

Penwortham Priory Post



Priory's First Head Prefects Go Back to School

Priory's first Head Boy and Girl were reunited after almost 66 years apart and had the chance to meet the incumbents of the posts.

Sonia Ward (nee Taylor) is now 82 and was invited back to Priory by Principal, Mr Eastham, to have a look around the school earlier this year.

The school opened in 1953 with Sonia among the first group of pupils to join and she became Head Girl of Penwortham Secondary Modern School, as it was then, in 1955.

Her return story was featured in the newspapers and on the school website and she mentioned the Head Boy then – Roy Rich.

Roy saw the story and immediately contacted the school and the two met up again for the first time since they left Priory.



"I saw it in the newspaper and made contact with the school," said Roy. "I have got lost already as it's totally different!"

"It's weird as both Sonia and I went to work at County Hall, it's a vast place, and we never saw each other so this is the first time I have seen her."

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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

Mon, 10 October

Extra Curricular Clubs Fair, Assembly Hall
Lunchtime

Weds, 12 October

Year 7 Parents Evening
3.30pm-6.30pm (in person)

Thurs, 13 October

Year 9 Creative Cookery Workshop after school until 4.30pm
(booking essential)

Tues, 18 October

Year 10 Parents Evening
4pm-8pm (online)

Weds, 19 & Fri, 21 October

REARRANGED DATES
Year 10 (plus some Year 11) GCSE Geography
Wycoller Field Trip

24-28 October

Half term

Fri, 4 November

STEAM Careers Event
(in school)

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Sonia said: "It's amazing, as soon as I saw Roy I recognised him immediately. I haven't seen him since I was 16 but he still looks the same!"

Priory, which celebrates its 70th anniversary this next year, has changed a lot with a new science laboratory building, a humanities building and IT block among other additions.

"My son Graham, who now teaches in Spain, attended Priory so my last visit would be with him when he left to go to Runshaw College." said Roy, 82, who finished his career as the Local Government Review Officer for Lancashire County Council.

"It was an honour to be Head Boy then, one of my jobs was to instil a little bit of discipline. Smoking was a big thing then so my job was to report it to the Head Master.

"Being back at Priory brings back a lot of memories, a lot of good memories. I remember upstairs was a domestic area for boys and girls and I learnt shorthand and typing which stood me in good stead for my job at County Hall.

"I left school with four O'Levels, I was one of the first to take O'Levels. I had the chance to go to Hutton Sixth Form but I went straight into work at County Hall, that's what most people did then."

The duo looked at archive photographs of their time at Priory with the new Head Prefects, Fatima, Ben and Taylor.

"I remember we had to work hard in the gym, we had to climb the rope all the way to the top," laughed Sonia.

Fatima said: "It was amazing looking at the photographs. It's weird as some of it looks like a different school although some parts look the same with different decorations. It's great to be able to meet Sonia and Roy and follow in their footsteps."

One thing that hasn't changed is football – Roy was in the Priory football team and Taylor was happy to share football stories with Roy!

They gave Sonia and Roy a tour around the school and Taylor added: "It was a pleasure to meet them and hear their stories."



Above: Sonia, Roy and Mr Eastham with our current Head and Senior Prefects

Below: Sonia and Roy on the second row, furthest right.



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Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Parents Evenings Year 7 & 10

reminder

THERE ARE STILL MANY PARENTS WHO HAVE NOT YET MADE AN APPOINTMENT. If you are unable to attend please still log in to indicate this.

To facilitate these events we use a web-based program called 'SchoolCloud Parents Evening'.

This year, Year 7 parents are invited into school to meet their child's form tutor in person, whilst the Year 10 parents evening will take place online.

Year 7 Weds, 12 October 2022

Year 10 Tues, 18 October 2022

Copies of the letters to Year 7 and Year 10 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 parents to book their slot is now open.

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

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

To enable teachers to meet with as many parents/carers as possible, the appointment slot will be seven minutes for Year 7 parents to meet the form tutor, and five minutes for each appointment with Year 10 teachers. For online appointments, they will automatically stop after this time and teachers cannot extend the call.

Mr Gee
Assistant Principal



Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip REARRANGED DATES

Due to the heavy rain forecast, the Wycoller Beck trip had to be postponed this week and will now go out on Weds, 19 and Fri, 21 October.



Pupils will study a river landscape and develop their skills in measuring, observing and recording how features change along the profile of a river.

A copy of the letter can be downloaded from the school website at>>

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

Mr Watters
Lead Teacher of Geography

Year 9 Health Needs Questionnaires

During the week of 17th-21st October all Year 9 pupils will be completing the school health needs assessment questionnaires. This will be done online and during their Computing lessons.

Although not compulsory, the school nursing team would like pupils to complete the questionnaire about their health and how they feel. The findings could be helpful for pupils and for other young people. Personal information is kept confidential between pupils and the nurses.

Year 9 parents have been informed about this via email and provided with contact information for health support services.

Mrs Holland
SENCo



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Computer Science Pupils Keep Robots at Arms Length

Mrs Qadri loves giving her Year 10 Computer Science pupils a challenge – and this year it's been to build Robot Arms.

Over the years, Head of ICT & Computing Mrs Qadri, has given her pupils various tasks, including building and programming cars as well as rebuilding computers. This year her pupils are building Robot Arms to help with their programming skills as an additional extra to their class.

"They have enjoyed the challenge," said Mrs Qadri. "They programmed them to play Jenga which was fun! Some pupils have been more successful than others, it's great to see how eager some pupils are to do it, but they have all had a go."

Nathan said: "I wanted to build the Robot Arms as quickly as I could so I came in at lunch-time and break-times and I finished it in a week.

"I enjoyed it – it's something I looked forward to and it's fun.

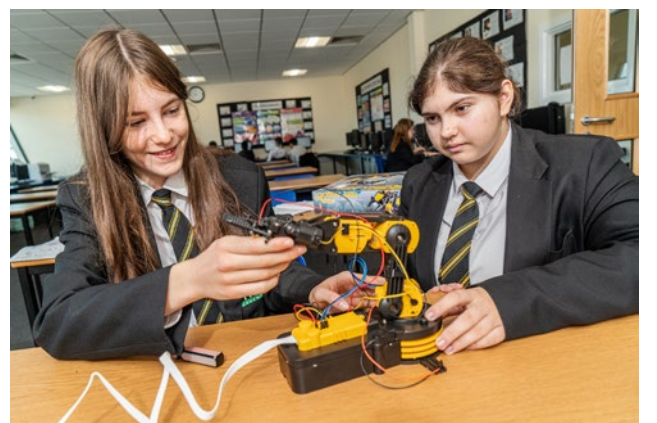
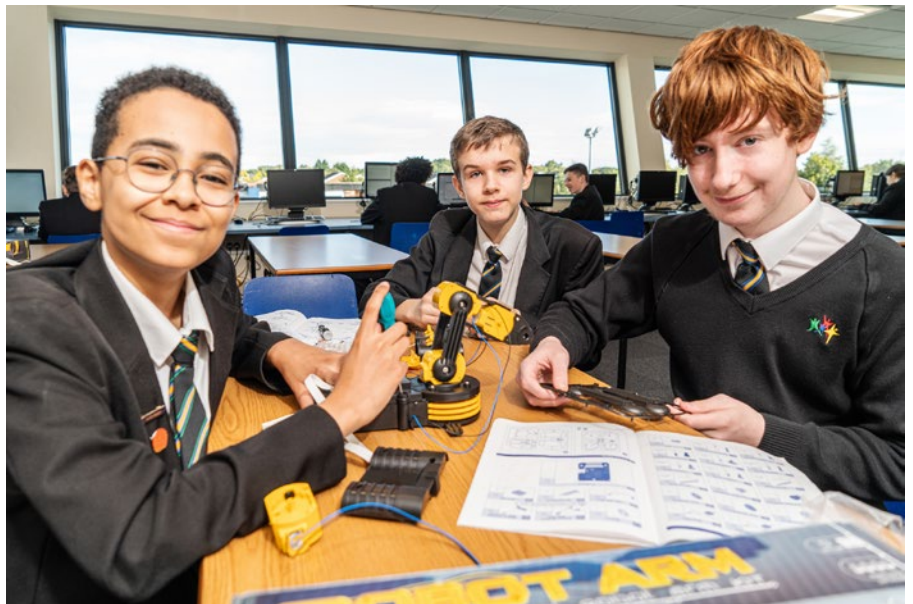
"I build remote controlled cars with my dad so it is something I do in my spare time."

Issac said: "It's quite difficult to do but it's a nice challenge. I have been working with a group and we have had a few setbacks but you learn from them!"

Megan added: "I have been working on my own and it took me around two weeks to build my Robot Arm although I have had a snapped wire and it was taken apart at Open Evening so I am rebuilding it.

"I have learnt a lot about programming from doing this and I would like to do something with STEM in the future."

Mrs Qadri
Head of ICT
& Computing



Introducing The Priory+ Award

In the last couple of weeks we have introduced a new award to pupils to encourage and reward them for working on their own Personal Development.



At Penwortham Priory Academy we believe that strong Personal Development provision contributes to making a positive difference to pupils' lives. The opportunities provided not only allow them to engage in activities they are interested in, but enables them to explore and build a strong pathway to, and foundation for, a successful future.

Our activities fit into five overarching strands, which supplement our Character and Culture Personal Development sessions in Learning for Life. There are five strands:

Culture & Heritage

Growing up in Britain we benefit from learning about a wide range of cultural influences. We have an ability to recognise, and value, the things we all share in common across cultural, religious, ethnic and socio-economic communities. The activities in this strand allow pupils to explore different aspects of culture and heritage which are of personal interest to them.

Future Citizens

These activities shape understanding and attitudes towards the importance of community cohesion and how we can truly live together more harmoniously through activities. Pupils are encouraged to participate in volunteering, organising and participating in charity events, in school, at home and in the community.



Health and Wellbeing

Pupils will explore aspects of health and wellbeing that interest or impact them and their family. Activities cover themes such as mental and physical wellbeing, food, health, substance misuse, and relationships.

Skill Builders

Pupils will have the opportunity to develop key life attributes and skills which contribute to character development as well as being desirable by employers. Pupils will discover their own strengths and aptitudes, and inspire and develop themselves as individuals. Experiences gained through these activities can inform CVs, applications, and interviews, particularly to demonstrate use of soft skills.

Bright Futures

Preparing pupils for the next stage of their lives and giving them impartial information, advice and guidance, to shape their career path is important to us.

Rewards

Priory+ is rewarded with a star badge, certificates for pupil's Record of Achievement, and Achievement Points towards trips. On completion of activities which are LORIC in nature, pupils will also receive certificates towards the main PiXL Edge Award at Apprentice level.

Rewards

PiXL Edge

Criteria

Pupils will achieve a star when they: **Complete one activity from each of the five strands, in each term, from the activities' spreadsheets. One activity must be a co-curricular club/activity/group from the timetable provided.**

Parental Involvement

We would welcome parents support by:

- encouraging their child to attend clubs in/out of school
- encouraging their child to consult the spreadsheets of activities (accessible via Teams)
- guiding them through completion of any home activities where necessary.
- encouraging them to write-up their learning on A5 for their Personal Development Journey files in school.
- reminding them to show this to their form tutor

We are excited to see the activities our young people choose and use this award to get to know more about them and their interests.



Extra Curricular Clubs Fair

Monday | Lunch Time | Assembly Hall

Come and see what's on offer at Priory beyond lesson time.



Priory's Extra Curricular Club Fair will take place next Monday, 10 October, at lunch time in the assembly hall.

Organised by Head of Year 7, Mrs Farley, the event will provide a picture of Priory's clubs, sports and other activities provision. All departments will be represented with lunch and after-school clubs such as art, chess, sports, drama, computing, science and much, much more. And, along with homework club, there is something for everyone!

Come along, talk to the staff, meet current club members and see what you can do to enhance your personal development whilst having fun.

Scholastic Book Fair - Thank you!

The Book Fair has now left us for another year and we are very pleased to report that this year was our best year ever!

Over £460 worth of books was purchased by our pupils which has allowed us to take £222 worth of books back from Scholastic for our own school library.



Mrs Elliott, English teacher and Chief Librarian, said "This is just amazing! We have also bought some books using the library budget but the £222 is a direct result of the children's enthusiasm for books (and pointers!)."

Here are librarians Abbie, Jake, Esa, George and Menna with a selection of the books that will be heading on to the shelves.

Thank you to everyone that has supported us!

*Mrs Elliott
English Teacher*



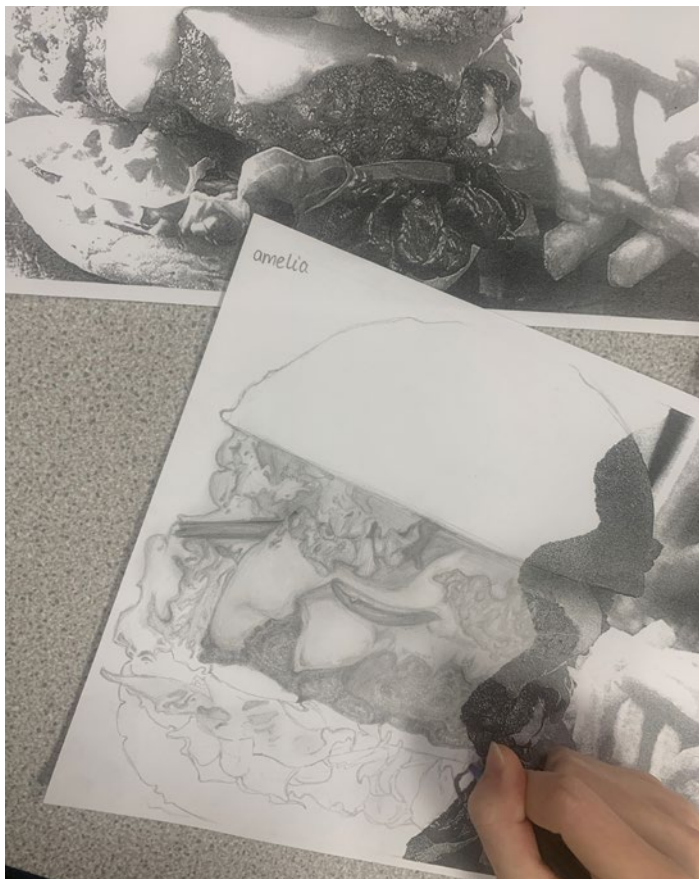
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Year 9 are continuing to learn how to use a pencil and observation skills to draw, shade and add texture.

This is a sample of this week's work from Amelia and Tilly.

Mrs Hopes
Lead Teacher of Art



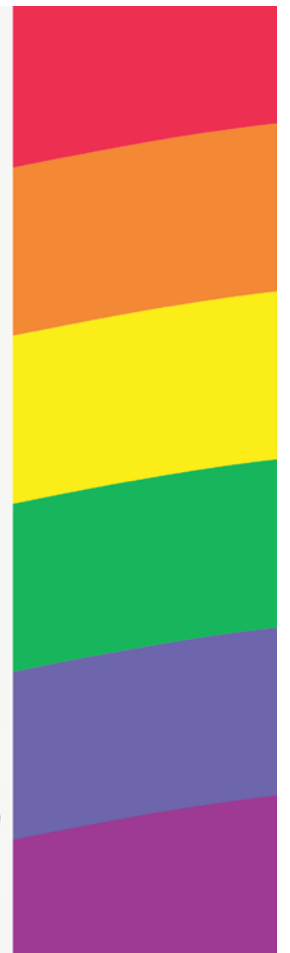
Equality and Diversity club

In EN1 every Monday lunch time starting from 26th September.

Come along to help promote equality and diversity at Priory!

We talk about LGBTQ+ related issues, disability equality, racial and religious equality, and so much more!

Pride is for everyone!



Preston Music Centre

JOIN OUR BRAND NEW POP AND ROCK CHOIR

No auditions - just come along
STARTS 3rd NOVEMBER

Thursdays 4.45pm - 5.45pm, Fulwood Academy PR2 9YR

Only £25 per TERM! Support may be available for families on low incomes.

Contact Chris Cull (Head of Preston Music Centre)
07708 296910 christopher.cull@lancashire.gov.uk

www.lancashiremusicclub.co.uk



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South Ribble U16 Athletics

Last Monday saw our Year 10s and 11s enter teams into the South Ribble U16 Athletics Championships, held at UCLAN Sports Arena.

Pupils were selected after winning their respective events at our school Sports Day in July. Podium finishes were achieved by Cameron H (Silver in the Discus), Jake H (Gold in the Triple Jump) and Corey M (Gold in the Long Jump and Silver in the Javelin).



Last Thursday, PNE Community & Education Trust reached over 200 pupils when they came to Priory to deliver Rugby League activities.

Year 9 boys, Logan and Xander, pictured, were involved and also play for a Preston & South Ribble Rabbitohs junior team whose formation was supported by the Trust.

The rugby league activities built participation and interest in the sport ahead of the delayed Rugby League World Cup tournament starting in England next month, with the Welsh national team set to be based in Preston for training!



Year 9 Swimmer Reaches Top 10 in North West Rankings



Swimmer Charlotte is aiming to make a big splash - and has set her sights on the 2028 LA Olympics!

Year 9 Charlotte has been swimming for around four years and competes for Leyland Barracudas. She has represented Lancashire and the North West in 400m and 800m Freestyle for the Under 13 age group.

"I do prefer the longer distances," said Charlotte.

"I am dedicated, I train eight times a week and two days are very early mornings at Leyland Leisure Centre.

"I really enjoy it, I enjoy competing."

Charlotte, who is friends with former Priory pupil Libby who is on the GB training camp for synchronised swimming, is currently ranked third fastest for this year in Lancashire for 800m and seventh for 400m. In the North West, she is ninth fastest so far this year over 800m.

"I competed in a North Lancs swimming meeting recently and came first in the 800m and fourth in the 400m.

"When I started swimming, it was just for myself but now I look up to the likes of Adam Peaty.

"It was great watching all the Olympic and European Championship swimming on TV over the summer and that has inspired me even more.

"I know it will take a lot of dedication but my aim is the 2028 LA Olympics, it's a big goal."



Event Rankings (Last 12 Months)								
Female - Short Course - 800m Freestyle - North West - 13 Years Age Group - At 31st December 2022								
Rank	Name	Ranked Club	YoB	Meet Name	Venue	Level	Date	Time
1	Amelie Blockidge	Co Salford	09	Wigan Best SC Future Stars Open Meet	Wigan			
2	Evie Clare	Stockport Mo	09	NW Winter Regional Swimming Championships (25m)	Manchester	2	26/11/21	9:08.90
3	Abbie Roscoe	Wirral Metro	09	Wirral Metro 3rd Summer Development Meet	Birkenhead	2	06/11/21	9:13.65
4	Evie Cutter	Wigan	09	Wigan SC Distance Meet 2022	Wigan	3	19/06/22	9:26.25
5	Olivia Watts	Warrington W	09	Cheshire County WP&SA County Championships 2022	Macclesfield	4	09/01/22	9:40.78
6	Amelia Gerrard	Warrington W	09	Wirral Metro 3rd Summer Development Meet	Birkenhead	2	29/01/22	9:51.84
7	Jasmine Bouaziz	Warrington W	09	Wigan Best SC Future Stars Open Meet	Birkenhead	3	19/06/22	9:55.09
8	Isabel Hitchmough	Warrington W	09	Wirral Metro 3rd Summer Development Meet	Wigan	2	26/11/21	9:58.27
9	Charlotte M	Leyland Barr	09	North Lancs S&WPA Level 2 Meet	Birkenhead	3	19/06/22	10:00.64
10	Isabelle Fletcher	Windsford	09	Windsford Club Championships 2022	Blackpool	2	17/09/22	10:08.00
11	Kate Roberts	Leyland Barr	09	Leyland Barracudas Distance Gala 2022	Windsford	4	18/09/22	10:09.95
12	Caitlin Postolachi Suciu	Co Salford	09	City of Salford Inter Club Long Distance Meet	Leyland	4	11/06/22	10:10.08
13	Amelia Fitzmaurice	Windsford	09	Wigan Best SC Future Stars Open Meet	Broughton	4	18/12/21	10:14.62
			09	Wigan Best SC Future Stars Open Meet	Wigan	2	26/11/21	10:15.15

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A Model Start for Year 7 Science Pupils



Year 7s Wren and Georgia came top of the class after they were joint winners of a Science Summer Competition.

Run by Assistant Head of Science Miss Nouraghaei, it was a voluntary task over summer to prepare the new Year 7s for life at Priory. The competition was to make a scientific model or presentation on a topic of their choice.

Wren chose to make a 3D design of the Solar System, including facts on each planet, while Georgia selected an animal cell, also providing information on her design.

“The Science Department chose Wren and Georgia as the winners of the Scientific Model Competition,” said Mrs Nouraghaei.

“We loved the attention to detail on Georgia’s model and the great information that came with it.

“Wren’s model of the Solar System included lots of amazing facts about each planet which we enjoyed reading.

“Thank you and well done to everyone who took part in this extension task, with the models now being displayed in the science department.”



Georgia said: “It took a while to make my model but I enjoyed doing it.”

Wren added: “I learnt a lot about the Solar System while making my model.”

Miss Nouraghaei
Assistant Head of Science

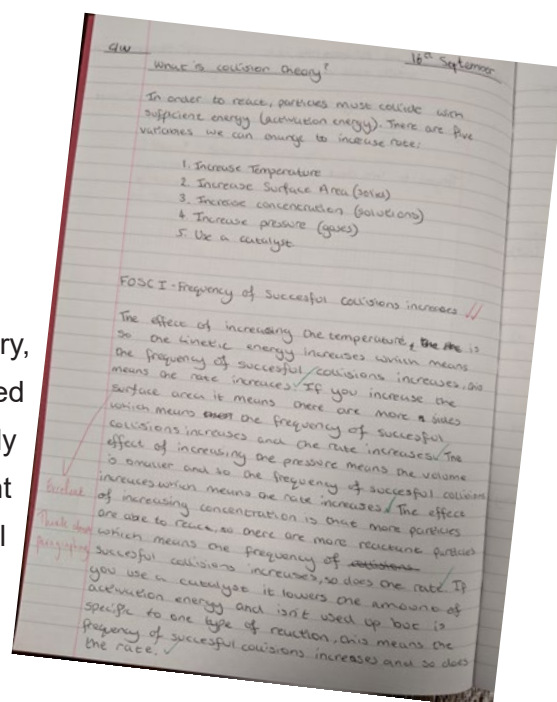


Work Of The Week

Ally R (Year 11)

W/e 20 September

Year 11 students have been learning about rate of reaction in chemistry, studying the factors that can cause the rate to change. This detailed piece of writing states the factors that affect rate, as well as clearly explaining why each one causes a change. In the subsequent lessons, students have been testing the theory through practical investigations.



SENECA: Keep Up The Good Work!

As you will probably know, Science, English and Computer Science are all using Seneca as a platform for homework, allowing students easy access to purposeful, evidence-based learning activities. Students are set weekly homework tasks using Seneca, which gives the opportunity to revisit past content, read subject specific text, and answer short questions with immediate feedback.

Please also be aware that Seneca can be used beyond just the assigned homework tasks, including for subjects not listed above. It is ideal for revision purposes for most subjects. If you are unsure how to do this, please email Mr Bedford at d.bedford@priory.lancs.sch.uk



The Seneca School Leader Board

Each time a student works on a Seneca task, a point score is assigned based on effort, success and completion. It then displays a leader board of local schools using Seneca based on total scores. Last week, Priory were top of the leader board for all local schools by a significant margin! This is testament to the on-going hard work of students across all years, fulfilling the Priory Standard and 'learning to succeed'.

Mr Bedford
Head of Science

School name	XP
1 Penwortham Priory Academy Preston, Lancashire	848,976
2 The Hyndburn Academy Blackburn, Lancashire	780,096
3 Marsden Heights Community College Nelson, Lancashire	404,298
4 Eden Boys' School, Preston Preston, Lancashire	319,842
5 Hodgson Academy Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire	315,672
6 Walton-Le-Dale High School Preston, Lancashire	303,944
7 Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School Preston, Lancashire	293,148
8 Tarleton Academy Preston, Lancashire	257,600
9 Carr Hill High School Preston, Lancashire	239,715

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Don't Forget Our School Lottery!

Next Draw
Sat, 8 October
and every Saturday

The school's 'Your School Lottery' is part of the Gatherwell Ltd lottery group which was established with a core value of being an ethical lottery provider to help schools facing growing financial pressure.

By taking part, the pupils here at Priory will benefit directly regardless of who wins as every penny raised goes straight back to our school. There is a guaranteed cash winner for the school each week and the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!

Play along! It's easy to get your tickets online - only £1 each.

You can choose to set up a direct debit, a recurring card payment or a one-off payment by card (the minimum term for this is 5 weeks at £5). If you're able to take part, please visit our 'Your School Lottery' page to purchase your tickets >>

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/penwortham-priory-academy

For further details and FAQs please see below or visit our website at:

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/fundraising-priory/school-lottery

Good Luck!

This Term's Extra Prize: Harry Potter Bundle

Fancy winning tickets to the Warner Bros Studio Tour and a family trip to see the mind-boggling Harry Potter and the Cursed Child at the Palace Theatre?

Every half term, there's an additional prize up for grabs. Buy one or more tickets before Sat, 29 October and each ticket gives you a chance to win.



SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

£1 per week
Weekly cash prizes
£25,000 jackpot

How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Penwortham Priory Academy

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at YourSchoolLottery.co.uk by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Penwortham Priory Academy

Splitting the £1.00

- 40p goes to our school
- 36p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means
= £30 weekly cash prize
= £2,080 a year for our school

To start supporting, visit:
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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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What's the best thing you've learnt this week?

Every week, teaching staff, venture out of the classroom to chat with our pupils and find out what they've really enjoyed the most about their learning this week.

Here's what they said:

Emma B and Zane H (Year 9) have enjoyed their lessons on the suffragettes with Miss Ackers, they said: *"We enjoyed the essay writing lesson because Miss is so enthusiastic and provides us with sentence starters and easy to understand instructions when it comes to each paragraph."*

Indi J (Year 9) spoke about his English lesson with Mrs Gidden *"I've enjoyed reading 'An Inspector Calls' in English; I like the way we all get to play different parts."*

Riley C and Yusef (Year 9) told us about their French lesson with Mrs Scully, they have *"enjoyed learning key vocab in French by playing snap, matching the English to the French."* Yusef was very happy to have won but Riley is sure he'll win next time!

Miss Norraghaeti
Assistant Head
of Science



Eco Club

By the end of the year the club has ambitions to achieve the Eco School accreditation gold award for the school.



OUR MISSION: To be a school that cares about the local and wider environment and takes action to improve it.

Come along and, together, let's see what a difference we can make. Open to all year groups.

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Massey or Mrs Roberts in SC1/SC2 or message via Teams Chat.

Upcycling Clothes Project

Starts Mon, 31 October after school

Eco Club's first project is 'upcycling clothes' which will coincide with Recycling Week (17-23 October). If you want to get involved, please see Mrs Massey.

Eco Committee



We are looking for pupils who are interested in the natural world and making a positive impact on the school and local environment.



- We will meet regularly to discuss issues concerning the school environment
- Run initiatives eg, competitions, art projects, community projects.
- We will look to appoint a chair, secretary. Along with other roles such as communication director and primary/community liaison.
- Pupils from all year groups welcome.

See Mrs Massey (Sc1) for more details or message on Teams.



English Department



Our Bedrock Blasters

As many parents and carers will know, Bedrock is a staple English Language homework that is completed online at home once weekly with a view to boosting our Key Stage 3 learners' vocabulary. It runs exclusively in Years 8 and 9 only.

All Year 8 & 9 learners are expected to complete two online 'lessons' a week but those who go over and above and make good progress will feature in our 'Bedrock Blasters' weekly.

Top improvement made since September

Emma B	9E1	1440%
Max B	9W3	560%
George F	9W3	381%
Poppy I	9W2	355%

Top 4 on topic completion since September

Emily P	9E2	4
Layla H	9W3	3
Rhea B	9E1	3
Charlie N	9W2	3

Our AR Racers

We now have a display in the library where each class has a car and we're racing across the library based on word count!

Year 7

Sienna G	562,671
Ellie T	365,170
Sophie P	331,295
William D	272,084
Sa B	258,169

Year 8

Jessica D	786,676
Zach M	240,669

Year 9

Jane W	523,560
Abbie S	317,493
Emily P	479,920



If you want to find out more about Accelerated Reader:

Accelerated Reader is a computer-based program that schools may use to monitor reading practice and progress. It helps teachers guide pupils to books that are on their individual reading levels. Pupils take short quizzes after reading a book to check if they've understood it. Further information at

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/reading/accelerated-reader

English Scholars of the Week

Every week, the English department looks for its 'Scholar of the Week'. To get nominated by a staff member is pretty prestigious given we see everyone in school for 5 hours a week!

Pupils who stand out in their effort, attitude to learning or presentation will make the cut. Then, the team choose the very best piece of work and photograph it.

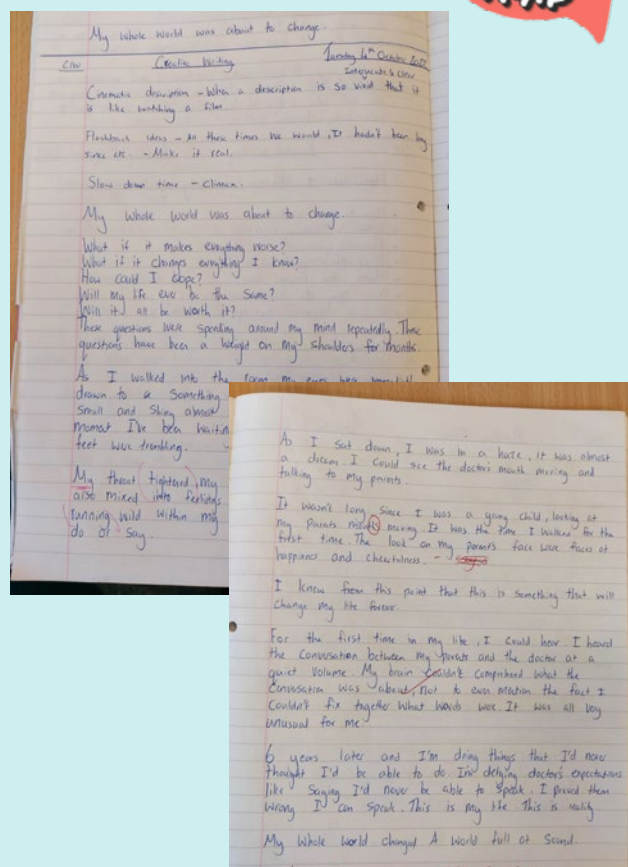
Scarlett S (Year 11)

Year 11 are practicing skills relating to Language Paper One and creative writing with the brief: 'an unforgettable moment'.

Scarlett chose to write about the day she could hear for the first time, when she had her cochlear implants fitted - read opposite.

Our scholars will receive achievement points as well as department recognition.

MUST READ



My whole world was about to change.

MUST READ

What if it makes everything worse?
What if it changes everything I know?
Hope could I cope?
Will my life ever be the same?
Will it all be worth it?

These questions were speeding around my mind repeatedly. These questions have been a weight on my shoulders for months.

As I walked into the room, my eyes were immediately drawn to something familiar on the table. It was a black, small and shiny, almost shaped like the letter 'R'. It's the moment I've been waiting for. My heart was pulsating, my feet were trembling.

My throat tightened, my stomach dropped. Feelings of happiness also mixed into feelings of uncertainty. My thoughts were running wild within my brain. I didn't know what to think, do or say.

As I sat down, I was in a haze, it was almost a dream. I could see the doctor's mouth moving and talking to my parents.

It wasn't long since I was a young child, looking at my parent's mouths moving. It was the time I walked for the first time. The look on my parent's faces were faces of happiness and cheerfulness.

I know from this point that this is something that will change my life forever.

For the first time in my life, I could hear. I heard the conversation between my parents and the doctor at a quiet volume. My brain couldn't comprehend what the conversation was about, not to even mention the fact I couldn't fix together what words were. It was all very unusual for me.

Six years later and I'm doing things that I'd never thought I'd be able to do. I'm defying doctor's expectations like saying I'd never be able to speak. I proved them wrong. I can speak. This is my life. This is reality.

My whole world changed. A world full of sound.

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Mrs Gidden'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, Bobby...

Football-mad Bobby is concentrating on 007 in his reading!

Year 8 Bobby is currently reading 'Young Bond: Red Nemesis' by Steve Cole.

"It's about James Bond when he was younger," said Bobby. "I like spy books and thrillers and I have seen a lot of the James Bond films."



Bobby admits his heart lies with football though!

"I am a Preston North End season ticket holder and my favourite player is Brad Potts.

"I play football for Charnock Richard as a striker.

"I prefer football to reading but I do read when I can! I enjoy my English classes."

Bobby's English teacher, Mrs Elliott added, "Although Bobby's first love is football, I'm really pleased that reading still gets a look in! Bobby is really enthusiastic in English and is always keen to take on the next challenge. We're currently reading an excerpt from Orwell's 1984. Bobby has already checked in our library and alerted me to the fact that we don't have a copy! It's now on my 'must buy next' list! A great example to his peers."

Mrs Gidden
Head of English

MaBaL

(music at break and lunch)

Bringing music to your ears!



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

We will focus on one theme each week across a genre, a country or from history. The theme could also link to the season or an event in school. Next week it's...

Music of the 1950s

Post-World War 2 saw the end of the Big Band era and the beginning of Rock'n'Roll, led by such as Fats Domino's Blueberry Hill, a song originally written in the 1940s then covered by such as Elvis and Led Zeppelin.

Teenagers bought music for the first time in the 1950s and the UK charts began. Elvis's first number 1 was 'All Shook Up' in 1957 and he proceeded to enjoy a record 22 number 1 hits in total.



Before this time, music was only available live and was, as a result, very expensive to access. It was

also the advent of the jukebox and the first time pop music became available to the masses through recorded sound on vinyl. As a result it was the advent of the commercial pop star.



More laid back genres such as Country music through such as Johnny Cash and Rhythm and Blues via the likes of Ray Charles

also developed which complemented the high energy of Rock'n'Roll.



Famous legends of the era have sadly passed away now, such as Little Richard and Chuck Berry recently, but Jerry Lee Lewis of 'Great Balls of Fire' fame is still going strong.

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

Mr Taylor
Lead Teacher of Music

Homework

CLUB



BEFORE SCHOOL

Come and join us:
Every Morning in LEAP 2
Time: 8.00am- 8.35am

AFTER SCHOOL

Come and join us:
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
in LEAP 2
Time: 3.10pm-4.15pm

Just turn up!

All year groups welcome
Use of the computers
Support available

Also open every
break and lunch



Physical Education Department Extra-Curricular Timetable (Autumn Term 1)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch – Sports Hall 13.15 – 13.50	Badminton	Basketball	Badminton	Table Tennis	Basketball
After-School 15.15 – 16.15	Year 7 & 8 Football Practice (dependent on fixtures) Year 7 – 11 Netball	Badminton Club Girls Football Practice Year 11 VCert Intervention	Staff Meetings	Cricket Basketball Club Rugby Club Primary School – Young Leaders	

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

Learn to succeed

During November and December, the community centre on Priory Lane in Penwortham will be hosting art and media classes for adults, delivered by Lancashire Adult Learning. Further information at www.lal.ac.uk



PENWORTHAM
TOWN COUNCIL



Lancashire
Adult Learning

FREE COURSE

 Lancashire Adult Learning

Colour Your Life


Priory Lane Community Centre
1000 - 1200

Start date: Tuesday 8th November
6 week course

During this course, you will expand your knowledge of colour theory and how colour reflects and affects your mood through cultural and experiential associations. You will explore different ways to achieve colour and explore the elements of art and composition as well as some to explore some basic painting techniques.

 admin.lal@nelsongroup.ac.uk  www.lal.ac.uk  0333 003 1717


FREE COURSE

 Lancashire Adult Learning

Experimental Drawing & Painting for Beginners

Priory Lane Community Centre
1300 - 1500

Start date: Tuesday 8th November 2022
6 week course



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

On the curriculum w/c 10 October

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.

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' The benefits of being involved
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Positive reinforcement: The feel good factor
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' How to deliver feedback sensitively
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Balancing importance and urgency
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Organising with clear communication

Learn to succeed

Celebrating the lives of Black people.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month

October 2022

COMPETITION
-TIME-

This year will be the 35th UK Black History Month and during October the contributions made by Black people over the years are celebrated.

Here at Priory, we are running a competition for all pupils to enter. We want you to create a piece of work that illustrates what equality, diversity and inclusion means to you.

Your entry can be in the form of a poster, a piece of art, a poem, a song or however you wish to portray it.

Entries should be submitted to Miss Makinson, Teacher of History, no later than Thursday, 20 October 2022.

1st Prize £15 Voucher | 2nd Prize £10 Voucher | 3rd Prize £10 Voucher

All pieces will be displayed.

Good luck!

Miss Makinson
Teacher of History



NHS

North West
Ambulance Service
NHS Trust

The Ambulance Academy has Launched

This free website for children and young people contains everything you need to know about careers in the ambulance service, being healthy, learning lifesaving skills and staying safe.

For Young Adults - Careers in the Ambulance Service

Are you a budding paramedic, emergency medical technician, nurse, mechanic or press officer? – there is all



the information you need to start planning your careers in the ambulance service, as well as what options you may want to start thinking about in school.

There is information on apprenticeships, volunteering, tips on applying for a job and a quiz on what career might suit you. You will also find advice about mental health, sexual health, road safety and staying safe when out and about.

www.nwas.nhs.uk/ambulance-academy/young-adults/

Runshaw College first Open Evening of the year!

The college's recent Open Day was full so please book soon to avoid disappointment.

For more information and to register, go to>> www.runshaw.ac.uk/openevent



Myerscough College has a choice of more than 30 different subjects, covering a wide range of land-based subjects (from Agriculture and Equestrian Studies to Motorsports and Veterinary Nursing.) There's also Sports Coaching and Performance routes - across Football, Rugby, Cricket, Golf and Basketball.



Myerscough College

The college has options at a range of levels within each subject, from bespoke Foundation Learning courses through to Level 3 Diploma suites and dedicated T-Level routes. Plus Apprenticeship opportunities in most subjects. Visit their Preston campus for a tour and to talk directly with staff across all programmes.

Information about transport routes, financial support and accommodation (at their Preston centre) is available here: www.myerscough.ac.uk/students/

For a full list of events, and to register go to: www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/



Myerscough College
INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

COURSE ADVICE MORNINGS

Sat 15th October
Sat 19th November
10.00am -1.00pm

School Leavers | University Degrees | Apprenticeships



The North West centre for Land-based, Sport, Engineering and Science Education



Can you help at our careers fair?

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

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

The fair takes place in school on Friday, 4 November from 8.50am-1.15pm.

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

By taking part you will help to:

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

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

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

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



Learn to succeed