

# Penwortham Priory Post

## A Message From The Principal

Dear All,

May I take this opportunity to welcome you back following our Christmas and New Year break and to wish you all the very best for a great 2024.

I hope you each had a relaxing time over the festive period and managed to spend some quality time with friends and family.

In my full school assembly on Monday morning last week, my primary focus was on the responsibility of each of us to uphold our daily mission, our 'Priory Standard' – 'to have the highest expectations of all, from all'.

Why? – 'so that all pupils 'Learn to Succeed' and leave Priory, equipped with the right skills and attitudes to contribute positively to society and go on to further education, employment or training'.

I reminded pupils that this can be achieved, for all, through our three pillars of everyday learning:

- We are ready to succeed
- We have the right attitude to learning to succeed
- We have the right character and culture (skills and attitudes) to succeed.

We will continue to instil this in school with our pupils over the course of this half term and look forward to your continued backing as parents and guardians to achieve our shared, collective mission for each of your sons and daughters.

Parents and guardians of Year 11 in particular, now is the time to support your sons and daughters in putting schoolwork and revision at the top of their priority list. It is important to help our young people get their lifestyle balance right over these coming months, so please plan with them at home to ensure the balance between their social time and their academic focus is the right one. Please ensure therefore, that they fully engage in the extra lessons put on by our staff until 4.10pm throughout the week as per Mr Gee's letter.

Parents and guardians of Year 9, the following weeks will start to see your sons and daughters begin the process of choosing their options. Whilst there should

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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)

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

### Tues, 23 January

Year 10 GCSE RE  
Runshaw College Trip  
Leyland Trucks Visit (Year 11 selected pupils)

### Fri, 26 January

Leyland Trucks Visit (Year 10 selected pupils)

### Weds, 24 January

Year 11 Runshaw College interviews

### W/c 29 January

Anne Frank Exhibition (in school)

### Weds, 31 January

Year 9 Parents & Options Evening (in school)

### Fri, 2 February

Learning for Life Day 3  
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

### W/c 12 February

Half term - School closed

### 19 February - 19 March

Year 11 Mock Exams

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always be an element of choice, it is only right that we ensure pupils leave Priory with the best possible suite of qualifications that future employers will look for and will continue to open doors for them in whatever they choose to go on to do beyond Priory. We know therefore, that continuing their studies in the separate sciences as well as choosing to continue studying a modern foreign language, French, is key to this, so many of our pupils will need to consider carefully with us, why they might not choose to continue studying these particular courses.

Aside from the academic, I am of course very pleased that we can go ahead again with our latest rewards trips this term, for pupils who are punctual, take pride in their appearance and come to school, day in, day out, trying their very best and working hard. As you know, at Priory, this does not go unrewarded.

As such, every pupil continues to have the opportunity to regularly achieve reward points in recognition of their contribution, effort, achievement, progress, and behaviour in and around school. Importantly, these reward points can not only be achieved in lessons, but equally through involvement in our huge range of activities that are available to our pupils outside of timetabled lesson time, our 'Priory+' activities, be that before or after school, at breaks and lunch times or in their evenings and weekends. In fact, I look forward again to presenting a great many Bronze and Silver 'Priory+' certificates to pupils across all year groups, for their involvement in our package of 'Priory+' activities.

These positive reward points will continue to be consistently and fairly awarded to each pupil's individual total throughout the remainder of this academic year, with any low-level disruption in the classroom being robustly challenged in order that the learning of others continues not to be adversely affected.

May I wish everybody all the very best to all for a positive half term.

Mr M Eastham, Principal

## Hot Food Menu

Fresh home cooked meals and snacks available daily.

We have a three-week rolling menu which will be displayed around school, on our website and in the newsletter.

Spring Half Term 1 - January to February 2024

### Week 1

#### Monday

Sausage, mash and beans or peas  
Cheese and broccoli pasta with garlic bread **V**

#### Tuesday

Spaghetti Bolognese with garlic bread **GF**  
Vegetable samosas with rice and curry sauce **V**

#### Wednesday

Cheese and tomato calzone pizza with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V**  
Chicken tikka pasty with wedges and beans or sweetcorn  
**GF** ciabatta pizza with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V**

#### Thursday

Roast dinner **GF**  
Cheese and onion pasty with diced potatoes and beans or peas **V**

#### Friday

Fish | Pizza **V GF** | Steak and kidney pudding with gravy  
All served with chips and beans or mushy peas

### Week 2

#### Monday

Brunch **GF**  
Vegetable curry with rice and naan (**GF** without naan) **V**

#### Tuesday

Savoury mince with Yorkshire pudding and mash **GF**  
Cheese pie and mash **V**

#### Wednesday

Vegetarian sausage with wedges and beans or peas **V**  
Popcorn chicken with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **H**  
**GF** ciabatta pizza with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V**

#### Thursday

Roast dinner **GF**  
Jamaican jerk vegan burger with skin on wedges and beans or peas **V GF**

#### Friday

Fish | Pizza **V GF** | Hot dog **H**  
All served with chips and beans or mushy peas

### Week 3

#### Monday

Butter chicken curry with rice and naan **H** (**GF** without naan)  
Tomato & red pepper pasta with garlic bread **V GF**

#### Tuesday

Mexican chicken burrito with nachos **GF H**  
Macaroni cheese with garlic bread **V**

#### Wednesday

Vegan sausage roll with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V**  
Spicy chicken burger with wedges and beans or sweetcorn  
**GF** ciabatta pizza with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V**

#### Thursday

Chicken tikka in a folded naan with salad and sauce, served with sweet potato fries and beans or peas **GF H**  
Halloumi burger with sweet potato fries and beans or peas **V GF**

#### Friday

Fish | Pizza **V GF** | Beefburger  
All served with chips and beans or mushy peas

Chicken wraps\*, jacket potatoes and paninis with various fillings available every day.



\*Chicken Wraps With New Chicken Flavours **H**  
Southern Fried Chicken Every Day | All Served With Salad and Sauce.  
Monday - Tikka | Tuesday - BBQ | Wednesday - Tikka  
Thursday - BBQ | Friday - Southern Fried Chicken only

Sandwich Fillings:  
Tuna, Ham, cheese, BBQ chicken.

**V** = Vegetarian **H** = Halal **GF** = Gluten Free **GF\*** = Gluten Free Option Available - See Below

Where there is a **gluten free option available**, pupils will need to pre-order either via email to [enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk) or by speaking to the catering team before 9am on the day it is required (staff can pre-order GF options online).



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"AND NOW WE  
WELCOME  
THE  
NEW YEAR.  
FULL OF  
THINGS  
THAT HAVE  
NEVER BEEN."

- Rainer Maria Rilke

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# Welcome back: New Year - New Term



We hope you've all had an enjoyable break which seems such a distant memory now. In the full school assembly last Monday morning, Mr Eastham set out the key points as we go into the new term;

**The Priory Standard** - The highest expectations of all, from all, so our pupils leave Priory with the skills and attitudes to help them succeed in life.

**Lessons are for Learning** - Pupils must work hard and will be challenged to be the best that they can be. Mr Eastham spoke about the importance of this term for Year 9, choosing their Options, and Year 11, how we all must play a part in supporting them during their last months with us.

**Priory Plus** - How our pupils can set themselves apart by getting involved with extra curricular activities to enhance their personal development.

And finally, a reminder that phones must be off and out of sight. Mr Eastham also reminded pupils to think about making the right choices and taking the right steps to enable them to learn to succeed.



## Period 7 After School Intervention (Year 11)

**As you will know, achieving the best possible grades in the GCSE examinations this summer will give our Year 11 pupils the power of choice, at college, on apprenticeships and in employment.**



In order to maximise the GCSE grades of Year 11 pupils at Priory and to ensure every pupil achieves their full potential, we have introduced

a Period 7 from 3.10pm to 4.10pm.

Each Period 7 lesson will complement and strengthen the curriculum taught in lessons and best prepare Year 11 pupils for their summer exams.

Period 7 lessons will be compulsory for some of our pupils and parents will be notified if this is the case. However, if the subject teacher feels a pupil is currently making excellent progress and does not invite them, then they are still permitted to attend, and we would strongly encourage this.

We ask for parents full support and encouragement in ensuring that their child attends all sessions as required and fully participates in them; meaning they are hardworking, positive and productive.



**An outline of the week's schedule is:**

- Monday Science & Option subjects
- Tuesday English & Option subjects
- Wednesday Intervention groups
- Thursday Mathematics & Option subjects
- Friday Option subjects

Attendance at sessions will give our pupils a significant amount of support to reach their target grades in summer.

If you would like further information about these interventions or to ask a question, please contact Mr Gee, Assistant Principal, via email [n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

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# When The Snow Came To Priory

DO YOU WANT  
TO BUILD A  
SNOWMAN?

It's not often these days that snow drifts in to Penwortham but that's what happened on Tuesday morning. A blanket of snow makes everything seem so magical and bright, and we certainly made the most of it while it lasted.

Ms Smith's impromptu snowman building competition, set for lunchtime, was swiftly brought forward to break as the ice was already melting fast however Year 8's Junior Y managed to gather enough for this tiny figure. The primary schools' 'Breakfast Club in the Hex had more success though, embellishing their snowmen with high-vis jacket and pom-pom for button's. Looks like the little ones had lots of fun and they definitely gave us a smile.

Meanwhile, Mr Bullock, who never needs an excuse to get the drone out of its box, managed to take some fantastic photos of Penwortham Priory from above. The latter not been as clear quality as it could due to the snow which was still coming down at the time!



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# Year 9 Options Programme



This half term the Year 9 options programme will get underway.

Parents Evening is Wednesday, 31 January with appointments being booked online via the web-based 'SchoolCloud Parents Evening' system and meetings in school, in person.

Extensive information about the curriculum at Penwortham Priory Academy is available on our website, but to help parents with the options process, you will receive a copy of the options booklet with details of every course offered at Priory at Key Stage 4. The booklet has been emailed to parents and can also be downloaded from the school website at >> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/year-9-options](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/year-9-options). It is available to pupils via Teams.

In order to support pupils with their options choices, teachers will deliver subject specific options talks over the coming weeks. Pupils will also have individual meetings with their Head of Year Mrs Eastham, Ms Smith or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, to discuss the process and receive personalised advice and guidance.

**The link to the options application form will go live on Monday, 12 February and should be submitted online by Friday, 1 March.**

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## Year 9 Parents/Options Evening

### Weds, 31 January | 4pm-7pm



Parents/Options Evening will take place in school in your child's teacher's classroom.

We will still however use the web-based program 'SchoolCloud Parents Evening' to book all appointments.



**Appointment booking will go live from Monday, 22 January at 12 noon**

**Use this link to book your appointments:**

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

Please book appointments to see your child's English, Maths and Science teacher and then only those staff who teach a subject your child is interested in choosing as part of the options process.

To enable teachers to meet with as many parents/carers as possible, each appointment slot will be four minutes long and there will be a four minute gap between each appointment allowing you time to move around school to your next appointment.

A copy of the letter which has been emailed to Year 9 parents today can be downloaded from the school website [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters). Full instructions on how to book and attend appointments using the parents evening software can be accessed from the school website at >> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/parents-evenings](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/parents-evenings)



# Food Bank Collection Thank you!

Again, there was another impressive amount of donations from staff and pupils in the run up to Christmas for Penwortham Food Bank.

Thank you to all the Priory families that donated items of food. This made a big difference to disadvantaged families over the Christmas period. A particular well done to **Douglas** House who collected the most donations, closely followed by **Hodder**.

We would also like to thank Year 10 Oliver G and Oliver E's football team, Lostock Hall Junior Football Club U15s, who raised £20 for the food bank which was added to the collection.

We are continuing to collect donations throughout the new term. Please bring your donations to the Nucleus and place them in your House basket.

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.

Mrs Massey  
Science Teacher and House Leader



## 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>



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# Full STEAM Ahead for Careers Event



**On Tuesday we welcomed visitors who represented the vast choice of careers in Science Technology Engineering Art and Maths for our STEAM careers event.**

Held in the Sports Hall, classes from all year groups attended to chat with employers, colleges and universities with the aim to inspire and educate pupils about careers in the STEAM sectors.

It was great to have so many former Priory pupils return to support the event too. Thank you to them and the many other local and national businesses, education and training providers that ventured through the snow to ensure our pupils had this valuable opportunity to explore their options for the world of work.

Event organiser and Science teacher Mrs Massey said, "We are passionate about ensuring our pupils are well informed about career options so they can make open minded choices about their future"



"I was really pleased that so many employers and education providers could attend to make this event so beneficial. The pupils were a credit to us, asking great questions, interacting with the activities and collating lots of information. Some were nervous about the prospect of talking to people they didn't know about careers but responded fantastically to the challenge."



Mrs Massey also thanked all our visitors for attending on Tuesday; we really do appreciate these organisations giving up time to inspire their next generation of employees.



Mrs Massey  
House Leader &  
Science Teacher



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# A Rewarding Time in London for Year 9 Taejuan

Year 9 Taejuan spent an amazing day out with the Foxton Centre's youth forum last Wednesday.

A group of young people from the Preston area, including Taejuan, were offered an opportunity by Sir Mark Hendricks to visit Parliament as part of the Youth Citizenship work. The Foxton Centre's Youth forum have been doing. These young people have successfully been working to improve their community and have secured £2.4 million to build a new youth centre in Avenham. Taejuan was amongst the team who managed to do this.

Despite an hour and a half delay and a mad dash across London, the group enjoyed a tour of Parliament and saw the sights of Covent Garden, Trafalgar Square and Buckingham Palace, traveling by tubes and trains and lots of walking!

A spokesperson from the centre said, "These young people have smiled all day and have made us all laugh a lot. Fantastic!"



## This week's winner...

### Congratulations to 'Mr R'!

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



Next Draw  
Saturday  
20 January

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2

BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



3

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and search for: Penwortham Priory

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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# Year 7 Archie Fights His Way To The Top



**Year 7 Archie admits he is 'very competitive' which is good as he wants to take his Mixed Martial Arts career far!**

Archie says he got into the sport after watching it on television, aged around seven.

"I asked my dad if I could go and we went to the North West Fight Academy in Preston.

"It was a bit of a shock at first as I thought I could just beat everybody but I have been training hard and I am getting better.

"I love it because it's fun, you get to exercise and I am very competitive.

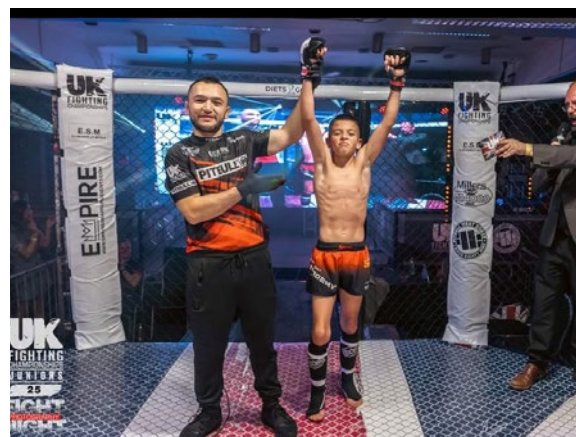
"I train every day from 6-7pm and sometimes for extra hours. It does take a lot of dedication but I want to take it as far as I can."



Archie has had two fights so far – his first won by a submission in the second round with a mounted triangle and the second won by the same move in the first round.

"I have got two trophies now which I am proud of. I am always nervous before a fight but I enjoy it once it starts and I win!"

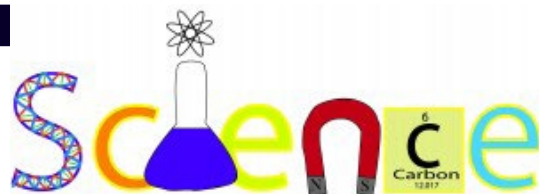
Archie also enjoys football and badminton.



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# Science Pupils Tested at University's Chemistry Taster Day



Last Wednesday four pupils from Years 9-11 were invited to take part in UCLan's 'Top of the Bench' chemistry event.

The day was arranged by Dr Anna Kirkham and the Royal Society of Chemistry, and was hosted by the School of Law & Policing at the University. Pupils took part in a range of fun interactive activities including, collecting fingerprints, how to examine footwear marks, and identifying bodily fluids on different forensic evidence types, and much more.

The team - Olivia, Niamh, Anna and Terela - successfully completed an investigation into substances found on a suspect using techniques such as, titrations and thin layer chromatography. They also used a range of forensic techniques to analyse evidence from a further crime scene.



Assistant Head of Science, Mrs Potter, who accompanied the girls said, "The pupils really enjoyed these activities and gained a great deal of insight into some of the careers available with a Chemistry or Forensic Sciences degree.

"One thing they took away from the forensics was that their job was to process the evidence using science and not to have to come to their own conclusions as this would be the job of the jury in a court of law."



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# U13s Girls Cricket Tested at South Ribble Tournament

## SPORTS REPORT

REPORT BY MISS BEESLEY, PE TEACHER

**The U13s girls cricket team attended their first indoor tournament of the year last Tuesday.**

Held at the South Ribble Tennis Centre, the girls team consisted of Year 7 and Year 8s who, to say it was their first time playing together officially as a team, did not let us down!

The tournament consisted of two leagues - Priory were up against Lostock Hall, All Hallows and Penwortham Girls.

We got off to a fantastic start with an excellent batting duo performance from Lainie W-S and Millie D whose batting skills enabled them to score enough points to both retire at 15. The batting continued with some great shots from Lily W and Maci H, resulting in 72 runs.



All Hallows were up next against Priory and, with the first game out of the way, the girls knew what they had to do. Our opening batters again retiring at 15, showing amazing teamwork and getting us off to a flying start. This was again backed up from Bella and Imogen who kept topping up the runs to gain an admirable 98 runs off 8 overs. On the bowling front, Ruth demonstrated a great technique challenging the opponent's batting side, also backed up by great fielding from Willow and Maci. We thought we had the win, but sadly All Hallows pipped us by 10 runs.

Last up were Penwortham Girls High School. Priory put up a great fight against the girls' school however their speedy bowlers showed it wasn't meant to be.



Priory came 4th overall, however did not disappoint; great teamwork, involvement and definite skills to develop - well done girls!

TEAM: Front row: Willow P, Lainie W-S, Millie D. Back row: Bella D, Ruth W, Maci H, Lilly W, Imogen C.



# Music Department Receives Double Dose of Instrument Donations



**Lead Teacher of Music, Mr Taylor, says the addition of a double bass, donated to Priory, has and will continue to enhance his lessons.**

The double bass and two guitars arrived via Learning Support Assistant, Mrs Simpson.

Mrs Simpson said: "While visiting my sister-in-law, Wendy Simpson, I was asked "Do you know anyone that would like a double bass?"

"I instantly thought of Mr Taylor and the music department so asked her to leave it with me.

"The double bass had belonged to my nephew who now lives in Hong Kong and no longer uses it.

"Mr Taylor seemed excited by the thought of a double bass in the department along with two guitars."

Mr Taylor said: "It's been brilliant, it's taller than most of the children and taller than me. It's a big old instrument and it's been a welcome addition to lessons.

"It's a fantastic visual tool for the children to see how sounds are made and produced. It plays the lowest possible notes and it's so big they can see how sounds are made and how the pitch is changed.

"It ties in with my Year 8s who are working on Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy' and some versions have a double bass.

"It also ties in with my Year 9s and the link to classical music and early pop with the Blues, where the double bass is played which later became the bass electric guitar.

"It's also got the 'wow' factor. Classes come in and see it in a corner and want a go. It's in great condition and we don't want it just as a museum piece, we want it as a living, breathing part of lessons."



Mr Taylor  
Lead Teacher of Music



## Enjoy Learning Music?

KTB Music provides 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](mailto:a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk).

## Music for Personal Development

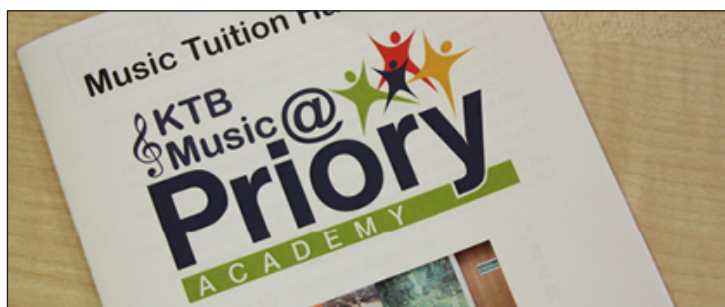
Music is a valuable extra curricular activity in many respects and KTB Music's tuition also contributes to the Priory+ Award.

Limited places are currently available for the following:

- Drums - Monday AM (two places available)
- Saxophone / Guitar - Wednesday AM (one place available)
- Piano - all places filled (contact KTB Music to be added to a waiting list)
- Vocals/Singing - Thursday AM (Two places available)

All lessons take place in school.

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/ktb-music](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/ktb-music)



### 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 looking forward to meeting 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](mailto:KTBMusicAtPriory@outlook.com)  
[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/ktb-music](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/ktb-music)  
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# Priory In The Community



## Greencroft Valley Tree Planting Project

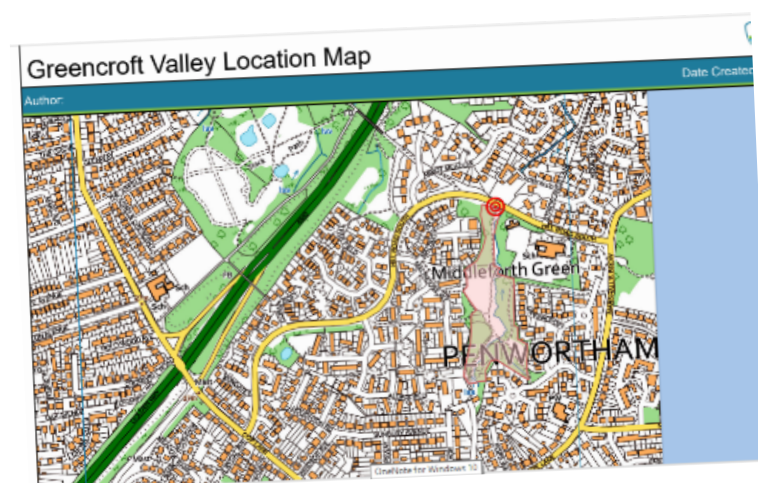
Before the Christmas break, a small group of Year 8 boys took on a tree planting project with a member of South Ribble Borough Council and a local community group.

Greencroft is a woodland area located just off Hill Road South in Penwortham. We were tasked with planting new trees within the woodland that will fill out the area, add a variety of trees and eventually replace older trees as they die out.

Mrs Massey, Science teacher and ECO Committee Leader, said, "The four boys got stuck in and really impressed the community group. During the two hours we were there we planted around 40 trees".

We look forward to going back in the future and looking at our work.

Well done boys: Alfie K, Harley F-N, Charlie T, Kenzie S.



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# SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

**Penwortham Community Centre**  
Kingsfold Drive, Penwortham PR1 9EQ



## MONDAY

'Penwortham Luncheon Club' followed by a game of bingo  
11am-2pm; every other Monday; 01772 750533

'Singing for the Brain' - Alzheimer's Society  
10am-12noon, appointment only; tel: 01772 788700

## TUESDAY

Penwortham Care and Share Clothes and Toy Bank  
9am-12noon; last Tuesday of the month (collection arranged too)  
tel: Lindsay Harrington 07763197615; email: harringtonlindsey10@gmail.com

## WEDNESDAY

Exercise Class; 10-11am; £3.50 per class  
tel: Julie on 07908419816

Art Club; 1-3pm  
tel: Linda Woollard on 01772 745981; email: woollard2@gmail.com

Rhythm Dance; 6.30-9.15pm; dance classes for various ages  
tel: Maisie on 07849867201; email: maisieaeccles@icloud.com

The monthly Town Council Meeting takes place at 7pm on the first Tuesday of the month at Penwortham Community Centre.  
Come and have your say on local issues.

Contact: Daniel Guise on 01772 750533 or email daniel@penworthamtowncouncil.gov.uk

## THURSDAY

Ladies Group; 2-3.30pm; first Thursday of the month  
tel: Helen or Penny on 07851130584

Job Club (starting in January) More details to follow.

The Rock Project; Juniors (4-6pm) Seniors (11-18)  
email: preston@therockproject.com

## FRIDAY

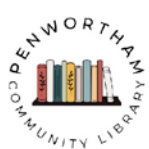
Penwortham Food Bank; 9am-12noon  
No referral needed

Linus Quilting Group; 10am-4pm; 2nd & 4th Friday of the month  
tel: Loretta on 07817048139

Time 4 Craft Group; 1-3pm

## CONTACT PENWORTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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## Penwortham Community Library

Open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am-4pm.



## MONDAY

Pilates Class for Mixed Abilities; 10-11am  
5 weeks course at £25; Contact: Celia on 07597556397

PM Stage and Street Classes for ages 7-18; 4.45-9.30pm  
tel: Peter and Viv Mounsey on 01772 752522  
Email: pmsdance@hotmail.com

Townwomen's Guild; 2-4pm  
3rd Monday of the month; Contact: Mary Ray on 01772 741262

## TUESDAY

Zumba Gold, suitable for all ages and abilities; 10-11am  
tel: Ann on 07974313032; www.annsmithzumba.com

PM Dance Classes; 6-10pm; email: pmsdance@hotmail.co.uk  
tel: Peter and Viv Mounsey on 01772 752522

Poetry Club, second Tuesday of the month; 1pm  
tel: Tim on 07923246935

## WEDNESDAY

Dance Stretch Out; 9.30-10.30am; email: pmsdance@hotmail.co.uk  
tel: Peter and Viv Mounsey on 01772 752522

Talkin' Tables; 10.30-11.30am  
Come along and ask for Marjorie Hayward or Christine Owens

Knit and Natter; 2-3.30pm  
tel: Mary on 01772 752013

First Class Learning (Maths & English Tuition); 4-7pm  
Visit: www.firstclasslearning.co.uk/penwortham

Book Club, second Wednesday of the month; 2-3.30pm  
Email: Gill at gillleal@hotmail.co.uk

Bloom Baby Classes  
10am: 6-15 months old & 11am: 0-6 months old  
tel: 07305266375 or Email: prestoncentral@babybloomclasses.com

Sarah Swirled Belly Dance; 6.30-9.30pm  
www.sarahswirledbellydance.com

Table Top Games Club; 7-10pm; every other Wednesday  
Email: penworthamtabletopgaming@gmail.com

## THURSDAY

FLEX Mobility & Flexibility; 9.30-10.30am  
tel: Celia on 07597 556397

Hartbeeps Baby and Toddler Classes; 10am-2pm  
Email: Laura.Dewhurst@Hartbeeps.com

Ukulele Group; 10-11.30am  
Email: alison.wright05@gmail.com; £2 per session

Line Dancing; 11.30am-12.30pm (beginners); 1-3pm (advanced)  
tel: Chris on 07780711827; £5 per class

Sewing Classes; 2-4pm and 6.45-8.45pm  
tel: Jan 07866514243; email: jan@thekellers.uk  
Facebook & Instagram: Pin, Cut, Sew with Jan

Meditation Class; 6.30-7.30pm  
Email: dwoolton@gmail.com

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# Second Cohort of Year 10 Pupils Qualify As Peer Mentors



The start of the new term has seen the second cohort of Year 10 pupils undertake their ASDAN short course to qualify as Peer Mentors.

Pupils attended two full day training sessions in school with external trainers, Mei Leung and Tahir Mahmood, where they were given an introduction to mentoring and 'buddying' younger ones.

Peer mentoring can support children and young people by:

- Enhancing social competence,
- Building security within the setting and wider community by realising their worth as social beings,
- Improving attendance and educational attainment whilst
- Developing friendship skills in a positive environment.



Each learner participated in a number of activities across five challenges to gain a 10 hours accredited ASDAN certificate. They also bagged themselves a £25 'Love 2 Shop' voucher!

Year 10 DaMari said, "I thought the peer mentor course was really helpful and insightful as we learned skills to better our skills when it comes to helping out others with their problems. I really enjoyed Mr T and Mei's guidance through the course as they made it fun and enjoyable.



DaMari continued, "I put myself forward to become a peer mentor as I wanted the responsibility and I wanted the opportunity to help others with their problems and to use those skills amongst my friends and later in life."

ASDAN offers nationally recognised qualifications based around the development of personal, social and employability skills, making the course the perfect addition to a pupil's college application or CV.

The next round of Peer Mentor courses will take place next year for the current Year 9 pupils however academic peer mentor training will be offered to Year 10s in the coming term. Pupils should look out for information from Mrs Massey.

Well done to Year 10 pupils:

Emma H, DaMari S, Chittara V, Charlotte M,  
Lewis A, Kira S and Lauren C.

Ms Smith  
Lead Practitioner for Personal Development

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# Year 11 College Interviews

It was a busy day for Preston College on Tuesday when they attended two events at Priory.

In addition to the STEAM careers fair, they conducted informal interviews with Year 11 pupils who have applied to the further education college.

As Year 11 prepare for life beyond Priory, college representatives met 1:1 with pupils to explore their choices in more detail, ensuring they were the right ones for them.

Pupils could ask more detailed questions whilst the college had the opportunity to get a clearer sense of their education and personal development so far, and where they want to take their career journey.



## Bringing music to your ears at break and lunch

MABAL (Music at Break and Lunch) is music played through the school's loud speaker 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.



The focus is 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, such as last term's production, Legally Blonde.

## Next week it's all about: **Animals** and it's an inter-house competition!



*The theme will be 'Animals' and the animal reference may be found in either the song title, the name of the group or a combination of these. If an animal name is spelt incorrectly but sounds correct such as the Beatles, then we'll class that as valid.*

*There will be a playlist of 10 songs per day to answer played across break and lunchtime. Pupils should send their answers to Mr Taylor by next Friday.*

*So, will you be on your Tiger Feet or dancing to Adam and the Ants, or maybe Mr Farron will be singing along to The Octopus's Garden by The Beatles!*

**Future weeks' theme suggestions are welcomed - pupils/staff should see Mr Taylor, email [a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk) or contact via Teams.**





# 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, Ezra...

**Ezra wants to delve into the ocean when he is older but is currently reading a book set on land.**

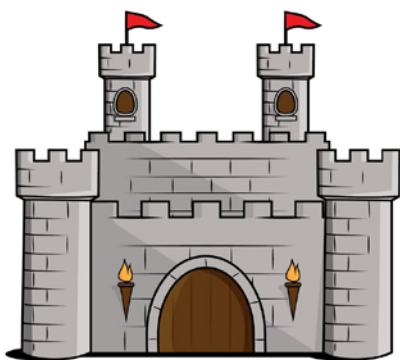
The Year 9 is reading 'Fir' by Sharon Gosling which focuses on a family sheltering in their plantation house and it's about their survival during the winter.

"The winters are harsh so they are stranded," said Ezra. "It's ok so far. I do like reading horror books the most."

Away from horror novels, keen guitarist Ezra already has plans for his future.

"I couldn't decide between a marine biologist and an artist when I am older," said Ezra. "I decided an artist probably wasn't too realistic so now I think I will aim to be a marine biologist, I have always been fascinated by the ocean."

"My favourite subjects in school are Geography and Maths."



**Deadline for entries is  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

**All models are to be  
brought to HU1 for  
judging!**

**Good luck everyone!**

## Year 7 Castle Competition!

Would you like the chance to win a History badge and collect some Points for you and your House?

The History Department are running a competition for Year 7 pupils to design their own castle.

You need to make a 3D model of either a motte & bailey castle or stone castle.

There are examples in HU1 from last year's competition, and if you have any questions ask your History teacher.



## Careers At Bentley



Following their attendance at Tuesday's careers event, luxury car manufacturer Bentley, have shared some resources that can provide our pupils with a little more information or support in finding out more about their Early Careers Pathways.

<https://careers.bentleymotors.com/content/Early-Careers>

Apprenticeships at Bentley go live at the beginning of February in line with National Apprenticeship Week for those wanting to apply for a September start (these would be Advanced level apprenticeships designed for school leavers).

Bentley also offers free webinars which students can sign up for via 'Speakers For Schools' (link below). These are great for giving an insight into the company and a nice addition to CVs.

Support is available to any pupil interested in applying or would like to know a little more about how the schemes work. [Please see Ms Smith for contact details of our representative at Bentley who will be able to answer questions or support with the supplication process.](#)

[www.speakersforschools.org/work-experience-opportunities/](http://www.speakersforschools.org/work-experience-opportunities/)



## Maritime Careers Blackpool & The Fylde College's Fleetwood Nautical Campus

Interested in finding out about a career at sea where you can gain valuable skills, travel the world, get well paid and progress in your career?

These events are open to anyone interested in a career at sea. See demos in the environmental pool, bridge and engine room simulators. Sponsorships available.

### Careers event dates 2024/25

Saturday 20 January 2024 – 10.30 - 14.30

Thursday 11 July 2024 – 13.30 – 17.30

Thursday 21 November 2024 - 13.30 -17.30

To find out more, and to book on to an event, go to <https://fleetwoodnautical.blackpool.ac.uk/maritime-careers-events-fleetwood-nautical-campus>

[Pupils should see Ms Smith if they are interested in a career at sea as a trip to the college in school time can be arranged for small groups of Priory pupils.](#)



**MARITIME CAREERS EVENT**  
**SATURDAY 20 JANUARY 2024**  
**10.30 - 14.30**

Interested in finding out about a career at sea in the Merchant Navy where you can gain valuable skills, travel the world, get well paid and progress in your career?  
  
Come to our careers event and find out more!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER



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<https://fleetwoodnautical.blackpool.ac.uk/>

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# Leyland Trucks Apprenticeship Opportunities Now Open



Leyland Trucks are recruiting apprentices this year across a range of business areas. Apprenticeships provide an entry route into the business which allows you to combine both educational studies with practical hands-on experience, whilst earning a salary.

The Level 3 and 4 apprenticeships are applicable to those who will achieve at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above (A\*-C) in Maths, English and Science. There are two Level 3 apprenticeships - Assembly Operative (12 posts) and Business Administration (1 post). The Level 4 Apprentices are Automotive Engineer (8 posts), Facilities & Maintenance (1 post) and Fabrication & Welding (1 post).



Applications close on Friday, 1st March and successful applicants will start on Monday, 2nd September.

Further information and application forms are accessed via the Leyland Trucks Ltd website >>

[www.leylandtrucksltd.co.uk/en-gb/working-at-leyland-trucks/apprenticeship](http://www.leylandtrucksltd.co.uk/en-gb/working-at-leyland-trucks/apprenticeship)

## Health & Social Care NHS Careers

**E Learning (inc CV writing and interview skills)**

This is a fantastic free certificated resource available for use by those particularly in Year 11, 12 and 13 interested in a career in Health and Social Care. The e-learning modules support the development of employability skills and pre interview preparation for those applying for Apprenticeships. Please take a look and register to access this resource.

<https://nhscareersnw.co.uk/elearning/>

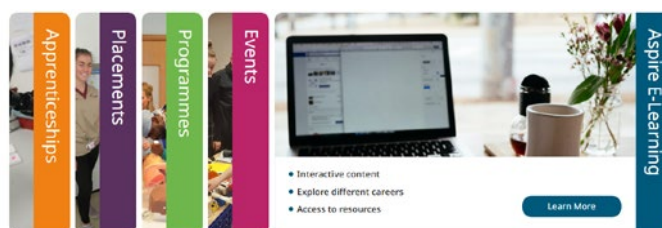
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We upload new courses on a monthly basis. Courses include: Developing your skills; CV Writing; Understanding non-clinical roles in the NHS; Professionalism in the Workplace; Equality & Diversity; NHS Careers for school leavers; Apprenticeships; Clinical and non-clinical professions; Journey to Nursing plus much more!

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# RAF World

## Virtual Careers Event:

Thursday, 8 February

7.30pm-9pm

This is the perfect opportunity to explore the world of apprenticeships, gain insights into various industries, and connect with professionals who can guide you on your path to success!

Explore interactive 360° global operations, delving into the world of the RAF through informative videos and insights to help you find your ideal RAF career. Uncover tailored apprenticeship options that suit your lifestyle, preferences, and career goals.

See poster opposite >>

For more info and to register>>  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/raf-world-earn-learn-tickets-767528487367>



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- Jump into 10 different themed chat rooms to find out more about specific professions and topics.
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We are proud to be part of the **Preston Primary and Secondary Alliance**. This is a group of over 40 local primary and secondary schools who work together to improve standards and the overall quality of education for all our children. One key aspect of our work is the recruitment and training of the teachers of tomorrow via our trainee teacher programme. Working in partnership with the University of Cumbria, the training provides graduates with a direct route into teaching. All of the training is completed in schools and is led by highly experienced practitioners who are teaching children on a daily basis. At the end of the one year course, successful participants are awarded a Postgraduate Certificate of Education (PGCE) with Qualified Teacher Status.

**We are recruiting now for 2024-2025 in the following subjects:**

Primary: General Primary and Early Year Foundation.

Secondary: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Design Technology, Drama, English, Geography, History, Languages, Maths, Music, PE, Physics and RE.

There are extremely generous bursaries available for anyone interested in pursuing this profession.

**If you are, or know of someone, with a degree or who will have a degree by Summer 2024, NOW is the time to apply.**

We only have a very limited number of places and they are taken extremely quickly.

Anybody who is interested or has any questions,  
please contact our administrator, Karen Eastham on tel: 01772 867210  
[easthamk@broughtonhigh.co.uk](mailto:easthamk@broughtonhigh.co.uk)



We are rightly proud of our history of success and many of our teachers chose the Preston Primary and Secondary Alliance programme as their training route into the profession.

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