Penworthan Privy Post

Happy Retirement Ms Clementson

Today was Pastoral Manager Ms Clementson's last day as she begins her retirement. This lady has not only supported our pupils through some difficult, challenging and distressing times, but has been there for Priory staff too and made a difference to so many of us.

Ms Clementson is also the Designated Safeguarding Lead and has been a big part of Priory, having started at the school in 2007.

"I have enjoyed my time at Priory but feel like it is now the right time to retire," said Ms Clementson

"The school has

transformed since I have been here, it's unrecognisable from when I started in 2007. The lay-out of the school has changed and my job role has changed.

"The Safeguarding Lead is an important role as my job is to make sure everyone is safe and it's challenging but rewarding.

Ms Clementson has been part of Preston's famous One Voice Choir and hopes to get back involved with them during her retirement. "I also enjoy walking my dog and I like crafts as well. I will miss everyone at Priory but I feel it's now right to have some time for myself."

Headteacher, Mr Eastham, said: "In her role as Pastoral Manager, Sarah has been a pivotal member of our pastoral team over her time with us. Her wealth of talent and experience in her work means she is never without a strategy or an approach that tailors her intervention to each pupil's specific needs. Her dedication and commitment to her work has been invaluable to the school over the years and she has always been an enthusiastic and very hard working individual, performing her duties with a great deal of professionalism and dedication. Being very much a team player, she has always worked well with others and her personality has helped build good relationships with those that she comes into contact with. An essential aspect of her role.

Mr Eastham went on to say, "She has been a much valued member of staff who we value very highly, and although we will be sorry to see her leave, we wish her all the very best for a long, happy and healthy retirement – she deserves it!

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

Thurs, 12 August GCSE Results Day

Mon, 23 - Fri, 27 August Summer school (new Year 7 intake)

Thurs, 2 September School reopens





Diary Dates

term

Attention Year 11 Leavers

GCSE results will be available to collect from school on Thursday, 12 August between 11am and 1pm.

Pupils should arrive at the main entrance/reception and make their way to the Assembly Hall (a change from the Auditorio).

A nominated person may collect results on your behalf however that person must have a note, signed by the pupil, authorising their permission. This includes parents too as the pupil has legal responsibility for their own results.

Any results not collected on 12 August will be posted that afternoon, second class. If you are on holiday and would like your results emailing, or have any queries, please contact Mrs E Diamond-Bugler, Examinations Officer at <u>e.diamond@priory.lancs.sch.uk</u>.

We also hope to plan our annual Celebration Evening for Class of 2021 on Weds, 10 November and the results pack will include information about this. This is a special evening for Year 11 Leavers and their parents/carers to celebrate successes through presentations and awards, it's also an opportunity to collect GCSE certificates. This year, however due to Covid-19, we cannot yet confirm if the event will be able to go ahead. For now though, please put this date in your diaries and when we are in a position to confirm arrangements, we will be in touch. You may also like to keep an eye on our social media and website for updates.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 11 leavers the very best of luck and future career success.





It Didn't Come Home ... But Maybe Next Time!

These photos were taken last Friday afternoon, when Mr Bullock gave pupils permission to wear their England shirts for the day to support our national team ahead of the final on Sunday.

Although they didn't win (they will next time!), the England team has reunited the country and lifted the spirits of us all. We can all learn something from their determination, resilience, teamwork and leadership - qualities we instil in our pupils at Priory.





Notification of Absence From September

From Thurs, 2 September there will be a change to the email address for notification of absences and all matters relating to attendance: attendance@priory.lancs.sch.uk. The direct telephone number will remain as 01772 320271.

We emphasise that, when reporting an absence, parents/carers must also inform us as to the reason for absence. For COVID-related absences you must provide as much supporting information as possible such as positive PCR test result and the associated dates.

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

Mrs Avante

Thank you for your support.





Practical Lessons Update (Ingredients)

During Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils will complete a unit of learning in 'Food Preparation and Nutrition'. In the past we have asked pupils to bring in their own ingredients for the practical cookery

lessons but from September, we would like to change to a system where school organises all the provisions and pupils bring their finished item home.

The reasons we'd like to do this are:

- · It reduces overall expense of the activities for families
- · It reduces the amount of waste
- Lesson starts can be quicker and smoother if staff are not dealing with pupils who have not brought ingredients or not weighed them out in advance, etc.
- · It provides a level of quality control over ingredients
- It provides better consistency of outcome
- It avoids any last-minute stress for families who are asked to provide things at short notice by their child

To enable this to happen, we ask parents/carers to make this payment online via the SCOPAY system to pay for ingredients for the practical lessons.

| We anticipate making | 5-6 items throughout e | each carousel including t | aste testing in school, | etc. For this we will |
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| charge the following: | Year 7 - £6 | Year 8 - £7.50 | Year 9 - £8.00 | |

We will alert you when it is time to pay as pupils are on a carousel and may not have their food lessons until later in the school year. If your child is on benefits-related free school meals, you can contact Mrs Cowell, Food Technology teacher via email at <u>l.cowell@priory.lancs.sch.uk</u> if contributing could pose a problem.

If your child has any dietary requirements or food allergies, these will be catered for. Please make sure we have the most up to date information about this in your child's school records.

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Learning Newsletters

Every month, Deputy Head Mrs Cowell, puts together a newsletter for parents which looks to help you to implement tried and tested learning strategies at home, in order to benefit your child and further enhance their educational experiences in the long term.

This next issue, July 2021, looks at Reciprocal Reading - what is it and how can you use it with your own child.

July's issue has been emailed to parents this week however all past issues can be downloaded from the school website at>> <u>www.priory.</u> <u>lancs.sch.uk/parents/newsletters</u> (below our weekly newsletter please scroll down)

Mrs Cowell Deputy Headteacher & Food Technology.



All in Good Time for Year 10 Ben

Athlete Ben has used lockdown to improve his running skills.

Ben, 14, took part in park runs before lockdown and became a member of Preston Harriers.

During the last year, he has taken part in a number of virtual half marathons, clocking an amazing time of one hour 45 minutes.

He has been training hard on his own, doing long runs on Sundays, and has seen his times come down.

"I run 1,500 to 5,000m and my personal best for 1,500m is four minutes 50 seconds and, for 5,000m it's around 18 minutes and 30 seconds.

"I have had to do a lot of training on my own, I got a treadmill during lockdown and also went out

running on my own, following a training plan.



"We are back training now with Preston Harriers three times a week although I have had a groin strain for the last month.

"I like the competitiveness of running. I have also taken part in a sprint triathlon as well (400m swim, 10k bike ride, 3k run) and I enjoyed that."



It wasn't just the Wimbledon finals on Sunday, Priory pupil Jake was in the Liversedge finals.

The Year 9 pupil has been training with the Tennis Lancashire squad over recent months and took part in a tournament in West

Yorkshire at the weekend. It was a close final, with Jake beating the number one seed in the final set tiebreak. Playing above his age group, this follows on from last month's win in the U14 tournament, which was a great come back after Covid and a wrist injury stopped play.

Next up for Jake is a tournament in Cheshire in a couple of weeks and over the summer he will be preparing for the Lancashire County Tennis Championships in Bolton, at the end of August.







Earlier on in the term we had a focus on Mental Health and promoted this year's theme of 'Back to Nature' in order to suggest ways in which our school community could use the nature around us to improve our own mental health.

During long months of the pandemic, millions of us turned to nature. Research taken place during the pandemic showed that going for walks outside was one of our top coping strategies and 45% of us reported being in green spaces had been vital for our mental health. Websites which showed footage from webcams of wildlife saw hits increase by over 2000%.

Wider studies also found that during lockdowns, people not only spent more time in nature but were noticing it more. Nature is so central to our psychological and emotional health, that it's almost impossible to realise good mental health for all without a greater connection to the natural world.



"This could be a year for positive change, for ourselves, for our planet and for the wonderful creatures with which we share it. A year the world could remember proudly and say, 'we made a difference'" Sir David Attenborough.

Mrs Holland challenged pupils to follow in Sir David Attenborough's footsteps and send in photographs where they had been out and about enjoying nature.



Year 7 pupils sent in some great entries; from Alessia S's close ups of beautiful flowers to Kira S's picture asking for you to spot the Priory pupil! However the winning entry came from William B of his pictures featuring a cheeky monkey and some geese on the run! William received an iTunes voucher for his















Adaptations were made so Sports Day 2021 could go ahead this year and what a day was had by all!

Pupils had already completed the throwing events prior to the day, so the focus was firmly on the track. Due to restrictions, pupils were sat in classes within their year group bubble, but the support for the four houses was excellent.

Last minute entries and multi-discipline competitors ensured that there was a full track programme with even a

Year 10 and Teachers 4×100 m relay to finish the day.

'The pupils were outstanding on the day. After such a challenging year this offered an opportunity to celebrate and enjoy the company and support of their peers and staff. There were so many fantastic performances with school

records broken and individual personal best times achieved. It was a fantastic atmosphere. Thank you to all on the day for their efforts, whether that was joining in the races or being so vocal in their support for their friends/houses.'

The Winner: **Douglas** pipped Ribble to the final score! Well done to Mrs Bullock's house!



Mr Bulloch Head of PE \$ sport



We would also like to say farewell to **Mrs Tompson** who leaves us after covering Mrs Bullock's maternity leave. What a day to end her term! We hope to see her return to Priory as she remains on the school's supply list.









































EnglishDepartment

Hello everyone,

Wow - What a year we've had in the English faculty. I'd like to take this opportunity to go over our 'best bits' of the year and mention, again, some of your children (and you, students if you're reading) that make Priory a wonderful place to work, learn and flourish.

The year started with us having to separate our beloved library into four trolleys so that the 'show could go on' even though we couldn't have mixing in the library. We are so incredibly proud of how our library has grown and how often and enthusiastically it's used by all pupils in school during AR lessons and beyond. We wouldn't have been able to do any of it without our student librarians and our library assistants who have had to help this year moving trolleys back and manually checking books in and out on the system. The library continues to grow and watch this space for our new layout in the library come the Autumn.





The Autumn brought about two exciting competitions in the department The Postcard competition which Lily Rose of Year 7



The Postcard competition which Lily Rose of Year 7 won; and the bookmark competition which Olivia C

of Year 7 won. Both new designs will continue to be used for the coming year given that they haven't been used much due to the school's closure in Spring.

Christmas brought out annual Year 7 speech competition and this year which had to be run virtually due to the hall being closed due to Covid. We missed Mr Taylor compering this

year as I stepped into the role. Well done again to our winner Daniel McC - truly brilliant speeches.

We can't wait for the Speech comp 2021, when

Mr Taylor will hopefully compere for us again; we can have a proper judging panel and who knows which of our Year 6s will take home the trophy this year?



In December, our Year 11 cohort were treated to a live streamed Blood Brothers workshop by Stage Ed with real life actors and stars of the West End

cast of Blood Brothers. Year 11 were able to pick their brains about characterisation and stagecraft in their GCSE Literature text.

New Year 2021 saw the school close, but our staff and pupils worked hard to keep things going in the normal way.

Year 9 saw the introduction of a new competition, designing a piece of Votes for Women literature in line with their work on women's rights as part of our Of Mice and Men unit. Brad C came out on top with that, bagging the £20 voucher prize.

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In Year 7, we saw the launch of the Poetry competition, and again, the standard was incredibly high with Josh L taking the top spot this year.

We also celebrated World Book Day remotely with staff sparking conversations about books by sharing their favourite stories. Students



were challenged with a code breaker that spelt out the code: PRIORY READS and from the amount of entries we had, it's clear we really do! Naturally, there was a competition to design a cover for your favourite book where Hollie H (Year 9) was chosen as the overall winner with her 'Into The Pit' design.

Upon re-opening the school, one of the department's most interesting projects was Mr Owen's work with Rise and Shine Lancashire, raising awareness of the plight of the homeless in line with our work on Stone Cold by Robert Swindells. Pupils from across Year 8 not only engaged with the themes of the class novel but turned their increasing frustration with community stereotypes into a huge positive by helping this

local charity campaign for extra funding. Using the persuasive writing skills they developed during lockdown, pupils wrote formal letters to the Police and Crime Commissioner outlining why those without a place



to sleep deserve a s s i s t a n c e with basic necessities that we often take for

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granted. The quality of writing was astounding.

Also, upon the re-opening, we launched the software Bedrock with our Year 8 cohort, and the leader boards have been a joy to see throughout the last two terms. Bedrock has accelerated the progress and vocabulary acquisition of all our Year 8s so much so that we have invested in the software for both our Year 8 and Year 9 cohorts next year.

Year 8 adored competitions so much that Mr Owen decided to launch another exciting project in the summer term. Pupils were



introduced to S h a k e s p e a r e and 16th Century life via Much Ado About Nothing. Despite this being a comedic play, the front cover of the book was desperately in need

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of a modern twist, so we tasked pupils with designing their own front cover. Masquerade balls are clearly intriguing to this year group; several entries focused on this fashion-centric 16th century tradition - see page 13 for full story.



Year 7 were treated to a live audience with the author of both the 'Once' and 'How to Train Your Dragon' series **Cressida Cowell!** As well as being hugely entertaining, engaging and informative, the pupils were thrilled to hear their question being answered first out of the hundreds that were submitted! Super exciting.

The late spring saw all our attentions shift to Year 11, their centre-based assessment and the marking of these. We know our Year 11 cohort put everything into those final crucial weeks.

Although so many things couldn't run as normal this year, we are so grateful for our pupils' efforts and impressed by their achievements.

We also want to extend our love and appreciation to **Mrs Isherwood** who is leaving the department after 2 wonderful years with the team. Good luck in your new adventures.

We also want to bid farewell to **Mr Faulkner** who is changing roles this year and whilst he's staying in the Priory family, he will be missed.

New beginnings are on the horizon as we welcome **Miss Nicholls** to the team and look forward to a new and exciting year with lots to look forward to.

Thank you for your hard work and have a lovely summer.

with love,

Mrs Gidden, Mrs Webster and all The English Department

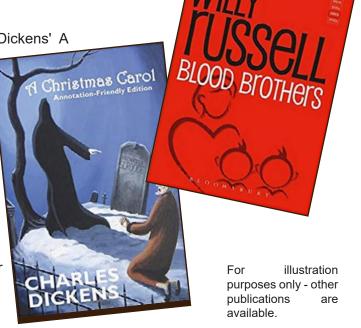
Pupils Going into Year 10 & 11 English Literature

Year 10 pupils will be starting their study of Charles Dickens' A

Christmas Carol in the Autumn term and for Year 11 it's Willy Russell's Blood Brothers. This will be their GCSE English Literature set text and one they'll eventually be examined on in their final exams.

We are therefore recommending that pupils have their own copy of the text itself. This will also mean that pupils can highlight and annotate the book during the course of study, making it a valuable revision aid for them. Pupils will need the actual play-script not a text guide or revision guide.

Books can be purchased from retailers such as Amazon for around £6.00.







There's Been 'Much Ado' About These Competition Winners

There was certainly Much Ado About Something as Year 8's set to work on bringing a Shakespeare classic into the modern era.

English teacher Mr Owen challenged the year group to design a modern, contemporary book cover for Shakespeare's romantic comedy, Much Ado About Nothing.

The competition captured the imagination of the pupils who felt the old book cover was archaic and uninspiring, something the play is not, and they used their creative talents to make it more contemporary.

The winner was Emmie P for her enticing mask design book cover and she collected a £20 Amazon voucher.

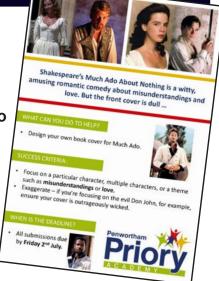
Jessica M and Emily C were runners-up, both with superb designs.

Mr Owen said: "Shakespeare has had a contemporary revamp courtesy of our Year 8 pupils. It is exciting to see Much Ado About Nothing come to life in glorious colour. Thanks to all pupils who engaged and entered; clearly, masquerade balls are back in fashion!"



Mr Owen standing in for Emily who was absent on Wednesday.











WORD MILLIONAIRE



These are all our word millionaires from this year. A huge well done to James H in 7W2 for having the highest word count in the school this year - fantastic!

This year's Bedrock leaders are:

Points (overall)

| Abigail M | 8E3 | 2259 |
|-----------|-----|------|
| Chloe B | 8E2 | 2230 |
| Lily McM | 8E2 | 1855 |

Abi, Chloe and Lily have worked hard to keep hold of the top spots for the last couple of months - such an achievement! However, in the last week Abi has pipped Chloe to the top spot as overall winner on Bedrock.



What a year! Well done to all the students for their fantastic efforts.

Mrs Webster Acting Assistant Head of English

2021 Word Millionaires

Year 7

| James H | 5,057,410 |
|--------------|-----------|
| Emily P | 4,611,364 |
| Niamh P | 3,770,140 |
| Geetha R | 2,654,873 |
| Jake L | 2,514,565 |
| Jayden H (S) | 1,805,245 |
| Damari S | 1,366,955 |
| Ethan R | 1,177,753 |
| Thomas M | 1,111,717 |
| | |

Year 8

| Lily McM | 3,554,974 |
|-------------|-----------|
| Abigail M | 2,572,545 |
| Thomas P | 2,430,078 |
| Preston McM | 2,241,819 |
| Alex I | 1,841,509 |
| Martha McA | 1,570,071 |
| Emmie P | 1,053,024 |
| Troy C | 1,035,317 |
| | |

Year 9

| 2,800,046 | | |
|-----------|--|--|
| 2,214,739 | | |
| 1,765,036 | | |
| 1,739,410 | | |
| 1,307,073 | | |
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The New School Day From September

| Arrival window (Getting Ready to Succeed) | 8.20 | - | 8.40 |
|--|-------|------------|--------------|
| Lesson 1 (Academic) (Upholding our 'Attitude to Learning in Lessons Charter') | 8.40 | - | 9.40 |
| Lesson 2 (Academic) (Upholding our 'Attitude to Learning in Lessons Charter') | 9.40 | - | 10.40 |
| Pastoral Vertical House Form Group (Pastoral) (Upholding our 'Attitude to Learning in Lessons Charter') | 10.40 | - | 10.50 |
| Wellbeing Break | 10.50 | - | 11.15 |
| Lesson 3 (Academic) (Upholding our 'Attitude to Learning in Lessons Charter') | 11.15 | - | 12.15 |
| Lesson 4 (Academic) (Upholding our 'Attitude to Learning in Lessons Charter') | 12.15 | - | 1.15 |
| Wellbeing Lunch Break | 1.15 | - | 1.50 |
| Lesson 5 (Academic) (Upholding our 'Attitude to Learning in Lessons Charter') | 1.50 | - | 2.50 |
| Lesson 6 Learning for Life lesson (or Year Group Assembly) (Character (Skills) & Culture (Attitudes) to Succeed) | 2.50 | KS3 KS4 | 3.05 3.10 |

We have an 'arrival window' between 8.20am and 8.40am, allowing pupils to come into school and get ready to succeed. During this arrival window, pupils can come into school, visit their lockers, and get ready for the day ahead. By 8.40am, pupils must be in their classroom ready for the start of lesson 1 to begin.

In addition, throughout each half term, pupils will be involved in full school, house and year group assemblies.

The school day comes to an end at 3.05pm for Years 7, 8 and 9 and 3.10pm for Years 10 and 11.

SUMMER SUPPORT FOR

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SOUTH RIBBLE

School Uniform Shop

Earlier in the year we collected a large amount of school uniform from families that had good condition worn and brand new unworn uniform. We know that the cost of school wear soon adds up so we want to invite you to be able to 'shop' our stock for free!

We will be based at the Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, 10-12 August, opening hours are 10am- 4pm. You must book an appointment so we can keep within possible covid restrictions. We have uniform from all South Ribble schools—skirts, shorts, trousers, jumpers, cardigans, blazers, although we can't guarantee having every size available we have a great size range available. Please don't hesitate to get in touch. Simply ring Sam on 01772 625590 to book an appointment or email sam.jones@southribble.gov.uk with any queries.



Holiday & Food Programme

The Communities Team are working hard to create ways to help families during these challenging times. Across the summer holidays we have a new HAF activity programme for all those children who receive free school meals, this is funded by the Department for Education for all eligible children in Lancashire. We aim to provide children with fun activities to keep them both physically & mentally stimulated in a fun, safe environment. Your child will be provided with a meal and a range of activities in a COVID-safe environment.

If this is something you would like your child to take part in, please register at <u>https://tinyurl.com/y9epvtdr</u> and we will send you a timetable as soon as it is finalised. For all queries please call Janelle Brooks on 01772 625276

Holiday Lunch Club

The Communities Team at South Ribble have been supporting children across South Ribble with additional food provision during the school holidays and we are here to support this summer too.

Your school will ensure that you receive a **South Ribble voucher** per child, if you are eligible. Every two weeks during the school holiday you can come and visit your local Holiday Lunch Club Hub and collect your parcel(s) from our friendly team. You will receive three vouchers issued by your school, before the children finish for summer, with the relevant times and dates on. Please ensure you take your vouchers with you to collect your parcels. If you have any queries please contact Sam on 01772 625590.



Penwortham, Longton, Hutton Schools: Tuesday July 20, August 3, August 17, Open 9-5pm Penwortham Community Centre, Kingsfold Drive

Lostock Hall Schools:

Saint James Church Hall, Avondale Drive, Lostock Hall,

Monday July 19, August 2, August 16, Open 9.30-3.30pm

Walton le Dale, Bamber Bridge, Higher Walton, Samlesbury Schools:

Saint Aidans Church Hall, Station Road, Bamber Bridge,

Monday July 19, August 2, August 16, Open 10-4.30pm

Leyland Schools:

The Base Community Centre 22/23 July, 5/6 19/20 August Wade Hall Community Centre 21/22 July 4/5 18/19 August

(FULL DETAILS WILL BE ON YOUR VOUCHERS)





