

Penwortham Priory Post



Priory Appoints its Head Prefects

Priory's new Head Prefects commenced their duties this week by having official photographs with the Headteacher.

Head Boy Louis and Head Girl Tilly, along with their deputies Tom and Lillie, are relishing their roles for the school year ahead as well as greeting prospective families at our virtual Open Event which went live this week.

The pupils had to come through a tough selection process to become the new Head Prefects for this school year and they can't wait to start their important positions within Priory. These will include presentations to current staff, parents and pupils although this year their work with prospective parents and pupils will be a little different.

The Head Prefects will contribute to the effective running of the school, attend meetings, assist in the creation and management of the prefect rota and be role models, among other responsibilities.

Louis, who had a lead part in school's 'We Will Rock You' production last school year, said: "I applied for the position earlier this year and then I forgot about it. I was surprised to be Head Boy. One of the reasons I wanted to do it is because I want to do performances in the future and so this role can help me, it can get me used to speaking in front of a big crowd and be likeable and entertaining. It will build my confidence and help me be better in future performances so it ties in all-round."

Tilly said: "It was totally unexpected, I never expected to be Head Girl and it's a

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Dates For Your Diary

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

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, Learning for Life days and events >>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/calendar

Diary Dates

REMINDERS

Learning for Life Day
Weds, 23 September
Early lunch followed
by school closure at
1.20pm

INSET Day
Thurs, 24 September
School closed

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huge privilege to have such a respectful role. It will help my confidence and it will help build my character. I want to help other people and this role allows me to do that. I have already taken part in a number of public speaking competitions, I enjoy them, speaking about something I am passionate about and I like the competition element."

Tilly, whose sister Trista was Deputy Head Girl two years ago, has taken part in a lot of charity work over her Priory years. "I have collected for a number of charities at Bamber Bridge Football Club, I have done bag packing in Tesco for HeartBeat and I have also been on BBC Radio Lancashire talking about my charity work.

"I have taken GCSE Art and I would like to study Art and Design further and maybe be an interior designer in the future."

Deputy Head Girl Lillie said she was honoured to have achieved her new role. "I am very proud, I spent a whole day trying to write my application and I honestly never expected to be Deputy Head Girl as so many people applied for it, many of my friends. My favourite subject is History and I want to be a lawyer so this will help me get used to talking in public."

Tom admitted he was shocked to be awarded the role of Deputy Head Boy. "I like public speaking and I was also in We Will Rock You last school year. I like drama and we are all looking forward to creating ideas to make Priory even better."



Amongst the many emails we receive, this one stood out this week:

Dear Priory

I wanted to let you know that I was very impressed with a group of boys and girls from your school yesterday afternoon.

I was in the Costa coffee shop on Liverpool Road when the mixed group arrived wearing your school uniform. All formed an orderly queue and put face coverings on before entering the shop. They chatted quietly as they waited their turn.

Your pupils thoughtful and polite behaviour was noticed by a number of diners, as by comparison, pupils from another school arrived en masse, in a very noisy manner with none of them bothering to cover their faces or keep a safe distance from other diners.

Your pupils did the school proud and I thought it would be nice to share these positive comments.

What a great start to the new term! Well done to the school staff too for ensuring the pupils understood the importance of good behaviour and consideration of others.

Yours sincerely

Member of the Public





English

Overdue Library Book Amnesty - Years 8-11

Please could pupils in Years 8-11 return any library books that were borrowed before lockdown. We have hundreds of books out in circulation and really need them back!

The school library is integral to teaching and learning and plays a very important role in promoting the habit of reading for pleasure as well as enriching students' intellectual growth so we hope you can appreciate that the library must be able to maintain its stock for the benefit of all pupils.



Books should be returned to your English teacher. Please note this is an amnesty so **no** sanctions will be given.

Mrs Elliott
English Teacher & Head Librarian



Accelerated Reader is a computer-based program that schools may use to monitor reading practice and progress. It helps teachers guide pupils to books that are on their individual reading levels. Pupils take short quizzes after reading a book to check if they've understood it. Further information at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/online-learning-platforms

reminder

The STAR window is open now until Weds, 30 September.

All pupils in Years 7-10 must complete their STAR test at home as homework before this date. Some pupils may have the opportunity to do star testing in their AR lessons and some Year 7 pupils may have already completed it over summer - these pupils will know who they are!

Once they have tested we will give them their ZPD code and they can select a book from their year group's library trolley.

Anyone who does not test by 30 September will have to stay behind after school to complete the test. If they are having any trouble with logging in, pupils should speak to their AR English teacher.

Mrs Robinson-Ali
Assistant Head of English

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Mr Owen

English Teacher



Welcome to Mr Owen who has joined the English Department at Priory – and his hobby is baseball!

Mr Owen spent three summers working in the USA on summer camps and got addicted to baseball there.

"I love all sports and I enjoy writing about sports; I have my own baseball blog. I also support Leeds United!"

Mr Owen studied Politics at the University of Leeds.

"I have always enjoyed analysing language. English is a great subject as it pulls on multiple aspects of society: history, politics, economics and more."

Mr Owen has been reading science fiction over lockdown and has easily settled into life at Priory.

"I have absolutely loved it so far, it's such a positive environment to work in. I love meeting all the pupils and finding out about their different personalities. It's fantastic."

Head of English, Mrs Gidden said: "We are delighted to have Mr Owen here. He is from the Teach First programme, who I have mentored for in the past, and he has slotted in beautifully. He is brilliant to work with."



Mr Owen
English Teacher

Tell us what your plans are for the English Department this year, Mrs Gidden

I have big hopes for the English Department this school year.

"Mrs Robinson-Ali is back so we are in the process of making sure all the new schemes of learning are running the way we want them to. We feel it's the dream team working together again!"

"We have plans to do the speech, poetry and bookmark competitions again and we are hoping to take the Year 7s on a trip to a real castle as they are learning through 'Escape from Kraznir' and we want them to see actual drawbridges and dungeons.

"We also have the Brilliant Beginners award for those Year 7s who have made a good start."

Welcome to the Parallel Maths Project!

Be challenged, get curious, do maths.
Stretch your brain every week.



parallel
by Simon Singh

Join the Maths Department and sign up to Parallel, a collection of mathematical challenges designed to stretch your brain and make your neurons more squiggly!

These weekly challenges are interesting, fun and challenging maths that go beyond the classroom: mystery and history, activities and oddities, puzzles and problems.

Sign up and each week, on Thursday, you can access a new Parallelogram for your year group - random mysteries of mathematics. Be prepared to encounter all sorts of weird ideas, including some questions that have nothing to do with mathematics. Each Parallelogram should take just 15 minutes to complete each.

As soon as you hit the SUBMIT button, you will be able to see the answers as well as your score. It does not really matter what score you get, because the main thing is that you think hard about the problems... and then examine the solution sheet to learn from your mistakes.

Mathematics!

may not teach us how to
add love or minus hate.
But it gives us every
reason to hope that
every problem has a
SOLUTION...

QUOTEDIARY.ME

Interested pupils of any year group should email Mr Kenrick, Head of Maths at p.kenrick@priory.lancs.sch.uk for the joining code. Pupils can then login to the site each Thursday for a new challenge.

There are enamel badges for members and certificates for participation can be won!

To find out more, go to >> <https://parallel.org.uk/introduction>

Mr Kenrick
Head of Maths

New Online Catering Pre-Order System

VeriCool is Priory's new online catering pre-order system which allows parents, pupils and staff to pre-order break and lunchtime food and drink and have them delivered to their year group bubbles.

VeriCool

Unfortunately since the launch of the online catering pre-order system, some technical issues have come to light. This online system is very new and has been developed rapidly in order to support government guidelines and limit contact during the Covid-19 pandemic. Whilst we have escalated recurring issues to VeriCool's support helpline, we acknowledge that it is constantly being updated and developed for all the schools they work with.



Following enquiries received from parents so far we have updated our FAQs to address the most common issues. There is also a video on our website which will talk viewers through how to set up an account and navigate the pre-ordering portal. Please go to www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/online-catering-orders

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this 'teething' period and rest assured that we are doing all we can in these difficult times to have this system running as seamlessly as possible.

If you have any queries, please email enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk and we will support you with the new system.

Word of the Week

Word of the Week:

Enforce

verb

1. to make happen - He tried to **enforce** cooperation.
2. to carry out or make effective - **enforce** a law.

Etymology:

based on Latin *in-* 'in' + *fortis* 'strong'.

Every week teachers will introduce a new word to pupils in their Learning For Life 'Challenge Day' lesson.

Teachers will clearly explain the literacy tip of the week and will reference the Word of the Week in their lessons. Pupils will be challenged about them in curriculum time. Achievement points are awarded for correct use of Word of the Week.

Pupils: Make sure you have checked through your work to ensure you have applied the literacy tip correctly.

Literacy tip of the week...

Proper nouns

The names of people and places.

They need capital letters at the start!

Billy Weaver
Tesco
McDonalds
Priory

Write a list of 10 proper nouns, all with capital letters to start them.

Be careful in your own work and double check that you used a capital letter for proper nouns!

Synonym of the week...

What is a synonym?

A synonym is a word that has a very similar or the same meaning as another word.

So synonyms for 'tired' include 'depleted' and 'weary'

TASK:

Find synonyms for the word:

Excited

Your vocabulary is so important! Make sure you have one!

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London - Paris Trip Update

**Postponement from
October 20 to July 21**



Over the last few months there has been considerable uncertainty about school trips abroad. The government and local authority have said that schools will not be allowed to take pupils abroad until at least the New Year. We were forced to make a decision about the trip.

We are pleased to inform you that we have now had confirmation from the school's travel company that we can keep our trip by changing the dates from the coming October to 1-5 July 2021.

We really hope that those new dates suit all those with a confirmed place. A lot of work has been done to ensure that the price for the trip should remain the same and the itinerary will have few, if any, changes.

Families that have not yet completed payments for their child, should please do so by 20 October 2020.

Over the coming months we will do our very best to keep those with a place updated with further information. Please do contact myself via email if you have any questions; a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk

We are really looking forward to the trip!

Mr Watters
Lead Teacher for Geography
Head of Curriculum Enrichment

School Admissions September 2021

If your child is in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place.

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive an email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in the school of your choice. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

Please note that parents who apply after the deadline are often subject to the appeals process.

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

**Closing date
23.59pm on 31 October 2020**



**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY**

SOUTH

**Do you have a child starting secondary school
in September 2021 and living in Lancashire?**

APPLY NOW!

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

CLOSING DATE: 31 OCTOBER 2020

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'.

Lancashire
County Council

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

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We usually hear...

“Why are we learning this, when we won’t use it after we leave”

Learning for Life sessions are about skills you will use now and in the future.



What’s it all about?

Two years ago we embarked on introducing a new personal development curriculum for pupils, known as Learning for Life, which seeks to develop pupil's character attributes and foster a greater culture of kindness, respect and keeping each other safe.

The school sees great value in the personal development curriculum and through academic year pupils will have two 20 minute sessions a week to explore and develop their Learning for Life.

In character units, pupils will explore attributes of Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication (LORIC) as it is widely acknowledged that these areas not only raise achievement in youngsters but are highly sought after in candidates applying to colleges and places of employment.

All pupils at the school are provided with the opportunity to engage in LORIC activities and receive certification for doing so through the PiXL Edge Award. Past pupils in receipt of the award have included details in college and apprenticeship applications, have been asked to interview and have discussed this achievement further with college staff and employers, who have been impressed that such skills are now formally recognised.

The Challenges: What do we want to focus on?

Year 7

- Transition to 'big school'.
- Setting expected standards.
- Getting the basics right.
- Settling in without settling.

Year 8

- 'Now what?'
- Responsibility as role models.
- Building on foundations.

Year 9

- Preparation for GCSEs (options).
- Hormone changes - changing social dynamics.
- Personal discovery.

Year 10

- Focus on end goals.
- Adjusting to changing demands.
- Growing responsibility.
- Growing sense of self.

Year 11

- Dealing with stress and anxiety.
- Making the most of their time.
- Thinking ahead to post-16 options.

Mrs Hopes
Head of Learning for Life



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

Pupils have two 20 minute Learning for Life lessons each week where they will participate in the curriculum shown opposite.

Where you will learn things you will need and will use, now and in the future

On the curriculum w/c 14 September

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' Organised leadership
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Putting together a team
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Body language
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Mind training part 1
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Using PLCs to support resilience

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Virtual Open Evening

Start your journey at Priory
with our online tour

Sadly, we know that Open Evenings are very unlikely to go ahead this year. So instead, please join Headteacher Mr Eastham as he takes you on a virtual tour of Penwortham Priory Academy.

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/virtual-tour



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To download a copy of our prospectus go to www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/prospectus

your personal invitation:

It is our pleasure to invite you to take a virtual tour
of our school at your leisure.

The place to be is:

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/virtual-tour



Join Headteacher, Mr Eastham, as he personally guides you around the modern facilities of Penwortham Priory Academy. He will introduce you to a school where pupils learn to succeed and where every pupil in our care has access to the best possible education in order for them to secure high standards in their learning journey with us.

Keep checking our website, Facebook or Twitter feeds for any further updates.

If things change...
see us for yourself on...

and our Open Evening can go ahead, come and

Thurs, 24 September 2020 from 4.30pm
Headteacher's speech at 5.30pm and 7.30pm



The Online Payments System at Priory

Due to the Covid-19, we will no longer be accepting cash or cheques as payment. Therefore we are strongly encouraging all parents to use the online payments system, SCOPAY.

Did you know you can pay online for -

- Dinner money
- Trips and events
- Books and equipment
- Ties
- Lockers

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.

Parents who have not yet registered for SCOPAY have been sent a letter inviting you to set up an account. This letter included your unique access code.

To find out more or to login to your account go to www.scopay.com/priory

For enquiries, please contact:
Mrs J Cookson, Finance Officer, at j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/internet-payments

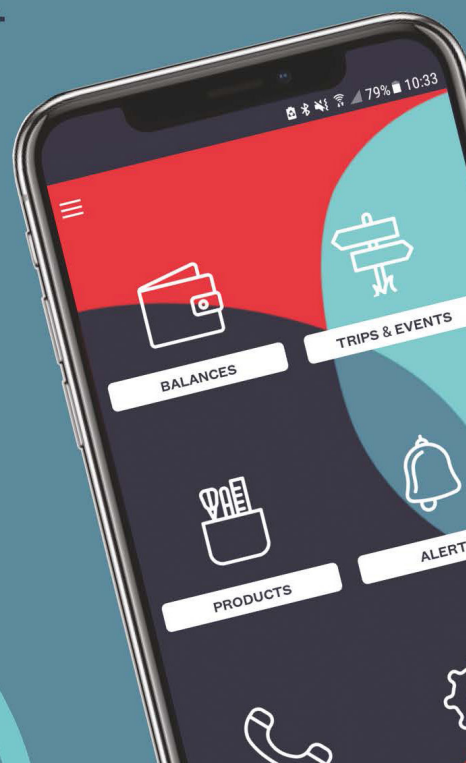
SCOPAY, A MORE CONVENIENT WAY TO PAY

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 or download the SCOPAY app and pay anytime, anywhere.

Pay for their lunch, on your lunch!



SCOPAY

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Runshaw College Open Event - Sat, 19 September

Register at www.runshaw.ac.uk/openevent to access the college's online Open Event Platform chocked full of 3d tours, videos, profiles and searches, which will be sent to you on the Saturday morning.

When you register, pupils will also have the chance to book a slot to go and see them in person in a Covid safe way. You are advised to be quick though as visits are bookable only and limited in number.

www.runshaw.ac.uk/openevent

Do you need
careers
advice?



Independent Careers Adviser
Mrs Khan

*Available for 1:1 Careers Appointments & Drop-In sessions in
The Careers Room*

Drop In sessions Times:

Morning : 8.15am to 8.50am
Lunchtime : 1.15pm to 1.50pm

Careers Adviser Dates:

September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 4th September 2020 Friday 11th September 2020 Friday 18th September 2020 Friday 25th September 2020
October 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 2nd October 2020 Friday 9th October 2020 Friday 16th October 2020 Friday 23rd October 2020
November 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 6th November 2020 Friday 13th November 2020 Friday 20th November 2020 Friday 27th November 2020
December 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 4th December 2020 Friday 11th December 2020 Tuesday 15th December 2020

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

s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Registered Professional Careers Practitioner/Member



Open Event

10am-2pm

Saturday **19** September



Please note that places are limited & this is a Registration Only Event:

www.runshaw.ac.uk/openevent



Careers Advice at Priory

The Careers Adviser, Mrs Khan, is in school one day a week, predominantly on Fridays.

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.

Meetings with Year 11 pupils are held in EN8, the room next to the library, and for Year 10 pupils appointments are in the Pastoral meeting room. Pupils can arrange appointments with their Head of Year.

Parents and pupils can email Mrs Khan at : s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk

NHS Virtual Careers Event 14-18 September

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals covers both Royal Preston & Chorley Hospital.

The Trust normally runs two careers events per year to inspire people of all ages into NHS careers. Due to Covid live events this year have sadly been cancelled therefore they have organised a virtual event.

This event will consist of career information from specific departments being available on the Trust's social media channels.

For students to be part of the careers event, please email Brittany.Mollart@lthtr.nhs.uk directly who will let you know how to get involved.

If there is a specific department that is showcasing at the event that you are interested in, please let them know.



Excellence in education

Virtual CAREERS FAIR 2020
#LTHCareers Week commencing 14th of September

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals are holding their first **Virtual NHS Careers Event** which includes a wide variety of departments at the Trust showcasing different job roles within their area.

We have both clinical and non-clinical departments involved in this who are willing to share their expertise to give you an insight into their daily roles and career paths on offer.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Dietetics	Learner Support Team	LTHTR Membership	Theatres & Maternity support worker	Pharmacy
PM	Clinical Education Team	Occupational Therapy	Pathology	Finance	Audiology

To find out how to get involved in this event, please email Brittany.Mollart@lthtr.nhs.uk

