Music at Priory, for a leaflet.
www.ktbmusic.co.uk



Enjoy Learning Music?

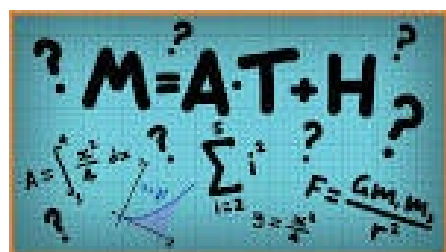
If pupils would like to take up an instrument/voice or carry on from Primary they can here at Priory.

Drumming, guitar, singing and more!

Please email KTBMusicatpriory@outlook.com to request further details.

£6 per lesson.

Pupils will come out of a timetabled class lesson on a rota basis.



The Maths Department

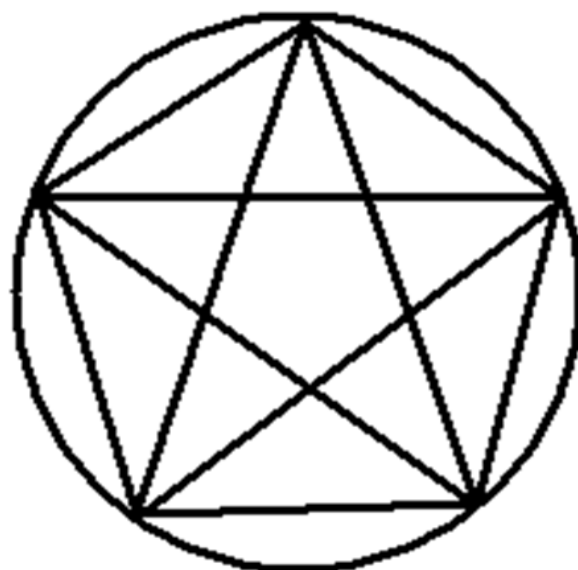
Like a challenge?

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!

How many triangles are there in the diagram opposite?

Answer page 9



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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.

Before the end of the summer term we interviewed Tyler, now in Year 8.

Tyler is juggling two books at once – but he says he doesn't get mixed up.

Tyler is reading *Labyrinth* by Kate Mosse and *The Brothers Lionheart* by Astrid Lindgren.

"I started *Labyrinth* but I forgot my book one day so I got *The Brothers Lionheart* out of the library and then it was too good to put down," said Tyler.

"*The Brothers Lionheart* is about two brothers, one is beautiful and one is ill and they talk about another world.

"There is a fire and the beautiful brother dies.



"The ill brother wakes up one day and finds himself in the other world and the brothers are reunited. They go exploring and get up to adventures, fighting against evil. I am waiting to see what happens next!

"*Labyrinth* is a thicker book about two girls, one in the past and one in the present and their lives are linked.

"My favourite books are Derek Landy's *Skulduggery* series, I have read all one to ten - and have 11 and 12 to read when I finish my current two books!

"I like them because there are a lot of different characters and it's about magic."

Tyler attends the Science Club and STEM Club at Priory and wants to be a games designer in the future.

Answer to Maths Challenge:
In total there are 35 triangles!

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Careers Resources



As part of your child's personal development here at Priory, we will be emailing out any resources which we think may be of interest.

Below is a link to the latest newsletter from Careermag. It contains useful information on a variety of careers and for those of you parenting a Year 10 or 11 student, there is some information that you might want to think about regarding GCSE results day and beyond.

https://careermag.co.uk/careermag-results-day-guide/?utm_source=CareermagResults&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=CareermagNewsletterAugust19



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School Admissions September 2020

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6).

You must still apply even if an older brother or sister is already in the school of your choice.

Parents who apply after the deadline are often subject to the appeals process. If the appeal is not successful, some parents have to take children to different schools which can be challenging if the schools are some distance apart.

If you are a non-Lancashire resident, please apply through your own local authority.

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Closing date 31 October 2019

**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY**

SOUTH

Do you have a child starting secondary school
in September 2020 and living in Lancashire?

APPLY NOW!

WWW.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS
or give us a call on 01772 532109

CLOSING DATE: 31 OCTOBER 2019

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk and search 'School Admission Policies'.



www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools



Open Days

**Thurs, 3rd &
Fri, 4th October
9am - 3pm**

**OPEN
EVENING**

Thurs, 26 Sept from 4:30pm

Headteacher's speech at 5:30pm and 7:30pm



The Online Payments System at Priory

For parents not yet using SCOPAY, did you know you can pay online for -

- Dinner money
- Trips and events
- Books and equipment

Using SCOPAY allows you to top up your child's account or pay for items anywhere, anytime using a credit or debit card.

The SCOPAY website is easy to use and there is also an option to download a mobile app.

All parents can have access to SCOPAY. If you have not yet registered to make online payments, please let us know and an access code will be issued to you.

To find out more or to login go to <https://www.scopay.com/priory>

To register contact:

Mrs J Cookson, Finance Officer

j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Cash and cheques are also accepted however online payments are a much more secure way to make payments.

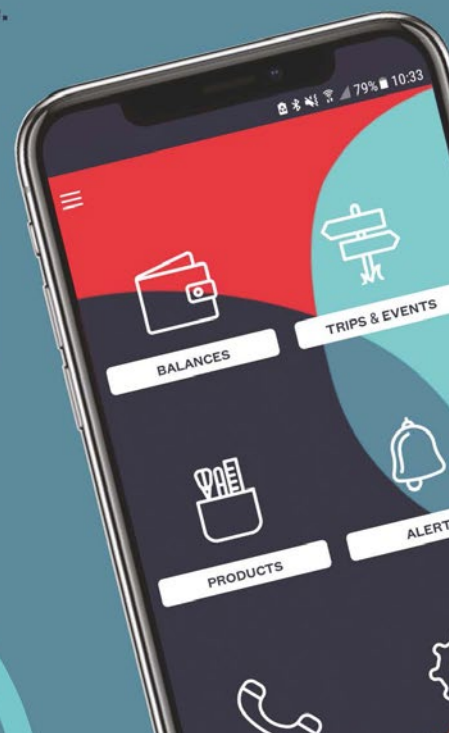
SCOPAY, A MORE CONVENIENT WAY TO PAY

SCOPAY allows parents, guardians, or carers to make payments by credit or debit card for all school purchases (including school meals, trips, and school clubs)

If you have not yet registered let the office know and an access code will be issued to you.

Then visit [SCOPAY.com](https://www.scopay.com) or download the SCOPAY app and pay anytime, anywhere.

Pay for their lunch, on your lunch!



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Class of 1989 Reunion

Former Priory student Tom Jones has organised a reunion for the Class of 1989, 30 years after they all left.

***The reunion is on Sat, 14 September
at Penwortham Priory Academy
2.30pm to 5.00pm***

Then it's onto Fleece pub in Penwortham and Black Bull at Longton where local landlord and '89r leaver Neil Thompson is landlord.

Tom has set up a Facebook page called 'Priory 89 leavers' for anyone who wants more information.

<https://www.facebook.com/Priory-89-Leavers-Reunion-Group-298616504146113/>

Or former pupils may also contact Priory's alumni administrator, Mrs Yates, to be put in touch with Tom. Email j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Come along and meet old friends and former teachers and tour the school to see how it's changed.

Image right: Tom, Anita and Emma trawling through the Priory archives earlier this year in preparation for their reunion.



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Pupils In The Spotlight



Would you like to tell us about your child's achievements whether it's in sport, charity events, public speaking, drama, environmental issues, maths challenges or more? Maybe even someone who has overcome adversity and doesn't mind talking about it? (we like those stories!)

If this is your child please get in touch with the Communications Supervisor, Mrs Yates via email at:
j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk

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