

Penwortham Priory Post



Year 8 Booking the Trend for Competition

The Year 8 annual 'Design a Bookmark' competition is always popular and Mrs Webster admitted there were 'fantastic entries' and it was hard to choose a winner.

The year group were set a creative challenge last month which will also prove useful for pupils' Accelerated Reading (AR) sessions. Pupils had to design a bookmark for use by the whole school so that readers not only didn't lose their place in their books but had a useful reminder of their Accelerated Reader details.

In the end, Layla was selected as the designer who fitted this year's 'Everybody's Reading' theme of the competition and of Priory.

Layla said: "I didn't expect to win at all. My idea was of books and love hearts with people all around to represent 'Everybody's Reading.'"

George went 3D with his, using some stick on wobbly eyes to emphasise the theme. "We had them in the house so I decided to use them and they said to me 'Everybody's Reading'."

English teacher Mrs Webster said: "We had some fantastic entries and there were some big dilemmas about which one to choose. In the end we chose Layla's as she fitted the brief of 'Everybody's Reading' perfectly and that's what made hers stand out. This is always such a popular competition."

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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

Mid Term Closure

Mon 25 October - Fri, 29 October

Extra Curricular Clubs Fair (Year 7)

Lunch time in the Assembly Hall

Mon, 8 November

Learning for Life Day 2
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

W/c 8 & 15 November

Year 11 Mock Exams

Thurs, 11 November

Flu immunisations

Fri, 17 December

Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

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Head of English Mrs Gidden said: "I am proud of my class as they made a large number of entries and were among the winners. This competition gets stronger every year. I think we all wanted the bookmark from George with the googly eyes on it!"

Using the template provided, pupils had to design their bookmark within a area specified. The six designs will now be printed onto card and distributed to all readers who will then be able to add their name, their reading ZPD, their colour code and it also has the web address for the AR site on it - all the questions pupils typically ask during AR sessions!

Well done winner Layla H and the four runners up George F, Charlotte M (not pictured), Molly S, Geetha R, Sophia T.



Your Views Are Important to Us

Your views are important to us at Penwortham Priory Academy and therefore we would appreciate you taking 5-10 minutes completing our half termly online parental survey that was issued to parents earlier this week.

To complete this, please click on the link below and we look forward to receiving your feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/r/3sfrhy3Pcy>

An early response would be appreciated.

Mrs Cranke

Assistant Headteacher

Year 7 Headphones Required

Year 7 pupils will need a pair of wired/plug in earphones to use during the first week back after half term, w/c 1 November.



Mrs Farley
Head of year 7



Food bank donations were delivered this morning to the Penwortham Food Bank.

We would like to say a particular thank you to Mr Watters' Learning for Life group, Miss Smith's Form and Year 7 pupil, Ellis Topping, for their help and donations.



Donations welcome throughout the next half term in preparation for Christmas. Pupils and staff can bring items to SC1 on a Monday or Friday, before school, break or lunch.

Mrs Massey
Science Teacher

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We're
Hiring

Estates Operational Manager

We are looking to recruit a talented and hardworking individual, who will undertake a full and pro-active role within the Estates Team. The successful candidate will ideally have experience in contributing ideas and strategies and providing an active input to all matters relating to a school estate. The successful candidate should have knowledge of caretaking services delivery, DIY tasks and managing a small team to support to the strategic aims of the school.

Days Monday to Friday (full year)

Hours 37.5 hours per week (typical working hours 8am-4pm)

Pay Grade 6 (£21,748 - £25,481)

A degree of flexibility will be required to attend occasional evening meetings and events and provide overtime cover for lettings.

For further details and an application pack, please visit: www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

For an informal discussion about the role please contact Mr K Bolton, Strategic Estates Development Manager, on 01772 320250 or email k.bolton@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

Applications should be emailed to:

Mrs S Spencer, Academy Manager at s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk with 'Application for Estates Operational Manager - your name' in the subject line.

Closing Date: 12 noon Monday, 8 November 2021 | **Interviews:** Friday, 19 November 2021.

Please note that the school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS clearance.

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

Estates Operational Manager

An opportunity has arisen to join the Estates Team at Penwortham Priory Academy.

The Estates Team are increasing in their responsibilities, and this is an opportunity to join the team as it develops further. The role may suit an individual with general caretaking/maintenance, DIY, security experience with an interest in being a leader of a small team working within an educational environment.

For further details and an application pack, please visit:

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

Closing Date:
12 noon Monday, 8 November 2021

**HOLIDAY
HUNGER**

Support For Struggling Families During Half Term Break

School holidays can be tough for some parents to make ends meet and ensure their child gets a wholesome meal provided for them when not at school.

With this in mind representatives from the local area have arranged the following for the Preston area community:

When? Thursday, 28 October 10am-1pm

Where: 8th Penwortham Scout Hut 34 Queensway, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0DS

Volunteers will be aiming to hand out and deliver 1000 packaged lunches on the day. These will consist of a variety of foods including:

A drink | piece of fruit | sandwich | packet of crisps | bar of chocolate

For those that cannot make it to the centre, a local delivery can be arranged. Alternatively, help and contributions were overwhelming last year so if you can support the campaign again that would be appreciated.

Please contact the organiser, David Rose on 07530 901801.

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Year 7 Are In A Buzz About Books!



Bookbuzz is back – and our Year 7 pupils have selected their own brand new book which they will receive after the half term break.

The pupils had 17 titles to choose from, from the Book Trust, and they included fast paced thrillers to non-fiction reads for curious minds.



English teacher Mrs Webster said:

“The Year 7s watched the authors talk about their books in Accelerated Reader classes and then they picked their favourites which will be gifted to them.

“One of the authors is Alesha Dixon and we were all surprised when she came up on the screen but it’s great to see.

“It’s so exciting when the children get a new book to hold, to smell and to keep. There is such a buzz when they all arrive.”

Finley K has chosen the book ‘Wonderscape’ by Jennifer Bell. “It’s about gaming and virtual reality and it looks a really exciting book,” he said.

Eden B selected ‘Slick’ by MM Vaughan. “This is about gaming too. I like gaming so I want to see what it is all about.”

Hiylie T opted for ‘Across the Risen Sea’ by Bren MacDibble. “It’s about a girl finding her friend across the sea. I like adventure novels.”

Maddie K-Mcl’s selection was D-Day Dog by Tom Palmer. “Basically it’s about an army dog. I love dogs, in fact I love all animals. At home we have five dogs, four horses, four cats, three chickens and a rabbit!”

Josh B also opted for ‘Wonderscape.’ “I chose this one because it’s a much longer book and I like a challenge!”

Last year’s Year 8s admitted they can still remember receiving their Bookbuzz books as Year 7s.

Jake L said: “I remember I chose ‘Crater Lake’, it’s about a school trip to a massive crater which is infected by alien parasites. It was exciting to receive a new book, especially as it’s free. It was amazing at the time.”

Ethan R also chose ‘Crater Lake’ and said: “It was a book that really got me gripped.” **Josh L** was the same and added: “It was never boring. I like collecting books and I keep my favourites in a pile and ‘Crater Lake’ is there among them.”

Mia C opted for ‘City of Ghosts’ and said: “It was exciting choosing a new book, I like ghosts and this was about people, some who believed in and some who didn’t believe in ghosts.”

To find out about the 17 books on offer, read their blurbs and meet the author, go to>>>

www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/students/bookbuzz-books/

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There were some spooky goings on last night in the Food Technology room when Mrs Cowell invited Year 7s to take part in her after school Halloween-themed cookery club.

From spider's web biscuits, to mummified hot dogs, ghost toast and rice crispy pumpkins - it seems a lot of fun was had by all!



Mrs Cowell
Deputy Head & Food Technology Teacher



Year 8: Do you love cooking and being creative in the kitchen?

Mrs Cowell will be running her next Creative Cookery workshop for Year 8 pupils on Thursday, 4 November from 3.05pm to 4.30pm where you'll be making some Bonfire Night based treats!



It's free but there are limited places which will be given to the first 12 pupils who contact Mrs Cowell. If you've got a slot, please let her know any allergies or dietary requirements in advance, and make sure you have organised your safe travel home.



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Full STEM Ahead for Priory's Girls

Crime Scene Investigations came to Priory as the pupils from Year 9, 10 & 11 designed a photofit and admitted it was tricky even with it being someone they knew!

MCS Projects came into school for a Science and Technology Activity Day, specifically but not totally aimed at girls, to show them careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths).



There were two parts to it – one a robotics lesson and the other making a photofit on technology the police use.

Science teacher Mrs Massey said: “The aim of the day is to give pupils a wider view of STEM subjects. It’s to encourage girls to get involved in STEM and show that it covers more than medicine, nursing and dentistry.

“There is also engineering, police, forensics and a lot more.”

MCS Project partner John Waterworth said: “It’s the first time we have been to Priory and it’s great to come.

“Our sessions were based around raising enthusiasm for STEM and more insight into STEM and showing the different careers and the opportunities around STEM. It’s also got to be fun so we make it as enjoyable as possible.

“We have done some sessions on Robotics where pupils learn how to programme a lego mindstream EV3 robot to navigate a course, with each robot equipped with infrared and proximity sensors.

“Then we have the session with the photofit. We get a teacher they know to come in and ‘steal’ a laptop and then they use the latest E-FIT 6 facial recognition software, which police use on identifying criminals, to create a computer image of the thief. They also consider problems associated with memory and facial recognition. Pupils love this one as it gives them a big buzz but it’s a lot harder than they think!”



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Maths is Everywhere!

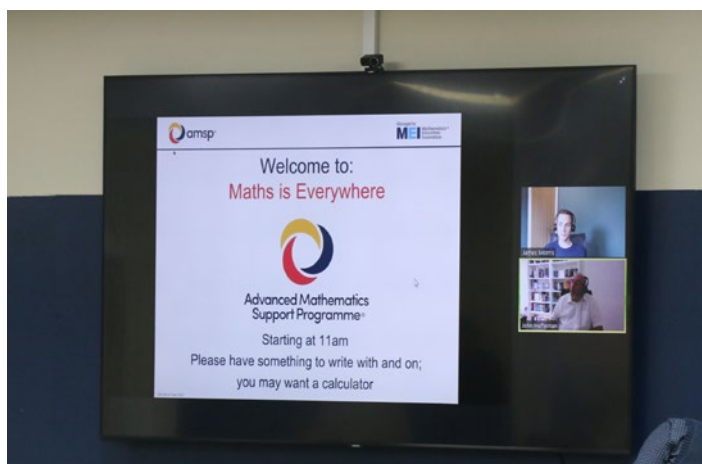
On Monday, top set Year 10 pupils attended an online presentation on Applied Maths and Core Maths A-Level delivered by the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme, entitled 'Maths All Around Us'.

Maths is used in so many other subjects. Core Maths is a qualification which can sit alongside other A levels or BTECs - pupils watched the engaging session to find out how and why.

Maths teacher, Mr Scott said: *The session was aimed at encouraging students to pursue studying Core Maths at A-level. Pupils saw how Maths is used in settings such as Psychology, Business (online marketing techniques and inflation) and Sports (F1 data visualisation). The students were engaged throughout, but were disappointed it wasn't longer!"*

The next session delivered by the same programme will be about the Mathematics of Space - looking at some of the challenges faced in space travel and the ingenious solutions. The session will draw on pupils' knowledge of geometry, graphs and equations of motion.

Mr Scott
Maths Teacher



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 1 November

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' My hobbies
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Expressing opinion through debate
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Motivational leadership
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Active learning
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Mental Health Part 2

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Year 11 Parents Evening

Tues, 14 December
Booking Opens Sun, 31 October

In view of Covid-19, it isn't sensible to hold our consultation evenings in school as we usually do. To facilitate the event we will therefore hold these face-to-face appointments virtually, using a web-based program - 'SchoolCloud Parents Evening'.

Copies of the letter to Year 11 parents, along with full instructions on how to book and attend appointments, can 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 11 parents to book their slot will open on Sunday, 31 October at 11am.

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 five 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 Headteacher

**SPORTS
REPORT**



November 2021

Tuesday, 2 November

U14s 5-a-side girls football @ Leyland St Marys
Year 8s Boys Lancashire Cup vs Haslingdon @ Haslingdon High School 2pm KO

Tuesday, 9 November

Year 7/8 7-a-side girls football @ Balshaws
Year 7 & 8 Bikeability Level 3
Year 7 Boys Football v Balshaws @ Priory

Thursday, 11 November

Year 10 Boys Football v LSM @ Priory

Monday, 15 November

Year 11 Netball Tournament @ Priory
Year 9 Boys Lancashire Cup Football v St Augustine's @ Priory

Tuesday, 16 November

Year 9/10/11 7-a-side girls football @ Balshaws
Year 11 Boys Football v Leyland St. Marys @ Priory

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 @ Priory

Tuesday, 23 November

Year 7 Boys Football v Leyland St Marys @ Priory

Thursday 25 November

Year 10 Boys Football @ Balshaws

Monday, 29 November

Year 7/8 Girls Indoor Athletics @ Lostock Hall
Year 7 & 11 Boys Football @ Priory (3G)

Tuesday, 30 November

Year 7/8 Boys Indoor Athletics @ Lostock Hall

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

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SPORTS REPORT

Girls Indoor Cricket



Thank you to Lauren Burgess, the Women and Girls Development Officer (North) for Lancashire Cricket Foundation, who is coaching Priory girls in indoor cricket.

Girls cricket practice is **every Wednesday from 3.15pm-4.15pm**. All year groups welcome to join in - just turn up in your PE kit. Training with Lauren will run until Christmas.

The school has entered the U13/U15 competitions that will be taking place in the spring time - so there's plenty of time to practice!

Mrs Bullock
Girls PE Teacher



We are looking for players to join our exciting & talented team!



We welcome players who may be without a club or are looking for a new challenge!

Penwortham Town Football Club

U13s RED (Girls) (current Year 8)

Playing in the East Lancashire Football Alliance on Sunday's

Training is Tuesday Evening

Plenty of Social Events too!

For more information, contact: Craig Dudding on 07725349044

Email: penworthamtownfc@gmail.com

or message us through our Facebook page – Penwortham Town Football Club

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We have made a pledge!

The Football Association and Barclays, supported by the Youth Sport Trust, have a vision to give girls equal access to football in schools by 2024.

P.E
DEPARTMENT

The PE Department has committed itself to growing girls' football and are supporting the vision through:

- Learn through football in PE lessons
- Participate in girls only football sessions
- Compete in girls' football school fixtures/events
- Lead girls' football activity for others

We have pledged to put changes in place to really make a difference and be part of this movement. We believe by making this pledge it's a simple way for us to share our commitment with our school community.



Further information at>>

<https://girlsfootballinschools.org>

Mr Bullock, Mrs Bullock, & Miss Beesley
The PE Department



WE'VE MADE A

PLEDGE

Penwortham Priory

Are committed to growing
girls' football in 2021/22

We will provide opportunities for girls to:

- Learn through football in PE lessons
- Participate in girls' only football sessions
- Compete in girls' football school fixtures/events
- Lead girls' football activity for others

We are part of the movement to achieve the vision to ensure every girl has equal access to football in school by 2024

#LetGirlsPlay #GirlsFootballInSchools

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CHESS CLUB

WHEN : Friday lunchtime

WHERE : LEAP 1

BEGINNERS WELCOME

BRING YOUR LUNCH AND
YOUR BRAIN!



**HALF TERM
RUGBY LEAGUE
DEVELOPMENT DAY**

ONE FULL DAY OF FUN GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER
FREE TO ATTEND
FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS YEAR 7-10

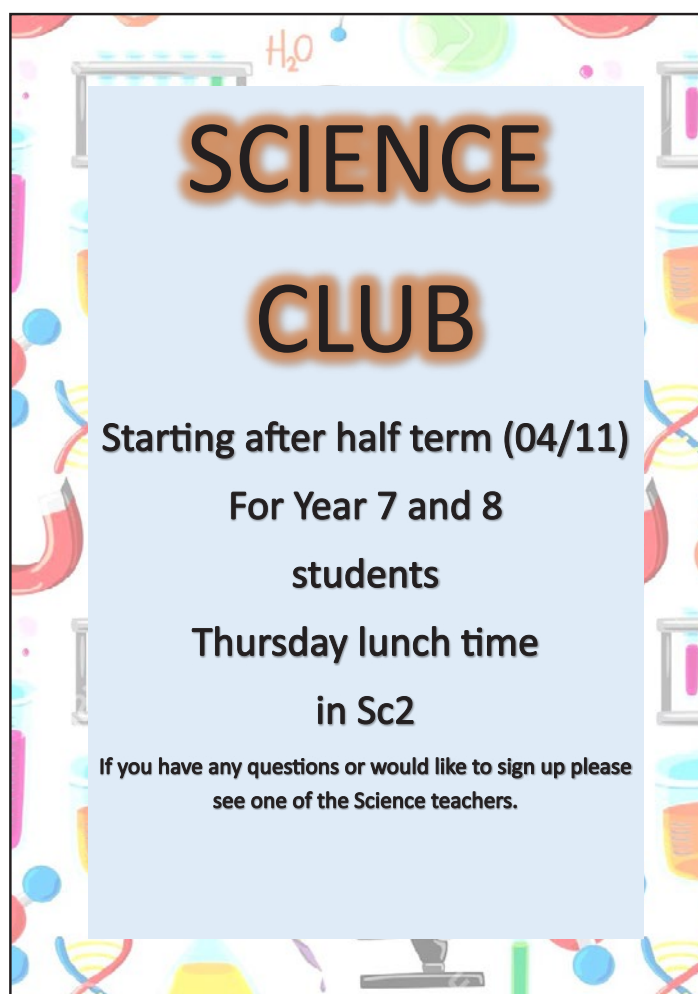
YEAR 7 & 8 | YEAR 9 & 10
10:00AM - 1:00PM | 2:00PM - 5:00PM

UCLAN SPORTS ARENA, TOM BENSON WAY, PRESTON, PR2 1SG

Delivered by Wigan Warriors Foundation in partnership with Preston North End Community and Education Trust

IF YOU NEED ANYMORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL
"b.kelk@wiganwarriors.com" or "ryan@pne.com"

BOOK NOW AT WWRL.NET/OCTOBERCAMPS



SCIENCE CLUB

Starting after half term (04/11)
For Year 7 and 8
students
Thursday lunch time
in Sc2

If you have any questions or would like to sign up please
see one of the Science teachers.

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NHS Virtual Experience Events for October Half Term

Anyone can register on the platform. They have lots to offer, from virtual work experiences, opportunities, case studies and careers advice. Go to www.nhscareersnw.co.uk



Lancashire and
South Cumbria
Health and Care Partnership

Careers
in health and social care



Upcoming activities for the week of 25th October
2021

Upcoming virtual events

- [Mental Health Virtual Work Experience - Mon 25th - Weds 27th October](#)
[*Ages 18+*](#)
- [Therapeutic Radiography - Mon 25th, 13:00](#)
- [An Introduction to Adult Nursing - Mon 25th October](#)
- [An Introduction to Pathology - Thurs 28th October, 09:00](#)
- [Launch your career as a Dietitian - Thurs 28th October, 18:00](#)

Reminder

- Anyone can register on our platform. We have lots to offer, from virtual work experiences, opportunities, case studies and careers advice. Visit us at www.nhscareersnw.co.uk

October 2021 Half-Term Virtual Insights Programme

We are offering three days of presentations, live demonstrations, interactive chat, challenges, fun tasks and valuable careers learning.

These are being delivered by teams from Trusts within the Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care Partnership, in addition to members of the wider healthcare community.

Sessions are open for anybody aged 14+, taking place on Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th October from 09:00 - 15:30.

The programme is being delivered virtually.

Register for this event



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