

Penwortham Priory Post



It's Almost Showtime at Priory!

It will all be about fashion, beauty and a Harvard Law Degree when the Priory cast take to the stage for the production of Legally Blonde!

The comedy, with Reece Witherspoon playing the lead role of Elle Woods in the film, is about a fashion-conscious girl who is trying to win back her ex-boyfriend. He believes she won't fit into his life as he wants to go to Harvard Law School and become a senator. She sets to prove him wrong!

Lead Teacher of Drama Miss Howell said: "We chose Legally Blonde as it is fun and exciting and probably a bit different to what we have done in the past.

"We tried to choose something which is up-to-date and on in the West End and not just the traditional productions, although we do enjoy them!

"Rehearsals are going really well, everyone is so enthusiastic about it and that makes it easy to do.

"For this show, we have hired a set so we are excited about that.

"We have also had lots of newcomers this year wanting to take part in the show. Year 7s have shown enthusiasm but there are Year 9s, who have never been in a production, who have volunteered to have a go this year and that's nice to see."

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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

Dates for 2024-25 and 2025-26 academic years are available too.

Sat, 18 November

South Ribble Cross Country Championships, Hutton Grammar

Tues, 21 November

Bedrock Parent Meeting (online at 7pm) Year 8 & 9

Fri, 24 November

Make Languages Work Day (Year 9)

Mon, 27 November

Learning for Life Day 2
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

Tues, 5 and Weds, 6 December 7pm

Legally Blonde

Weds, 13 December

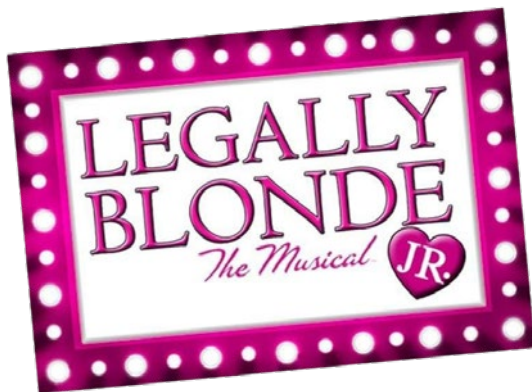
Hamilton The Musical Trip, Manchester

Mon, 18 December

Year 11 Parents Evening (online)

Fri, 22 December

End of Term
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm



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Year 11 India has the lead role and said: "I am excited but it has helped as I did Legally Blonde with The Empty Space Theatre in Manchester so I know it already. I wasn't the lead there so it is different.

"I like this role, I like being a bit ditsy!"

"It is a busy time for me at the moment as I am studying for my GCSEs and I am also in two other shows – 'Frozen' with Empty

Space and 'Les Miserables' with a theatre group. I want to go into acting so I enjoy them all!"

Lewis, who has been in the school productions of Mary Poppins and Matilda already, plays Emmett Forrest, a quiet, thoughtful and talented lawyer.

"He is kind of the love interest. It's a different character to who I have played before so it's fun. I am managing juggling the show and my GCSEs so it's all good."



Year 9 Lucy plays Serena and Year 10 Ella plays Margot, two of the Sorority Sisters.

Ella said: "It's going really well so far. I have seen the film and the musical so that helps. It's good fun."

Penwortham Priory Academy
Presents

**LEGALLY
BLONDE**
The Musical **JR.**



Tuesday 5th December
Wednesday 6th December
Starts 7pm

Adults £8 | Concessions £6

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown
And the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture

Director
Miss Howell
Music Director
Mr Taylor

Legally Blonde JR. is presented through special arrangement with
and all authorized materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, New York, NY
(212) 541-4684 mtishows.com

**Performances
start at 7pm**

**Tuesday,
5 December
and
Wednesday,
6 December**



Adults £8 | Concessions £6 (children 16 years and under / adults aged 65 and over)

Tickets can be purchased via SCOPay for pupils to collect from the school office the next day, or they can be bought with cash from Reception.

Members of the public, friends and extended family are also extremely welcome. Tickets will also be available on the door, subject to availability. Cash only, thank you.

Find our more at>>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2023-11-05-legally-blondetickets-now-available

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Remembrance Sunday

We were tremendously proud of our Head Prefects Martha and Cameron, and House Captain Abi, when they laid a wreath on behalf of the school during Penwortham's remembrance service last Sunday.

Accompanied by Head of Year 11, Mrs Bailey, the prefects paid their respects at Liverpool Road's war memorial and read out the names of Penwortham's fallen from both World Wars.

The rain just about held off for the event which was well attended by the community and one we were very proud to be part of.

Richard Yates of 'Friends of Penwortham War Memorial', said "Martha and Cameron were spot on for their recital. Please pass on my thanks to them, they were excellent."

We were also extremely proud to hear that Year 11, Tom P, was part of the honor guard at Preston's cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. He represented his air cadet squadron and school with utmost respect.

"When you go home, tell them of us and say, for their tomorrow we gave our today."



What is Armistice?

Armistice was an agreement to end the fighting of the First World War as a prelude to peace negotiations. It began at 11am on 11 November 1918.

Armistice is Latin for to stand (still) arms.

To this day we mark Armistice Day around the United Kingdom with a two minute silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month.

"At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month – we will remember them."

Mrs Cowell's After School Creative Cookery



Limited Places Available Per Session

Year 9 Pupils Only Tuesday, 5 December

Christmas Cup Cakes

As Christmas is on the horizon, Mrs Cowell is running a cookery workshop exclusively for Year 9 pupils after school on Tuesday, 5 December.

Pupils will make six Christmas cupcakes to take home.



If you want to take part...

The workshops are free but there are only 12 places up for grabs which will be given to the first pupils to contact Mrs Cowell via Teams Chat.

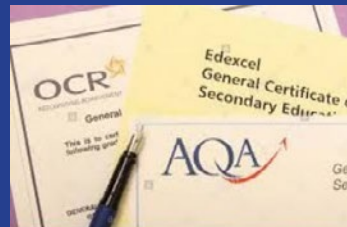
If you get one of the places, just turn up to the food classroom in the Technology block at 3.10pm.

All ingredients are provided. Please let Mrs Cowell know in advance if you have any allergies or dietary requirements.

Make sure you have organised your safe travel home for 4.30pm and bring a lidded tin, tub or lunchbox to take your cakes home in.

Class of 2023 GCSE Certificate Collection

Class of 2023 can now collect their GCSE certificates from the school office.

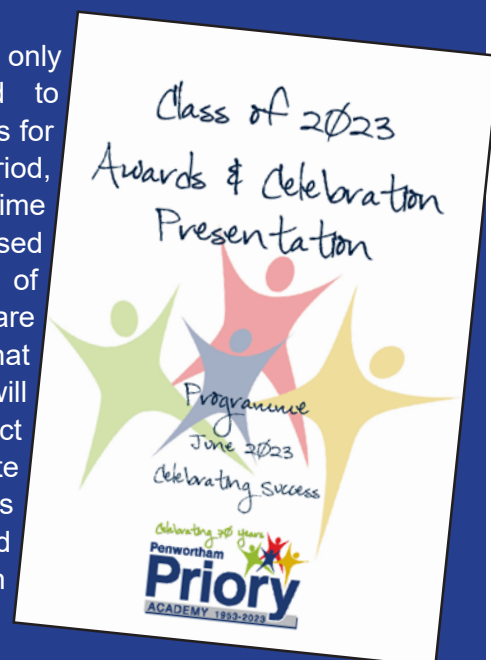


Certificates will be available to collect during school hours by our former pupils and must be signed for. If any other person - including parent/carer - is collecting the certificates on their behalf they must have a note, signed by the pupil, giving their consent for school to release them.

Any trophies, certificates and other prizes not collected during the leaver's celebration event on their last day, as well as the event programme, will be available to take at the same time.

We would like to take this opportunity to emphasise how important it is that the exam certificates are collected, as they are very important documents that are likely to be needed throughout their career and particularly if a path to university or a professional career is planned.

School is only legally obliged to keep certificates for a 12 month period, after which time they are disposed of. If copies of certificates are needed after that time, pupils will need to contact the appropriate awarding bodies directly and pay to obtain copies.



School hours - 8am-4pm Monday to
Thursday (Friday 3.30pm)

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Eco Committee Members Spruce Up Local Community Area



As part of the Eco Committee's mission to improve the school and the local environment, it has linked up with South Ribble Borough Council.



The Committee recently met with Cllr Will Adams to discuss how they could help maintain Middleforth Gardens, a community area just off Haverick Road in Penwortham.

Last Friday, Mrs Massey and four keen Year 8 pupils visited the site and got to work on sprucing it up. The team of five spent two hours clearing litter, tackling overgrown planters, planting bulbs and clearing away dead grass around the trees.

Science teacher and Committee leader, Mrs Massey said, *"In the future we hope to go back and do some more maintenance. We are also looking into providing some bird boxes for the area."*



Well done to Charlie T, Max S, Kenzie S, Harley F-N who really impressed South Ribble Borough Council.

Community Development Officer, Jane Charlton said, *"The boys were brilliant and did a great job planting bulbs too. They were a credit to the school!"*



The Committee is always on the look out for new members and ideas for improving the local and wider environment. See Mrs Massey if you would like to get involved.



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Year 7 Pupils Go Back In Time For History Trip

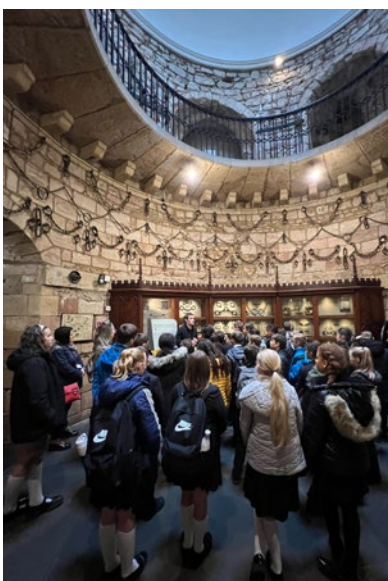
REPORT BY MR ECCLES, LEAD TEACHER OF HISTORY

A number of our Year 7 pupils were able to step back in time during this week's trip to Lancaster where they visited the historic Priory and Castle.

As part of their study of medieval history, the pupils were given a guided tour of the Priory church by Andrew, one of the volunteers there. Andrew's knowledge and enthusiasm shone through as he showed us how the site has changed from being a Roman camp to an Anglo Saxon church, to the grand building that it is today.

After a short lunch break in Lancaster city centre we continued our journey through the past by visiting Lancaster Castle. Pupils were told how, as a working castle, the building has served as a prison and a court for over 800 years. Pupils saw the old Victorian prison cells of C-wing, the civil and crown courts (which are still in use today) and even had the chance to be locked in a 17th century cell.

Mr Eccles said, *"Our pupils represented the school brilliantly, with a member of the clergy at the priory commenting on their impeccable behaviour."*



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Basketball Success in the Lancashire Cup



Priory's Year 11 basketball team had their first match in four years on Wednesday evening when they played in the Lancashire Schools U16 basketball cup knockout.



Despite a four year hiatus the team quickly brushed off the cobwebs running out 48–35 winners against Tarleton High School with Sales scoring an incredible 35 points.

Assistant Principal and PE Teacher, Mr Gee, said, "The whole team put in a fantastic performance with Collinson and Ogden standing out, and Waterhouse making his school debut."

The team's next group match is against Walton Le Dale on Tuesday, 5 December followed by Hutton Grammar School, and finally St Michael's High School, Chorley.

Results and league tables can be found by clicking on the link below

lsbba.co.uk/Fixtures/Fixtures23-24/U16OpenPoolFixtures2023-24.htm

Year 11 Football Team Galvanised for Next Match

Some of Year 11 football team were anxious to get on camera to celebrate their recent cup success.

The side beat Armfield Academy in Blackpool 3-0 in the first round of the Lancashire Cup. They will now take on St Augustine's in Billington in the next round at Priory next Friday, 24 November and are quietly confident!



Mr Gee
Assistant Principal &
PE Teacher

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



Here's why Year 7 Leon and Amna love Maths:

Leon... *because, Mr Raynor is the best teacher and it's amazing because you need maths for a good job and everyday life and also it's fun and exciting.*

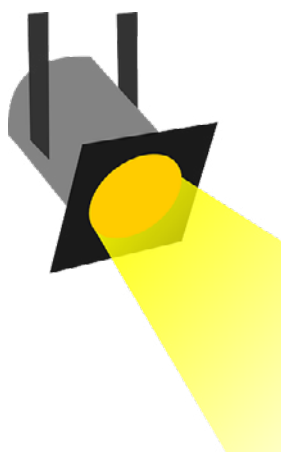
Amna... *because I love the complicated symbols and the meaning of maths.*

NOW, IT'S YOUR TURN...

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

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

Mr Sneddon
Assistant Head of Maths



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

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Year 9 Pupils Band Together to Make Music



Watch out for 'Freezing Hot Water' – although the Priory band may change their name!

Year 9s Evie, Ezra and Zach have formed their own band and performed the Arctic Monkeys 'Mardy Bum' at our Summer Arts Evening.

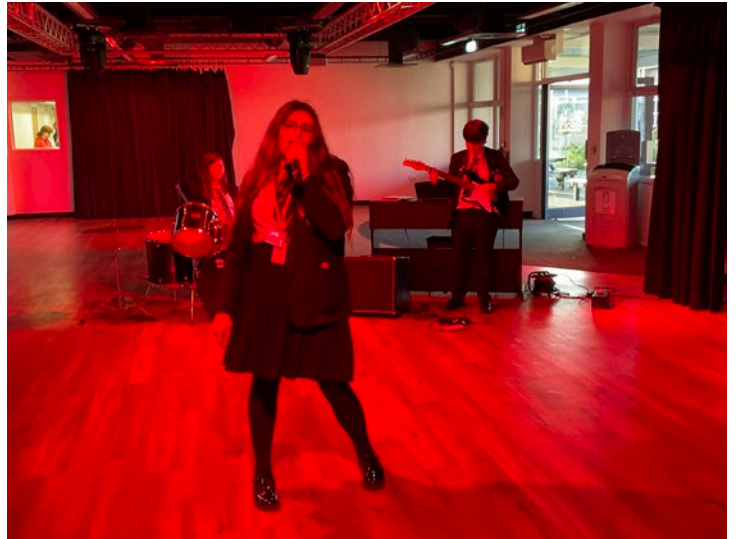
"We called ourselves Freezing Hot Water but we may change it, we are not sure about it," said vocalist Evie.

Zach is the drummer and he said: "I had a couple of lessons during lockdown and then I got an electric drum set for my birthday.

"We sung the Arctic Monkeys because it's a song we all know but we are working on our own music.

"Ezra's dad has a sound studio so we practice there when we can."

Evie said: "There is a festival in Shrewsbury where teenagers can do gigs but you need to have written seven songs so that's something we will need to work on."



The band rehearsing at Priory's Open Evening in September.

Guitarist Ezra said: "I have had guitar lessons since Year 3. My dad is in a band, Quantum Beats, so music is always something I have been involved with."



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Winter Wheelers 2023

All **STAFF, PARENTS** and **STUDENTS 13+** are invited to join our Winter Wheelers challenge!



Register for free at lovetoride.net/lancashire to be in with a chance of winning!

Win: A brand new electric Brompton worth £2,995

Win: A Decathlon Triban Gravel Bike

Win: Up to £500 for encouraging others!

Win: Loads of cycling goodies too, including Proviz and Decathlon gear!

Please share lovetoride.net/lancashire on all your social media platforms, parent newsletters and internal communications channels



Save money | Get outside | Win prizes
We'll support you to wrap up and ride!

Love to Ride is working in partnership with Lancashire County Council to encourage cycling for fun, fitness, and transport



KIRKHAM
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

3-18 YEARS



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2023

7.00 PM

ACADEMIC, SPORT, MUSIC & DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

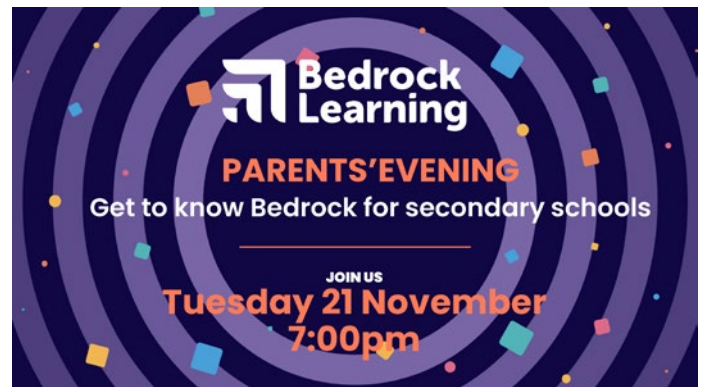
To book your place, please scan the QR code to the right or visit:
<https://kirkhamgrammar.simplybook.it/v2/#book>



01772 684264 email: info@kirkhamgrammar.co.uk

reminder

 **bedrock vocabulary**



Bedrock Information Evening for Parents of Year 8 & Year 9

To support your child's use of Bedrock at Priory there will be an online Parents' Information Evening on

Tuesday, 21 November at 7pm

As you will know, Bedrock is an online vocabulary app which is used by pupils in Year 8 and Year 9. Its objective is to introduce pupils to a wide range of Tier 2 vocabulary at a pace they can cope with. Each pupil is expected to achieve a minimum of 20 points per week. They may get the opportunity to do some of this allocation in class however pupils will mostly complete this as homework.

We really want to encourage parental engagement. Previously, parents will have received a letter with instructions on how to set up your Bedrock guardian account and log in (contact your child's English teacher if not). As their 'guardian', you can view your child's knowledge organiser, check their vocabulary and level of challenge expected. You will also receive weekly progress reports via email.

Bedrock's Parents' Information Evening will help you to get to know the platform a little more and understand why it's so important for your child's progress. If you can't attend the live session, please register anyway and a recording will be sent to you to watch on demand.

Register here:

<https://app.getcontrast.io/register/bedrock-learning-bedrock-parents-information-evening-secondary>

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Pupils Who Cycle To School...

We would like to remind pupils who cycle to school that it is compulsory to wear a helmet and have a bike that is in a roadworthy condition, with working brakes. This includes having lights now that the darker nights are drawing in.

We also expect cyclists to obey the highway code both on their way to school and their way home. They must stop at Penwortham Primary School when the School Crossing Patrol (formerly known as lollypop lady/man) has stopped the traffic for pedestrians.

We conduct regular checks to see that these school rules are being adhered to. If a pupil is found to be not following any of the above rules, the right to bring a bike into school may be withdrawn.

Bikes can be stored in the bicycle sheds provided, however, the school is not responsible for the security of cycles and a strong lock is essential.

We are sure that parents will support us in ensuring that the cycle journey to school is as safe as possible for their child.



Chilli Challenge

The Chilli Challenge is back on for 2023-24 and entry sheets are now available to pick up from your year group post box in the Restaurant (Year 7, 8 & 9) and Bistro (Year 10 & 11) - there's a new one to have a go at each week!

Post your completed entries in the post box before the end of each Thursday - don't forget to write your name and house on. Winners are announced every Friday morning where the successful pupils will receive a chilli token to claim their free breaktime snack from the dining room.

Winners also get to jump to the front of the queue - we all know you want those hash browns before they're gone!

Don't forget to reference the persist lists (see opposite). The lists are also displayed above the post boxes and all the answers come from the lists.

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



English persist list



Address	Doesn't	Rhyme
Aggressive	Embarrassed	Rhythm
Because	Enjambement	Separate
Believe	Hyperbole	Successful
Caesura	Implies	Tension
Colloquial	Mischievous	Unnecessary
Connotation	Necessary	Weather
Definitely	Onomatopoeia	Weird
Disappear	Receive	Whether
Divide	Responsibility	Withhold

Maths persist list



Alternate	Forty	Quadrilateral
Angle	Height	Rhombus
Approximately	Isosceles	Scalene
Chord	Metre	Similar
Circumference	Median	Simultaneous
Column	Ninth	Symmetry
Correlation	Parallel	Tessellation
Discrete	Perimeter	Translation
Enlargement	Perpendicular	Trapezium
Fibonacci	Prism	Triangle

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Year 7 Girls Make Their Footballing Debut



Priory's Year 7 girls played their debut last Thursday at Leyland St Mary's South Ribble tournament.

A very excited team began the 7-a-side competition. They got off to a rocky start with two losses, however once the team had settled into a rhythm we began to pick up pace with the next two games drawing against Penwortham Girls High School and Lostock Hall Academy, with goal keeper Clark keeping a clean sheet!

Then the goals arrived with a fantastic win against both Brownedge and Leyland St Mary's with goals from Parkinson and Weber.

PE Teacher and Team Coach, Miss Beesley, said, "The girls showed fantastic team spirit with grit and determination. In the end it was very close with the overall result being decided on goal difference between three teams."

The girls finished fourth out of eight teams - a very respectable debut performance. Well done!

Team: Sandra B, Lola B, Tasha R, Larnajayne W, Evelyn S, Hollie L, Freya C, Willow P, Bella D



English



Book Donation Thanks

Thank you to the family of Year 8 pupil Kady T who has made a very generous donation of beautifully kept books to our school library this week. We are truly grateful!



These books will go a long way in promoting the habit and love of reading for all our pupils.

We're always looking to top up our library. If you have any books that you are wondering what to do with next, could we have them?

Books can be dropped at reception or enquiries can be emailed to Mrs Elliott, English Teacher and Chief Librarian at j.elliott@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, Connor...

Connor is having a race with his friend Zach to finish 'Wranglestone' – as there is only one copy of the sequel in the school library at the moment!

Year 9 Connor is a Cool Reader and is up to Chapter Five in Darren Charlton's book.

"Basically it's a frozen lake and there is an island in the middle where people live. The water freezes in the winter so the zombies can get to the island," said Connor.

"We both selected it at the same time as we liked the sound of it and now we are racing to see who can finish it first!"

Connor's favourite subject is History.

"I have always liked History, looking at the past. I like the 1066 era but also studying the World Wars."

However he sees his future career in the kitchens.

"I want to be a chef. I like Food Technology as well as History and I enjoy cooking. My mum cooks a lot.

"My best dish is probably pasta from scratch. I want to own my own restaurant."



Mrs Elliott
English Teacher & Chief Librarian

Runshaw College Open Event 21 November

Booking for the college's next open event on Tuesday, 21 November from 4pm-8pm is now open. Go to >> www.runshaw.ac.uk/openevent/ to register



Next Open Event
Tuesday 21 November 4.00pm-8.00pm
www.runshaw.ac.uk/openevent

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Penwortham Food Bank Collections and House Competition



The food bank collection remains in place as we lead up to Christmas so please continue to bring your donations to the Nucleus and put them in your house basket. Last term's collection was our best ever yet and we hope to top that this time.

If parents would prefer to donate money, rather than food products, they can put cash in an envelope instead which can then be handed in at reception or we now have an option on SCOPay to make a voluntary £5 donation.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Massey
Science Teacher



This week's winner...

Congratulations to 'Mrs M'!

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 >>>

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



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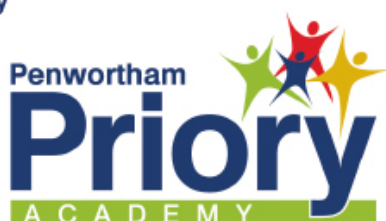


It's As Easy As



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot

Next Draw
Saturday
18 November



To start supporting, visit:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Penwortham Priory

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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We Need You!

Can you help at our careers fair?

We're looking for parents, alumni, friends of the school and local businesses from a wide range of **STEAM*** careers to come into school on **Tuesday, 16 January 2024** to inspire the next generation.



If you can spare a few hours, please get in touch!

Contact Mrs Catriona Massey, Science teacher and House Leader, at c.massey@priory.lancs.sch.uk



Health | Sport | Agriculture | Food | Engineering | Animal Care | Forensics | Accounting | IT & Computer Science

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
- Some employers allow their staff to attend these events as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

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

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2023-11-15-can-you-help-at-our-careers-fair

