

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Class of 2023: The Prom

**Class of 2023's big night out arrived on Thursday, 6 July when the year group gathered to celebrate their years at Penwortham Priory Academy in style. These occasions are renowned for their glitz and glamour and this year was no exception with sharp suits and stunning gowns.**

The event, held at Bartle Hall, was the perfect opportunity for the hardworking Year 11s to let their hair down after the exam season and a chance to say goodbye to the staff who have nurtured, challenged and supported them through their school days.

The pupils arrived in spectacular fashion in vehicles of many shapes and sizes, from stretched limousines to fire engines, HGVs and tractors to a cavalcade of sports cars. This year we had one young lady driving herself to the prom in her own 'mini'. The photographer was ready to capture the moment with proud parents looking on.

Head of Year 11, Mrs Ham, along with the pupil-led Prom Committee spent many hours organising the event. Awards, put together by the Committee, ensued after the meal. The evening tailed away with some moves on the dance floor and many farewell hugs at the end of a very memorable night.

It was a fabulously deserved finale to round off Class of 2023's time at Priory. We look forward to seeing everyone again on results day, Thursday, 24 August.

All photos taken at the event have been uploaded to the Year 11 Teams where pupils can download the full size copies.

## Key Dates

### Diary Dates

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

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates)

### 21-23 August

Summer School (new intake only)

### Thurs, 24 August

GCSE results day

### Tues, 5 September

First day of Autumn term

### Weds, 20 September

Learning for Life Day 1  
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

### Thurs, 21 September

INSET school closed

### OPEN EVENING

Thurs, 21 September  
4pm - 8pm  
Booking not needed





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# SPORTS DAY

It's fair to say that Miss Beesley and Mrs Farley were pretty chuffed that **Ribble** took the top slot on the podium at today's Sports Day!

Here's the Year 10 house winners lifting the trophy.



Before Sports Day drew to a close, we took the opportunity to produce this photo for our 70th Anniversary celebrations. Staff and pupils are all in there...



Pupils: Can you find where you are?



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# A Parisian Adventure for Priory

Last Friday, a group of 45 pupils, along with five staff, set off for Paris.



The three-day coach trip began shortly after school with a giddy group of Year 7 and 8 pupils. Organised by Geography teacher, Mr Watters, it was to be his final trip with Priory after nearly 30 years of national and international adventures.

## Day 1

On arrival into France, the group headed straight to Disneyland for a day full of fun and thrills as the theme park celebrated its 30 year anniversary.

Mrs Cowell said, "We've got a storm trooper, but we've avoided the storms in Disneyland Paris."

It was fair to say that after the long journey and a heavy day hitting the park, the pupils were keen to head to the hotel after the last parade and firework display.

## Day 2

There was no rest for the wicked on Sunday, as it was up at dawn to see the sights of Paris. From the Sacre Coeur and Latin Quarter to the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Ile de la Cite and the Eiffel Tower - the group finally got some respite when they boarded a bateaux mouche for a leisurely river cruise along the Seine.

The Montparnasse Tower provided spectacular views of the top of the city before returning to the hotel for some much needed rest.

## Day 3

The group's final destination saw everyone going underground at the Vimy Ridge memorial. The Battle of Vimy Ridge was fought during the First World War in 1917 and is Canada's most celebrated military victory. It is now the site of a major national limestone memorial built atop Hill 145 and inscribed with the names of the 11,285 Canadians who died in France during the war with no known grave. Pupils learned the history of this little slice of Canada in France; why, where and what happened.



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## Paris - July 2023



Yesterday we had a whistle stop visit from two pupils from Class of 2006.



Gemma Evered (nee Knapp) had travelled up from Southampton and met up with former classmate, Tommy Llewelyn, to say hello to their former Geography teacher before starts his retirement.

The pair had time to pose with Mr Watters next to the 70th anniversary time capsule which has been dedicated to him for his 29 years service to the school.

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# MathsCity Museum Treat for Year 7 Class

Last Tuesday, Mr Henshaw took his Year 7 Maths class to MathsCity, an interactive maths museum in Leeds.

7E2 were specially invited by Lancaster University School of Mathematics (LUSoM) for their excellent work earlier in the year when they took part in a 'live lesson' which was watched by teachers from around Lancashire.

The pupils were beautifully behaved and had a great time building 'Leonardo's Dome' and getting inside the human sized bubble.

"My favourite part was the Leonardo's Dome and the bubbles where we had to pull the rope and it would make a bubble," said Saachi.

Mollie R-P said, "My favourite was when me and my friend went in a massive bubble and when you could only look in a mirror to draw a fish and star!"

"I really liked the kaleidoscope and the bubbles. I also enjoyed the puzzles and creating the dome," added Joe K.



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# Year 10 Pupil Takes A Supporting Role in Sustainability Event



**Year 10 Henry has proved a perfect leader at the Sustainability Learning Conference held at Blackburn Rovers Football Club.**

Taking place in the Darwen End, the event saw pupils learning about eco-friendliness and sustainability. Henry was given authorised leave by Priory to lead a team from Cottam Primary School, his former school, around the eco-conference.

He guided the Year 5s and 6s around the conference which included events such as an eco-photography workshop, activities around global warming and focus on sustainability and nature.

The forum allows pupils and their teachers to learn new skills and develop knowledge of how to live in an eco-friendlier environment, both now and for future generations and promoting education for sustainable development (ESD) within schools in Lancashire.

“My grandma runs the event so I help her, I have done it for a few years now,” said Henry.



“I applied for authorised leave from Priory to act as an ambassador for the school.

“I looked after the primary school pupils and there are events like treasure hunts and I took them shopping as they are given a £5 voucher.

“It’s an enjoyable day and it develops my leadership skills.”

Henry’s involvement in the event will count towards his Priory+ Award.



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## 70th Anniversary Summer Raffle

The prize draw took place on 12 July 2023 during the Summer Arts Evening

The winners have been notified directly where contact details have been provided. Ticket numbers are:

40" Samsung HD TV	Yellow 335	E Taylor D3
Portable Air Con Unit	Yellow 591	K Cleary
Mini Cordless Hoover	Yellow 619	L Tabarn Y10
Dell Laptop	Blue 599	Ann Marie
Tablet	Yellow 411	J Hunter
Wine and chocolates	Yellow 310	D Holt

The total amount raised was £994 and this will go towards the refurbishment of our Assembly Hall, our gardens and outdoor facilities to benefit our current and future generations of pupils.

For further information and to see the prizes, please see visit the school website at

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/fundraising-priory/70th-anniversary-raffle](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/fundraising-priory/70th-anniversary-raffle)

Thank you for your support!



## Rugby League Grand Final Ticket Offer

Following our girls' history-making rugby league game last week, we have been extended a ticket offer for the Rugby Super League Grand Final on 14 October at Old Trafford. Tickets are reduced to just £2.50 for juniors and £20 for adults with the intention to inspire the next generation of Rugby League fanatics!

Book directly at >> [www.eticketing.co.uk/rugbyleague/EDP/Event/Index/147](http://www.eticketing.co.uk/rugbyleague/EDP/Event/Index/147)

## Learning Newsletters

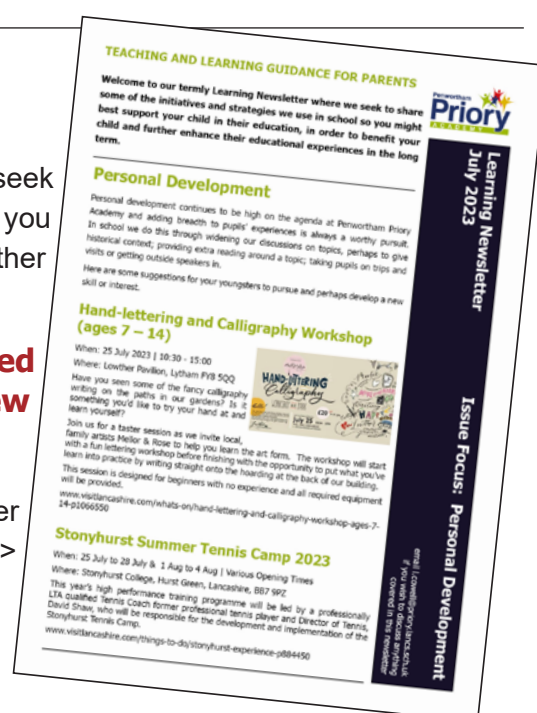
Every month we put together a newsletter for parents where we seek to share some of the initiatives and strategies we use in school so you might best support your child at home, in order to benefit them and further enhance their educational experiences in the long term.

This next issue looks at **'Personal Development' - Suggested activities to pursue in the summer holidays to develop new skills and interests.**

This half term'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](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/newsletters) (below our weekly newsletters - please scroll down)

Mrs Cowell  
Vice Principal



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## GCSE Results

**GCSE results will be available for Class of 2023 to collect from school on Thursday, 24 August between 11am and 1pm.**

Results can only be given to the Year 11 pupil themselves however a nominated person may collect on their behalf if that person has a note, signed by the pupil, authorising their consent. This includes parents as pupils have legal responsibility for their own results.

As in recent years, results will be given out at the front of school outside reception between 11am -12 noon. If the weather is inclement, pupils should head to the Assembly Hall. Between 12 noon and 1pm pupils can collect from reception. Please note, school will close at 1pm. Pupils that have been asked to be involved with our publicity should arrive at 11am and see Mrs Yates for your results envelopes.

If you are on holiday, we can arrange for the results to be sent by email. Emails can only be sent direct to the pupil. If you would like us to do this, then the request must come from the pupil themselves. They should contact the Exams Officer, Miss Conway, by email and include their full name and personal email address (not school email). Results will be issued by email from 10am and no later than 1pm on the day. Any results not collected by 1pm will be posted, second class that day.

Queries can be emailed to Miss Conway, Exams Officer, at [g.conway@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:g.conway@priory.lancs.sch.uk) or Mr Gee, Assistant Principal, at [n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk).

We hope Class of 2023 leave Priory with the GCSE results they need along with special memories of their time with us. Good luck to everyone!

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2023-07-12-gcse-results-day-24-august-2023](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2023-07-12-gcse-results-day-24-august-2023)



## Holiday Activities and Food Scheme (HAF)

### Book now for Summer Holiday!

South Ribble Borough Council's HAF aims to provide healthy food and fun activities for children aged 4 to 16 who are eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals.

There are 6 weeks of amazing activities ready to book now, including football, gymnastics, multi-sports, boxing skills, circus skills, forest school and inflatable play zone.

If your child does not receive benefit-related Free School Meals, but would still like to take part, please see website for details.

<https://southribble.gov.uk/haf>

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# Inter-House Quiz

Last week saw our inter-house quiz where the four houses went head to head in the traditional end of year competition.

The heats were keenly fought as pupils and staff faced off over questions about British trivia, famous faces, sites and names of international bridges, and engaged in a spelling bee. 42 for **Calder** going through to the final and 39 for **Ribble**. In the second heat, both **Hodder** and **Douglas** were on 47. The former won the tense physical challenge tie breaker of finding and arranging items from the room in accordance with the Quiz Master's (Mrs Cowell's) rules.

The final saw **Calder** and **Hodder** do battle over lots of general knowledge questions, identifying foods and culinary items, more spotting of famous faces and naming 1970s toys.



**Calder** were the victors by an impressive 10 point lead. Calder 55 and Hodder 45.

Well done to Harriett H (Year 8), Sophie P (Year 7), Preston McM (Year 10), Reece R (Year 9) and Head of Calder, Mrs Eastham.

Well done to all participants.



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# Year 8 Experience Life in The Trenches with VR Technology



On Monday, 17 July the Humanities department welcomed 'Time Travel Education' into school to allow Priory's Year 8 pupils to experience a visual workshop based on the First World War.



Humanities teacher, Miss Makinson, said, "Each student was given a VR headset and transported into 1914, they experienced life and conditions in the trenches and what it would have been like to go over the top into no man's land."

"Pupils said it was a really good experience, and they were glad to have the chance to experience it, it was like a real-life Horrible Histories; they would love to do it again!"

Miss Makinson  
Humanities Teacher



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# 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, Alexa...

#### Alexa likes books which make her laugh!

The Year 8 is currently reading 'Grandpa's Great Escape' by David Walliams.

"It's funny. It's about a grandpa, who fought in World War 2, and a boy and they go on adventures together.

It's really interesting and David Walliams is my favourite author. They are funny books which are easy to read.



"My favourite subject is History. I like the idea of looking back."

Out of school Alexa is sporty. "I play netball for Newman, I am a centre, and I swim for the Leyland Barracudas. My favourite stroke is breast stroke and I am training at the moment but hope to compete soon.

"I would like a career in sport, perhaps something to do with netball."

### Introducing, Evie...

#### Evie is a Cool Reader - but we don't know how she fits everything into her busy life!

Evie is currently reading 'It Ends With Us' by Colleen Hoover. "It's about domestic abuse so it is quite hard to read but it is an interesting book," said Evie.

"My favourite books are romances although I like them to be more than romances, to have a Plan B with a plot to keep me entertained.



"My favourite authors are Rainbow Rowell and Louis Sanchar.

"My favourite subject is English and I enjoy writing short stories in my spare time.

"I am also a Girl Guide, I am in a choir and I play Dungeons and Dragons.

"I would either like to be a journalist or work in the care sector, I know they are very different!"

Mrs Elliott  
English Teacher & Chief Librarian

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# Fresh Air & Exercise Enjoyed For Sponsored Walk



REPORT BY MR METCALFE, HEAD OF HUMANITIES

On Thursday, 13 July, Priory staff and students took on the challenge of a 6km sponsored walk under the organisation of the legend that is, Mr Watters. The fundraising event was organised to raise money for the refurbishment of the Jubilee Assembly Hall, one of the few buildings that remain from the school's inauguration in 1953.

After several postponed attempts due to the classic British weather, the rain held off for what can only be described as a superb day for all involved. Classes set off for the walk at staggered start times and the scenic walk along the Ribble Way proved to be a major success with students completing the walk with their Learning for Life groups in around two hours.

The students took in some great scenery along the river, whilst dodging horseflies and having conversations with staff positioned at strategic points along the way. The day was thoroughly enjoyed and these comments typically summed up the general consensus...

*"It's a fantastic day and we are loving the walk."*  
| *"It's great to be walking in the fresh air and taking in the views of the River Ribble"* | *"We are loving hanging out with our friends whilst doing some exercise."* | *"The best bit about the day was chatting with staff along the way and finding more out about their lives and work".* | *"It was refreshing to be outside and being sponsored to raise money to put back into the school."* | *"We had real fun along the way, and it was great to be with our friends."*

The total amount raised will be announced in September as funds are still coming in however it's fair to say there has been a fantastic amount of money raised. There are prizes for those who raised the most money, including a top prize for one student who raised more than £100 individually. There are 18 more prizes for students who raised more than £70 each, and additional prizes for those that raised great sums of money. An absolutely fantastic achievement!

We would all like to thank Mr Watters for his superb

organisation and for leaving a legacy at Priory as his time here draws to a close as he retires this academic year. I am sure you will join me in wishing him all the very best for a long and happy retirement. I am sure we will see him in and around the school as the next few years pass us by.

Thanks to all parents, carers, pupils and staff for all their support for the sponsored walk. It was a great day and we received many compliments from the public on the conduct of our pupils. Well done to everyone!



Mr Metcalfe  
Head of Humanities

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# Priory's Rugby Girls Make Sporting History

**Priory girls made actual history last Tuesday evening as they took part in the first girls' rugby league game to be played in Preston!**

The game was hosted by Ashton Community Science College and each school was represented by a mixture of Year 7 and 8 pupils, all with varying levels of rugby experience, from complete newcomer to those who play often.

The game was organised and refereed by Ryan, Priory's rugby coach, who has provided rugby taster sessions to both schools in lessons to Key Stage 3 pupils and at afterschool clubs.

Priory kicked off the match. The girls took a little time to settle in as a new team, but soon found their feet. Scoring two tries within minutes of each other, with Solange P used her sprinting talent to fire down the right wing, weaving in and out of her opponents. Also Ruth W using her rugby experience to score down the left wing.

The first half finished 10-12 to Ashton who were putting up a good fight.

Priory gained a lot of confidence and game tactics from the first half and did not hold back in the second half - Lexi S leaving no prisoners with some fantastic tackles, backed up by Summer P and Megan B.

Lilly E also demonstrating great teamwork and skill.

The game finished 16-16 which was quite apt as both teams were equally matched.

Lexi S was voted woman of the match by Ashton players which was well deserved for the energetic performance she displayed.

Jonathan Dowler, Education Officer at the Rugby Football League, said, *"Thanks to both schools for all the work prior to the event to make it a great game, played in good spirit. As the game went on, I could see the girls grow in confidence and show some real raw talent and skill. It was a pleasure to be apart of and is testament to the work that Ryan has done. I hope that the girls thoroughly enjoyed representing their school in the first inaugural girls school game of Rugby League in Preston."*

Proud PE teacher, Miss Beesley, gushed, "Well done ladies I am super proud of you, for working as a team, getting stuck in and making history!"

**Team:** Lilly E, Megan B, Ruth W, Summer P, Lexi S, Alexa G, Sophie P, Georgia R, Solange P, Harriet H.

Miss Beesley  
PE Teacher



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# Scholarships for Priory Leavers

Congratulations to two of our Year 11 leavers who have been informed this week that they have been awarded a Gifted & Talented scholarship from Preston College.

Harry Westworth will be studying a T Level in Digital Design & Development with a view to a career in digital forensic science.

Lucas Tully will be studying Aeronautical Engineering.



A scholarship at Preston College brings with it £1000 over the two year course, a free travel pass, gym membership, ambassador responsibilities and support from the college's extensive employer links.



## Extra Curricular Club: Japanese Club

Japanese Club had it's last session of the academic year last Wednesday and mentor, Mrs Small, was delighted to see so many new faces. The session runs every Wednesday lunch time in MFL1 for regulars and drop-ins and intends to continue from September.



Head of Languages, Mrs Scully, said, *"I'd like to thank Mrs Small for giving up her time each week to deliver these interactive sessions. Our pupils not only learn the fundamentals of the Japanese language but also talk about the culture, have a go at origami as well and make new friends. This also contributes to their Priory+ Award."*





# Priory's Got Talent at Summer Arts Evening



There were talented dancers, actors, musicians, singers and a monologue as we hosted our Summer Arts Festival last Wednesday. Pupils took to the stage where the audience was treated to some outstanding performances.

"It's the seventh time we have held the Summer Arts Evening at Priory and every year we are impressed with the range of talented pupils we have here," said music teacher, Mr Taylor. "They never cease to surprise us. It's great to watch how their talents have developed and how they are growing into such confident performers."



There were some very creative, individualistic performances where pupils arranged their own versions of existing material either as a soloist, a duet or a larger ensemble. Again Year 8, Phoebe W, performed a self-taught dance, Olivia B did a monologue, alongside multiple performers showcasing several segments from shows such as Six, Chicago and Little Shop of Horrors. We also bade a fond farewell to several members of Year 11 who been stalwarts of all our Creative Arts events over the past 5 years.

During the interval, Vice Principal Mrs Cowell, drew the 70th anniversary raffle and the winning tickets are published on our website at >> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/fundraising-priory/70th-anniversary-raffle](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/fundraising-priory/70th-anniversary-raffle)

Well done to everyone involved; it was a magnificent evening.

Mr Taylor  
Lead Teacher of Music



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# Year 9 Help Judge Lancashire Book of The Year

Hannah described meeting some top authors as ‘really funny as they are people you look up to who have normal lives!’

The Year 9 pupil was one of a group from Priory, specially selected to attend the Lancashire Book of the Year Final at UCLan.



These pupils had read over 30 books from the original long list of authors, with other schools in the area reading a similar volume of books. From these books, the pupils all rated and ranked the books. There was a final shortlist which pupils then voted on and author Cynthia Murphy was announced as the winner with her thriller ‘Last One to Die.’

“I think Cynthia Murphy’s book should have been the winner as I liked the fast pace of the book and it was full of suspense, with twists,” said Hannah.”

English teacher Mrs Elliott went with History/AR teacher Miss Ackers to the event and said: “The authors there included Nathan Parker, Benjamin Dean, Cynthia Murphy and Emily Barr. Every one of them delivered passionate and engaging talks about their own journey to being writers. It was utterly inspiring!

“Their discussion on the process of writing was really interesting as was the fact that they were all united in having been children who had enjoyed reading at varying points in their youth. Nathan Parker acknowledged losing interest in reading as a young person, but now also believes that not reading more as a youngster is one of his greatest regrets. Powerful stuff!

“The pupils got a real buzz out of it, and I hope came away believing that anything is possible if you give it a go.”



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# Hardworking Sparx Pupils Receive Special Maths Badge

**SPARX MATHS**

**Priory pupils certainly have the spark for the new online maths programme Sparx – and Mr Sneddon is rewarding the high-achievers with a special badge!**

Sparx sets bespoke homework for each child and they can move up levels and gain rewards. It's a national programme so pupils can see themselves on a national leaderboard as well.

Maths teacher Mr Sneddon said: "Priory have special badges for the high achievers in maths. Sparx is for all pupils and they get points, called XPs, and can move up a level.

"If pupils do standard homework it's around 10,000 XPs but a number of pupils at Priory have far exceeded this.

"If you reach 100,000 it's a bronze badge; 150,000 it's silver level and 200,000 is gold.

"It involves extra work on top of their homework and boosts independent learning."



Daniel, in Year 9, has acquired gold with 220,000 XPs; Year 7 Ryan has passed 150,000 XPs as has Year 8 Alfie which means they have a silver badge.

"The pupils have far exceeded our expectations so far. They love the incentives of climbing up levels and gaining rewards," added Mr Sneddon.

Well done to: Gold - Daniel McC | Silver - Ryan L, Alfie P | Bronze - Shannon T, Chloe W, Skye S, Yaseen W

Mr Sneddon  
Maths Teacher

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# Pupils Prove They're Some of the Best at National Maths Competition



United Kingdom  
Mathematics Trust



Year 8 Yusuf was 'Best in School' at the recent Junior Mathematical Challenge (UKMT) as he collected a Gold Award. Around 60 high ability Maths pupils in Years 7 and 8 took part in the hour-long, multiple-choice national challenge.

The UKMT is a yearly national mathematics competition which challenges pupils to use their best problem-solving, fluency and reasoning skills to tackle some really difficult questions. There is the Junior UKMT challenge for years 7-8 and the Intermediate UKMT challenge for years 9, 10 & 11 earlier in the year. Each with their own follow up rounds for students that do particularly well.

Maths teacher, Mr Hunter, who co-ordinates the competition for Priory added, *"Pupils can win a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate if they manage to get results that put them in the top percentages nationally, so to win one is a real achievement, and is proof you're one of the most able mathematicians in the country."*



Yusuf admitted his dad was the inspiration as he made it to the next stage of the United Kingdom Maths Trust (UKMT) Junior Challenge. Gaining a Gold meant Yusuf made the second round, the Junior Kangaroo, in the challenge, where pupils are put forward by their teachers and answer multiple choice questions.

A number of Priory pupils earned certificates for their first round performance while Yusuf earned the highest points in school and qualified for the Junior Kangaroo round, where he went on to gain a certificate of commendation.

Year 8 Yusuf said: "My dad was a maths teacher so he encouraged me to take part."

Year 8 Freya said: "You do the challenge in a classroom and the questions get harder the further you get. The later questions can be tricky."

Well done to our top twelve pupils:

Gold - Yusuf Y. Silver - Jamal C, Jacob H, Callum G-V, Eden B, Sophie P, Ben C, William I, Clara B, Dylan H, Charlie McC, Freya Y.

Mr Hunter  
Maths Teacher

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# Priory Pupils Crack Their Way To Win at LUSoM's Cyber Day



*"Priory pupils were amazing in showing off their code breaking skills especially as they were competing against three other schools", says Mrs Qadri, Head of ICT & Computing.*

The Year 10 GCSE Computer Science pupils took part in a cyber themed workshop /escape room event at Lancaster University School of Mathematics on 6 July.



The college had organised for Tablet Academy to set up the scenario for the activities. Students were provided with an opportunity to learn more about cryptography and the mathematics behind it. It allowed them to develop and show off their code-cracking skills in a unique escape room environment. The event also supported the skills pupils have learnt in their GCSE Computer Science lessons.



During the cyber-themed workshop, pupils were 'locked' into a crisis centre and had to work together, against the clock, to solve a series of cryptic clues in order to prevent a cyber-attack from being released upon the nation's infrastructure and return control of the RAF's ground observation satellite Carbonite 2. Only once the virus is stopped can they leave their posts!

The 'Cyber Security Crisis Activity' was an off-shoot of the popular 'escape room' model in which students must solve clues in order to open physical locks and/or unlock password-protected files. The day consisted of a hypothetical

cyber attack and clues to help the pupils crack the codes.

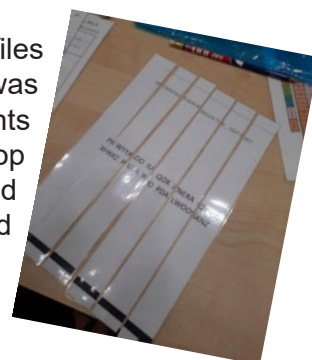


Students were split up into small groups and assigned a laptop which was password protected.



They were given a few clues to try and work out what the password was. Pupils used the Caesar Cipher wheel to work out a message and then went onto using a tape measure with letters on it to find out the password.

A USB stick with a lot of files with text and images was provided to the students to use with the laptop which the students had to search through to find hidden messages.



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Students had to edit and manipulate an audio file to find a secret message and then change the colour and brightness on an image to find a hidden sentence.

Students then had to open an image in a program and link the numbers with elements on a science periodic table to find the final clue to use the first three numbers of a suspect's national number. Those three numbers were crucial to open a brief case and win the task.

## What did you think of your visit, Year 10?

Megan H said, *"We used a cephass caesar, found hidden messages and reversed audio to find a password and prevent a hypothetical satellite from exploding. It was a lot of fun and we also got a tour of the college!"*

Issac S said, *"We had a challenging task of finding the pass code to a briefcase through a series of cyphers and codes. We were tasked to stop the virus 'Stuxnet'."*

*"Overall, LUSoM was a brilliant and challenging experience that showed us all what a brilliant place it really was!"*

Zack H said, *"We stopped a group of hackers from taking down a satellite network by using clues left by the hackers to crack and disable the virus."*

*"We had to break into a laptop using the hackers info and details and when we got in we had to read through the meta data of the hackers personal pictures and audio recordings. Overall it was fun and we had a great time at LUSoM."*

Silas H-R said, *"We went to Lancaster University School of Mathematics to stop a cyber security attack called Stuxnet, I loved it and it was exciting."*

**A proud Mrs Qadri added,** *"Our school teams finished way before all the other school teams and were given extra challenges to keep them busy!"*

**Well done to the winning team: Megan H, Sarah S and Issac S!**



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# Coming to Priory Autumn term 2023

# LEGALLY BLONDE

EVERY YEAR  
**people drown**  
IN OPEN WATER AROUND LANCASHIRE



## Water safety advice

As temperatures rise, it's tempting to cool off with a swim in a river, canal, lake or reservoir. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service is regularly called to rescue people who have got into trouble in the water.

### What are the dangers?

- ⚠ There is no supervision.
- ⚠ The cold water temperature can claim your life in minutes - even if you are a strong swimmer.
- ⚠ It's difficult to estimate the depth of the water. It may be much deeper or much shallower than expected.
- ⚠ There are often no suitable places to get out of the water due to steep slimy banks or sides.

- ⚠ There is no way of knowing what lies beneath - there could be weeds, pipes, shopping trolleys, sharp metal or broken bottles.

- ⚠ Swimming in open water can lead to a variety of serious illnesses.

- ⚠ There may be hidden currents. Flowing water or swimming in the sea can be especially dangerous.

- ⚠ Alcohol and swimming don't mix - perception and capability are both affected by drinking.

### What should I do if I see someone in difficulty?

Alert someone, preferably a lifeguard. Or, dial 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service. Explain your location clearly and describe any landmarks.

## Enjoy the water safely this summer

- ✓ Swim somewhere safe - the swimming baths.
- ✓ Obey the warning signs around reservoirs, lakes, canals, rivers and at the beach.
- ✓ Value your own safety first - jumping into the water to rescue pets or belongings can be highly dangerous.
- ✓ Know what to do in an emergency - ring 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service. Explain your location clearly and describe any landmarks.
- ✓ Enjoy organised water sports in a safe environment - with the correct equipment and a qualified instructor.



Have fun at your local swimming pool

# dying for a dip?

# Don't risk it

BE SAFE AROUND WATER

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# FREE FOOTBALL THIS SUMMER!

EVERY FRIDAY  
FROM 2PM - 4PM  
PENWORTHAM PRIORY  
ACADEMY  
PR1 0JE

\*ENTER VIA THE GATE AT THE BOTTOM OF CROW HILLS ROAD\*

THE 4G WILL BE OPEN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE **AGED 12-16** TO PLAY FOOTBALL COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE. NO BOOKING NECESSARY, SIMPLY TURN UP AND PLAY.

PLEASE BRING A DRINK AND WEAR APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR

PLEASE CONTACT  
MATTHEW.LLOYD@SOUTHTRIBBLE.GOV.UK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

 South Ribble



# Summer Fun

at The British Commercial Vehicle Museum

Wednesday 26th July: Curious Critters Workshop	Friday 4th August: Ruby & Blu Slime Workshop
Wednesday 9th August: Vehicle Craft Session	Wednesday 16th August: Fun Science Workshop
Friday 18th August: Vehicle Craft Session	Wednesday 23rd August: Curious Critters Workshop
Thursday 24th August: Vehicle Craft Session	Thursday 31st August: Fun Science Workshop

Please note **pre-booking is required** for all workshops & activities! To book, please give us a call on 01772 451011.

For prices please see our Facebook page @bcvmt  
British Commercial Vehicle Museum, King Street, Leyland, Lancashire, PR25 2LE  
Registered Charity Number: 328539

## Chilli Challenge Winners

Well done to our latest Chilli Challenge winners.

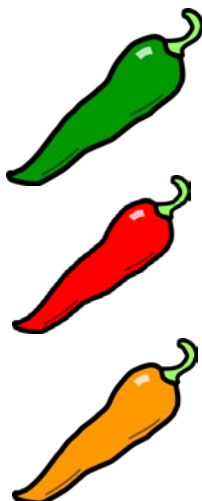
W/e 20 July

Year 7 Ben C - D2  
Year 7 Ruth W - R5  
Year 9 Sophia T - R5  
Year 10 Leon A - D1

This was also an interhouse competition and the leaders were those with the most individual entries.

Well done to Calder who have come out on top!

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




# Comedy Bingo

Presented by Comedian Brendan Riley  
comedybingo.co.uk

**Saturday 22nd of July**  
**New Longton Village Hall**  
**Raising Funds for St. Teresa's J.F.C**

Doors 7.00pm Show 7.30pm  
(Full Bar Available On The Night)  
Tickets £12 Includes Bingo Cards, Over 18's Only

For Tickets & Info  
Call or Text Louise on 07920281935

New Longton Village Hall, Boundary close, New Longton, Preston, PR4 4BD

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/comedy-bingo-night-on-saturday-22nd-july-will-be-the-night-not-to-be-missed-tickets-644881426707

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# THE GREAT BIG SCHOOL UNIFORM POP UP SHOP & ADVICE SERVICES 2023

In Partnership with TippyToes Babybank



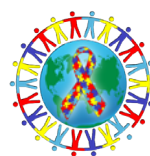
## Do you need uniform for September 2023?

- We have collected clean, wearable, outgrown or unused South Ribble uniforms - available from two locations in our borough. All families welcome, all stock is free, we are here to support you & encourage reusing & recycling
  - Our partner advice services will join us on different days - such as Citizens Advice, CAP Debt Advice, DWP, Gateway Officers, Lancashire Fire & Rescue & many more. Find us on facebook for further details - [www.facebook.com/schoolpopupshopSR](http://www.facebook.com/schoolpopupshopSR)
- For all queries contact: [sam.jones@southribble.gov.uk](mailto:sam.jones@southribble.gov.uk)

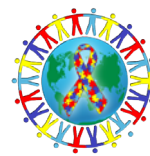
DONATIONS STILL NEEDED!

### POP UP SHOP WILL BE OPEN:

Civic Centre, Leyland, PR25 1DH  
Monday 24 July - Friday 28 July 10-3pm  
Monday 31 July - Friday 4 August 10-3pm  
Monday 7 August - Thursday 10 August 10-3pm  
Withy Grove Sports Hub, Bamber Bridge, PR5 6YJ  
Monday 14 - Friday 18 August 10-3pm



**Aspris** Children's Services



Oliver House, a specialist autism provision, are offering free training to parents.

There will be two courses:

**Autism & Communication** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September

**Autism & ADHD** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October

**Autism & Behaviour** – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

**Autism & Executive Functioning** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

The courses will run from 10am to 12 noon and there are 80 places on each course. Tea & coffee will be provided.

Please note that if you wish to attend you **must** book on the courses. Please contact Jenny Powell at Oliver House School on 01257 220011 to book.

**Venue: Valley Church, Fourfields, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 6GS**

## School Nurse Drop-In Clinic



The School Nurse service runs a regular drop in at your school, where you can attend as required to access support, or for any health advice.

Your School Nurse is Gill

Date.....Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September .....

Time.....Break & Lunch time.....

Place.....



Scan this QR code to access our website:



Scan this QR code to send a message to our confidential messaging service, ChatHealth

For further information please contact: [info@hcrq.co.uk](mailto:info@hcrq.co.uk)



IF YOU'RE **11-19** TEXT YOUR **SCHOOL NURSE**  
**07507330510**

WE HELP STUDENTS WITH ALL KINDS OF THINGS LIKE...

**EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELLBEING** **BULLYING**  
**SELF HARM** **ALCOHOL** **SMOKING**  
**DRUGS** **HEALTHY EATING** **SEXUAL**  
**CONTRACEPTION** **HEALTH**

Text us for *confidential* advice & support

We do not usually inform your parents, teachers or anyone else if you contact the school nurse. We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact a member of school staff or your doctor. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). Prevent the school nurse from sending messages to you by texting STOP to our number. Please respect your schools mobile phone policy. Messages are charged at your usual rate.



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**FANTASY  
PREMIER  
LEAGUE**

## Join Priory's Fantasy Football League

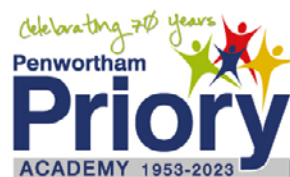
**Sign up to the Fantasy Premier League website (or use your existing account if you already have one) and compete against Priory pupils and staff.**

Join the private 'Priory FPL' league using the link:  
<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/7899z3>

**Sign up before Friday, 11 August 2023.** Team names must be appropriate!

Prizes announced once sign ups have been completed. If you beat Mr Owen, you will definitely win a prize! **ANY QUESTIONS?** See Mr Owen or Mr Raynor.

- Use your **problem-solving skills** to build a team of Premier League footballers.
- Use your **arithmetic skills** to make sure you stay within budget at all times.
- Use your **organisation skills** to make wise transfers, planning ahead for each game-week.
- Win prizes based on your performance.



**Enjoy the Summer!**

School has now closed for the Summer break. We wish all our families the very best for a happy, safe and healthy summer.  
See you in September!

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