

Penwortham Priory Post



A Christmas Designed For Priory

Priory's pupil-designed Christmas card will have a topical twist this year!

Jack, now in Year 9, has celebrated a double success as he won the competition last year and his design this year was selected by Mrs Hopes as the winner.

His snowman card has been professionally printed to be sent out to hundreds of people across the county as Priory's official Christmas card as well as Jack receiving a £15 Amazon voucher.

"It's Christmas so I thought of a snowman and then due to lockdown I made sure he had a mask on," said Jack. "The colours on it represent the NHS. Once I had thought of the design, I think it took me around 90 minutes. I love art and like designing and am proud to win the competition again."

Maya, also in Year 9, was one of the runners-up with her design and wins a £10 voucher.

"I used the Priory logo to represent people putting the star on the tree and Ribble was the Grinch as it's green! I used a line from a Christmas song and I did make two copies of it so it took me a couple of days. I like art so this was a good thing to do."

Eloise in Year 7 was also a runner-up in the competition and she will be given a £5 voucher.

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Diary Dates

Key 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

KS4 Science Revision Guide Order Deadline
Fri, 4 December

Year 7 History Castle Competition
Deadline Weds, 9 December

Reverse Advent Calendar Donations
Mon, 23 November to Weds, 9 Dec.

End of Autumn Term
Fri, 18 December 2020
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm.

Year 11 Interventions

Class are until 4pm unless stated.

Monday
Science
History (until 3.45pm)

Tuesday
Maths
Further Maths

Thursday
English
Geography
History (until 3.45pm)

Friday
Geography

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Mrs Hopes, Lead Teacher for Art, said: "Again we are delighted by the quality and the number of entries we received this year. Jack's design reflects the times we are in and is personalised to the school. His design is bold and will stand out amongst other cards received by our community. Maya's design was well thought out so we just had to include her work in the card too."

"We hope the entrants will enjoy their prizes this year and look forward to them entering again next year."

Well done to all pupils that entered - you will each receive a certificate, achievement points and chocolates.



All entrants will have their prizes presented by Headteacher, Mr Eastham, at the end of term.

Designs shown are by:
Jack W, Maya P, Eloise G (Top Row)
Charlotte M, Ethan S, Charlie E-H, Layla H, Amy L.

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Year 11 Pupils and Parents

GCSE Exams

Summer Season 2021



The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) has now released the timetable for the Summer GCSE 2021 exam season.

The first GCSE exam is on 26 May and the last exam is on 2 July.

Please do not book any summer holidays at this moment in time that fall outside of the usual school holiday pattern. We are still awaiting for the GCSE 'contingency day' date to be released. This will be used if a significant, unexpected event arises nationally or locally during the exam period such that no students, or a large number of them, are able to take an exam when planned. With the possible disruption to exams due to COVID 19 it is more important than ever to wait for this date to be released before booking any holidays.

As soon as the contingency date is released we will let you know.

Mr Gee
Assistant Headteacher

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. Teachers will let all pupils know if they have a nomination. Heads of Year will then draw a name at random from the list, one per year group. The lucky pupils will then be contacted by Miss Thornton to receive their £5 voucher.



Winning pupils have a choice of a £5 Amazon or Love2Shop voucher, both of which can be spent online, or a £5 Costa Coffee voucher.

Randomly chosen winners from last week were:

Year 7 - Geetha D - Nominated by Mrs Isherwood for an excellent written speech in English!
Year 8 - Akram R - Nominated by Mrs Webster for a high AR word count for the week.
Year 9 - Corey M - Nominated by Mrs Isherwood for scoring 100% on Seneca English homework.
Year 10 - Daniel O - Nominated by Mrs Massey for consistent hard work in lesson.
Year 11 - Zack L - Nominated by Mrs Massey for consistently working hard.

Miss Thornton
English Teacher and Specialist Leader for Education

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Class of 2020 GCSE Certificate Collection

Class of 2020 pupils can now collect their GCSE certificates from the school office from Mon, 30 November.

Certificates will be available to collect during school hours by either the former pupil or their parent and must be signed for.* Visitors must wear a face covering.

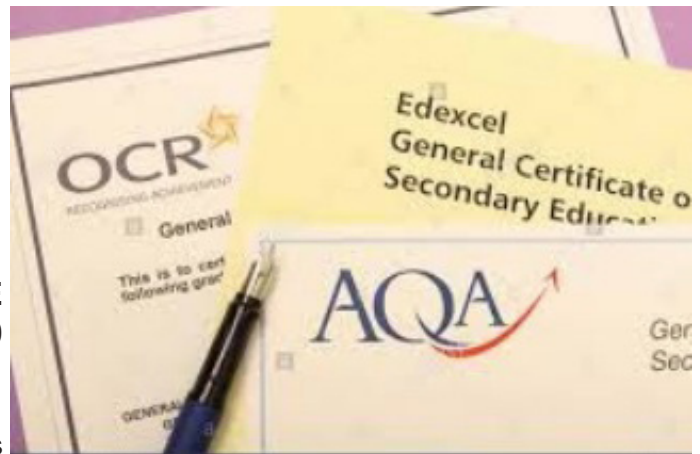
We would like to take this opportunity to emphasise how important it is that the exam certificates are collected, as they are very important documents that are likely to be needed throughout the future and particularly if a path to university is planned.

School is only legally obliged to keep certificates for a 12 month period, after which time they are disposed of. If copies of certificates are needed after that time, students will need to contact the appropriate examination board(s) directly and pay costs to obtain copies. As you will appreciate, these costs can mount up.

We have also filmed a Celebration Awards presentation where we share the successes and achievements of last year's leavers and give our thanks. The film is currently in editing and we will inform families of the video link for this once it is available. Any trophies, certificates and other prizes awarded will be available for pupils to collect along with their GCSE certificates.

Once again, we wish Class of 2020 all the very best as you leave us here at Priory and embark on your bright and exciting futures.

**If any other person is collecting the certificates on your behalf they must have a note, signed by the pupil, authorising your permission for school to release them.*



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Year 7 History Competition

Build Your Own Motte and Bailey Castle

Build your own **Motte and Bailey Castle** with whatever resources you've got at home and bring them into your own classroom on **Weds, 9 December** to be judged! Make sure your creation has your name on it!

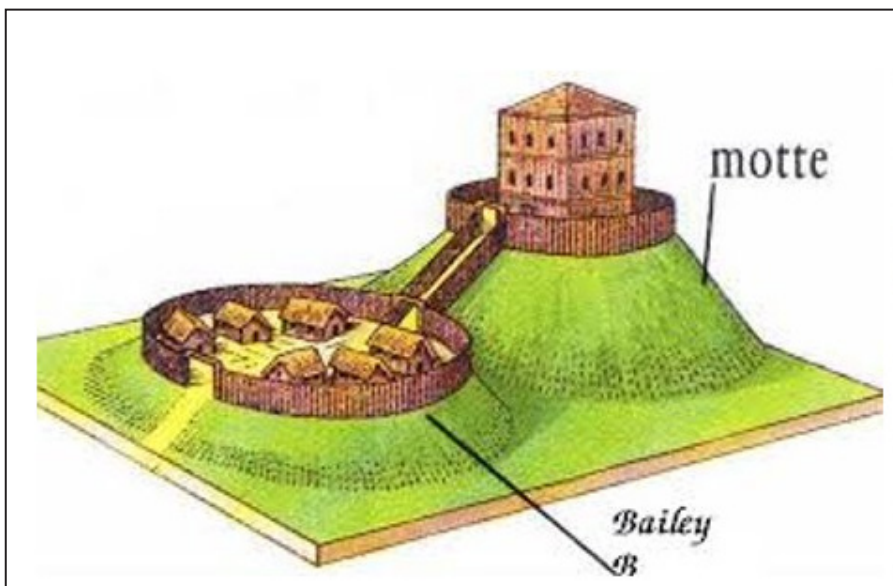
The winner will receive a voucher for a store of their choice and there will be two runners up who will receive fantastic prizes!.

This is a completely voluntary competition, and your castle can be made as big or small as you'd like. Your castle needs to be taken home before Christmas due to space restrictions in classrooms (unless your castle is kept for display purposes).

Pupils should see Miss Ackers for any queries or email b.ackers@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Good luck!

Miss Ackers
Humanities Teacher



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Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Bullock!

Well done to Head of Year 7, Mrs Bullock, on the birth of your baby boy this week. Mr Bullock, Head of PE & Sport, looks every bit a very proud dad!



Baby Bullock was born at 9.46am on Wednesday, 25 November weighing 7lb 9oz.

Both mum and baby are well.

No name as yet!



Kirkham Grammar School Sixth Form Open Event

As you will appreciate, the Sixth Form isn't able to host a live open evening this year. However they are delighted to offer a virtual event which is available via their website at <https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2020-11-20-sixth-form-virtual-open-evening>.

It is hoped that the Sixth Form will be able to host a live event at the school in the Spring term, should restrictions allow, and private tours will be available from January onwards. In the meantime, their video is intended to help to inform pupils' choice for their next step in education.

Further details available on their website www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/sixth-form/about-us.

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English Department

Year 11 English Literature - Blood Brothers

The Show Must Go On!

Head of English, Mrs Gidden, is bringing Blood Brothers to life even though pupils are unable to watch it on stage this year.

Actor Michael Southern, who has played Mickey in the West End for more than 10 years, will do live reconstructions of the key scenes over Zoom for Priory's Year 11 GCSE pupils as well as a question and answer session.

"Most academic years we go to watch a production at the Preston Charter Theatre or we have been as far as Stoke and last year we were meant to go to Birmingham but lockdown stopped it," said Mrs Gidden.

"I knew this year we needed to do something different so we got in touch with Michael.

"He will act out live reconstructions of some of the key scenes and answer any questions from our pupils about the play in a session before Christmas."

"Willy Russell is the patron of Michael's company so Michael knows him and knows the correct interpretation of the play.

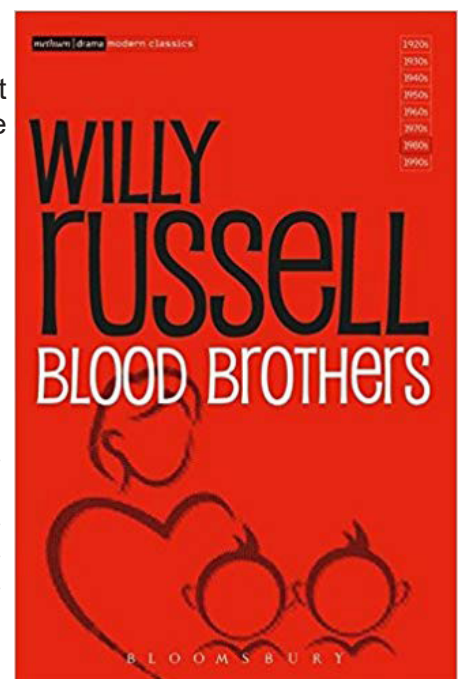
"It's a struggle to have empathy with some characters such as Linda but the pupils will get the chance to find out why they should have sympathy with them, from the person who created them.

"It's tailor-made for GCSE pupils and it's a much improved version of just watching a production on YouTube. They will get the chance to dig into the mind of an actor."

The event will be live streamed to all Year 11 English classes on Tuesday, 15 December. The session will last for two hours.

Mrs Gidden
Head of English

Michael co-founded Stage-ed with Stephen Palfreman in 2012. Michael played 'Sammy' in Blood Brothers in the West End for 10 years, as well as a year on the UK National tour. On screen Michael has appeared in numerous short films, and also has feature film credits. Michael has delivered workshops across the UK and Europe and is regularly asked to design week long theatre courses to be delivered in schools, performing arts schools, and universities. In London Michael delivers workshops for London Theatre Tours and Pineapple Performing Arts School.



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Following on from the Great Reading Race which took place at the end of the half term, Year 8's winning class received their reward this week.

It was a perfect pick-me-up for a dreary Monday afternoon as Class 8E2 got to enjoy milk and cookies during their AR reading session. Having banked an impressive 898,000 words during w/c 19 October, pupils soon proved why they were worthy winners with noses back in their books whilst Mrs Gidden dished out their treat.

Head of English, Mrs Gidden, said, "This class love their reading, having won three times in Year 7 they now have a reputation to protect! Twins Preston and Lily McM compete against each other for who can bank the most words, whilst Jack J and Sam D also hit the top of the leader board last term."

This class also includes 'Get Caught Reading' star, Jack J, and Leon A, Tom P and George R who have clocked up 16 books read between them since the start of September!

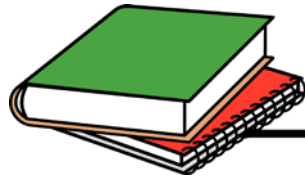
Well done to them and also 10E1 who received their treats during Wednesday's AR lesson.

Pupils will 'race' again at the end of the Autumn term.

Mrs Gidden
Head of English



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English

Year 11 English Interventions - Thursdays

These additional classes are held on Thursdays after school until approx 4pm.

Pupils should see their English teacher first although may simply turn up for the session if they wish. For some pupils these interventions will be compulsory if their teacher feels they are struggling with that area of study.

Maximum number of pupils is 25 per class.

Mrs Gidden
Head of English

Week	Teacher / Room	Poem
3 December	Mrs Robinson-Ali EN2	Macbeth Act 1
	Miss Thornton EN4	Macbeth Act 1
	Mrs Gidden EN3	Romeo and Juliet Act 1
10 December	Mrs Webster EN1	Macbeth Act 1
	Mrs Elliott EN4	Macbeth Act 1
	Mrs Gidden EN3	Romeo and Juliet Act 1

Year 7 Reward Competition - The Postcards Have Arrived!



The English Department were super excited to see these arrive on Thursday morning.

Layla, Eloise and Lily won the Year 7 competition to have their designs made into postcards to recognise excellence in English.

Mrs Webster will return their original artwork and all girls will get a couple of postcards as samples to keep for themselves.

Parents - look out for these coming through your letterbox soon!

Well done girls.

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From 30 November 2020

Available online now to place advance orders

New Lunchtime Daily Specials

This new menu replaces previous daily specials

Monday -

Warm Turkey, Stuffing & Gravy Barm | Bolognese Pasta

Tuesday -

Cheese Pasty | Chicken Curry | Vegetable Curry

Wednesday -

Hot Dog | Bolognese Pasta

Thursday -

Chicken Burger | Chicken Curry | Vegetable Curry

Friday -

Meat & Potato Pie | Bolognese Pasta

Available Every Day

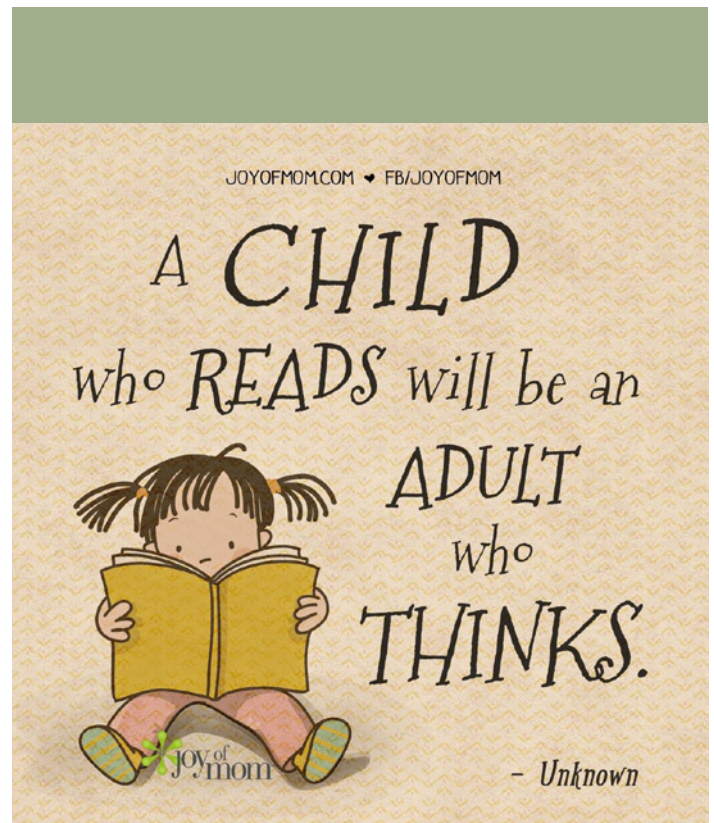
In addition to current items

Mince Pies

Turkey, bacon & cranberry baguette

(replaces chicken & bacon baguette | fillings will change regularly)

Sandwiches available at lunchtime on gluten-free bread
via request - email enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk



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SCIENCE REVISION

GCSE Science Revision Guides (Year 10 & 11)

These guides are on offer to Key Stage 4 pupils and letters have been given out to pupils by Science teachers. The books are compatible with the AQA GCSE specifications that the school follows and as such, we strongly recommend their purchase. The science department will be discussing with students how to make best use of them and how to revise effectively.

The revision guides available are:

Science Trilogy Foundation / Higher | Biology Higher Tier | Chemistry Higher Tier | Physics Higher Tier

If you would like to purchase any of these revision materials, please complete the order form on the back of the letter and return it to your child's Science teacher by **Friday, 4 December**. Payment must be made in advance through your online SCOPay account.

If you are unsure of which materials may be of benefit to your child, please ask them to discuss it with their Science teacher or contact Mr Bedford, Head of Science, by e-mail at d.bedford@priory.lancs.sch.uk. Please note that these are the same books offered for purchase last year which cover the full course so there is no need to purchase these again.

A copy of the letter can also be downloaded from the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters



Annual Pupil Admissions Consultation

CONSULTATION

Penwortham Priory Academy is consulting on its admissions policy for 2022 onwards and has commenced a 6 week consultation period from 27 November 2020 to 7 January 2021.

If you would like to submit a comment, please email enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk and include the subject line of 'Annual Pupil Admissions Consultation'. All responses received will be considered by the Governing Body once the consultation has closed on 7 January.

The proposed policy is available to view and download from the school's website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/admissions/annual-pupil-admissions-consultation



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COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY

Priory's Reverse Advent Calendar

From **Mon, 23 November to Weds, 9 December**, we will be collecting for our reverse advent calendar. The collection is firstly for Penwortham's food bank supporting local families, and the second is for the homeless visiting the Foxton Centre.

We are asking families to bring in items over the two weeks, ready to distribute the week before school closes.

Both organisations have been very grateful for all our donations in the past in supporting those who have less than us. This part of our Culture Focus for the term: Kindness.



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

In terms of the homeless, this year they are in need of the following:

- Hats, gloves, scarves
- New underwear and socks for both male and females
- Toiletries or toiletry gift sets they can give out as presents, baby wipes, lip balms
- Non-perishable food (anything in a tin or packet), along with bake at home bread, longlife milk
- Selection boxes and Christmas type chocolates/cakes/mince pies



Who do I leave my donations with at school?

Before Period 1 lessons leading up to Weds, 9 December, pupils can take items to their bubble collection base:

Year 7 - PE office | Year 8 - Office between HU5 and HU6 | Year 9 - Humanities office | Year 10 - Pastoral corridor collection room | Year 11 - SC1

Here's a list of what the food bank is asking for...

Anything in a tin or packet -

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

Mrs Hopes, Head of Learning for Life &
Mrs Massey, Assistant Head of Science

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Word of the Week

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.

Word of the Week:

Hypothesis

Noun

1. A prediction based on some evidence e.g. *my hypothesis is that it will rain tomorrow*

Etymology:

Late 16th century: via late Latin from Greek *hupothesis* 'foundation', from *hupo* 'under' + *thesis* 'placing'.



Literacy tip of the week...

Prepositions

Prepositions tell us where something is or when it happened (or is happening) – look at the second part of the word **preposition** (the position of something).

e.g. below, above, beyond, next week, tomorrow...

Can you think of five prepositions?

Use prepositions to start your sentences! They are a really engaging way to catch your reader.

Below the horizon, there is a huge mountain...

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:

Right

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



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 30 November

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' Without harm
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' E-safety - social media part 2
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Respect - is my language always respectful
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Careers - Career development
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Communication - Disagreeing with people and opinions

Some themes are delivered over two weeks and therefore have been repeated

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Leyland Trucks are very much part of local careers fairs where they promote engineering and apprenticeships to students.

As live careers events aren't possible at the moment, they have developed a short video (approx. 7 minutes) to help inform students of the apprenticeship options available to them on leaving school or college.

Please access the video using the YouTube link below:

<https://youtu.be/jwRwt8DmVQk>

Their recruitment process for September 2021 will commence in January when they will inform pupils via their schools' publicity campaign. In the meantime, please take a look at their video.



Myerscough College

A really useful online event for pupils wishing to apply or who have already applied but haven't had chance to chat with tutors or attend previously.

www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/online-course-advice-morning-december



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