Penwortham Priory Post



Priory Welcomes Its New Pupils

On Wednesday evening we welcomed our new intake of pupils and their parents as they begin their journey at Priory.

Mr Eastham introduced key staff and policies to parents in the Assembly Hall. Meanwhile, the new pupils met their Head of Year, Mrs Farley, and future classmates in the Auditorio. This was an opportunity for us to get to know our new families and for them to pick up essential information about uniform, transport etc and ask questions about the transition from primary school.

On Thursday, 7 July our new pupils will return for a full sampling day, as they experience lessons in English, Maths and Science and have a tour of the school.

In the meantime, we asked our current Year 7s what they would say to the Year 6s...

Our Year 7s are close to completing their first year at Priory and all admitted that, while they were nervous before they came into school, they have relished their first year here. You will get a warm welcome at Priory!

Chloe said: "It's been really good, Priory is a lot bigger than my primary school and we have to move to each classroom, which is different, but I am used to it now. My favourite subjects are Art, English and History. I would say to a Year 6: 'Priory is fun, there is nothing to be scared of.'"

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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

Mon, 4 July Year 7 Parents Evening

Tues, 5 July Year 10 Newman College sampling day

Weds, 6 July
Year 11 Prom
UEFA Women's Euros
Trip PM (invitation only)
Year 8 STEAM Challenge
Day - Lanc & Morecambe
College (invitation only)

Thurs, 7 July

New Intake Induction Day LUSoM Maths Challenge Event (invitation only) and 8 July

Fri, 8 July Year 8 & 9 HPV vaccine catch up

Mon, 11 July
Newman College Escape
Room Event (invitation
only)

Weds, 13 July From 7pm Summer Arts Festival

Weds, 20 July Sports Day



Year 7 Parents Evening



Year 9 Pupil Meeting

Those pupils who are taking part in the Rotary Youth Speaks competition need to meet in Mrs Gidden's room at break on Tuesday, 5 July.



In this meeting we will be finalising topics and hopefully announcing the date for the competition!

Mrs Robinson-Ali Assistant Head of English

Equality & Diversity Club - Pupil Meeting

There will be a meeting in EN6 at lunch time on Monday to discuss the vision for the Equality & Diversity club in the next academic year.

Current attendees are welcome as well as anyone else that wishes to improve/promote equality and diversity at Priory.

Bring ideas about possible events/ways to improve visibility within the school!



Monday, 4 July Booking Still Open

Parent's Evenings are now held online using a web-based program - 'SchoolCloud Parents Evening'.

A letter to Year 7 parents, along with full instructions on how to book and attend appointments, has been emailed this week. A copy can also be downloaded from the school website www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters. In addition, a tutorial video can be viewed by clicking on the link>>

https://vimeo.com/473882995

The link for Year 7 parents to book their slot for Monday, 4 July remains open.

The link to access the event is the same link you use to book your appointments, as follows:

https://penworthampriory.schoolcloud.co.uk/

To enable teachers to meet with as many parents/ carers as possible, each appointment slot will be three minutes long. The appointments automatically stop after this time and teachers cannot extend the call.

If you wish to meet with your child's teacher for further discussion after this, please arrange this with them during the session or via email at a later point. If you would like to speak to another member of staff, please feel free to contact them direct. A full email list can be found via the link below.

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list

Mr Gee Assistant Principal ... Continued from front page.

Advice from Year 7 pupils

Kayal admitted: "My first year at Priory has been interesting and fun. The lessons I have enjoyed are History and Computing.

"My message to Year 6s is 'Stay Strong."

Harriet said she got lost on her first days at Priory!

"I would advise Year 6s to keep hold of their maps at the start as I nearly got lost a few times!

"The classes are fun and enjoyable and I like Computing, PE and Maths and also play football and rounders."



Bobby's advice to Year 6s is to take part in as many sports as you can!

"I like football, cricket, rugby and my favourite subject is PE, as well as Maths.

"I would also say to talk to as many people as you can."

Caleb admitted he was nervous when he first came to Priory.

"It is a big school and I was scared and nervous at first but I soon made a new bunch of friends and realised it's alright.

"I like Maths and English, I took part in a Maths Tournament recently, and I also play basketball after school."



Olivia said: "I have made a lot of new friends in my first year at Priory and learnt a lot. When I first came, I made sure I talked to a lot of people."

Maisie enjoys History and Science.

"It's all about enjoying yourself, making friends and making memories.

"To Year 6s, I would say do not worry about embarrassing yourselves, put yourself out there and roll with whatever happens!"

Josh added: "I enjoy History and I made friends easily. I was scared of the older and taller pupils but I got used to it!"

Aaron said: "I like PE, Maths, History and Science, my first year at Priory has been really good. I would tell Year 6s to work as hard as they can."

Mrs Farley Head of year 7, Transition Manager





School Timetable

From 4 July onwards

The new timetable for the remainder of this term and continuing through to the next academic year will be:

8.40am - 8.50am Form Period 1 8.50am - 9.50am Period 2 9.50am - 10.50am Break 10.50am - 11.15am Period 3 11.15am - 12.15pm Period 4 12.15pm - 1.15pm Lunch 1.15pm - 1.50pm Period 5 1.50pm - 2.50pm 2.50pm - 3.10pm Period 6

Form time has reverted back to the start of the day and Key Stage 3 pupils will end the day at 3.10pm, the same as Key Stage 4.

Mr Gee, Assistant Principal



Learning Newsletter - June

Every month we put together a newsletter for parents where we seek to share some of the initiatives and strategies we use in school so you might best support your child at home, in order to benefit them and further enhance their educational experiences in the long term.

This next issue looks at 'Personal Development' - What is it and what opportunities do we provide at Priory to support our pupils' personal development.

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



Flintoff takes on Priory Pupil

Sporting legend Freddie Flintoff takes on his toughest challenge yet: creating a cricket team from scratch with reluctant teenagers from his hometown of Preston - and one of them is our very own Year 11

Priory leaver, Umar!

Umar will be a hit on your television screens next week as he shows off his cricketing prowess. He is taking part in a TV programme where he is coached by former England and Lancashire all-rounder Andrew Flintoff, now a presenter.

The programme is a BBC One series called 'Freddie Flintoff's Field of Dreams' where 'Freddie' will put together his own side in a bid to change people's perspective of the sport.

From Preston, the former England international visited under-privileged parts of Lancashire to find 11 teenagers for his side who will be called 'Freddie's First Eleven.'

It was for teenagers who had not considered the sport before and is challenging the idea that cricket is a game for the posh, privileged and the privately-educated as Andrew broke the mould, being state-educated.

"I liked watching and playing cricket and I was involved with the BYDS Youth Club in Broadgate and got selected from there," said Umar.

"They said they wanted to do a documentary about cricket and give people like me an opportunity which I might not otherwise have. It was filmed every Tuesday at Preston College. We were trained by

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Andrew Flintoff, who is really down-to-earth, and Kyle Hogg as well. They taught us different types of cricketing skills and it has been really good. I would say now I am a bit of an all-rounder. The idea is for our team of teenagers to play against league teams made up of people around our own age.

"I have been interviewed a lot for the programme and they have been to my house and interviewed my family as well."

Freddie said: "Cricket is not an easy sport and some of the boys had never picked up a bat before. I was also dealing with kids who thought it was posh and boring so I had to change their minds. I got far more invested in the boys' lives than I thought I would but I care more about them as people than their cricketing ability at the end of the day. It was definitely worth it."

Channel One

Date Tuesday, 5 July, 2022

Time 8:00 pm 9:00 pm



Every day is a good day for books

The Priory library is fast proving to be the hub of the school with volunteers making sure it runs like clockwork.

The library is under the watchful eye of English teacher, Mrs Elliott, but she admits the pupils who volunteer from all age groups make it easy for her.



"We have so many librarians and we had training sessions recently to add more. They are amazing as we can get a delivery of 100 books and they process them which involves adding them to our library software, checking to see which reading level they are and then stickering them up ready for the shelves! And it's all without me really being too involved. A well oiled machine!"

"We have added some new shelving and the librarians have designed it, already deciding which books will go on it. It's great they are so involved. It gives them responsibility and a sense of ownership.

"They do give up some of their breaks and lunchtimes to work in the library but we have it on a rota basis so it's fair to everyone.

"The library is a major part of the school and there is a buzz of excitement around it, especially when we get new books.



'TikTok Made Me Buy It' has been amazing at encouraging the pupils to seek out new books! The silver lining of social media!

"We are continually sourcing new books for the library. We have a suggestion box, and it encourages everyone to feel part of the library and of course, to read, something which is key at Priory.

"We are going to have a new section on the website soon, especially for the library and reading in school."

Librarian Daniel said: "I love reading and have got to know about other new books and authors in the library. I chose to volunteer because I enjoy it and also I have made new friends among the librarians."

Emily said: "I enjoy reading and, even though we do give up some breaks and lunches, it's a worthwhile sacrifice. I now have access to a lot of different books."



Mrs Elliott English Teacher and Chief Librarian

London Calling - At Last!

After two years of waiting, Priory's Year 9, 10 & 11s finally set off on their trip to London and Paris on Wednesday.

Due to the hiatus of Covid, the trip, originally planned back in 2019 for October 2020, finally set off with almost 50 pupils and staff making the journey to Paris via London. First stop was Harry Potter World on Wednesday after an early morning start from Penwortham.

Mr Bullock reported on Wednesday evening, "Day 1 of the London-Paris Trip: Early start and straight to Warner Bros Harry Potter Studio tour before a bus tour of the sights including Trafalgar Square; Nelson's Column and Shaftesbury Avenue topped off with a meal at Bubba Gump Shrimp. Tired kids and staff!

Yesterday saw the group travel more sites of London including a guided tour of Shakespeare's The Globe Theatre, the London Eye and St Paul's Cathedral plus a couple of hours in the Natural History Museum. Late into the evening they then set off across the Channel heading towards Paris!

It was another early start this morning, however a day full of joy and thrills lay ahead when Mr Bullock sent a shot of the group at Disneyland Paris. The weekend will see an exploration of the sites of Paris from Montmartre and the Eiffel Tower to a river cruise along the Seine. There'll be some very tired pupils on Monday morning!













Class of 2017: Annie Hargreaves

This week we welcomed back our Head Girl from Class of 2017.

Annie is currently undertaking her PGCE in Primary Education at Nottingham University and has returned to Priory for her compulsory two weeks of secondary school experience. Annie has been under the wings of her former form tutor and professional mentor, Mr Taylor, and has been shadowing Year 7 classes during her time with us.

Annie writes.

"My time at Penwortham Academy Priorv was filled with lots of special memories and achievements. It helped to shape me into the adult I am today and sparked a passion for teaching. Now I am currently completing my teacher training, although at primary level, returning to Priory to understand the transition Year 6 pupils make to Year 7 felt important.

"It has been a pleasure to see the faces of my old

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teachers such as Mr Taylor, who was my form tutor and encouraged me throughout my time at priory.

"Returning has been a pleasure and has developed my understanding of what makes effective teaching and learning. It has been eye opening to develop an understanding of what teachers at Priory do behind the scenes to ensure that every child receives an enriching education. From active learning experiences in class to 'Learning for Life' sessions, I can see how each child is supported in every aspect of their development which has furthered my understanding and supported my own professional development.

"Although many things have evolved since my time at Priory it is clear that teachers old and new truly value each individual and work tirelessly to support them in achieving their best. I will always cherish my memories of Priory and thank everyone who made me feel welcome then and now."

Anne XX

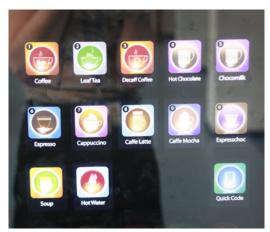
New for Year 10 & 11

We have a new hot drinks machine in the Year 10/11 dining room for Key Stage 4 pupils and staff only.

This is a privilege for these pupils only - other year groups will be able to use this facility as they graduate up the school.

All drinks are 60p each and can be paid for using cash or contactless card payment. (As there isn't a fingerprint scanner, unfortunately payment can't be made via VeriCool/SwiftOrder)

Year 10 and 11 must only use the machine at breaktime and lunchtime and they cannot take hot drinks out of the dining area. Pupils cannot bring hot drinks to lessons.



Please note:

Any pupil abusing the rules will be sanctioned accordingly. Pupils cannot be late to lessons because they have or were buying a hot drink.

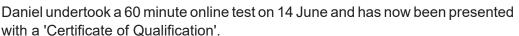








Well done to Year 8, Daniel McC, who has been awarded for his participation in the UKMT's Junior Kangaroo maths challenge.



Daniel qualified for this latter stage of the national challenge after achieving Gold, and 'Best in School', in the Junior Mathematical Challenge which he took alongside other Year 7 & 8 pupils in April.



Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers Club

Here's what our Cool Readers Club is all about...

They stopped when Covid first hit but now they're back. These are our reading stars put forward by their English teacher. We interview them about their current book, what they like reading about and what they like to do when they're not reading.

Introducing, Favour...

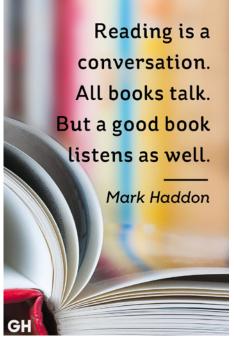
Favour might be recognisable to some as she had the lead role of Matilda in last year's successful show – and she is also one of Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers.



Year 9 Favour admits she loves reading and has her books she reads in school as well as on-line books she reads at home.

"I am reading 'Tom Gates: My School Project' by Liz Pichon in school at the moment. This is about a kid who is doing his school project on his family tree and his mum sends in a really embarrassing baby photograph!

"On-line I am reading a book about the apocalypse. The main character gets betrayed by his sister and gets reincarnated. Two months before the apocalypse he ends up storing food and finding space for it. It's really



interesting.

"I like fantasy books and books about reincarnation. I also like funny books. Who doesn't? I read anything which piques my interest.

"I love drama and singing and I enjoyed being Matilda. It was hard as the spotlight was on me and I was nervous but I am glad I got involved and I will audition for any other school plays.

"I am performing at the July school event but singing and acting is just a hobby. I want to be an accountant, be in business and definitely do something enterprising in the future."

> Mrs Gidden Head of English



School Lottery Top Up Prize

On 27 August one lucky winner will receive an amazing prize - 12 monthly fruit and veg boxes, delivered straight to their door.

This is a national prize in addition to the weekly school jackpot and £25,000 national prize.

Congratulations to last week's school winner, 'Ms R' who won £29.70.

The next draw is tomorrow, Saturday, 2 July and you can get your tickets online at

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/ lottery/school/penworthampriory-academy





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

On the curriculum w/c 4 July

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.

Summer Term - Theme: 'Making Good Decisions' Mental health self assessment
Summer Term - Theme: 'Committed to Growth' Personal growth - Part 2
Summer Term - Theme: 'Growing in Confidence' The impact of valuing people
Summer Term - Theme: 'Owning my Decisions' Making choices - Part 1
Summer Term - Theme: 'Finishing with Pride'



Extra Curricular: Debate Club

Debate Club, led by Miss Ackers, meets every Wednesday lunchtime in HU6 where pupils get to put forward their arguments. The group consider it important that the rest of the school gets to know what they're discussing and hear about their achievements.

Here's what was discussed this week, written by Millie H, Year 10:

Should French still be the main language studied in this country?

One of the debates was that we should start languages clubs e.g. Japanese club and that we should teach sign language as you might never go to another country but



anyone could be deaf. Overall, the debate club decided unanimously (15 votes this week) that we shouldn't just teach French in school as the main language but perhaps should offer Spanish, German and sign language."

Want to compete in the oldest and largest debating competition for schools?

Miss Ackers is looking to set up a team of 5 pupils to enter the ESU's esteemed competition. It's not just for Debate Club members; anyone can try out to get onto the team. Open to all year groups.

The English-Speaking Union's Schools' Mace competition, held in November, will hone your debate skills in a fun, competitive environment. Pupils will enhance their speech-writing, public speaking and critical thinking, helping you to excel both in and out of school and giving you a sense of pride in yourself and your achievements.

If you think this is for you, or just want to know a bit more about what's involved, then see Miss Ackers in HU6, contact her through Teams chat or email b.ackers@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

www.esu.org/competitions/schools-mace



Stanley Park Athletics Event





Team Priory began the day with a steady pace, with pupils competing in the first round of the heats on the track. As the day progressed our team began to pick up momentum and came into their own stride with Lewis W being the first to stand on the podium for his 3rd place success in the Year 8 Long Jump. The success baton was then passed onto Year 9's Cameron H, literally throwing himself into 1st place with a 27m Discus entry, and Year 8s Reece R and Ben T both also gaining a very respectful 2nd place in the Discus and Javelin events respectively.

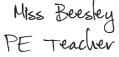
Back on track saw achievements in the long distance events with Year 8s Molly S and Jane W bagging 2nd place in the 800m and 1500m respectively, and for the boys, Year 8 Ronnie P ran to the top of the podium with his 800m event. Priory finished off the individual races with a sprint finish by Year 7s Hiylie and Felix whose fast feet gained them both 2nd place in the 100m finals. The relays rounded off the day with a fantastic team effort from each year group providing an exciting buzz around the stadium.

Priory finished off the day in a very respectable 5th place

schools. The sportsmanship commendable

out of all South Ribble pupils' effort, team work and was well done to all who take part!













Year 9 Most Able Pupils Become Mini Masters

On Wednesday this week, twelve Year 9 pupils took part in a mini-masters event at Ormskirk School.

The event was designed so that pupils are stretched and challenged beyond the scope of the normal school curriculum with such sessions as 'Memory is the Residue of Thought', 'The Hunt for the God Particle' and 'Are Criminals born or made?'



Schools from around the north west took part with a teacher from each visiting school hosting a session. Music teacher, Mr Taylor's session from Priory was 'How far can you change a melody until it is unrecognisable?'

The guest speaker to inspire our pupils from the beginning of the day was Michelle Turner, who is a former RAF sergeant.

After being diagnosed with a heart condition which causes exhaustion, extreme dizziness and unannounced collapses, she had confined herself to her house, embarrassed by the inevitability

of collapsing in public. She told us she was living in fear "My heart rate fires up too high, like over 200 beats a minute, and I just collapse - and I don't have a warning." She overcame that fear, found solace in sport, and credits Invictus with transforming her life where she became Vice Captain in 2018 and now works on the Invictus Games board with Prince Harry.



The event's organiser's, the Endeaour Learning School Alliance, said, "Pupils had their mind opened and learnt about an amazing array of topics, from memory, to worms, solving a Spanish murder mystery, taking their first footsteps in forensic science or getting into the mind of a criminal. They've tried creative writing and found out more about the God's particle."

Mr Taylor wanted to give a special mention to Mahir D who cracked the treasure hunt in the fastest time of anyone on the day, in spite of the fact that it was in Spanish, which he has never done before!

Mr Taylor Lead Teacher of Music



The next issue will be out...

Friday, 15 July

Learn to succeed



Eid ul-Adha

('Festival of Sacrifice') is one of the most important festivals in the Muslim calendar.

The festival remembers the prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son when God ordered him to.

Celebrations will begin on the evening of Saturday 9 July and end on the evening of Wednesday 13 July.

What is the story of Eid ul-Adha?

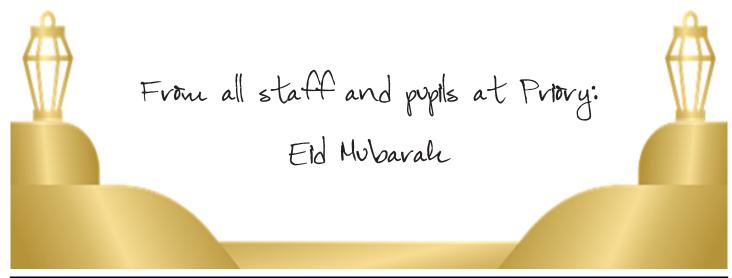
Eid ul-Adha celebrates the time when Ibrahim had a dream which he believed was a message from Allah asking him to sacrifice his son Isma'il as an act of obedience to God.

The devil tempted Ibrahim by saying he should disobey Allah and spare his son. As Ibrahim was about to kill his son, Allah stopped him and gave him a lamb to sacrifice instead.

Eid usually starts with Muslims going to the Mosque for prayers. They dress in their best clothes and thank Allah for all the blessings they have received. It is a time when they visit family and friends. Muslims will also give money to charity so that poor people can celebrate too.

Muslims celebrate Eid ul-Adha on the last day of the Hajj. The Hajj is pilgrimage to Makkah in Saudi Arabia. It occurs every year and is the Fifth Pillar of Islam (and therefore very important). All Muslims who are fit and able to travel should make the visit to Makkah at least once in their lives. During the Hajj, the pilgrims perform acts of worship and renew their faith and sense of purpose in the world. They stand before the Ka'bah, a shrine built by Ibrahim, and praise Allah together.





Learn to succeed

Do you have any out-grown uniform that still has good wear in it?

If you have any unwanted school uniform, including PE kit and ties, that still has good wear left in it then we can pass it on to families who need that little extra support ahead of the new term in September.

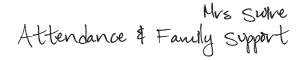
With the cost of living affecting everyday finances, there are many struggling families who are anxious about buying school uniforms. To support these families we are collecting donations of second hand school uniforms, particularly ties this year too.

You can drop pre-loved uniform off at school reception by placing it in the red collection bin in the waiting area.

Reception is open from 8am to 4pm Monday - Thursday (3.30pm on Fridays). The last day for drop off is Thursday, 21 July at 12 noon.

Any enquiries can be directed to Mrs Swire, Attendance & Family Support Manager, d.swire@priory.lancs.sch. uk or ask at Reception.

Thank you for your support!





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www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies





Bedrock classes in the spotlight:

8W1

Keshav C 54 points Indra J 40 points Ella G 34 points

This week you were learning these words ...

Contaminate - make (something) impure by exposure to or addition of a poisonous or polluting substance.. "the site was found to be contaminated by radioactivity"

Refuge - the state of being safe or sheltered from pursuit, danger, or difficulty. "he was forced to take refuge in the French embassy"

Wrench- a sudden violent twist or pull. "with a wrench Tony wriggled free".

9W1

Lewis P 63 points Ky-Mani C 59 points Olivia B 47 points



This week you were learning these words ...

Absorb - take in or soak up (energy or a liquid or other substance) by chemical or physical action. "buildings can be designed to absorb and retain heat"

Endure - suffer (something painful or difficult) patiently. "it seemed impossible that anyone could endure such pain"

Method - a particular procedure for accomplishing or approaching something, especially a systematic or established one. "a method for software maintenance"





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

This week's overall leaders:

Year 7

Jessica D	7E3	232,342
Jamal C	7W2	184,808
Beau M	7E3	114,881
Year 8		
Jane W	8E1	426,595
Jake L	8W2	212,897
Emily P	8E2	140,845
Year 9		
Lucas R	9E3	216,544
Megan H	9E3	192,893
Grace D	9W1	99,996

8W1 and 9W1 were in the spotlight this week – well done to those top point scorers Keshav, Indra, Ella, Lewis, Ky-mani and Olivia. Keep up the great vocabulary study!

A big congratulations who made it onto the AR leaderboard this week for most words read/quizzed on. A special well done to Jessica, Jane and Lucas who read the most words this week. Mrs Robinson Assistant Head of English