

Penwortham Priory Post



Matilda Shows At Priory Next Month

Priory pupils can't wait to get into character at December's performance of 'Matilda.'

The cast has been chosen, rehearsals are well underway and it's all systems go as the pupils take to the stage again.

Drama teacher Miss Howell admits she can't wait to see the pupils back performing after Covid-19 restricted theatrical shows.

"The performance rights on Matilda have just been released so we decided to do this as it's something new and fresh," said Miss Howell.

"It is well-known, it's a favourite, everyone absolutely loves it and it is so much fun.

"We have such a diverse range of talent at Priory and, since our last production, other pupils have come forward to give it a go and it's not just about acting, it's about getting involved behind-the-scenes as well with props and design.

"We have been rehearsing three times a week and the pupils have shown a lot of dedication.

"The children love productions, it allows them to mix from Year 7 to Year 11s after 18 months of not mixing and it's like a little family."

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Key Dates

Diary Dates

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

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

Sat, 20 November

Cross Country
Championships at Hutton
(qualifying pupils only)

Fri, 26 November

Humanities Postcard
Design Competition
Deadline

Thurs, 2 December

Flu vaccinations catch up
for those that were absent

Sun, 12 December

Link closes for DTP
and Meningitis ACWY
vaccination consent.

Tues, 7 & Weds, 8 December

**Matilda - Evening
Performances
Tickets available soon**

Tues, 14 December

Year 11 Parents Evening
(online) from 4pm

Fri, 17 December

Early lunch followed by
school closure at 1.10pm

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Year 9 Favour has the lead role of Matilda. She said: "I didn't expect to get the lead role at all. I was squealing I was so excited when it was announced!"

"I have started learning my lines and I know most of them. I am looking forward to it but am slightly nervous about performing in front of a big audience."

Year 10 Holly is Mrs Wormwood and she said: "I took part in 'We Will Rock You' and I couldn't wait for the next production."

"I am happy to be Mrs Wormwood as she is over the top and confident, totally different to me! It's great to have that role."

Year 11 Kyle is Mr Wormwood. "I like to be mean so it's a great part for me!"

Year 11 Dominic is Trunchball. "Trunchball is the head teacher who is loud and old-fashioned and I love playing that role! I have watched the film Matilda and I take some inspiration from that but also put my own adaptation on it."



The performances are on Tues, 7 and Weds, 8 December - more details to follow.

Pupils: We need help to make the props!

If being in the spotlight isn't for you, then you can still get involved behind the scenes - by making them!

Mrs Hopes needs more recruits to help make the set and props. If you want to get painting and building, pop along to the art room (TE6) at break or lunch - any day. Many hands make light work!



Tickets will be available to buy soon.

Purchases via SCOPay or the school office.

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Remembrance at Priory

On Remembrance Sunday we were tremendously proud to be able to lay a wreath at the Penwortham War Memorial.



Head prefects, Darcy and Charlie, represented the school alongside Head of Year 11, Mrs Eastham, when they attended a service at St Leonard's and then took a walk to Liverpool Road to pay their respects to those that had lost their lives in conflict.

It was a beautiful morning and the event was well attended by the community. Between them, Darcy and Charlie were asked to read out the names of the local men and women that had fallen during World War II. It was also heart-warming to hear a tribute to our former colleague, Miss Heather Crook, who passed away earlier this year. Heather was an active member of the community who also played a big part in the organisation of the annual Remembrance event.

Lest we forget.



Food Bank Donations

There has been a superb response by staff and pupils since our last donation to Penwortham Food Bank at the end of half term. A particular thank you to Miss Beesley's form (R3) and Learning For Life group (7EW3) for their huge donation.



Donations are welcome throughout this half term in preparation for Christmas. Pupils and staff can bring items to SC1 (Mrs Massey's room) before Period 1, at break or lunch. Heads of Year have posted a list of suitable items on MS Teams.

Thank you for your continued support!



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Year 9 Immunisations

Year 9

IntraHealth, the schools' immunisation team will be visiting Penwortham Priory Academy in the new year to vaccinate Year 9 pupils for **DTP (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio) and Meningitis ACWY**.

Parents of Year 9 pupils have been issued with a link, via email, to access a secure portal where you can complete your child's details and submit consent or non-consent. Please follow the link (also included below), at your earliest convenience, to complete the green YES form to consent to the vaccination or the red NO form if you do not want your child to receive the vaccine. Further information about the immunisation programme can also be accessed via the link. Due to recent technical issues, the link will now remain live until 12 December.

<https://www.nhs.uk/imm/tdipvacwy/information?Id=138948&Type=TDIPVACWY>

If you experience any difficulties with the link, or have any questions, please contact IntraHealth direct on 0333 358 3397 Option 3 and then Option 1. We have been informed that reported issues regarding the Date of Birth input have now been resolved.



Please note: 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 12 December.



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.

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

On the curriculum w/c 22 November

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' A world without harm?
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Social media part 2
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Is my language respectful?
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Career Development
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' The 'echo chamber'

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Miss Nouraghaei's Science Classes Have Turned Green!



Priory's Year 8 and 10 pupils have become Supersized Climate Heroes and have been awarded a Blue Peter Climate Heroes green badge!

The green badge and certificates were awarded to pupils by Blue Peter, for showing they care about the environment and planet. They made their class pledges in the summer term last year and now finally they have received their coveted badges.

The project was led by Assistant Head of Science, Miss Nouraghaei.

"I decided to introduce this to my Year 7 classes last summer and then my Year 9s were equally as enthusiastic to get involved when I told them about it." said Miss Nouraghaei. "Many pupils had stories to share, showing how they are already working hard to look after our planet and fight climate change."



She said: "There were four pledges on Power, where pupils switch 30 minutes of screen time for 30 minutes of outdoor time; Plastic, sorting out the rubbish recycling at home carefully; Plants, save water by turning off the taps when you brush your teeth, and a Supersize pledge.

"Our Year 8s Supersize pledge was to eat more vegetarian food while our Year 10s was to switch off the lights and devices when leaving the classroom or building. We want them to see how, by making small changes, they can make a difference to the climate."

Pupils had to provide photographic evidence of them doing the pledges and promoting a greener environment. Pupils had to also encourage others to do their bit too. Then Miss Nouraghaei sent the evidence off to Blue Peter.

Year 8 Alex Y said: "We had to take pictures of ourselves recycling items. It certainly made me think more about the environment and how we need to care for it."

Tilly P said: "I recycled milk cartons, cans and crisp packages." Abbie S added: "I am proud to receive a green Blue Peter badge."

The pupils can now apply for their Blue Peter Badge Card to gain free access to over 200 attractions throughout the UK - see Miss Nouraghaei for your code.

More information about green Blue Peter badges:

www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-green-badge



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Do you love cooking and being creative in the kitchen?

Year 9 pupils only

Come to our Creative Cookery workshop for Year 9 on Friday, 3 December from 3.05pm to 4.30pm when we'll be making some festive treats.

It's free and if you want to take part, there are places for the **first 12 pupils** who contact Mrs Cowell, Deputy Head and Food Technology Teacher, via Teams or email l.cowell@priory.lancs.sch.uk

You'll need to let Mrs Cowell know of any allergies or dietary requirements, and you'll need to organise your transport home.

This event follows on from recent cookery club workshops for Year 7 pupils where they made Halloween treats,

and Year 8 pupils who made Bonfire theme goodies.



Mrs Cowell
Deputy Head & Food Technology Teacher



On Tues, 9 November we were fortunate to be able to offer a limited number of places on a Level 3 Bikeability course delivered by the South Ribble Borough Council's Active Health Team.



This was aimed specifically at Year 7 and 8 pupils, with the practical course taking place on roads in the local area, under supervision.

The course was 2 hours in duration and pupils learned to:

- Prepare for a journey
- Understand advanced road positions
- Pass queuing traffic
- Perceive and deal with hazards
- Understand driver blind spots
- React to hazardous road surfaces
- Navigate roundabouts
- Understand multi-lane roads and
- Traffic lights

Well done to the pupils that took part:

Harriet H	Ellis T
Layla H	Seth L
Chloe R	Tom M
Caleb H	Cavan C
Corbyn H	Declan D
Caitlin P	Christopher C



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Can you help at our careers fair?

We're looking for parents and friends of the school from a wide range of **STEAM*** careers to inspire the next generation.

Would you be willing to come to Priory to represent your business or speak to our pupils about your occupation?

The fair takes place in school on Friday, 28 January from 8.40am-1.15pm.

Whatever your profession, knowledge of your career pathway and experience of the world of work, you will be most valued and welcomed. This is a great opportunity not only for the students but also for local employers to promote career opportunities and engage with the young people who may be their future workforce. Some employers, therefore, allow their staff to attend these events as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

By taking part you will help to:

- Raise pupils' career aspirations
- Educate and enthuse pupils about the wide range of career opportunities there are in STEAM.
- Enable pupils to engage with people in employment

The Details: The event crosses four lessons with a break in between. Volunteer visitors will be allocated a table to set up whatever information they wish to bring ie, literature, models and demonstrations. Pupils from Years 7 - 11 will be escorted to the sports hall by staff and encouraged to interact at stands, pick up information and ask questions.

If you are able to get involved or have any questions, please contact Mrs Massey, Science teacher, at c.massey@priory.lancs.sch.uk

***Science, Technology,
Engineering, Arts &
Maths (STEAM)**



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IN MEMORY OF...

Jack Milner - Class of 2009

We were saddened to be informed that Jack passed away suddenly on 23 October, aged 28 years.



Although Jack had muscular dystrophy, he lived his life to the full and he was an inspiration to everyone who knew him.

A celebration of Jack's life was held at West Lancs Crematorium, Burscough, last Friday 12 November. His former form tutor, Mrs Simpson, and Geography teacher Mr Watters, represented the school at his memorial service.

Mrs Simpson, in her heart-warming tribute, said, *"I feel privileged to have been Jack's form tutor through his time at Priory. Jack was an inspirational student who never let his condition define him. Jack was self-deprecating and when he arrived at a themed non-uniform day dressed as 'Andy' from Little Britain it raised more than a few smiles."*

"Jack also had a mischievous streak and a keen sense of humour. Priory had a lift installed so he could access all areas of school however, he had to have a support assistant with him when he used it. None of us liked the lift and would watch the ceiling coming towards us. Jack took great delight turning off the lift mid-floor and then waiting until we were suitably terrified before laughing and setting us off again!"



"Jack also had his own rest-room, 'rest' being the operative word. It was actually party-central at Priory!"

"It was an honour to represent Penwortham Priory Academy at the celebration of Jack's life and to share in the memories of a short life that was lived to the full. I will miss seeing Jack around Longton and having a chat and catch up but will remember fondly what an inspirational and exceptional young man he was."

Boxing Club

Every Monday
From 3.10pm To 4.10pm

Join us every Monday after school for a bit of boxing practice. Open to all pupils from any year group.

Please note that this is not sparring, but instead looking at technique through pad work and shadow boxing. Any students who attend and are interested in contact work will be signposted to local clubs who are licenced to have contact sessions.



Mr Bullock
Head of PE & Sport

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On Tuesday, 2 November Priory's U14 girls played in a 5-a-side football competition at All Hallows Catholic High School. We entered two teams in the competition and the girls played exceptionally well. The A team came 4th and B team came 5th. A great start...

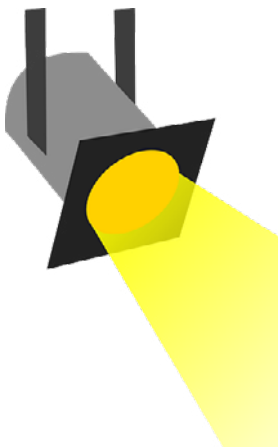


Jane W, Abbie S, Olivia S, Alessia S, Mia B, Mia C, Ruby E, Remi S, Caitlyn P, Jasmine J, Leila H, Hollie T, Melissa T, Taylor S, Elise B.

On Tuesday, 9 November Year 7 and 8 girls played in a 7-a-side football competition at Balshaws' High School. It was driving rain for all the matches but the girls' spirits stayed high and they played extremely well. The A team came runners up (winning 4, drawing 3 and losing 2) and the B team came in 8th place (winning 2, drawing 4 and losing 3).



Well done Caitlyn P (Player of the match A Team), Alessia S, Chloe W, Darcey K, Melissa T, Molly S, Ruby E, Jane W, Remi S, Harriet H, Olivia S, Abbie S, Elise B, Lucy J, Taylor S, Mia B, Mia C (Player of the match B Team).



Pupils In The Spotlight

Would you like to tell us about your son/daughter's achievements whether it's in sport, charity events, public speaking, drama, environmental issues, maths challenges or anything else? Maybe even someone who has overcome adversity and doesn't mind talking about it? (we like those stories!)

If this is you, please get in touch with your child's form tutor/head of year or contact the Communications Supervisor, Mrs Yates, via email at: j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Year 8 Pupil 'Boasts' His Lancashire Call Up

Last weekend Year 8 Oliver represented Lancashire in the Inter-counties squash competition.

Oliver was invited to play in Sunday's competition as part of the Under 15s team held at the Hallamshire Tennis & Squash Club, Sheffield. He was the youngest in the 5-person team. The results of the tournament have yet to be announced.



Oliver, who turned 13 last month, has been training with the Lancashire junior team for two years and was called up only days earlier to represent his county.

The Year 8 pupil has been playing squash since he was 4 years old and has trained with various clubs in the area over the years. Oliver is now registered with Preston Grasshoppers Squash Club where he trains every Wednesday evening. Now playing in the adult league at Grasshoppers, Oliver has already ascended up the ranks to reach League 6 of their 7 divisions!

Alongside 1:1 coaching, Oliver attends a Wigan club on Saturdays for their junior club training, where he will represent the town for the first time in the North West League match this Sunday.

Wow! We are certainly proud of this young man who has achieved so much at an early age already.

A star to look out for in the future!





GIRLS FOOTBALL OPEN TRAINING NIGHTS

LHJFC GIRLS U14'S TEAM (CURRENT YEAR 8 AND 9)

We are looking to add some more players to our U14 Girls team.

- Not getting much pitch time at their current team/club?
- Never tried playing football at an organised/League level?
- Very sporty and want to try another sport?

Why not come on down to one of our OPEN Training sessions this November, no obligation and totally FREE!!!
@Browndale High School, PR5 6PB 7pm - 8pm.

THURS 4TH	THURS 11TH	THURS 18TH	THURS 25TH
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If interested, or if you would like to learn more,
please contact Kirk Marsden.

07808067004 - kirkmarsden123@googlemail.com



ACCREDITED
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

Girls Football Open Events

Girls football open events for Year 8 and 9 at Lostock Hall Football Club.

This local grassroots club is looking for additional girls to join them.

See poster for details.

Please contact the club direct if you are interested.



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SPORTS REPORT



South Ribble Cross Country Championships

Saturday, 20 November

Following the inter-house cross country trials last term, the top five finishers from each class have been selected to represent Penwortham Priory Academy in the South Ribble Championships at Hutton Grammar School tomorrow.

Letters have been given to qualifying pupils with full details.

Runners should arrive in their PE kit 15 minutes before their race time and report to a member of Priory's PE department. Warm outer clothing can be left with staff for safe keeping. Once you have run your race, you may leave the event.

10.00am	Year 10/11 Boys Race
10.15am	Year 10/11 Girls Race
10.30am	Year 8/9 Boys Race
10.40am	Year 8/9 Girls Race
10.50am	Year 7 Boys Race
11.00am	Year 7 Girls Race

It is important that all our best runners attend this event!

Miss Beesley
PE Teacher

FIXTURE CALENDAR

November 2021

Saturday, 20 November

All years boys and girls Cross Country @ Hutton

Monday, 22 November

Year 11 Netball Tournament @ Priory

Year 11 Boys Football @ Balshaws

Year 10 Boys Football v Lostock Hall @ Priory

Year 9 Boys Football @ Brownedge

Tuesday, 23 November

Year 7 Boys 5-a-side Football @ All Hallows

Monday, 29 November

Year 11 Boys Football @ Priory (3G)

Tuesday, 30 November

Year 7 Boys Football v Leyland St Mary's @ Priory

December 2021

Wednesday, 1 December

Year 8 Boys Football v Brownedge @ Priory

Thursday, 2 December

Year 10 Boys Football @ Brownedge

Monday, 6 December

Year 7/8 Girls Indoor Athletics @ Lostock Hall

Year 7 Boys Football v All Hallows @ Priory

Tuesday, 7 December

Year 7/8 Boys Indoor Athletics @ Lostock Hall

Wednesday, 8 December

Year 11 Boys Football @ Brownedge

Year 10 Lancashire Cup Boys Football @ All Hallows
2pm KO

Thursday, 9 December

Year 10 Boys Football @ Balshaws

Monday, 13 December

Year 7 Boys Football v Brownedge @ Priory

Tuesday, 14 December

U16s 5-a-side Girls Football @ All Hallows

Please note that these dates are subject to change and may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

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Class of 2021 Celebration Evening & GCSE Certificate Collection

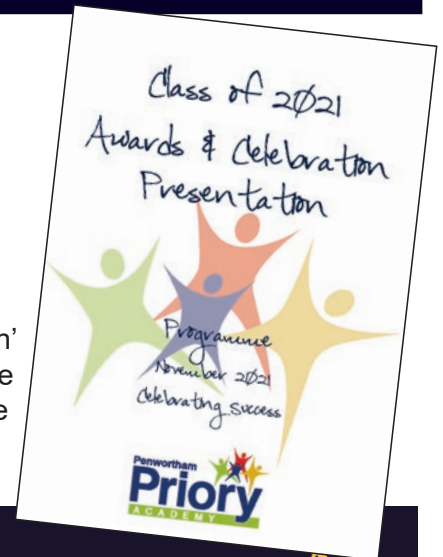
Sadly, due to the rising Covid cases, it wasn't sensible for us to run an 'in-person' celebration event this year. Unfortunately, this meant that for the second year we have recognised the successes and achievements of Class of 2021, and have given our thanks, via a pre-recorded awards presentation led by Mr Eastham.

This is now available to watch via YouTube at>>

<https://youtu.be/IPkOoWpomcY>

We are still awaiting GCSE certificates from some of the awarding bodies. These are expected to arrive by the end of November. Therefore, pupils are invited to collect their certificates from Wednesday, 1 December. Any trophies, certificates and other prizes awarded, as well as the celebration event programme, will be available to collect at the same time.

Families of Year 11 leavers will be contacted again at the end of the month as a reminder and iterate our GCSE certificate collection protocols. We would like to take this opportunity to emphasise how important it is that the certificates are collected at this time, as they are very important documents that are likely to be needed throughout the future and particularly if a path to university is planned.



BBC

THE MINDSET

DID YOU TAKE YOUR GCSE OR NATIONAL 5 EXAMS IN SUMMER 2019?
OR
ARE YOU DUE TO TAKE YOUR EXAMS IN 2022?

DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD MAKE A GOOD MENTOR TO OTHER STUDENTS ABOUT TO TAKE THEIR EXAMS?

DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD BE GOOD ON RADIO OR TV?

IF SO, THE MINDSET TEAM NEEDS YOU!

If you have some top tips for surviving exams and would like to share them, get in touch!

Email us at: mindset@bbc.co.uk

Deadline for getting in touch:
WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2021

BBC Bitesize is looking for its new team of Mind Set mentors for 2022. If you're between 15-19 and would like to share your top exam tips with others then why not apply!



Email mindset@bbc.co.uk and include why you think you would make a good mentor and contact details of a parent/guardian.

If under 18, permission is needed from a parent/guardian and should provide the following: Parent/guardian name, phone number, email address (also CC their email address into your application email).

You can find information on casting and previous BBC Bitesize films at >> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z3hpgdm>

See poster opposite for further details.



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Would you like the chance to have your design put in print as the new Humanities praise postcard?

We're setting pupils a creative challenge to design a postcard for the Humanities department. The winning designs will be printed and used to send home to parents to recognise our Geography, History and RE superstars.

This is the first of the Humanities Department's house events and follows the English competition model we did last year as we look to secure some excellent artwork for our department postcards.

There will be four winning entries – one from each house – who will each be credited with their artwork on our official Priory Humanities Praise Postcards. Your artwork should be A4 landscape. Get your designs in by Fri, 26 November and don't forget to put your name on the back!

We look forward to seeing what you come up with!

Mr Metcalfe
Head of Humanities



Humanities Praise Postcard Competition!

Your challenge is to create a new design for the Humanities Department's new praise postcards.

- Four designs will be chosen as winners (one winner from each House)
- The winning designs will be printed and used by the Humanities teachers to send praise home to parents
- Each pupil who enters a design will receive 5 x achievement points!

Designs must...

- Be drawn on A4 plain paper in landscape
- Include at least one link to Geography, History and RE
- Have the Humanities name on the front.
- Have your name on the back!

Designs to be handed into Humanities office BEFORE FRI, 26 NOVEMBER.

A4 Landscape



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Bringing music to your ears at break and lunch

MABAL is music played through the school's tannoy system during break and lunch. Chosen by Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music, this is designed to offer exposure to the curriculum in different ways, and support pupils' appreciation of music.

The focus is on one theme each week across a genre, a country or from history. The theme could also link to the season or an event in school, such as the upcoming production, Matilda.

Next week it's all about: Music from across the continents...

We'll be playing 'guess the country!' The Portuguese Fado one is not the easiest of listening. Most are the nationality of the singer, group or composer, though one is a little contrived, it is based upon the title of the track, rather than the singer's nationality.

This is a shorter playlist - normally we aim for four hours of material - so you will hear these two or three times in the week to give everyone a chance to guess the connection! Highlights, though this is all subjective, include the aching pathos of Mozart's Requiem, Beethoven's 7th symphony built around one bar of music and the brilliant Italian virtuoso violinist Paganini, via the Columbian "Queen of Latin Music" Shakira, Demis Roussos and Aqua.

Theme suggestions are welcomed - pupils/staff should see Mr Taylor, email a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk or contact via Teams.

Mr Taylor
Lead Teacher of Music

Physical Education Department Extra-Curricular Timetable (Autumn Term 2)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch – Sports Hall 13.15 – 13.50	Badminton Key Stage 3 Table Tennis (Assembly Hall)	Basketball Table Tennis (Assembly Hall)	Indoor Athletics Table Tennis (Assembly Hall)	Basketball Table Tennis (Assembly Hall)	Badminton Key Stage 4
After-School 15.15 – 16.15	Year 7 Football Practice (dependent on fixtures) Year 7-10 Girls Football Practice Boxing Club (Gym)	Year 8 Football Practice Year 7-10 Girls Football Tournaments Badminton Club Dance Club Key Stage 3 (Hall)	Staff Meetings Girls Indoor Cricket (Sports Hall)	Trampolining Club (from 25 Nov) 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/cancelled. Netball will restart on Tuesday, 4 January with Year 7-9 matches played on Mondays.

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Parental Reporting Schedule 2021-22

This is a breakdown for each year group indicating when progress reports are released and includes dates for parents evenings.

Year 7

Yr 7 Settle Factor	13 October
Yr 7 Progress Check Report 1 Issued	10 December
Yr 7 Progress Check Report 2 Issued	11 March
Yr 7 Progress Check Report 3 Issued	17 June
Yr 7 Parents Evening	4 July

Year 8

Yr 8 Progress Check Report 1 Issued	10 December
Yr 8 Progress Check Report 2 Issued	18 March
Yr 8 Progress Check Report 3 Issued	17 June
Yr 8 Parents Evening	20 June

Year 9

Yr 9 Progress Check Report 1 Issued	12 November
Yr 9 Full Report Issued	21 January
Yr 9 Parents/Options Evening	2 February
Yr 9 Progress Check Report 2 Issued	27 May

Year 10

Yr 10 Settle Factor Grades Issued	15 October
Yr 10 Settle Factor/Parents Evening	19 October
Yr 10 Progress Check Report 1 Issued	4 February
Yr 10 Progress Check Report 2 Issued	28 April
Yr 10 Parents Evening	10 May

Year 11

Yr 11 Settle Factor Issued	15 October
Yr 11 Mock Exams 1 Week 1	8 November
Yr 11 Mock Exams 1 Week 2	15 November
Yr 11 Mock 1 Progress Check Issued	10 December
Yr 11 Parents Evening 1	14 December
Yr 11 Mock Exams 2 Week 1	28 February
Yr 11 Mock Exams 2 Week 2	7 March
Yr 11 Mock 2 Progress Check Issued	28 March
Yr 11 Parents Evening 2	30 March

Mr Gee
Assistant Headteacher



Are you wondering whether a career in teaching is for you?

Come along to our

School Experience Day

at

Broughton High School

on

Thursday 25th November 2021

Our programme will give you the experience of a typical day in a secondary school, provide you with the opportunity to observe lessons in your chosen subject area, talk about teaching to teachers and trainees and allow you to gain valuable guidance on applying for teacher training.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

For more details and to book your place, please e-mail Jessica Dibble on dibblej@broughtonhigh.co.uk or telephone **01772 867210**



These have been proven to be excellent experience and preparation to support your application.

Equality and Diversity club is back at Priory!



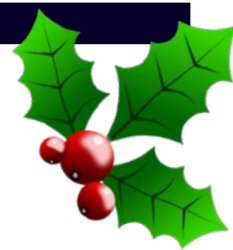
ALL year groups can
now attend!

E&D club is a safe space for EVERYONE to come and have open discussions about what we can do to promote equality and diversity.

Please meet in Miss Nicholls'
classroom (EN6) **EVERY**
Friday lunchtime!

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Are you considering getting your child a laptop for Christmas and wondering which one is best for their studies?



Laptops: What do you recommend?

It's a question we get asked a lot so we have put together a guide for parents with three levels of specification according to your budget. All will work well with Microsoft Office 365.

See below or download a copy here>> <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/devices-priory>

Did you know... that pupils of Penwortham Priory Academy can also download and install MS Office packages at no expense to you on a laptop or desktop PC you own?

I NEED A LAPTOP

The information overload when purchasing a new laptop can be very daunting - with tech speak, functionality and cost also being factors that need to be considered.

This leaflet will provide information that will help you make an informed decision.

Here are three specifications we have put together for your careful thought. The specification is not extensive or conclusive but these we feel are the minimum specs.

WHICH LAPTOP SHOULD I GET FOR MY CHILD?

At Penwortham Priory Academy we have been using Microsoft products for many years and have seen countless changes in that time. From Windows NT4 to Windows 10 used on our curriculum network today.

ENTRY LEVEL

Specification

Intel i3

Windows 10 (11 due shortly)

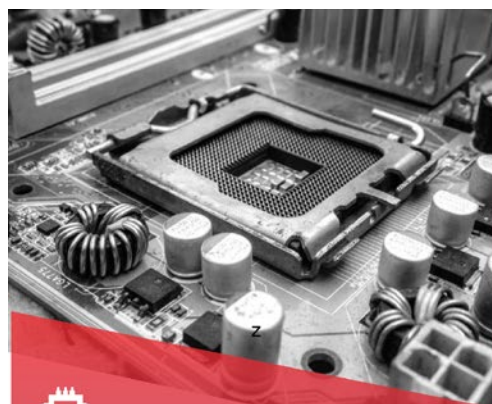
4 GB RAM

256 SSD (storage)

14" display

Wireless 802.11ac

USB 2.0, USB 3.2



"In the climate we are emerging from, one of the things we have moved forward with as a school has been our adoption of Microsoft Teams"

WHAT DO WE RECOMMEND?

These three laptop specifications will work well with Microsoft 365. Pupils of Penwortham Priory Academy can also download and install the Office packages at no expense to you on a laptop or desktop PC you own.

Penwortham Priory Academy subscribes to Microsoft Education Campus license. This allows pupils to download and use Office 365 and Teams with the ability to store up to 1TB in the cloud using Microsoft OneDrive.



MID RANGE

Specification

Intel i5

Windows 10 (11 due shortly)

8GB RAM

256GB M.2 PCIe NVMe Solid State Drive

USB 2.0, USB 3.2, RJ45 (NETWORK PORT)

USB 3.1 Gen 2 Type-C

15.6" display

Wireless 802.11ac



HIGH RANGE

Specification

11th Generation Intel® Core™ i7

Windows 10 (11 due shortly)

16GB RAM

1TB M.2 PCIe NVMe Solid State Drive

16.0-in. display

USB 3.2 Gen 1 Type-A

HDMI 2.0

USB 3.1 Gen 2 Type-C

RJ45 (NETWORK PORT)

Wi-Fi 6 2x2 (Gig+) and Bluetooth



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