

Penwortham Priory Post

A Message From The Headteacher

Dear All,

May I take this opportunity to welcome you back following our Easter break. I hope you each managed to make the most of the good weather, avoiding the cold and occasional snow flurries whilst making the most of the warm and sunny days.



At the start of this summer term, it was wonderful once again, in my first remote full school assembly, to be able to welcome back all our pupils into school following the Easter break, without having to alter any plans, as has so often seemed the case over the last 12 months.

Despite all we have had to contend with and continue to be impacted by still, there continues to be so much to celebrate about Priory. Not least the way in which all our pupils have settled back into our Priory routines, continuing with their learning and revisiting some of the learning that took place at home via our remote learning platforms. There is no doubt that, over these last few months, our young people have demonstrated those personal attributes essential for employability and life: Leadership, Organisation, Initiative, Resilience and Communication, so well done to all.

I am sure each of you will join me in offering our very best wishes in particular to our Year 11 pupils who are preparing themselves not only for their forthcoming assessments in school, but preparing to go on to further education, employment or training once they leave us here at Priory. Until that point, we will continue to support them in whatever way we can over the coming weeks and months to ensure this transition is as good as it can be for them.

I am also delighted that we will welcome a full intake of new pupils who will be starting with us in September. We remain proud to be a school where pupils and families choose to come and learn with us, and we will continue to provide the best possible opportunities, facilities and care for those pupils who are fortunate enough to secure a place with us.

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Key Dates

Diary Dates

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

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates

Academic years 2022/23 and 2023/24 to be released shortly.

Mon, 19 April 2021

Hockey Club
Years 7, 8 & 9
3.15pm-4.15pm
See inside for details.

Tues, 20 April 2021

Learning for Life Day 4
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm.

Mon, 3 May 2021

May Day closure

Tues, 4 May 2021

INSET Day
School closed.

Mon, 31 May - Fri, 4 June 2021

Half term break

Please see inside for details of extra curricular sports clubs starting w/c 19 April.

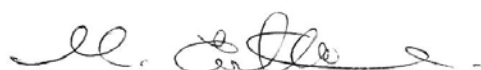
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As ever, throughout this summer term, our primary focus will continue to be our shared responsibility to uphold our school aim, our 'Priory Standard' – 'to have the highest expectations of all, from all, so that all pupils leave Priory, equipped to contribute positively to society and go on to further education, employment or training'.

Every pupil will continue to have the opportunity to regularly achieve reward points in recognition of their contribution, effort, achievement, behaviour and progress. These positive reward points will continue to be consistently and fairly awarded to each pupil's individual total throughout the remainder of this academic year through their ongoing attendance and effort in lessons. Equally, our behaviour sanctions will continue to be applied in the same way as always.

So, all the very best to all for a positive term. Please continue to do all you can at home to support your sons and daughters in putting school work at the top of their priority list. Please do continue to take an active role in their studies, planning with them at home to ensure the balance between their social time and their academic focus is the right one.

My continued best wishes to you all,



Mr M Eastham
Headteacher

reminder



The cut-off time for orders has changed.

Orders must be placed by 11.59pm the night before.

To enhance the catering service we offer in school, the new cut-off time for orders is 11.59pm the evening before for both break and lunchtime food. This will allow kitchen staff more time to fulfil the increased menu.

A new menu has been launched with more options for vegetarian/vegan and gluten-free diets. Sandwiches and salads will now also be available on the break time menu, as well as lunch.

Pupils/parents may prefer to select their orders over a weekend for the full week ahead. Orders can be cancelled or items removed/added up to the evening before, where necessary. The online system allows you to view everything you have ordered in advance and you can cancel orders by clicking on the red 'refund' button at the left of each item to instantly remove it.

Information on the online catering system is available at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/online-catering-orders. If you have any queries or need a reminder of your set up code or login, please email enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Mrs Titterton
Catering Manager

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Locker Keys

Last call for returns

By September we intend that every pupil in school will have a locker in their own year group area.

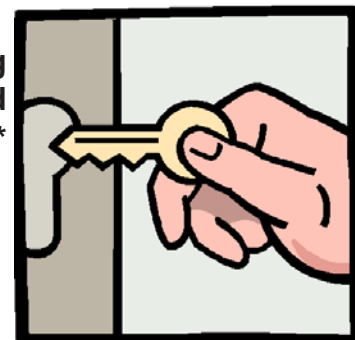


In order to facilitate this we need to ask pupils in Years 8-11 to return the keys they currently have so we can reallocate lockers.

Following our previous communications, the final deadline for returning keys is **Fri, 30 April 2021**. After this date any pupil who had a locker and has not returned the key will not be eligible for their £5 deposit refund* when they leave school.

This notice does not apply if your child has:

- already returned their key
- is in Year 7
- did not have a locker



If you have any queries please contact Mrs Holt at g.holt@priory.lancs.sch.uk

*Not applicable to those entitled to free school meals as no deposit was taken.

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

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.



On the curriculum w/c 19 April

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

This term's Priory focus is:

Staying Safe: This can be while out and about on your own or in groups. It can also be regarding locations such as water sources in hot weather (canals, rivers, reservoirs, docks).

Year 7	Summer Term - Theme: 'Making Good Decisions' Do I enjoy putting myself forward?
Year 8	Summer Term - Theme: 'Committing to Growth' Planning events
Year 9	Summer Term - Theme: 'Growing in Confidence' Pride in the environment
Year 10	Summer Term - Theme: 'Owning My Decisions' Command and control versus discuss and decide
Year 11	Summer Term - Theme: 'Finishing with Pride'

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Year 7 Poetry Competition Winners

Josh L was the winner of the Year 7 Poetry Competition with his short poem about grasping life by the hands.

The English department run an annual competition where they encourage pupils to be creative and inspired and write a poem about a subject they are passionate about, entertained by or one which intrigues them.

The poem could have been anything from a personal subject, local events to a worldwide theme – or in our runners-up case about the universe!

English teacher, Mrs Webster said: ***“Our poetry competition is always highly competitive, we get a lot of entries and we love the enthusiasm our pupils show for it.”***

“Josh’s poem won as it was a poignant poem, especially in light of the current pandemic, about grasping opportunities in life when you can and it had a nice positive message.”

Josh said: “I never expected to win. The poem took me about 40 minutes to write. English is one of my favourite subjects and I wrote about Covid as, during lockdown, we haven’t been able to do things but when we can, we should take part in everything we can.”

Daniel McC was the runner-up with his in-depth poem about planets and the threat to their existence by humans.

“I do really like exploring the universe and it’s something I know a lot about, I find it interesting,” said Daniel.

Mrs Webster added: ***“Daniel put such a lot of effort into his poem, it was well-researched and he made sure it was factually correct.”***

“The message behind it is save the planets and it’s something he is obviously passionate about.”

See page 15 for Daniel’s poem.



Life is to Live by Josh

Life is to live, grasp it by your hands

Lots of lands,

Brave and optimistic

Some would say simplistic.

It could go one way or the other.

Starting with your mother,

you'll start with a guide

open world you'll go and glide

failure and success

this is what I should address.

So, what will you do?

It's up to you!

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PE Kits Update

Unfortunately, due to the delay with the refurbishments to the Year 8 toilets and surrounding area, the PE changing rooms will be out of use again next week. Therefore, on the days pupils have PE they should come to school in their PE kit for the full day.

Pupils are reminded to remove any important daily items from their blazer ie bus pass, keys etc.

Pupils with any queries with regards to PE uniform should contact their PE teacher.



No hoodies, leggings or other sportswear should be worn. Priory PE kit only!

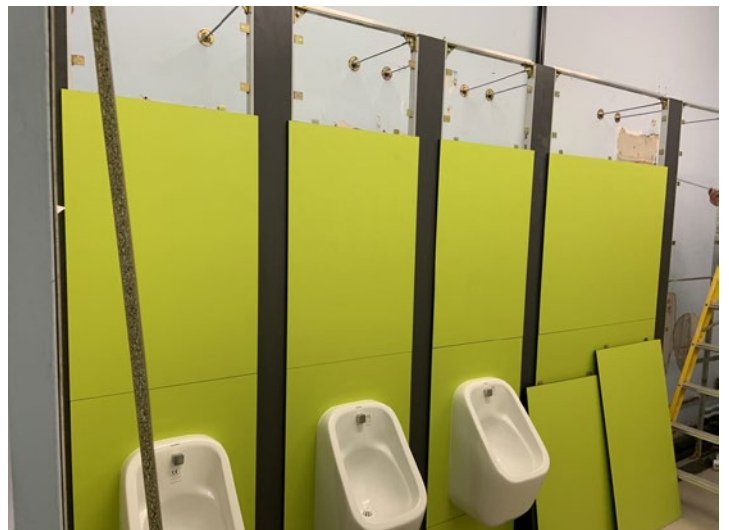
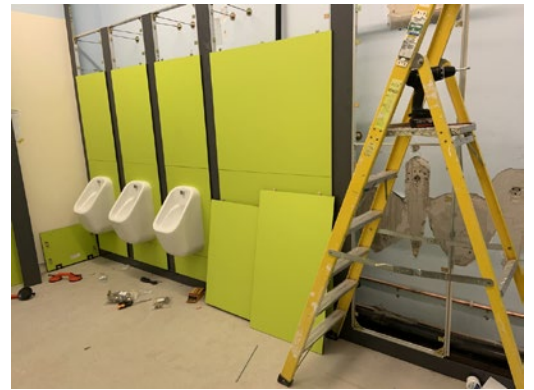
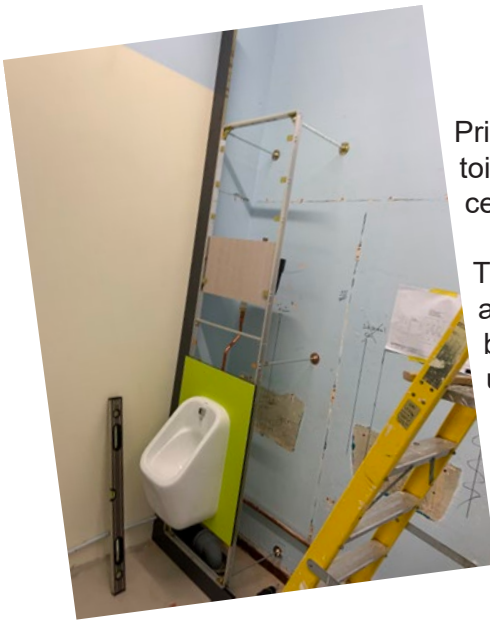
Mr Bullock
Head of PE & Sport

Year 8 Toilet Refurbishments

Priory's skilled estates team has almost completed the refurbishment of the boys' toilets in the Year 8 bubble after ownership was taken back from the leisure centre at the start of this month.

The team is also renovating a room along the same corridor which will become the new lettings office for use during evening and weekend events.

The girls' toilets in this area, which weren't in as much disrepair, will be refurbished during the summer break.





Extra Curricular Sports Activities

Starting w/c 19 April
After school until 4pm



- Monday:** Years 7, 8 & 9 Boys and Girls Hockey*
Year 7 Athletics
- Tuesday:** Year 7 Boys and Girls Football
Year 8 & 9 Netball
- Wednesday:** Year 9 Badminton
- Thursday:** Year 7 Netball
Year 10 PE Intervention (V Cert pupils only)

Just turn up or see your PE for more details. *See next page for more information | 4.15pm finish.

Player Vacancies and Volunteering Opportunities @ Lostock Hall Juniors Football Club



Tiny Tacklers (Under 6s)

Spaces are now available for our new intake of Tiny Tacklers. Sessions are held for boys and girls at Lostock Hall Community Primary School on Saturdays.

Email: kerrycoombes93@gmail.com

Volunteers

LHJFC are looking for volunteers to become coaches for either training only sessions or teams. Availability at various age groups (male/female).

Email: darrylcartwright@btinternet.com

Player Vacancies

U9 Whites are looking for a Goalkeeper or someone who would like to become a GK

Email: daveelsdon@hotmail.com

U14 Blacks are looking for players. Email: stephenjbeck@hotmail.com

U15 Girls (Pumas) are looking for new/experienced players (currently training only)

Email: caitlindodd@manx.net



Wildcats Fun Sessions (for girls aged 5-11 of any ability)

Thursdays, 5pm-6pm. Venue: Lostock Hall Community Primary School
Sessions restart on 15/04/21. Email: lhjfcwildcats@outlook.com



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Extra Curricular Club

Starting Mon, 19 April 2021

Open to all Year 7, 8 & 9 pupils

Mondays - 3.15pm-4.15pm

**See poster below for
details or just turn up!**

Pupils can also see their PE teacher for more information or parents/pupils can email Mrs Thompson at g.tompson@priory.lancs.sch.uk



Afterschool Hockey



Inviting all year 7,8 & 9 pupils to afterschool hockey. (Beginners and Experienced players)

Beginning Monday 19th April 3.15pm-4.15pm

Coaching provided by Sharon Bolton, Lancashire & Preston Juniors Hockey Club coach and Mary Mcaulay, Preston Juniors Hockey Co-ordinator.



Quick Draw Rewards

Each week, teachers will nominate individuals who have particularly impressed them with their effort, attitude and engagement with their learning - giving a brief reason why. Heads of

Year will then draw a name at random from the list, one per year group. Parents of the lucky pupils will then be contacted by Miss Thornton and pupils will receive a £5 gift voucher.



Randomly chosen winners from w/e 26 March were:

Year 7 - Success I - Nominated by Mrs Webster for excellent effort raising money for Read for Good.

Year 8 - Thea R - Nominated by Miss Ackers for excellent effort in History

Year 9 - Aimee W - Nominated by Mrs Isherwood for fantastic English work - content and presentation

Year 10 - George E - Nominated by Mrs Massey for great work in Biology

Year 11 - Josh W - Nominated by Mrs Cowell for great organisation in his coursework cooking task

Miss Thornton
English Teacher and Specialist
Leader for Education

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?

Three 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.

We have five collapsed 'Learning for Life' curriculum days throughout the year, when the normal timetable is suspended. The topics covered on these days include areas which will genuinely make a difference to the life choices your children make. We hope that this will mean that they will make positive, well informed choices which will lead to them becoming happy and well-rounded young people with high aspirations for themselves and others. We take our responsibility to educate our young people in a much broader sense (more than simply passing exams) very seriously.

Learning for Life Day 4

Tuesday, 20 April 2021



Don't forget, next Tuesday is a Learning for Life Day so school will finish at 1.10pm.

Lunch is brought forward and school buses have been rearranged for this earlier time.

Pupils - Please report to your session 1 teacher in your usual classroom (Years 7, 8, 9 and 10) or your designated room in your bubble area for the day (Year 11).

If pupils are absent on this day, the work they miss will need to be completed on their return as an extra-curricular activity.

Sessions covered on Tuesday include:

Year 7 **Financial Choices** - Financial awareness, Use of money, Debt, Gambling.

Year 8 **Diversity and Equality - Beliefs** - E Safety Radicalisation, Prevent extremism, Radical groups and cults, Religious prejudice.

Year 9 **Intimate Relationships (Consent)** - Introduction to consent, Men must be able to know when a woman has said yes, The law related to consent, Sexting.

Year 10 **Pregnancy** - Consent revisited, Contraception and pregnancy consequences and choices, Parenthood including: Roles, responsibilities, and fertility.

Year 11 **Financing My Life** - Moving on from school, MoneyReady online course

Mrs Hopes
Head of Learning for Life

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Careers Advice at Priory - Year 10



Hello year 10

Many of you may be anxious about your career and future aspirations. Please rest assured that, as the Independent Careers Adviser for Priory, I will support and guide you on what you now need to start doing in terms of planning for your career. If you have not already, the earlier you start career planning, the more likely you are to make the right choices.

Pupils from any year group can email me requesting an appointment, or see their Head of Year, and I will arrange a suitable date and time for the careers

appointment to take place, or alternatively I am available for drop in sessions before school and during lunch.

As we start the summer term, my focus will be on supporting our Year 10 pupils. I will be commencing careers appointments with all Year 10 pupils over the forthcoming weeks – you will be notified by Mr Faulkner of the day and time - so please do attend your appointment!

I will be based in the careers office along the Pastoral corridor in the Year 10 area. Other year groups requiring a drop-in session should see their Head of Year and I will meet them in their year group bubble.

My designated days in school are noted in the poster opposite>>

Email: s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Mrs Khan
Independent Careers Adviser



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:

April 2021	Thursday 22 nd April 2021 Friday 23 rd April 2021 Friday 30 th April 2021
May 2021	Friday 7 th May 2021 Friday 14 th May 2021 Friday 21 st May 2021 Friday 28 th May 2021
June 2021	Friday 11 th June 2021 Friday 18 th June 2021 Friday 25 th June 2021
July 2021	Friday 2 nd July 2021 Tuesday 6 th July 2021 Tuesday 13 th July 2021

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

s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Registered Professional Careers Practitioner/Member



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The Friday Challenge

These short general knowledge quizzes are set fortnightly as part of Friday's Learning for Life lesson.

Pupils in Year 7-10 are given this as a homework assignment, via MS Teams, to revise for the test at the end of the week. The assignment is also visible on Synergy for parents. The content of these quizzes will enhance learning across all subjects and widen Tier 2 vocabulary.



Here's this week's challenge. Parents - How would you get on?

1. In April 1991, Georgia declared its independence from which union?
2. What did the Whitechapel Bell Foundry create in April 1858?
3. Former dictator Manuel Noriega was sentenced to 30 years in prison for drugs and racketeering, but which country had he been the dictator of?
4. Who was the designer of the Clifton Suspension Bridge that was born in April 1806?
5. 6 April 1896 - the first modern Olympics was held in Athens, Greece after a break of how many years?
6. William Shakespeare was born 23 April 1564 but where?
7. RMS Titanic set sail on its ill-fated maiden voyage in April of? a) 1912 b) 1914 c) 1916
8. 20 April 1889, the leader of the Nazi Germany was born. What was his name?
9. The first British built Concorde made its maiden flight from Filton in April of which year?
a) 1965 b) 1967 c) 1969
10. How do you write April in French?

See next page for answers.

Year 11 Preston's College Applicants

Preston's College has now issued its enrolment guide and enrolment instructions to those pupils who have been offered a place starting this September.

The enrolment guide has been sent to pupils' home addresses and the enrolment instructions have been sent to the email address they applied with. At this stage pupils are only asked to log in and check/update their personal details and accept their place. From 12 August pupils will be able to log back in and upload their GCSE results.

The week before May half term, the college will be running welcome events for Year 11 students, split over 3 nights. Each evening will run from 5-7pm and will be the first opportunity for pupils and parents to see the college and try out their chosen course. These are in the early stages of planning and final details will be communicated to applicants via letter and email. At the event, pupils will also be given work to keep them engaged prior to starting college.

Both the enrolment guide and instructions, along with Frequently Asked Questions, can also be found on the college's website at www.preston.ac.uk/14-19-school-leavers/enrolment-at-prestons-college



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Read for Good Readathon - The Final Story

Priory pupils read everything from recipes to full books in their Read for Good Readathon week before the end of term.

The charity Read for Good encourages children to read, inspiring reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely.

Pupils can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audio books to blogs - they are

not being assessed; it's all about reading for fun.

To motivate them during the week, pupils in Year 7-9 raised money in sponsorship which helps to provide a regular supply of new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

"Read for Good is a charity which buys books for children in hospitals as obviously second hand books can't be used due to infection risks. It also organises for people to go into hospitals and read to the children," said English teacher Mrs Elliott.

With money still coming in, the good news is that we're on track to raise over £800 which is absolutely fantastic, particularly in the current climate.

Mrs Elliott continued, "We are absolutely delighted with the level of response we've received over the last 2-3 weeks, particularly from our Year 7s and 8s and believe it is testament to their kindness and their positive attitude towards reading."

"We just wanted Priory pupils to read whatever they want, from a recipe to a newspaper to a chapter of a book to a whole book, and get sponsored to raise money for Read for Good. It's all about encouraging them to read something they will enjoy and reading for fun, for a good cause."

As well as helping children in hospital and advancing our pupils' reading skills, the school will receive free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total – so there really is something in it for everyone!

Next week we'll be presenting a prize to the pupil who has read the most - watch this space!

To find out more about the Read for Good charity go to >>

<https://readforgood.org>



The Friday Challenge

1. Soviet Union 2. Big Ben 3. Panama 4. Isambard Kingdom Brunel 5. 1500 years
6. Stratford-on-Avon 7. a) 1912 8. Adolf Hitler 9. Concorde's maiden flight was April
1969 10. Avril



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LEADERBOARD



This week's Bedrock leaders are:

Points

Chloe B	8E2	885
Lily McM	8E2	616
Megan H	8E3	158
Oliver H	8E2	154
Aleysha K	8E1	148

Time Spent

Aimee-Lee W	8E1	2.7 hrs
Aisha B	8W1	2.3 hrs
Chloe B	8E2	2.3 hrs
Akram R	8E1	2.2 hrs
Alfie H	8W1	1.9 hrs

There's some new names on the leader board and we've seen some massive progress for some of these pupils. Well done everyone! Extra achievement points will be issued to you.

This week pupils were learning these word trends ...

Aloof:

not friendly or forthcoming; cool and distant.
"they were courteous but faintly aloof"

Audacious

showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks.
"a series of audacious takeovers"

Disrepute

lack or decline of good reputation : a state of being held in low esteem.
"one of the top clubs in the country is bringing the game into disrepute"

Vexed

annoyed, frustrated, or worried.
"I'm very vexed with you!"

Year 8 Parents

Why not ask your child to use these words in a conversation with you?



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MEET THE GOVERNOR

Alex Saint-Agnan

Community Governor

Governors are volunteers who work together with the executive leaders of the school to set its vision, ethos and strategic direction. They hold the executive leaders to account for the school's educational and financial performance for the good of all pupils



Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Spencer tells us, "Community Governors are invited by the current governors to join the governing body. Community governors bring their own experience and skills, and can act as a link with the community in which the school serves. These governors usually live or work in the community of the school area and are committed to the good government and success of the school."

Here we meet Alex, a community governor who joined Priory's governing board earlier this year after being invited by the Chair, Mr Kevin Burke.



Introducing himself to the Priory community, Alex begins, "For ten years, at an early stage of my life, I dedicated my time to travel around Europe to experience the local culture and learn other languages. I have a passion for English and Italian, French being my mother tongue. I am a passionate linguist and it is now settled in my way of life."

"Since I moved into the UK thirty-one years ago, I put these languages skills at great use. I had the opportunity to work for many British corporations in Global Finance and International Trade Import/Export.

"Today, I provide my services as an International Trade Development and Documentation Officer to the North & Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce. It is an exciting and busy time for our local exporters as the UK is now independent from Europe.

"My wife has been a MFL secondary school teacher for more than 25 years before she retired. Let's say that I have been groomed into the British education system all that time! I have had a great interest in

modern education for years which has allowed me to assess, make comparison or similarity between different teaching procedures and cultural approaches.

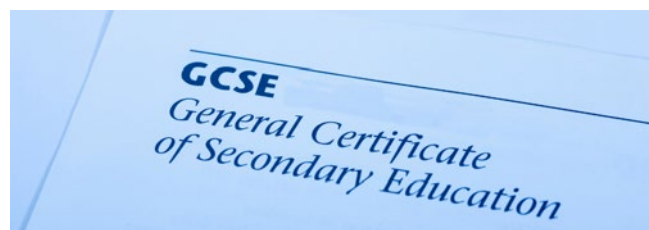
Alex ends with, "As a linguist, I would like to think that I could give to pupils ten strong key reasons and benefits in learning modern foreign languages nowadays. I believe that it would greatly contribute to their personal development, self-confidence which would take them to places that they thought were not possible."

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Year 11 Assessments and GCSE Grading

Year 11 pupils will not be sitting GCSE exams this year. Instead, as a school, we will submit Centre Assessed Grades for all GCSE subjects by 18 June 2021.

The Centre Assessed Grades awarded will be an assessment on the standard at which pupils are performing based only on what has been taught over the course. This judgement will be based on a range of evidence relating to the subject content that has been delivered, either in the classroom or via remote learning.



Teachers will use evidence such as work that has already been completed, mock exam results, homework or in-class tests, and the results from the forthcoming assessments in school. The grade awarded will not be based on any one single evidence source.

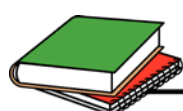
For GCSE Art & Design, grades will be based on a pupil's portfolio only. For vocational subjects, teachers will have told each class what is required and parents may contact the teacher for further clarification.

Summer Assessments

All pupils in Year 11 will take part in a series of internal assessments throughout April and May. These will all be delivered in a classroom environment but will be under modified exam conditions. The assessments will only form part of the Centre Assessed Grade. Pupils who are entitled to special access arrangements will receive them.

Further information is available at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2021/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2021 or alternatively please email Mr Gee, Assistant Head, at n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk

A copy of the timetable has been issued to Year 11 parents and pupils this week and also can be downloaded from the school website at > www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/revision



English

English Revision Guides (Year 10)

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Did you know GCSE English Literature revision guides are available to purchase through school?

The guides, endorsed by the examining board AQA, normally retail for £6 each however we have managed to secure these for just £3.50 each.

Letters and order forms were issued at the beginning of the academic year, however a copy can also be downloaded from the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters or pupils can speak with their English teacher. Please note that all payments must be made via SCOPay as we can no longer accept cash. Payments must be made before guides can be released to pupils.

The guides available are: Macbeth | A Christmas Carol | Power and Conflict Poetry Cluster Guide | Language Examination Guide



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Poetry Competition Runner Up...

Planetary Destruction by Daniel McC

Destroying planets. What?
Seriously, who would do that?
More importantly, why would they do that?
I shall tell you...

You see, gravitational interactions between Venus and Jupiter
Have not permitted life to exist in peace
For every 405k years these planets affect the Earth's orbit
And next time human population could decrease

So, a solution could be to destroy said planets
Or possibly go even further
And destroy all planets round our sun except our own
As a method of defence like no other

However, that idea could go horribly wrong
I can explain...

4-5 years ago, American scientists devised a plan
To bomb Mercury into splinters of rock
And construct a mirror shield around the sun
From the fragments, but there was a stumbling block

The shards would most likely fall to the sun
Though life would not be affected in the least
There would be no effects when said planet's existence
In the expanse of space just ceased

Jupiter, however, would be challenging to destroy
There are numerous possible methods to try
But since the planet could not be ignited due to lack of oxygen
Why not blow the planet out of the night sky?

An explosion powerful enough to do this would require
Four times the mass of the moon
In nuclear bombs, and the blast itself
Would incinerate half of the Earth to ash too soon

In summary, destroying planets is unwise
We would be better off shielding the Earth
With some form of cosmic defence screen
That would be enough to allow future birth

What you can do now is not encourage global warming
And do what you can to protect the present Earth
So, until technology advances and solves this problem
You should do what you can to help now



IN MEMORY OF:

MRS JEAN WRAGG

We have been informed by the family that the former English teacher and Head of Year passed away unexpectedly in February. She was 82.

Mrs Wragg devoted 20 years of service to Priory through the 1970s to the earlier 1990s.

We are working with her husband and daughter to obtain photos of Jean during her teaching years at Priory and also to put together an obituary. We will share these with you as soon as we can.

In place of funeral flowers, Jean's family asked for donations for a memorial fund to be set up in her name. We are extremely pleased that the fund will be bequest to Priory for the benefit of the school and our pupils. More of this will follow when details have been confirmed.



A legacy award is being planned which will be given to a Year 11 leaver each year in honour of the former teacher. The 'Jean Wragg Aim Higher' award will be presented to the pupil who has demonstrated raised aspirations, wider horizons and a desire to develop further their future skills base.

Mrs Yates
Alumni Administrator



Class of 2009: Carl Walkden

Carl left Priory in 2009 and after being made sports captain in his final year, representing Hodder house. An early enthusiasm for PE - being taught mainly by Mr Eastham and Mr Gee - led to Carl enrolling at Runshaw College to further his education in sports.

After studying Sports & Exercise Science at Runshaw College, Carl went on to Edge Hill University to advance in the same subject.

Carl tells us, *"From university I struggled to work out what I wanted to do for a career. I originally tried teaching with hope that one day I would be a PE teacher like Mr Eastham, who played a big part in my time at Priory. However, I decided I wanted to follow my dream to join the army and was successfully selected in 2017."*

During his time at the Infantry Training Centre in Catterick, Carl learned many skills from basic soldiering to advanced war fighting which qualified him as an infantry soldier. After

his training he joined the Royal Regiment of Scotland and went to his battalion 4 SCOTS the Highlanders. It was here where he was put into a rifle company and became a vehicle driver and gunner.

After being promoted to Lance Corporal, in 2020 Carl was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan as part of NATO's Kabul Security Force.

Bringing us up to date, Carl says, *"Since my deployment I have now joined the Pipes & Drums band within my battalion where I will be taking up my role as a drummer and an Assault Pioneer. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the army and know that the discipline and teaching from Priory had a major effect on my life. The teaching staff were always supporting the students and making better people in the process."*

Going forward, as a member of Priory's alumni, Carl looks forward to being involved with the school and watching it develop and mould the next generation of students.

Note: Priory's alumni are invited into school to support key events such as careers fairs, Options talks and mock interviews. For more information about our alumni please contact the alumni administrator, Mrs Yates by email at j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk

