

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Drama Pupils Begin 'Scratching The Surface' of Next School Production

**Priory's next play will be an educational performance in a bid to help people talk about the sensitive subject of self-harming.**

Lead Teacher of Drama Miss Howell has overseen the more light-hearted musical shows at Priory of 'Legally Blonde', 'Matilda' and 'Mary Poppins' over the years. However, there was also a performance of 'Game Over' in 2022, which explored the dangers of cyber-bullying.

'Scratching the Surface' by Mark Wheeler covers the subject of self-harming and how it affects not only the person doing it but their family and friends.

Miss Howell said: "Drama should be used for educating people as well as entertaining. We do not like to talk about certain subjects, they are taboo, such as mental health issues and especially self-harming but it's important to talk about it.

"If we talk about it, people who self-harm may realise they are not on their own and that they can ask for help. We want to raise awareness and create a safe space to talk and break down the stigma of talking about mental health."

Year 11 Alex plays the author Mark who interviews Rob, played by Caleb, who as a teenager self-harmed.

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## Key Dates

### Diary Dates

Did you know that the term dates for the academic 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)

### Mon, 18 March

Year 9 DTP/ACWY

Vaccinations

Year 10 Newman College Assembly

### Thurs, 21 March

Year 11 Faith Day

### Fri, 22 March

Year 7 & 8 Languages

House Competition

Year 10 Faith Day

### Tues, 26 March

Year 11 Parents Evening (online)

### Weds, 27 March

Easter Bingo Evening (Year 7 & Year 8)

### 27-29 March

London Trip (Year 10 & Year 11 Performing Arts pupils)

### Thurs, 28 March

End of Spring Term

Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

### Mon, 15 April

Start of Summer Term

### 15-19 April

Culture Week

### Thurs, 18 April

Runshaw College

Oxbridge Event 6.30pm

### Weds, 24 April

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

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Alex said: "I am not a big fan of musicals but playing this part was right up my street. I played a part in 'Game Over' too."

"I am Mark who interviews Rob about self-harming and his experiences with it."

Year 9 Caleb, who plays Rob, said: "I talk about self-harming, it is quite emotional and powerful."

Year 10 Ella plays Louise: "I am Rob's mum and I talk about it from a mum's perspective, about how it affects the family. It got me thinking about how self-harming affects other people."

Year 7 Ted's character is Ollie: "I am Rob's brother and I talk about how Rob's self-harming affected me."

There is also Year 7 Maci who is Girl 3. "This is very different to Legally Blonde which I was involved in but I think it has an important message."

Connie is Girl 2: "I talk about my version of self-harming and how I hide it. To me it shows how everything on the outside may not be what it seems. You never know what is going on."



The spring production will be on Tuesday, 30th April and Wednesday, 1st May starting at 7pm. Tickets are now available on SCOPay or via the School Office (cash only).

Penwortham Priory Academy  
Presents



A verbatim play by Mark Wheeler | Commissioned by Alderbrook School

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Starts 7pm | Age 12+

All Tickets £7

Directed by Miss Howell



## Year 11 Parents Evening

Tuesday, 26 March

**Booking Now Open**

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

**The link to book your slot is now live and a text has been sent to Year 11 parents.**

Full instructions on how to book and attend appointments, can be downloaded from the school website at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/parents-evenings](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/parents-evenings)

In addition, a tutorial video can be viewed by clicking on the link>>

<https://vimeo.com/473882995>



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

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

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

If you wish to meet with your child's teacher for further discussion after this, please arrange this with them during the session or via email at a later point. If you would like to speak to another member of staff, please feel free to contact them direct. A full email list can be found via our website at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list)

Mrs Bailey  
Head of year

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## Pupils are having a laugh at Comic Relief bake off

### Bake Sale & House Competition

Across Wednesday and Thursday this week, the House Leaders organised a 'Bake Off' competition to support Comic Relief.

The challenge was to impress the judges with your baking skills whilst raising money for Comic Relief with the bake sale that followed.

Credit goes to the following pupils for their wonderful bakes: Alfie C (Year 8), Agnes K (Year 10), Evie C (Year 9), Seth L (Year 9), Emma N (Year 9), Emma H (Year 10), Victoria C-C (Year 9). *(If we have missed anyone, please see Mr Raynor)*

We managed to raise over £50 over the two days, which is a wonderful amount that will be sent off to Comic Relief to help them with their mission to tackle poverty, conflict and climate change in the UK and worldwide.

Summing up the event, Technology teacher Mrs Lockwood said, "Whilst not a judge, my highlights are Year 10 Emma H's Hungarian Honey Cake and Year 9 Victoria-C-C funny face cakes." Later, Mr Raynor agreed and both girls are our winners - prizes on their way!







# Easter Bingo at Priory

## Year 7 & Year 8



There are just a few places left for our Easter Bingo fundraiser on Wednesday, 27 March.

Last year was great fun so if you don't want to miss out then simply reply to the text that has been sent to parents and include the total number of people in your party, or alternatively, visit our website and complete the short [booking form](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/events/2024-03-27-easter-bingo) at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/events/2024-03-27-easter-bingo](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/events/2024-03-27-easter-bingo).

Please see poster below or visit our website for further details>>

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2024-02-27-easter-bingo-27-march](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2024-02-27-easter-bingo-27-march)

*Thank you for your support!*

# Easter Bingo

at Penwortham Priory Academy

## Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March

Doors open at 6pm ~ Eyes down at 6.15pm  
Evening closes at 7.30pm approx.

We invite Year 7 & 8 pupils and their families to join us for a cracking evening of bingo fun.  
Egg-cellent prizes to be won!

**Free Admission | £1 a book | £5 for six books**  
**Refreshments | Tuck Shop | Raffle**

Book your place by replying to the text sent to parents or via the school website using the QR code below.



## London Theatre Trip Itinerary

In preparation for the Key Stage 4 Drama trip to London from 27 March to 29 March, an itinerary and other specific information has been issued to parents this week.

During the residential trip, pupils will get to see Les Miserables and a new British musical with great reviews, 'Standing at the Sky's Edge'. Pupils will take part in a theatre workshop, run by West End professionals, enabling them to apply their skills and gain a true insight into an industry rehearsal. The trip will also include a tour of the Royal Albert Hall and National History Museum, as well as the all-important free time for shopping!

Should parents still have questions or want to meet with Miss Howell in school regarding the trip, she will be available on Monday, 18 March from 4.30pm in the Assembly Hall. Alternatively, you may email her at [f.howell@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:f.howell@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

We would also like to remind everyone that any outstanding balances must now be paid immediately. Thank you to those who have made full payment as per the schedule.



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# Year 9 Pupil Hosts Event to Support SEN Education



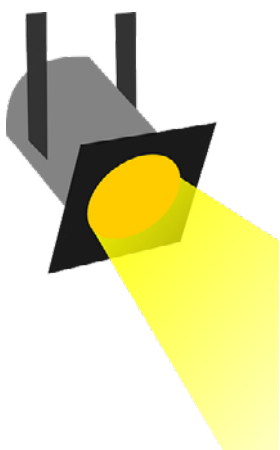
**We have featured Year 9 Yaseen in our newsletter previously as he loves trainspotting and is so enthusiastic about it.**

Yaseen is also excited about a club he attends three nights a week - an SEN Islamic education establishment, based at Frenchwood Community Primary School.

His mum says: "Yaseen is taught in a wonderful fun environment and gets individual attention. He has learnt to read the 'Quran' in Arabic and has made good friends."

On 1 March, Yaseen co-hosted an event to raise awareness of the SEN Islamic group at the Imperial Hall in Preston which was attended by the Mayor of Preston and NHS representatives. He introduced each guest speaker and spoke briefly about the establishment as it has grown significantly and needs a bigger venue.

"I enjoy going to the group on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings as I have developed a lot of new skills," he said. "We attended the event in Preston to talk about our group as we need a bigger building and more staff and it has been well received."



## Pupils In The Spotlight

Would you like to tell us about your child's achievements whether it's in sport, charity events, public speaking, drama, environmental issues, maths challenges or anything else? Maybe even someone who has overcome adversity and doesn't mind talking about it? (we like those stories!)

If this is you, please get in touch with your son/daughter's form tutor / head of year or contact the Communications Manager, Mrs Yates, via email at:

[j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

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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 Sandra and Ava...

It's amazing Sandra has time to read as she is so sporty!

When asked what Sandra does in her spare time there was a long list ranging from dance to table tennis, volleyball, trampolining, football, netball and more.

"I get it from my dad," said Sandra. "He was a professional footballer in Bulgaria before he came to England to live. He now runs FS Minibuses."

Sandra is currently reading: 'Great Women Who Worked Wonders' by Kate Pankhurst.



"It's an amazing book about women who changed the world and left a stamp on the world such as Anne Frank and Rosa Parks. It's educational and inspirational."

Sandra says her favourite subjects in school are English, Geography and Maths. "In the future, I would like to be a therapist who helps people, maybe in sport. Or I may take over my dad's company!"

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Ava is currently reading 'The Sad Ghost Club' by Lize Meddings.

"I am enjoying it," said Ava. "It's about ghosts – one sad ghost who overthinks everything and doesn't want to go out and forms a Sad Ghost Club for people who don't think they belong."

"It's interesting. My favourite author is JK Rowling. I have read all the Harry Potter books and watched the films. I like fantasy and adventure books as it takes you away for a while."

Ava's favourite subjects are English and Religious Education. In her spare time, Ava can be found dancing.

"I attend 'Rhythm' at Penwortham Community Centre every Wednesday and Sunday. We do ballet and tap, all kinds of dancing. It's just a hobby."

"In the future, I think I would like a job that helps people, especially children."



Mrs Elliott English  
Teacher and Chief Librarian

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# Year 7 Pupil Adds To Martial Arts Medal Count



Archie's home is going to be full of medals as he has collected three recently in Mixed Martial Arts.

The Year 7 attends North West Fight Academy in Preston and trains almost every day.

"I went to the British Nationals in Manchester and won four fights and lost one. I fought for the gold and silver medals and ended up collecting a bronze on the day.

"I then competed in an Empire Grappling event in Wigan. I came third in the 40kg Year 10/11 group – it is heavier than what I would normally fight at.

"Then, at the same event, I won a gold medal in the 40kg 13/14 year group.

"Earlier this month I took part in an MMA fight in Preston - this was my third MMA fight of my career and I have now won all three.



"I have got a number of events coming up in May in MMA and Ju-Jitsu."

## I Love Maths Because...

Head of Maths Mr Sneddon, along with the Maths Department, is running a competition asking pupils to say what they particularly enjoy about their subject.



Pupils are tasked with completing the following sentence, "*I love Maths because...*" and qualifying responses are rewarded with an *I love Maths* badge.

Here's why Year 7 Josh loves Maths:

**Josh...** *because I learn hundreds of new things every day. It's the best lesson of the day. I love the Maths curriculum because learning is spread out and the teachers get the message across clearly.*

**NOW, IT'S YOUR TURN...** Pupils that want to claim an 'I love Maths' badge

should simply click the link below (or check your year group Teams) to access the online form and write Mr Sneddon a few sentences explaining why you love maths. The best responses from each year group will be selected and also featured here in our article.

<https://forms.office.com/e/cAKzEBpP1H>

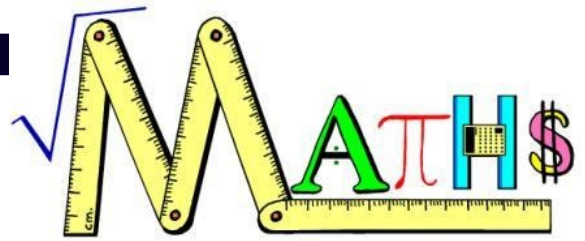


\*Photos taken on non-uniform day

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# Top Maths Pupils Achieve Gold in National Competition



Priory's Year 10 Daniel won a Gold certificate at the UKMT Intermediate Challenge and has been invited to the National Mathematics Summer School in Leeds.



United Kingdom  
Mathematics Trust

The UK Maths Trust Intermediate Challenge is for high-achieving pupils in Year 9, 10 and 11.

"It's for our top achievers and it's an hour-long challenge, with multiple choice questions focused on problem solving," said Maths teacher Mr Hunter. "It's a national competition so they are competing against pupils from all over the UK."

Year 10 Daniel was the 'Best in School' and achieved 96 points out of 135 on offer and, after excelling over a number of years with the UKMT challenges, received an invitation to attend the prestigious maths summer school.

"It does look good," said Daniel.

"It's the first time I have been Best in School at Intermediate level. I am pleased with my score although it is frustrating as, looking back, I knew straight away one question where I made a mistake and lost points."



Year 11 Josef was the 'Best in Year' and achieved 88 out of the 135 points.

Josef said: "It was very hard, I want to do Maths at A-Level and do something with science and maths in the future."

Lily also achieved Gold with 87 marks and said: "I was pleased to achieve Gold as I didn't expect it. Some of it was very tough. I want to do Maths at A-Level as well."

Year 11 Sam also celebrated Gold while Alfie achieved Silver and was Best in Year 9. He said: "It was really tricky so I was surprised I did so well."

Mr Hunter  
Maths Teacher & House Leader (Hodder)

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# English Department

## World Book Day

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BOOK  
DAY

World Book Day took place last Thursday, 7 March. Amongst the activities to celebrate the event, staff shared their own reading experiences during lessons, there was a Reading Plus challenge, and a quiz to bring a bit of fun to the day.

For this year's quiz, conjured up by Mrs Elliott, pupils had to 'Match the Shelfie with the Selfie'. Pupils were



given an entry sheet and using their detective skills and knowledge of their teachers, their task was to match the 'shelfie' picture to the correct 'selfie'. Can you guess whose shelves these belong to? (answers below)

We had over 200 entries however only eight were correct. The names were all placed in a hat and the following winner plus four runners-up were chosen.



Winner of the £10 Amazon voucher was Ella G (Year 10/R3)

Runners up - Toby H (Year 9/C5), Niamh Park (Year 10/C3), Tasha C (Year 10/C3) and Josh B (Year 9/D3) who get a mini Easter egg.

Our next competition was to see who, across World Book Week, managed to complete the most lessons on Reading Plus. For context, pupils should be aiming for five lessons a week, although realistically are hitting 3-4 during their hour reading lesson in school.



The winner, with a very impressive ten lessons, was Junaid Q (Year 9/R1) who wins a £20 Amazon voucher.

The three runners-up achieving six lessons each were Imogen C (Year 7/D2), Theo R (Year 7/D4) and Ruby S (Year 9/R2) who all win a mini Easter egg.

If these pupils haven't yet collected their prizes, please see Mrs Elliott.

Mrs Elliott English  
Teacher and Chief Librarian



Bottom: Mrs Scully, Head of Languages

Third Row: Mr Bullock, Head of PE & Sport, Mr Eccles, Lead Teacher of History

Top: Mrs Shaw, Technology Teacher, Second Row: Mrs Lawe, Head of Technology, Mrs Cowell, Vice Principal,

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## Lost and Found: Are These Yours?

There's an abundance of water bottles this half term and, if the weather improves, they will certainly be needed! There's many keys amongst our current lost property collection but reassuring the message is getting through about putting names in coats as there is significantly less than usual.

**If you can identify any items here then pupils should take a look in the lost property box in the Pastoral office.**

Lost and found property is located in the Pastoral office with the exception of PE kit which is kept by the PE Department. Please also check with the school office for any items lost that day. Valuables will be stored securely by the Pastoral office (see Mr Shipton) until their owner can be identified.

We do aim to return named items to their owner and so we cannot over-emphasise the importance of marking all property with your child's name, including ties and stationery.

All unclaimed lost property is added to the uniform bank, given to charity or is disposed of after each end of term.

The last day for collection of any of these items is Wednesday, 27 March. (If you are claiming the bag, then you will need to tell us what's inside it)

Mr Shipton  
Pastoral Manager



# NEXT ISSUE

**NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK.**

**The next issue will be out  
Tuesday, 26 March 2024.**

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# ECO Club Wants Your Batteries



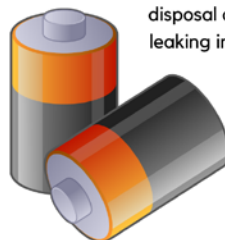
Put your used batteries in the box in the Nucleus. There will be a prize for the form that recycles the most batteries and points for the winning House too.

More information in our poster opposite or see Mrs Massey if you have any questions.



## BATTERIES RECYCLING CHALLENGE

Batteries are composed of harmful chemicals like lead, cadmium, zinc, lithium, and mercury. Improper disposal of batteries can result in these chemicals leaking into the ground, leading to soil and water pollution.



Over 600 million batteries are thrown away each year in the UK, with only one-third collected and recycled.

If you have wasted batteries come and drop them in the battery recycle bin in the nucleus. there will be a book so don't forget to register your name, class and the number of batteries you have recycled. The house that recycles the most batteries will receive house points. **This challenge starts from the 11th to the 25th of March.**

**BUT THAT'S NOT ALL** the form that recycles the most batteries receives a surprise gift!



**So let's make the world a better place one battery at a time!**

## House Points Table as at 14 March 2024

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
<b>Hodder</b>	10	4	10
<b>Calder</b>	5	11	8
<b>Ribble</b>	5	6	13
<b>Douglas</b>	5	5	14

Well done to the following houses for the previous events

Pancake Flipping – Hodder – GOLD!  
 Chilli Challenge 9/2 – Hodder – GOLD!  
 Chilli Challenge 29/2 – Douglas – GOLD!  
 Connex 4 – Ribble – GOLD!  
 Chilli Challenge 8/3 – Hodder – GOLD!  
 Girls Football – 11/3 – Hodder – GOLD!

Next Event To Be  
Announced Soon

# SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP OPEN EVENT

THURSDAY 21 MARCH, 5-7PM



PRESTON  
COLLEGE



Lancashire  
County Council



## Supported Internships for Post 16 (EHC Plans)

The Supported Internship is an academic year-long programme designed for young people aged 16-24 with an Education, Health and Care Plan, transitioning from education to paid employment. DFN Project SEARCH is a collaboration between Preston College, Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Constabulary and Hft.

The goal for each intern is to gain paid employment of 16+ hours a week. The programme provides real-life work experience placements within Lancashire County Council or Lancashire Constabulary. This is combined with onsite daily classroom sessions in employability and independent living skills, to help young people with learning disabilities and autism spectrum conditions make successful transitions to a productive adult life.

The event will be held at Preston College (see above) and anybody aged 16-24 with an EHC plan is welcome to attend. Further information at >> [www.preston.ac.uk/course-detail/school-leavers/supported-internship--dfn-project-search/SupportedInternshipDFN/](http://www.preston.ac.uk/course-detail/school-leavers/supported-internship--dfn-project-search/SupportedInternshipDFN/)

## This week's winner...

### Congratulations to 'Ms B'!

By taking part in our lottery, the pupils here at Priory will benefit directly regardless of who wins as every penny raised goes straight back to our school. Tickets are only £1 and there is a guaranteed cash winner for one of our supporters each week plus the chance to win £25,000 in the national 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 >>

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lottery/school/penwortham-priory-  
academy](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/penwortham-priory-academy)



Next Draw  
Saturday  
16 March

Penwortham  
**Priory**  
ACADEMY

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LOTTERY

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and search for: Penwortham Priory

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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## PARENT WEBINAR

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MENTAL HEALTH?



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- WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2024: 2PM – 3PM
- THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 2024: 6PM – 7PM 11AM



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## Japanese Ju Jitsu - The Martial Art of Self Defence

Penwortham Priory Academy, Crow Hills Road, Preston PR1 0JE

### Every Monday 6-7pm

There are two classes to choose from: 4yrs+ & 10yrs+

Both in the same space, so family members can train at the same time!

First Lesson FREE | £7 Per Class | Direct Debit Available

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Ages 12-16years

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Thursday 4th April 5pm until 7:30pm  
@ West Paddock Family Hub

Climbing wall  
Meal and drinks provided

Friday 12th April 7pm until 9pm  
Youth BUS @ Bamber Bridge Leisure  
Centre

Games, Arts & Crafts  
Meal and drinks provided

Friday 12th April 7pm until 9pm  
@ West Paddock Family Hub

Carnival games  
Meal and drinks provided

To enrol on any of these programs you must be  
on free school meals.

To request a booking form or ask any questions  
please contact:  
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