Penwortham Priory Post



Head Prefect Duties Now Commence

Headteacher Mr Eastham had his official photograph taken with the new senior prefect team as they all promised to make Priory 'an even better place' to learn.

Head Boy Charlie admitted the whole team had to go through a rigorous process of writing a speech, campaigning and 'being organised' to become a senior prefect. "I was surprised when it was announced I was Head Boy," said Charlie, who wants to train to be an architect. "I know it will be a good year for us and I can't wait to get started."

Charlie's sister Lillie was Deputy Head Girl last year. "She was jealous of me being Head Boy!" he laughed.

Darcy is the new Head Girl and admits, after her final year at Priory, her dream is to secure a place on the Musical Theatre course at Preston's College.

"This year is a big year but I am really friendly, I enjoy public speaking and I love an audience!" she said. "I remember when I came to school at Year 7 and how daunting it was and I want to help the new Year 7s settle in and feel comfortable and for the school to keep evolving."

Deputy Head Girls are Josie and Emily – the field was so strong that two deputies were selected!

Josie, who wants to study at the new Maths College in the future, said: "I always give 110 per cent in everything I do and it's important to have someone who is motivated in these roles. I am a really friendly person and I want to be the kind of person people feel comfortable approaching."

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Key Dates

Diary Dates

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

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

Every Tuesday
Year 11 Maths

Interventions 3.10-4pm

Weds, 22 September
Learning for Life Day 1
Early lunch followed by
school closure at 1.10pm

Thurs, 23 September INSET Day, school closed.

Open Evening 4.30-9pm

Weds, 13 October Year 7 Settle Factor Evening

Tues, 19 October Year 10 Settle Factor Evening

Mid Term Closure Mon 25 October - Fri, 29 October

Mon, 8 November
Learning for Life Day 2
Early lunch followed by
school closure at 1.10pm

Thurs, 11 November Flu immunisations (all year groups)

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Emily added: "My younger sister is at Priory and I know how nervous she was coming into school. I want the younger pupils to feel relaxed. I remember everyone was so much taller and larger than life when I came into school but I want to show I am on their level."

Deputy Head Boy Bailey said: "I have had a phenomenal time at Priory, it's been a rollercoaster at times but it's been exceptional. I have loved my fellow pupils and the staff and I want to pass this on, I want the younger pupils to feel safe and happy here, as I have been. We want to make it even better!"



Fellow Deputy Head Boy Matthew said: "I have enjoyed my time at Priory so it's nice to be able to give something back. My younger brother is in Year 8 and I want to make sure he enjoys his time at Priory as much as I have. This position is also good on my CV for when I apply to colleges."

Their official duties will now begin, after also meeting new Chair of Governors Dr Range.

These will include presentations, speeches, Open Evening talks as well as meetings with the Senior Leadership Team about the effective running of the school, among other responsibilities.



School Closed Thurs, 23 September



A reminder that school will be closed on Thursday as we prepare for Open Evening.

Pupils helping out on Open Evening should be in school for 4pm (prefects 3pm) and in full school uniform. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch and ensure that a safe passage home is arranged for 9pm.

Letters with full arrangements can be downloaded from >> https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters



What's available if I've forgotten to order my lunch?

Breaks: Drinks, yoghurts, fruit, cereal bars (no hot food, no sandwiches)

Lunch: Drinks, yoghurts, fruit, a range of sandwiches, plus cakes and popcorn (no hot food)

No cash is required as fingerprint identification is used to charge your account. If you have no credit, please see your Head of Year or the Pastoral team for assistance.



Finally, it's back of the net for Jazmin!



Well done to Year 11 pupil, Jazmin, who was part of the Lancashire Schools FA Girls Under 16s squad who were successful in winning the Inter County National Cup last weekend.

The game was broadcast live via ESFA TV on Sunday when the girls played against Middlesex SFA at Sixways Stadium, Worcester. The game ended 3-0 to Lancashire - an amazing result for Jazmin and the rest of the team!

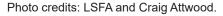


A proud dad said: "It was quite surreal to hear the commentator talk about your daughter on the TV. Jazmin has

loved the journey this year representing Penwortham Priory Academy nationally with pride and always passion. It tops off a fab few weeks as two weeks' ago she was also named Blackburn Rovers' RTC U16s Captain."



Jazmin has qualified for two national finals before, losing on penalties as Lancashire Under 14s and then last year the squad didn't play due to Covid. It was truly a case of third time lucky!





Parking At School: A Polite Notice

Following several complaints from local residents recently, we would like to politely remind parents to park courteously and not to block driveways when dropping pupils off or collecting them at the end of the school day. We have also been asked that parents refrain from using the car park next to the MUGA as this is for the use of leisure centre patrons.

By parking in a legal and considerate manner, congestion will be reduced and safety increased thereby allowing for the least amount of disruption possible for parents and local residents. This may mean parking a little further away from the school.



We recognise that this may be one or two individuals and appreciate everyone's co-operation in respecting our community.

A Model Start for Year 7 Science Pupils

Over the summer, Year 7 pupils were tasked with challenges from the English, Maths and Science departments to prepare them for the term ahead.



Assistant Head of Science, Miss Nouraghaeii, was very impressed with the pupils' science work and wanted to share some of it with the rest of us.

Miss Nouraghaeii chose some of the best cell models that stood out and were pupils had been particularly creative with their materials.

Josh said: "I didn't know anything about cells before I did this so I learnt a lot! I made a plant cell and I enjoyed doing it."

Jacob said: "I had to use some of my sister's crafts at home to make my cell as I ran out of items but it helps you learn all about biology."

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TASK: Get Ready for Biology.

Cells are the building blocks of all living things. Make a model or create a presentation about cells. You can choose any type of animal or plant cell.



Miss Nouraghaeii commented,

"The cell models were some of the best we've seen; I can tell we have some top scientists here already! I was very impressed with their work. The summer booklet covered units that pupils will learn more about in Year 7 so they have put themselves ahead of the game.

So far this half term the Year 7s have completed an introduction to Science; the students have been learning how to think scientifically, we have looked at the apparatus they will use over the next few years, and discussed the hazards and control measures when working in a lab."



Fantastic work from Josh B, Chloe R, Evie S, Freya Y, Jess D, Ezra H, Jacob P, Charlie W and Callum G-V who were all awarded achievement points as a reward for their hard work. Well done to all the Year 7 pupils that completed the summer tasks.





BEFORE SCHOOL

Come and join us: Every Morning in LEAP 2

Time: 8.00am- 8.35am

AFTER SCHOOL

Come and join us:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
in LEAP 2

Time: 3.10pm-4.15pm

Just turn up!

All year groups welcome
Use of the computers
Support available

Also open every break and lunch



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 pupils' 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 the academic year pupils will have two 15 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

The Challenges: What do we want to focus on? Year 10 Year 8 Year 9 Year 7 Year 11 Focus on end Transition to 'big 'Now what?' Preparation for Dealing with goals. school'. Responsibility GCSEs (options). stress and Adjusting to Setting expected as role models. Hormone anxiety. changing **Building** on Making the standards. changes demands. Getting the basics foundations. changing social most of their Growing dynamics. responsibility. Settling in without Personal Thinking ahead Growing sense settling. discovery. to post-16 of self. options.

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.



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

On the curriculum w/c 20 September

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 15 minute Learning for Life lessons each week where they will participate in the curriculum shown opposite.

On the curriculum w/c 20 September

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' Starting as we mean to go on	
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' How I like to be led	
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Working with others	
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Mind training part 2	
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Self-evaluation and self-criticism	

Learn to succeed

Learning for Life Day 1





Wednesday,

22 September 2021

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

Students should report to their session 1 teacher in their usual Learning for Life classroom (Years 7-10) or their designated room in Technology (Year 11) for 8.40am. Lunch is brought forward and school buses have been rearranged for this earlier time.

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 Wednesday include:

- Year 7 Healthy Body - Physical Activity, Balanced Diet, Personal Health, The Media Importance of physical activity and a balanced diet. Strategies for maintaining personal hygiene, including oral health, and prevention of infection. The influence of the media. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.
- Healthy Mind All Mixed Up, Healthy or Unhealthy... You Decide, Balanced is Good, Sanity Year 8 The importance of, and strategies for, maintaining a balance between school, work, leisure, exercise, and online activities. Ways of assessing and reducing risk in relation to well-being. Strategies to manage mental changes that are a typical part of growing up. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.
- Year 9 Relationships - Media and Relationships, Relationships and the Law, Different Types of Relationships, Relationships and Self Esteem The different types of relationship. What a committed relationship is and legalities. Positive relationship qualities. The media and its portrayal of relationships. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.
- Year 10 Unhealthy Relationships Relationship Abuse, What to do when relationships go wrong

Forming and maintaining respectful relationships. Abusive relationship characteristics. End of relationships including the effects of change, including loss, separation, divorce and bereavement. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

Year 11 Futures - CVs, Jobs, Applications, College Applications and Careers, What is Revision? Memory Techniques

> What is revision and memory techniques to prepare for mocks. Preston's College sessions on completing applications and careers and apprenticeships.



Mrs Hopes Head of Learning for Life

English Department





Bedrock - It's The Word!

Bedrock is back and bigger than ever with two year groups on the program this year. Both Year 8 and Year 9 pupils will be expanding their vocabulary thanks to Bedrock.

Bedrock is an interactive online vocabulary curriculum which was first introduced last March to our Year 9 pupils. It was so successful in building students' vocabulary that Priory chose to introduce it this year to Year 8 pupils.

English teacher Mrs Elliott says the pupils are thriving:

"Bedrock was set up by two teachers who saw the need to narrow the word gap that exists between different groups of children, thereby improving outcomes across the whole curriculum. The objective is to introduce pupils to a wide range of Tier 2 vocabulary at a pace the pupils can cope with and via a system that adapts to their needs.

"With Bedrock, pupils have to read quite substantial texts; key vocabulary will be highlighted and its meaning explained. The words are then used in different contexts, so it really develops an understanding of the new vocabulary.



"Pupils start with an Alpha test which ascertains the appropriate reading 'block' for that pupil. They then complete a pre- and post-block test to allow both the pupils and the teachers to see how much improvement in their vocabulary they've achieved.

"Many children go from around 60 per cent to 90 per cent. This makes it easy to track their progress and motivating for the pupils to see their own improvements. We recommend two lessons a week. Each lesson is around 20 minutes, and they can do them in school or at home. Following this structure, pupils will learn around 10 new words and their meanings a week.

"The pupils are so enthusiastic. They are getting more used to Bedrock's requirements now and they are seeing the benefits."

Head of English, Mrs Gidden, added, "We'll soon be receiving training on how parents can help support Bedrock use with the new parent portal so watch this space!"

Pupils should aim to complete two 'lessons' a week.





This week's Bedrock leaders are:

Points (overall)

Abigail M	9E3	212
Layla H	8W3	154
Lily McM	9E2	154
Jake L	8W2	145



These pupils are off to a flying start!

These pupils have ALREADY quizzed on a book in their very first week back:

Year 8

Emily P	8E2
Alex P	8W2

Year 9

Samuel D	9E2
Tom P	9E2

Year 10

Elilnila A	10EW4
Daniel R	10EW4
Courtney M	10EW5

How incredible is that!

Mrs Webster Acting Assistant Head of English





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

Here are this week's leaders:

Year 7 Jessica D Anna H Harriet H	7E3 7W2 7W2	86,976 15,304 15,175
Year 8 Emily P Aaron P Niamh P	8E2 8W3 8W1	513,791 190,858 158,326
Year 9 Lily McM Emily C Alex I	9E2 9W2 9W2	432,262 449,610 280,712
Year 10 Courtney M Daniel R Mathew S	10EW5 10EW4 10EW5	147,695 100,045 19,590

As we have been completing Star tests/Alpha tests this week, these figures have been taken from the year so far.

Competition is hot in Year 9 with the most words banked so far - 9E2 and 9W2, wow!

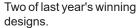
Also Year 9, Abi and Lily have made sure they are top of the leaderboard right from the word go! We wonder if anyone will challenge them for their top spots this year! Lovely to see Layla and Jake from Year 8 have also gained top spots. Congratulations on your success so far.







"My wellerd us gully broked" "Stay true to your skelf." "Have you read a broke about hands? It's a real page turner." "Ealaborms take "Lalgues" "Name: ZPD range: Colour: https://ukhosted27.renlearn.co





It's Bookmark Competition time again for Year 8!

The Acting Assistant Head of English, Mrs Webster, has set all Year 8 pupils a creative challenge which will also prove useful for pupils' Accelerated Reading (AR) sessions.

Using the template provided*, pupils should design their own bookmark within the area specified (the top bit!). The winning designs will be printed onto card and distributed to all readers who will then be able to add their name, reading ZPD and their colour code. It also has the web address for the AR site on it - a handy reminder for you all!

Year 8 pupils should return entries to their English teacher by Thurs, 30 September. Please ensure your name and English class are written on the back.

*Templates can be collected from your English teacher or can be found at the pages of this newsletter, ready for printing.

Year 8 Bookmark Competition!

Love reading? Feeling creative? Then get your design hat on!!

Using the template provided, design a bookmark for all our readers to use. The bookmarks will also act as a helpful reminder of your ZPD number, colour code and AR website address. Please remember to write your name on the back of your entry.

The theme this year is: Everybody's Reading

Deadline for entries: Thursday, 30 September

(Hand your entries to your English teacher.)





Wednesday's lunchtime table tennis club in action.



Physical Education Department Extra-Curricular Timetable (Autumn Term 1)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch — 13.15 — 13.50 Sports Hall	Badminton Key Stage 3 Basketball	Basketball	Table Tennis Key Stage 3 Basketball	Table Tennis Badminton	Badminton Key Stage 4
After-School 15.15 – 16.15	Year 7 & 9 Football Practice Year 7/8/9 Netball Practice Netball Matches (not weekly) Fitness Club (Gym)	Year 8 Football Practice Year 7 & 8 Girls Football Practice Badminton Club Dance Club Key Stage 3 (Hall)	No clubs due to staff meetings	Yoga Club (Gym) Basketball Club	Year 10 Football Practice

 $NB\ In\ addition,\ school\ teams\ will\ have\ fixtures\ through\ the\ half-term.\ These\ may\ result\ in\ some\ clubs\ being\ moved\ locations.$



Flu Nasal Immunisations (all year groups)

This week parents have been issued with a link, via email, to access the consent form and accompanying information for nasal flu immunisations.



The immunisation will be a spray and not an injection for all pupils and will take place in school on Thurs, 11 November. In the meantime, IntraHealth, the schools' immunisation team, need to obtain parental consent via the link below. Included with this is a NHS leaflet for you to read if you wish to know more about it.

https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=138948&Type=FLU



The link will direct parents to a secure online portal where you can complete your child's details and submit **consent** or **non-consent**. This will then go directly to the immunisation team for processing.

Please access the link as soon as possible - you should submit a response even if you wish to decline although you are encouraged

to take up these vaccinations for your child. The link will close on Tues, 2 November 2021.

If you have any queries regarding the vaccination itself or you have problems with the link please contact the IntraHealth immunisation team direct on 0333 358 3397 option 3.



Enjoy Learning Music?

KTB Music provide private peripatetic music tuition in school for voice and instruments.

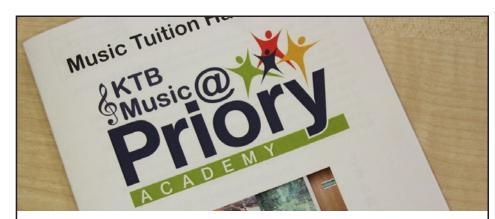
If pupils want to take up learning or carry on from primary school then they can here at Priory.

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Alongside learning a new skill there are many benefits to learning a musical instrument:

- Improving memory skills
- · Improving co-ordination skills
- · Improving maths skills



Sign up for music lessons now! PRIVATE MUSIC TUITION AT PRIORY

If you haven't got a guitar or sax of your own, don't worry just sign up now to join the likes of Ed Sheeran and Olivia Rodrigo, they all started at the beginning!

If you are interested in taking up an instrument, learning to sing or carry on your lessons from primary school, get in touch with KTB Music or go to the school website to find out more. Pupils can also see Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music at Priory, for a chat and information booklet.

We are looking forward to weeting you!

Lessons are £6 per 15 minute slot. Pupils are mostly taught on a one-to-one basis at school, in school time, and are timetabled on a rotation basis to minimise the disruption of class work. Pupils can study to gain exam grades, to play in concerts or simply for pleasure.

KTBMusicAtPriory@outlook.com www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/ktb-music www.ktbmusic.co.uk



- Improving reading and comprehension skills
- Developing responsibility
- Knowledge of culture and history
- Enhancing a sense of creativity
- Learning how to express yourself and your emotions
- · Developing your academic profile
- · As a way of relaxing
- · Developing self-discipline
- · Developing self-confidence
- Risk-taking
- Teamwork

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

For more information, pupils can see Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music, in MU1. Parents may contact either KTB Music direct (see advert) or email Mr Taylor at a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk.



Open Evening Will Go Ahead

The event will take place on Thurs, 23 September with Covid measures in place. No prior booking is required.

The Headteacher's speech will be recorded to listen to in your own time and the link/QR code for this will be available on the night.

In the meantime, we invite you to take a virtual tour or view our prospectus at your leisure...

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

Children With Additional Needs

We know that parents of children with additional needs may have more specific questions to ask. We therefore invite you contact Priory's SENCo, Mrs Holland, by email at a.holland@priory.lancs.sch.uk in the first instance. Mrs Holland can also arrange a telephone call to discuss your child's needs and invite you to see what we can offer your child at Priory.



Do you have a child starting secondary school in September 2022 and living in Lancashire?

APPLY NOW!

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

CLOSING DATE: 31 OCTOBER 2021

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.Jancashire.gov.uk and search 'School Admission Policies'.



www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Open Evening Thursday, 23 September 2021 4.30pm-9pm

Our Open Evening will go ahead with Covid measures put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. Amongst these, the Headteacher's speech will be recorded to watch in your own time and we will be monitoring capacity across classrooms. Visitors will be asked to wear face coverings where possible, keep a respectable distance from others and use the hand sanitisers provided. Before then though, 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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"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books."

- Roald Dahl





SOME KIDS ARE SMARTOR THAN YOU, SOME KIDS HAVE cooler clothes THAN YOU, SOME KIDS ARE BETTER AT SPORTS THAN YOU.

It Doesn't Matter!

YOU HAVE **YOUR** THING TOO.

BE THE KID WHO CAN GOT ALONG.

BE THE KID WHO IS generous.

BE THE KID WHO IS HAPPY FOR OTHER PEOPLE BE THE KID WHO DOES THE RIGHT THING

BE THE NICE KID

-BRYAN SCAVNAK



Year 8 Bookmark Competition Template



Name
Name:
ZPD range:
Colour:
https://ukhosted27.renlearn.co



Local detachments are now actively recruiting. The Army Cadet Force allows cadets aged from 13 - 18 years old the opportunity to achieve, grow and gain qualifications such as First Aid, BTec, Duke of Edinburgh's Award to name but a few.

If anyone in Year 8 or above is interested, please see the link below for further information: https://armycadets.com

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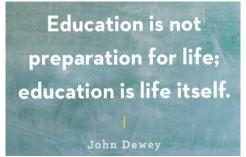
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There will not be a newsletter next week. The next issue will be:

Friday, 1 October