

Penwortham Priory Post



Year 8 Go Back In Time For History Trip

Over the past week, two groups of Year 8 students had the opportunity to visit Quarry Bank Mill, a working cotton mill in Styal, to see what life would have been like in Industrial Britain. The mill is a rare surviving eighteenth-century cotton mill, built by the industrialist Samuel Greg, and showcases working heritage machinery.

History teacher, Miss Ackers, who led the trips, said, "Our pupils were able to tour the Apprentice House to see how the children lived. Up to 90 children were housed there back then, working 10-hour days in the mill. Pupils then walked into the village to see where the adults would have lived. They watched the cotton machines working up close and personal - it was extremely loud, those poor workers' ears!"

As part of the visit, pupils enjoyed being given their own cotton fibres to mould and play with to test its strength. They were also challenged to do the jobs that the apprentice children would have done such as carrying cannisters full of cotton back and forth (they made it into a relay game!) and removing empty bobbins before replacing them with new ones. Finally, the students were able to have a go at scavenging (picking up the stray bits of cotton) - it was tiring work!

Miss Ackers summed up the trip: "The students seemed to really enjoy themselves and we were glad that we could provide such an interesting experience to enrich their learning and inspire a love of History."

Key Dates

Diary Dates

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

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

Tues, 14 March

Year 7 non-uniform day

15 & 16 March

NEU Strike Action

Years 7-10 home learning

Year 11 in school

Thurs, 16 March

Year 9 Options online form closes

W/c 20 March

Read for Good Readathon

Tues, 21 March

Year 9 DTP/ACWY

Immunisations catch up

27-31 March

Year 10 work experience

Weds, 29 March

Easter Bingo

Year 7 families only.

6pm-7.30pm

Thurs, 30 March

Year 11 Parents Evening

Fri, 31 March

End of Spring Term

Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm.

Mon, 17 April

Start of Summer Term

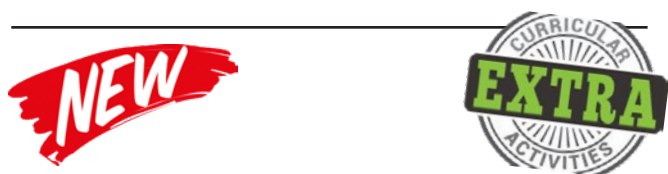


Year 11

RE Revision Sessions

Mrs Ham would like to remind Year 11 RE pupils that intervention is every Friday after school in HU5. Sessions end at 3.45pm.

Pupils are strongly encouraged to attend.



Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesdays after school in LEAP 1 until 4.15pm.

This will be run by one of our Year 10 pupils and is open to everyone in Years 7-10.

If you want to know more about it beforehand then pop into LEAP 1 to see Alex I any Thursday lunchtime.



Chili Challenge Winners

Well done to all of our Chili Challenge winners this week. Mrs Cowell was delighted to see so many entries when she opened the post boxes!

Year 7 Aiden M (R4 Mrs Saunders / Miss Beesley)

Year 9 Tasha C (C3 Mrs Shaw)

Year 10 Connor McG (C2 Mrs Massey)

Year 11 Tom N (11Grp3 Mr Bedford)

These pupils have now received their chili tokens to claim their free breaktime snack from the dining room.



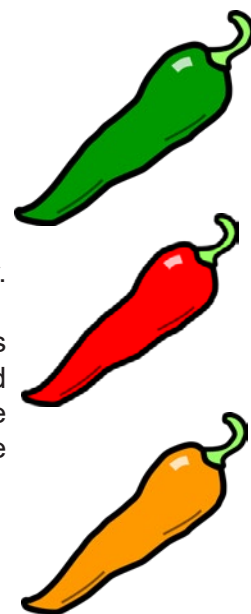
Pupils: Pick up your challenge sheet from the top of the post boxes in your dining areas. There are three

challenges to complete on the sheet, each one with an increasing difficulty. When you've had a go at them, pop your answers in your year group post box. Winners are randomly drawn each Thursday, per year group.

This is also an interhouse competition and the leaders will be those with the most individual entries. There'll be an interhouse prize at the end of the year.

With all the entries this week, it has meant that Calder has knocked Douglas off the top spot! The interhouse leaderboard now looks like this:

- | | |
|-----|---------|
| 1st | Calder |
| 2nd | Douglas |
| 3rd | Ribble |
| 4th | Hodder |



Please note, the next week's challenge will be open for two weeks due to the strike affecting pupil attendance.

Mrs Cowell
Vice Principal

Easter Bingo at Priory

On Wednesday, 29 March we are holding a fundraising Easter Bingo evening for Year 7 pupils and their families.

The evening promises to be lots of fun with prizes to be won, a raffle, refreshments and a tuck shop. Bingo cards will be £1 for a book of 5 games or £5 for 6 books.

The event is free to attend however there is limited capacity. We'd very much like our Year 7 pupils and their families to join us so if you'd like to come along, please simply reply to the text that has been sent to parents (or email enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk) with the total number of guests.

Please see poster or visit our website for further details.

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2023-03-06-easter-bingo-29-march

Thank you for your support!



Year 7 Non-Uniform Day

Tuesday, 14th March

In return for wearing your own clothes, please bring an Easter egg or donate £1 and pass it to your form tutor in the morning.

All donations will be used for our Year 7 Easter Bingo night on Wednesday, 29th March 6pm-7.30pm.

Free Admission | £1 a book | £5 for 6 books

Book by replying to the text sent to parents or email enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk



Learn to succeed

Year 8 Trip To Quarry Bank Mill

Quarry Bank Mill is one of the best preserved textile factories of the Industrial Revolution. Built in 1784, the cotton mill is recorded in the National Heritage List for England as a designated Grade II listed building.

The mill was established by Samuel Greg, and was notable for innovations both in machinery and also in its approach to labour relations, the latter largely as a result of the work of Greg's wife, Hannah Lightbody. The family took a somewhat paternalistic attitude toward the workers, providing medical care for all and limited education to the children, but all laboured roughly 72 hours per week until 1847 when a new law shortened the hours. Greg also built housing for his workers, in a large community now known as Styal Estate.



It's Pi Day For Key Stage 3 Pupils



Next Tuesday is Pi Day - 3/14 in the American date format.

Within their maths lessons, pupils in Year 7, 8 & 9 will take part in Pi Day activities including a Kahoot and dingbats. There will also be the chance to win a £10 Amazon gift card for the pupil who can recite the digits of Pi to the most decimal places - and there are literally gazillions of them!

To help with the memorisation of Pi, pupils are encouraged to use this song to help. Check it out here>>

www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HRkKznJoZA

Or if you want more than 100 places, this website has one million digits of Pi >> www.piday.org/million

How will you get on?

What is Pi?

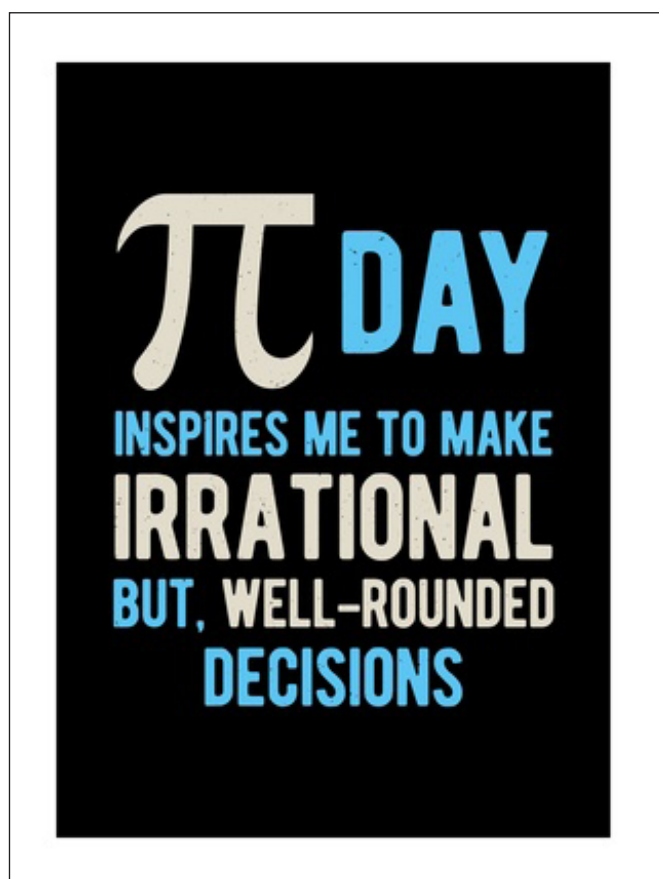
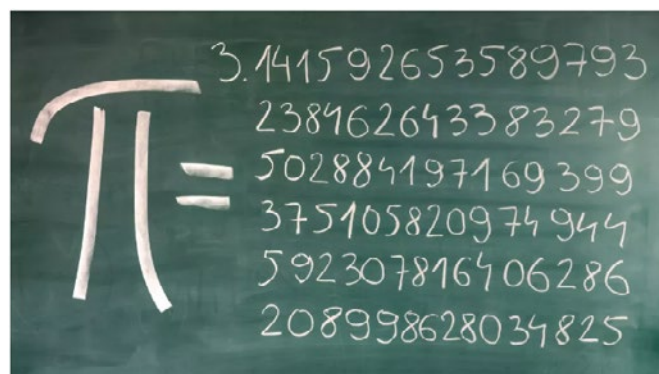
The ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter is always the same: 3.14159... and on and on forever.

Pi is an irrational number, which means that it is a real number that cannot be expressed by a simple fraction. That's because Pi is what mathematicians call an 'infinite decimal' — after the decimal point, the digits go on forever and ever so we'll never figure out its exact value no matter how close we seem to get.

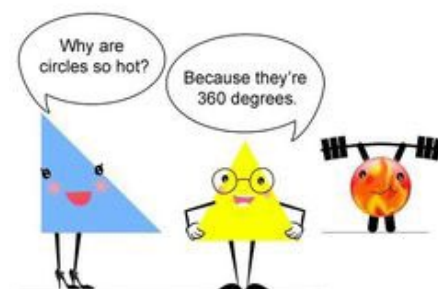
The record for memorising digits of π , certified by Guinness World Records, is 70,000 digits, recited in India by Rajveer Meena in 9 hours and 27 minutes on 21 March 2015. In 2006, Akira Haraguchi, a retired Japanese engineer, claimed to have recited 100,000 decimal places, but the claim was not verified.

The first 100 digits of Pi are:

3.14159 26535 89793 23846 26433 83279 50288
41971 69399 37510 58209 74944
59230 78164 06286 20899 86280
34825 34211 7067



Mr Sneddon
Maths Teacher



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Top Maths Pupils Take on National Challenge



Lucas was best at Priory in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge, a national test for high achieving Year 9, 10 and 11 maths pupils.

Lucas achieved a staggering 92 out of the 135 points on offer to be awarded a gold certificate and the honour of being the best at Priory.



United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust

Year 11 Lucas said: "I enjoyed the challenge. Computer Science is my favourite subject but I enjoy maths and want to go to LUSoM (Lancaster University School of Mathematics). I enjoyed testing myself and was happy to do well."

Year 10 Sam was second with 81/135 and was presented with a gold award while Year 9 Daniel finished third and was awarded the silver certificate with 70/135 points.

Year 9 Daniel said: "I was third best in the school and best in my year."

Year 10 Emmie earned a silver certificate and had a ploy:



"There are questions where you lose marks so I concentrated on all the questions where you can't lose marks!"

Year 11 Taylor added: "It is about problem solving and it is quite difficult. There are 25 questions and you can lose marks as well as gain them. I like maths so I enjoyed this."

Maths teacher, Mr Hunter, oversaw the challenge and said: "We picked the top 30 from Years 9-11 and they loved the extra challenge of it. All pupils that take part get a certificate – whether it's gold, silver, bronze or for participating. It's a massive achievement just to take part."

Well done to all our pupils who participated in the challenge, including Madoc D (Year 11) who was in fourth place, Preston McM (Year 10) who came fifth, both not pictured.

Mr Hunter
Maths Teacher

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Happy Holi Wishes



Many of our Hindu pupils have been celebrating Holi this week, also known as the Festival of Colours.

With the throwing of coloured powder and water balloons, Holi has become known as India's most vivid, joyous festival. Although this Hindu festival finds its origins in South Asia, it has now gained popularity across the world, with Holi events organised across the UK, the USA and elsewhere.

"WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?"

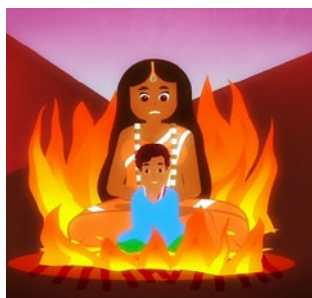
So what's one of the most popular and significant festivals in the Hindu calendar all about?

The Festival of Colour

Holi has been celebrated across India for centuries, with poems documenting celebrations dating back to the 4th century. It marks the beginning of spring after a long winter, symbolic of the triumph of good over evil. It is celebrated in March, corresponding to the Hindu calendar month of Phalguna. In 2023, Holi began on Wednesday, 8 March.

Holi is a two-day Hindu festival. On the first day, people will gather around a bonfire and celebrate good triumphing over evil. But it's the second day that most people will recognise - that's when perfumed powder called gulal is pelted at everyone and made to stick with water pistols and balloons.

There are lots of Hindu legends that are believed to contribute to the meaning of the festival, but there are two in particular that are thought to be the most popular - each one celebrated over the two day period.



Holika and Hiranyakashipu

According to one popular version of the story, an evil king, Hiranyakashipu, became so powerful that he forced his subjects to worship him as their god. But to the king's ire, his son Prahlada continued to be an ardent devotee of the Hindu deity Lord Vishnu. The angry king plotted with his sister, Holika, to kill his son. Holika, who was



immune to fire, tricked Prahlada to sit in a pyre with her. When the pyre was lit, the boy's devotion to Lord Vishnu helped him walk away unscathed while Holika, from whom the festival derives its name, was burned to death despite her immunity.

Gulal Powder

Gulal powder comes in many colours and some are thought to signify specific things:

Red =	Love and fertility
Blue =	Krishna
Yellow =	Turmeric (a spice used in lots of Indian food)
Green =	Spring and new beginnings

Together these colours create a glorious rainbow, usually in parks and public spaces across the globe.

Mrs Qadri
Head of ICT & Computing

Mrs Elliott's Cool Readers Club

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

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, Dylan and Will...

Football mad Dylan and Will donned their favourite football kits when we interviewed them on World Book Day last week – and were enjoying books about their heroes.

Dylan supports Liverpool and is reading an Ultimate Football Hero book on Mo Salah.



"What impressed me is that, in his younger days, he had to get eight buses to go to training," said Dylan.

"I admire him for that and his football."

Dylan plays for Ribbleton Reds as a left winger/striker.

"I enjoy reading about the lives of footballers but also like books like 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'."

Manchester United fan Will, who dressed in his England kit, was reading: 'Marcus Rashford: You are a Champion'.

"I have been on a stadium tour of Old Trafford and I enjoyed reading about his life and his tips on how you can get to where you want to be in life."

Will plays for Tarleton Corinthians as a right midfielder.

Dylan and Will's English teacher, Mr Owen, added, "Dylan and Will are positive, resilient, and friendly Priory students. Both share their enthusiasm for sports within the English classroom; indeed, we actively encourage non-fiction reading to further understanding of the wider world. It is fantastic to see pupils enjoying the library space, which is intended for both study and unwinding. Hopefully Dylan can use his persuasive writing techniques to tempt Will into supporting a different club!"

Mrs Elliott
English Teacher & Chief Librarian

Learn to

A Fighting Chance for Year 10 Connor

Connor has fought his way to a British crown – and will now compete in kickboxing on the European stage in Amsterdam.

Connor won a gold medal in the -65kg Points Sparring category at the World Martial Arts Organisational (WMO) National Championships last month.

He also collected silver in the -60kg Continuous Sparring and -60kg Points Sparring, coming away with three medals and certificates.

"I compete for NSKA in Leyland and have been kickboxing for 10 years," said Year 10 Connor, who trains every day except Wednesday.

"I like kickboxing, it makes me more committed and helps my confidence.

"I was nervous competing in the national championships, especially as I had around 10 fights and in the final I knew I needed to win.

"I am excited to go to the world championships later this month and represent my club and England.



"I would love to turn professional. I am committed, sometimes my mates can be annoyed when they want me to go out but I am training. Training comes first."

Last weekend Connor fought at the WKKC English nationals where he won two gold and will journey to Amsterdam at the end of this month to compete in the Dutch Open.

Good luck, Connor!

NEXT ISSUE

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK.

The next issue will be out Friday, 24 March.

Thank you for your support. Mrs Yates, Editor.

Learn to succeed

Three Priory pupils are boosting their creative talents by attending UCLan's Saturday Club.



Year 9 Rhea, Year 10 Megan and Year 11 Amba give up their Saturday mornings to attend the courses for 13-16-year-olds in Art & Design and Fashion & Business.



Rhea concentrates on the Fashion & Business sessions.

"I make my own clothes and love fashion so it's good for me" she said. "We have made a Tote bag recently and dresses. It helps me develop new skills."

Megan attends the Art & Design sessions.

"I like art and don't do a lot of it outside school so this was a chance to make myself do it every Saturday morning.

"We do a variety of projects and it's good fun while also learning a lot of new skills."



Their work was exhibited last month at UCLan's Victoria Building.

The National Saturday Club network helps young people develop new skills, grow in confidence, make new friends and learn more about options for further study and the breadth of careers open to them.

Lead Practitioner for Personal Development, Mrs Hopes added, "*It is wonderful to hear about our pupils being involved in activities outside of school, which add to their Personal Development. Everything pupils participate in can be added to CVs and applications for future jobs, apprenticeships and Post 16 courses.*"

Pupils can use these activities as evidence towards the Priory + Award which rewards involvement; that develops their 'Cultural and Heritage' knowledge, as a 'Future Citizen, that adds to their 'Mental and Physical Wellbeing', acts as a 'Skills Builder' or that develops pathways towards careers and their 'Bright Futures'."

Photo taken on World Book Day; Rhea is dressed as Wednesday Addams and Megan as Katniss Everdeen, The Hunger Games.

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Compost Corner

Spring Update

Priory's gardens are our pride and joy and award-winning gardener Mr Farron wants to let parents and pupils know what to expect each month as the landscape changes.



Well spring is certainly on its way!

Officially, we enter Spring on 26 March when longer days and lighter hours begin and the soil starts to warm. I have been quite busy these winter months for this very eventful period to come. In particular, repairing and maintaining equipment ready for the very busy months ahead, along with placing bulbs around the school which now are showing and pushing through for the great show.



All well designed gardens use balance in different ways to create a harmonious space. I have applied this by using an ordered designer edge and there are countless ways to achieve this look. We have beds of perennial planting alongside the old favourite annuals, mirrored with plants on either side of the paths through Priory gardens, giving various shows of colour and fragrance, which hopefully achieve the desired effect through symmetry, so pleasing and calming to the eye.

A beautiful balance through elements of modern symmetry will add a restful and calming effect so that not only our plants bloom and grow, but also our students and staff adopt the benefits that the garden provides.

This year the gardens are packed with different contrasting features and the eye darts around trying to take them all in but finds it hard to settle on any one element therefore when balance and symmetry are used well, the opposite is true thus the calming effect bringing balance to the whole design.

A very fragrant flower to look out for this season is Gertrude Jekyll, a fantastic rose bush with a stunning fragrance. This is a Chelsea gold!

As they say, spring has sprung and a big sign of that is the Priory ducks have arrived. Daphne is making her nest in the special hen house I have built.

I hope that you all enjoy this period of rebirth and experience a wonderful spring term.

Tip of the month: *Keep Smiling. It will grow on you!*

Note for the month:

Tes paideas faefetas risdas elnai pikras, ton ele karpon gluken

The roots of education are bitter but the fruit is sweet (Aristotle)

Mr C Farron, Gardener

Honorary Member of the RHS

Winner of North West Britain in Bloom, South Ribble in Bloom and Penwortham in Bloom

Judge for South Ribble and Penwortham in Bloom competitions



Learn to succeed

Assistant Head of Maths Mr Henshaw, along with the Maths Department, ran a competition asking pupils to say what they particularly enjoy about the subject. **Pupils were tasked with completing the following sentence, "I love Maths because..."**



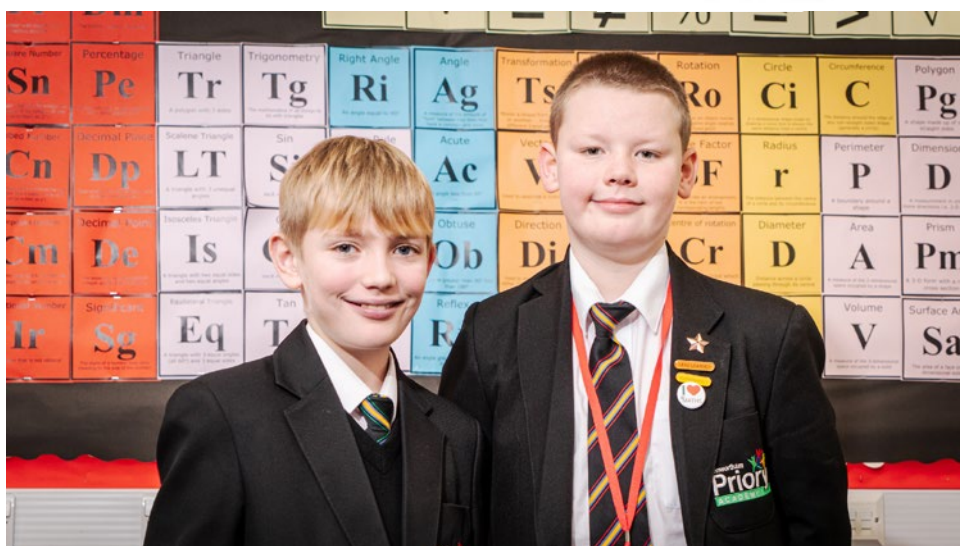
Here's why Year 7 Cooper and Thomas love Maths:

Cooper...

It challenges my brain to learn and it helps me to concentrate and, as well as this, it is really fun having you (Mr Henshaw) as a teacher.

Thomas...

I love maths because it is challenging and the teachers are really encouraging. It makes me actually want to do the homework and get the XP for badges and certificates.



Pupils that want to claim an 'I love Maths' badge should simply click the link below to access the survey and write Mr Henshaw a sentence or two explaining why they love maths. The best responses from each year group will be selected and also featured here in our article.

<https://forms.office.com/r/PX8A5GBMzR>

Mr Henshaw
Assistant Head of Maths



At Penwortham Priory Academy the Learning for Life curriculum is designed to support the promotion of excellence for pupils and do all it can to improve their life chances.

Pupils have two 20 minute Learning for Life lessons each week where they will participate in the curriculum shown opposite.

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

On the curriculum w/c 13 March

Year 7	Spring Term - Theme: 'Expressing myself effectively' Self assessment
Year 8	Spring Term - Theme: 'Thinking with a clear head' Thinking outside the box
Year 9	Spring Term - Theme: 'Adapting my voice' What organisational techniques work for me?
Year 10	Spring Term - Theme: 'Owning my actions' How to build a portfolio
Year 11	Spring Term - Theme: 'Charting the course' How do I react when things go wrong?

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JOB VACANCY

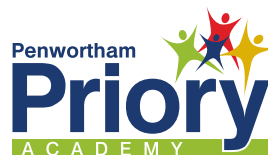
Part Time Cleaner

15 hours per week

Our cleaning contractors, Bulloughs Cleaning Services, are seeking a cleaner for duties at Penwortham Priory Academy.

Please contact Bulloughs direct with enquiries or to apply. See advert opposite for details or visit the school's website>>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies



Vacancy

Cleaner Required (Part-time)



Our cleaning contractors, Bulloughs Cleaning Services, are seeking a cleaner for duties at Penwortham Priory Academy.

Bulloughs Cleaning Services have been providing cleaning solutions for over 50 years and are now one of the largest independent cleaning companies in the north. They recognise that their employees are their strength and as such are determined to recruit and retain people of the highest standard.

Contract Type Permanent - To start as soon as possible.

Pay Weekly | Good rates of pay

Days Monday to Friday

Hours 3.15pm - 6.15pm (15 hours)

Full training will be given. Please note that a full police/DBS check will be carried out prior to confirmation of employment.

For further information or to apply, please contact Karen at Bulloughs' Cleaning Services on 07593 450185. Application will involve an informal chat prior to arranging an on-site meeting.

www.bullough.co.uk

Please note that Penwortham Priory Academy are not able to respond to any enquiries directly.

Reader



"YOUR LIBRARY NEEDS
YOU"

See your English teacher for an entry sheet.

Do you have any books at home that are cluttering up the place?

Looking for a place to re-locate them to?

We would **love** you to **donate** your unwanted books to **Priory's library!**

Share the love of reading!

Win Prizes!

£20 Amazon voucher to the person donating the most books!

PLUS – everyone who donates is entered into a **LUCKY DIP** draw!

Learn to succeed

Under 12's Taster Session!

Preston & South Ribble Rabbitohs are recruiting boys in year 6 & 7 for our brand new team!



Where?

Withy Grove
Park, Bamber
Bridge.

When?

Saturday 18th
March.
11am-12pm

Contact

For more
information email
ryan@pne.com



OPUS
RESTRUCTURING & INSOLVENCY



Cricket Club



Monday after school
on the AstroTurf
until 4.10pm

Practice skills and
have a game.

Attend in PE kit, no
other kit needed.

All welcome.

Enquiries to Mr
Kenrick, Maths
Teacher.

Photos: Dani Wyatt,
England opening
batter, Ben Stokes,
England test
captain



SPORTS REPORT

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch – Sports Hall 13.15 – 13.50	Badminton	Badminton/ Basketball	Basketball	Development Club	Basketball
After-School 15.15 – 16.15	Cricket Practice	Badminton Club Girls Football Practice Year 7 – 11 Netball	Staff Meetings GCSE Badminton Club	Basketball Club Rugby Club	

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

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Easter Bingo

at Penwortham Priory Academy

Wednesday, 29th March

Doors open at 6pm ~ Eyes down at 6.15pm

Evening closes at 7.30pm approx.

We invite Year 7 pupils and their families to join us for a cracking evening of bingo fun.

Egg-cellent prizes to be won!

Free Admission | Book Online | £1 a book | £5 for six books

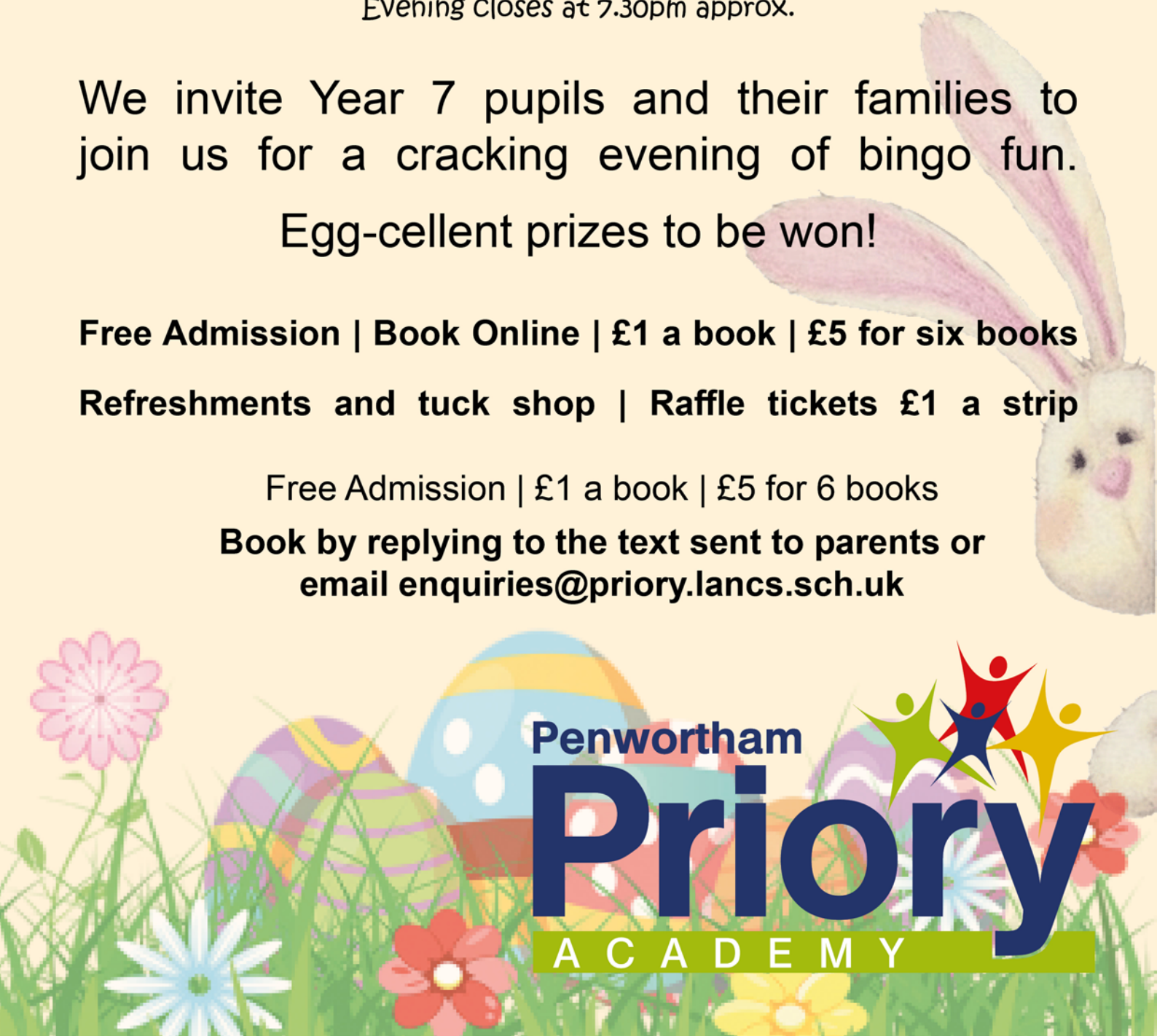
Refreshments and tuck shop | Raffle tickets £1 a strip

Free Admission | £1 a book | £5 for 6 books

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email enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk**

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ACADEMY



Preston College Taster Sessions

Preston College is holding several taster sessions in art, graphics and media over the Easter break and have invited Year 10 and 11 pupils to attend.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Key Stage 4 who are interested in studying these subjects at further education to visit the college, experience the course and use industry standard software.

To register, please see contact details on the adverts.

ART & DESIGN TASTER WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL
9:30 - 12:30

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in Art & Design.

The session is intended to develop your creative print making skills. It will be hands on and cover a number of different forms of print.

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email
dhey@preston.ac.uk



INFORMATION CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY TASTER WORKSHOP

MONDAY 3RD APRIL
9:30 - 12:30

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in ICT

The session will be based around programming in Python and game creation

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email
mpatel@preston.ac.uk



FREE CREATIVE MEDIA SESSIONS

EVERY
SESSION IS
DIFFERENT



Preston College are offering you the chance to take part in our **FREE** Film & Photography sessions - ideal for those who want a career in TV, film, photography and journalism.

Over the course of the sessions, you will develop your skills and understanding of:

- Camera work
- Filming
- Live Editing
- Adobe Premiere Pro
- Adobe Photoshop
- Photography
- Directing
- Studio Production
- Scripting

Delivered by our expert tutors, you'll have the chance to work in our creative arts building complete with editing suites, containing industry standard Blackmagic media equipment, recording studios and a fully functioning television studio. Sessions take place during half-term from 10am-1pm on:

Monday 3rd April 2023

RESERVE YOUR PLACE NOW!
maquilina@preston.ac.uk
www.preston.ac.uk

PRESTON
COLLEGE

GAMES & GRAPHICS TASTER WORKSHOP

MONDAY 3RD APRIL
9:30 - 12:30

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in Games & Graphics.

The session will be based around 3D modelling in Maya, where you will be introduced to aspects such as building, texturing, lighting and rendering.

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email
sroberts@preston.ac.uk

