Penwortham Priory Post



Introducing Your Head Prefects 2023-24

Priory's new Head Prefects will begin their role at our Open Evening and are relishing their new responsibilities.

Martha, Alex, Lewis and Cameron were selected following a hustings which was held in the last week of the summer term.

Candidates had to make a presentation for three-five minutes on the following:

"Imagine you are presenting at Priory's Open Evening and you are required to give a talk on the academic and pastoral aspects of the school. What would you say to portray the school in the best possible light?"

Staff and Year 11 pupils then voted on their preferred choice and these four pupils were our worthy winners.

Alex, who says he is in every sports team he can be, admitted: "I was terrified giving my speech! I talked about what the school does for you – there is so much to do, whether it's academic or sports.

"I also said there is something on offer for everyone to get involved in. I must admit we only had to talk for three-five minutes but it felt like 20! I was surprised I had been selected."

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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

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 required

Mon, 25 September Nasal flu vaccinations (all year groups)

Wc 25 September Inter House Cross Country

Tues, 26 September European Day of Languages (Year 7)

Weds, 4 October Year 11 Aim & Ambition Revision Event 5.15pm-6.15pm

Weds, 11 October Year 7 Settle Factor Parents Evening

Mon, 16 October Year 10 parents evening (online)

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Lewis said: "I talked about the facilities and how supportive the teachers were. I also talked about how they could find your interests. In Year 7 I would never have thought I would be interested in drama, it wasn't even on my radar, and now I want to take it further at college. Miss Howell is one of my favourite teachers and she has made a really big impression on me. I have been in the shows Mary Poppins and Matilda and I would say, while I was never shy, my confidence has increased a lot."

Martha said: "I discussed how the teachers were really helpful and supportive and the confidence I have got from my teachers. I like History and PE. I was shocked when I heard I had been selected."



Cameron, who wants to be a lawyer, said: "As well as all the above, I talked about how welcoming and inclusive Priory is. It's a friendly school."

The appointment of Head Prefects, House Captains and Prefects is an important aspect of Priory's reward system. Year 11s are given this responsibility to demonstrate they can represent the school in a positive and mature manner. They will have had good attendance and discipline and are expected to take part in school events and extra-curricular activities.

Our Head Prefects' first big role will be to welcome prospective pupils and parents at Priory's Open Evening on Thursday, 21 September when they will also be taking families on tours of the school.

For further information about the Open Evening, go to >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/events/2023-09-21-open-evening-2023

Congratulations: House Captains, Senior Prefects and Prefects

The new academic year brings extra roles for many of Priory's Year 11 pupils. Attending school functions, speaking on behalf of the pupils during meetings with the Principal, and generally taking an active role in representing the school, are a large part of being a prefect.

Congratulations to all our prefects who have met the highest expectations in attitude to learning, attendance and behaviour needed to successfully qualify for the position.

House Captains

Senior Prefects

Aisha B – Ribble, Caitlin B – Hodder Olivia B - Calder, Abi Mr – Douglas Grace D, Megan H

Prefects

Favour A, Owen B, Josh B, Lucy B, Cyrus B, Kayleigh B, Jamie C, Troy C, Amelie C, Nathan C, Olivia C, Mahir D, Sam D, Grace E, Imogen E, Louie F, Leila H, Ollie H, Olivia H, Katie H, Anais McM, Lily McM, Preston McM, Jess M, Leila M, Emmie P, India P, Madison P-H, Lucas R, Thea R, James S, Issac S, Henry S, Finlay W, Henry W

Seneca Homework





With the new academic year underway, here is a reminder of how to access Seneca for homework in Science and other subjects.

The website is www.senecalearning.com

All students are automatically enrolled and should log in with their school email. In the event that they cannot remember their password,

the student should ask their teacher to reset it for them.

Helpfully, the people at Seneca have added a separate Assignment tab to the page menu, so it's easy to find your homework. Last year, Priory students completed over 80,000 study sessions on Seneca!

If you have any questions or issues with Seneca, please send Mr Bedford, Seneca Lead, an email at

d.bedford@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Get yourself a Science badge!



Starting this year in Science, we will be offering students the opportunity to get a Science badge, a worthy addition to what in some cases is already a wide collection!

Science badges will be linked to Seneca completion and will be given through a range of tiers.

The first tier, a yellow badge, is for the completion of 25 assignments to an average of 70% correct. This is, of course, our basic homework expectation, but we are keen to offer acknowledgement to the vast majority of students who complete their homework every week without issue.

Each 25 completed assignments will allow the badge to be exchanged for the next tier up to the prestigious gold badge. This first homework is live now and due Monday!

Mr Bedford Head of Science

Extra Curricular Activities

Priory's co-curricular clubs, activities, House competitions and events are just starting to launch so look out for details on Teams.

For the majority of activities taking place, there is no need to book, simply turn up. Lunch clubs will also allow pupils to eat their packed lunch or 'take away' food from the dining rooms during the session.



Japanese Club

Every Wednesday lunch time in MFL1.

All welcome.





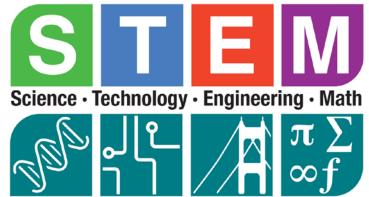
STEM Club Tuesdays

In SC4 every Tuesday after school for Year 7 pupils.

By attending this club, pupils will take part in a range of Chemistry, Physics and Biology-themed activities as well as STEM challenges.

STEM stands for a collaboration of **Science**, **Technology**, **Engineering and Maths** and will give pupils an excellent opportunity to develop skills such as perseverance and communication.

Pupils should see Mrs Potter, if you haven't already, for a letter if you are interested in attending.



Success in Summer Science Homework



Year 7 have made a fantastic start to their learning in Science this year. Over the summer they have been working hard on various pieces of Science homework.

Pupils were given several activities to choose from.

The first being to make a scientific model or presentation on a topic of your choice to be displayed in our 'Nucleus' area of the department. Here, Eli P has constructed a very impressive model of the heart. The model was made out of salt dough and as you can see it has been made in great detail with effort made to label the various parts.

A second was to complete the investigation work in the booklets that were handed out during transition sessions. Henry H completed his to a very high standard and commented that he particularly enjoyed making the cornflour slime, coming up with a conclusion that "it acts in different ways depending on how much pressure is applied". Erin M handed in another great example, carrying out an investigation into heart rate; taking part in exercise and concluding that "my heart rate increased by 20 when I exercised".



Finally, as homework is routinely set on Seneca in Science, the incoming Year 7s were set some questions to

help them get used to using the system. More than half of the year group completed their homework this way. The standard of completion was outstanding and our new pupils should be really proud of themselves for this. Notably, the following achieved 100% on this and should be really proud of themselves: Ella R, Zach E, Freya C, Dexter H, Max R, Bob H and Andrew H.

Achievement points will be added onto Synergy for all this tremendous work this week.

Well done year 7!

Mrs Potter Assistant Head of Science

Pictured: Eli P, Tyler M, Willow P, Sienna T, Leo W, Logan McK, Freya C, Zach E



Year 7 Maths Stars



Summer School pupils were taken into space for their Maths challenge.

The Year 7s, who have just started, were given a Maths Treasure Hunt challenge at our August Summer

School where they had to solve puzzles which were on posters scattered around the Sports Hall.

This was set by Assistant Head of Maths, Mr Sneddon, and he tested some pupils further by giving them an extra 'space' challenge which groups of three pupils worked together to complete.

Theo, Zack and Dexter were the only ones to successfully complete the extra challenge and Mr Sneddon was impressed.

"It was on the theme of space with 'First Launch', 'Space Launch' and 'Moon Landing'



and it was tough. A lot of pupils were struggling to do it. Theo, Zack and Dexter were the only ones to complete it and hopefully they will be some of our top mathematicians of the future."

Dexter said: "It was really tricky. There were coding and puzzles. I like maths." Theo said: "The three of us worked together and thankfully solved it all." Zack added: "Maths is one of my favourite subjects so I enjoyed the extra challenges. I like learning about space too."

The three pupils were given a tub of sweets each along with a coveted 'I love Maths' button badge.

I love Maths because...

Pupils will be pleased to know that the opportunity to claim their 'I Love Maths' badge will continue this year. Pupils looking to get a badge should simply click the link below to access the survey and write Mr Sneddon a paragraph or two explaining why they love maths. The best responses from each year group will be selected and each week we'll report what our pupils said.

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



Learning for Life Day 1



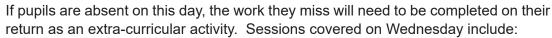


Wednesday, 20 September 2023

Don't forget, next Wednesday is a Learning for Life Day so school will close at 1.10pm.

Pupils should report to their Session 1 teacher in their usual Learning for Life classroom for 8.40am unless their normal room is in The Hex or Technology block. These pupils should go to: Mr Bullock's Class MA5, Mrs Lawe's Class HU3, Mrs Lockwood's Class HU6, Mrs Qadri's Class EN5, Mrs Shaw's Class HU5.

Lunch is brought forward and school buses have been rearranged for this earlier time.





- Year 7 Healthy Body Physical Activity, Balanced Diet, Personal Health, The Media
 - Importance of physical activity and a balanced diet. Strategies for maintaining personal hygiene, including oral health, and prevention of infection. The influence of the media. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.
- Year 8 Healthy Mind All Mixed Up, Healthy or Unhealthy...You Decide, Balanced is Good, Sanity

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 - The importance of, and strategies for, maintaining a balance between school, work, leisure, exercise, and online activities. Ways of assessing and reducing risk in relation to well-being. Strategies to manage mental changes that are a typical part of growing up. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.
- **Year 9** Relationships Media and Relationships, Relationships and the Law, Different Types of Relationships, Relationships and Self Esteem

The different types of relationship. What a committed relationship is and legalities. Positive relationship qualities. The media and its portrayal of relationships. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

Year 10 Unhealthy Relationships - Relationship Abuse, What to do when relationships go wrong

Forming and maintaining respectful relationships. Abusive relationship characteristics. End of relationships including the effects of change, including loss, separation, divorce and bereavement. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

Year 11 My Money - Understanding and Managing Debt, Money and Work In preparation for leaving Priory pupils will gain an understanding of finances in the adult world and will learn about work related finance such as tax and pensions, they will also learn about debt and how to avoid and deal with it.

Ms Smith Lead Practitioner for Personal Development

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, Jolie...

Jolie is reading about 'Tom Gates' for the second time!

Liz Pichon has written a series of books about Tom Gates and his everyday trials and tribulations.

"I have read the one I am reading once but I found it so decided to re-read it," said the Year 10 pupil.

"It's about a boy at school and I like it as it's a comedy and it's relatable.

"I do like funny books but my favourite author is Sophie McKenzie and 'Girl, Missing.' This is my favourite book as there are good plot twists and it's interesting to read."

Jolie enjoys English and wants to be a psychologist when she is older.

"I used to do a number of sports last year but this year I am concentrating on my GCSEs. I want to go to Runshaw College and then see what happens after that."



Introducing, Kira...

Kira enjoys a plot twist when she is reading her book.



"I like horror stories as well as mysteries," said the Year 10. "I enjoy books which have a plot twist and an unexpected, good ending."

Kira enjoys Maths and Geography but isn't sure what she wants to do in the future.

"I spend my spare time chilling with my dog, a Frenchie called Rico."

Mrs Elliott English Teacher & Chief Librarian

Year 11 Pupil is Aiming High at Basketball



Year 11 Cameron is aiming high – he is hoping to go to Myerscough College Basketball Academy.

Cameron is around 6ft 4" and found a talent for basketball at school.

"I decided I wanted to take it further after doing it in PE and went to Preston Basketball Club. I was then invited to compete for Myerscough, this is one of the national camps around the UK for basketball.

"I competed for them at Under 14 level and now I am in the Under 16 team taking on teams from Manchester, Liverpool and so on.

"It's a really good sport to be involved in, I enjoy being part of a team."

Cameron was recently invited to go to the USA to take part in a two week basketball academy.



"That was amazing. It was in Seattle and it's such a different game in the USA to England. I learnt such a lot and it was inspiring. My dream would be to go to America but first I want to go onto Myerscough and do Basketball Studies."

Year 7 Lockers

Payment can now be made for your child's locker via SCOPay.

Having a locker in school means that pupils have a safe place to store coats, PE kits and equipment during the school day. The use of a locker is essential. The cost is £5 (non-refundable) for the whole of their time at school and the allocated locker will remain theirs for the full 5 years.

Following payment, lockers will be allocated over the subsequent days. Pupils do not need to do anything. When their locker is ready, they will be escorted to their locker area and assisted in setting it up by Mrs Farley or their Learning for Life teacher.

The lockers are accessed via a 4 digit key code. It is important that your child does not share their code with other pupils to ensure the security of their locker.

If you require any other information please contact the school office.



We're Celebrating European Languages Day on 26 September

A day to encourage language learning across Europe.

Every year, millions of people in the member states and elsewhere organise or take part in activities to promote linguistic diversity and the ability to speak other languages. This year marks its 21st anniversary so the Languages department at Priory are encouraging us to all to get involved with the activities they've

planned for the day.



"Everybody deserves the chance to benefit from the cultural and economic advantages language skills can bring. Learning languages also helps to develop tolerance and understanding between people from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds"

Year 7

The day primarily involves Year 7, who will be following a different timetable for Periods 1-4.

The Teachers

Fancy Dress: Staff have been asked to dress for the occasion. Each department will represent a European country. Pupils are welcome to make suggestions for costumes!

Languages in Lessons: Teachers will be meeting and greeting pupils at the door using a European language and incorporating language into lessons where practical - taking the register using 'je suis ici' or 'Hola señor/señorita', numbers in Maths for example.

For Everyone To Get Involved With...

The Great European Bake Off

A competition to bake a European themed cake.

European Break and Lunch Menu

The catering team will serve a slightly different menu with traditional European dishes on offer.

Learning for Life Quiz - prizes to be won!

Design a T-Shirt Competition

A national competition to design a T-shirt for next



Bake



Why do we celebrate the EDL?

- To alert the public to the importance of language learning in order to increase plurilingualism and intercultural understanding
- To promote the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of Europe
- To encourage lifelong language learning in and out of school

We hope you can support us in making this day a huge success and more importantly promote the importance of language learning!

Enjoy Learning Music?

KTB Music provide private peripatetic music tuition in school for voice and instruments.

If pupils want to take up learning or carry on from primary school then they can here at Priory.



Lessons available in Singing | Piano | Saxophone | Drums | Guitar

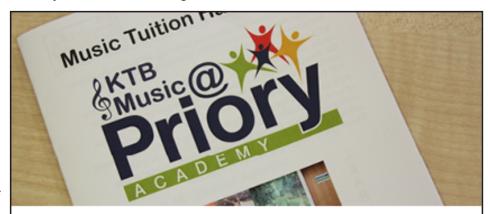
Alongside learning a new skill there are many benefits to learning a musical instrument:

- Improving memory skills
- Improving co-ordination skills
- · Improving maths skills
- Improving reading and comprehension skills
- Developing responsibility
- Knowledge of culture and history
- Enhancing a sense of creativity
- Learning how to express yourself and your emotions
- · Developing your academic profile
- As a way of relaxing
- · Developing self-discipline
- Developing self-confidence
- Risk-taking
- Teamwork

Pupils will come out of a timetabled lesson on a rota basis. Lessons £7 for 15 minutes.

For more information, pupils can see Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music, in MU1. Parents may contact either KTB Music direct (see advert) or email Mr Taylor at a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk.





Sign up for music lessons now!

PRIVATE MUSIC TUITION AT PRIORY

If you are interested in taking up an instrument, learning to sing or carry on your lessons from primary school, get in touch with KTB Music or go to the school website to find out more. Pupils can also see Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music at Priory, for a chat and information booklet.

If you haven't got a guitar or sax of your own, don't worry - just sign up now to join the likes of Ed Sheeran and Olivia Rodrigo, they all started at the beginning!

We are booking forward to weeting you

Lessons are £7 per 15 minute slot. Pupils are mostly taught on a one-to-one basis at school, in school time, and are timetabled on a rotation basis to minimise the disruption of class work. Pupils can study to gain exam grades, to play in concerts or simply for pleasure.

KTBMusicAtPriory@outlook.com www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/ktb-music www.ktbmusic.co.uk





KTB Music: Availability **This September**

If your child enjoys music and they are interested in learning an instrument or to sing, or continue where they left off from primary school, we have private tuition available in school.

KTB Music are Priory's peripatetic music tutors delivering 'paid for' one-to-one lessons in school. Pupils will come out of a timetabled lesson on a rota basis to minimise the disruption to their taught subjects. Pupils can study to gain exam grades, to play in concerts or simply for pleasure.

If this is of interest to you, please email KTBMusicatpriory@outlook.com to request further details or go to www.ktbmusic.com / www.priory. lancs.sch.uk/pupils/ktb-music to find out more.

This Term's Focus...Kindness

Every term at Priory we have a whole school focus to develop the culture of our school and to make us better people. This term we will be exploring the value of kindness.



Here at Penwortham Priory Academy, we know that kindness is important whether you are an adult or a pupil, we all should treat each other with respect and kindness. Treating others as we would wish to be treated ourselves. Showing others how to be kind through example, all without expecting anything in return.

We might show kindness through...

- Empathy towards each other
- Acceptance of others who are not the same as us
- Kind acts or words
- Thoughtfulness

Easy ways to spread kindness at Priory...

- Holding a door open
- Using our manners (please and thank you)
- Talking to someone new
- Helping others with a problem they have.
- Picking up litter
- Asking how someone's day or weekend has been

How did you feel when someone was last kind to you? When was the last time you were kind? How did it feel?



Kindness is...

- A kind act.
- A tendency to be kind and forgiving.
- The quality of being warm-hearted and considerate and humane and sympathetic.

In simple terms being kind is listening, feeling, and understanding others' needs and trying to help meet those needs.



Open Evening - Thursday, 21 September

Everyone welcome | No prior booking required | Starts 4pm - Ends 8pm

The Principal's speech will be at 5pm and repeated at 6pm. The speech will also be recorded to listen to in your own time and, prior to your visit, we invite you to view our prospectus or take a virtual tour (available soon) at your leisure via our website: www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/virtual-tour

Pupil Volunteers Required

As always, we are asking for pupils to volunteer their time to support us at the event and showcase their school. We particularly encourage Year 7 pupils to support this event as they are closest to the Year 5 & 6 pupils that will be visiting us.

Letters have been given to pupils by their subject teachers with further details. Mrs Bailey and Mrs Bullock will also be commandeering their Prefects and Peer Mentors respectively to greet our prospective families and take them tours of the school. Please note that school will be closed during the day due to INSET.

Pupils who would like to help should speak with the teacher in the department you would like to support.







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Open 50 weeks a year from 7.30am until 6pm!



Breakfast club - 7.30am - 8.50am

After school club - 3.30pm -6pm

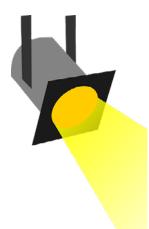
Holiday club - 7.30am - 6pm

All clubs are in the school hall

Do you commute to work? We are easily accessible from Liverpool Road and the Penwortham bypass



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE: WWW.WHITEFIELD-PRI.LANCS.SCH.UK Facebook - whitefieldprimaryofficial



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 child's form tutor / head of year or contact the Communications Manager, Mrs Yates, via email at:

j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk



Come on down to Nuffield Health Preston on National Fitness Day Wednesday, 20 September.

To celebrate Nuffield Health are inviting you to try them for 7 days free. Just click the link below to book your free pass.

On the day there will be some fantastic offers for new joiners, personal training offers, sports themed fancy dress, check-in to win competitions, themed fitness classes, cafe offers and so much more.

30% discount for all education sector workers.

<u>www.nuffieldhealth.com/campaigns/gyms/national-fitness-day-7-day-free-trial</u>

Preston Fitness & Wellbeing Gym, The Capitol Centre, Walton-Le-Dale, Preston, PR5 4AW.









Secondary School Admissions

If you have a child in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

Before you apply, research the schools in your area, check school websites for up-to-date information about open days/evening and read the school's most recent Ofsted reports at: www.ofsted.gov.uk.

The closing date for secondary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 31 October 2023.

For guidance on school transport see:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school- transport

Inset Pay
.. school closed to

pupils



School Closed Thursday, 21 September

A reminder that school will be closed next Thursday as we prepare for Open Evening.

Pupils helping out at Open Evening should be in school for 3pm (Year 10 & 11) and 3.30pm (Year 7, 8 & 9) and in full school uniform. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch and ensure that a safe passage home is arranged for 8pm.

Letters with full arrangements can be downloaded from >> https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters



NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK.

The next issue will be out Friday, 29 Sept

Thank you for your support.