

Penwortham Priory Post



After five years we say goodbye to Priory's Year 11s

Emotions were running high last Friday as our Year 11s spent their final day at Priory.

Their Physics exam in the afternoon meant that the celebrations had to start late. However, as soon as that was over with, pupils ventured over to the Nucleus and Priory Gardens on such a glorious day for the traditional shirt-signing.

Their Celebration Assembly followed on, where Mr Eastham and Mrs Cowell first handed out numerous - and well deserved - certificates, awards and trophies. Before heading home for the last time as a Priory pupil, pupils giggled and cringed as they watched their farewell presentation which included photos of their early school days, memories and things we'll miss about this special year group.

Some pupils returned for a couple of smaller exams this week however, we'll see everyone again when they're back for their GCSE results on 22 August. Not forgetting the Prom on 4 July!

We wish all our Year 11 pupils the very best of luck in their future careers and we thank our parents/guardians for all the help and support they have given to them, and the school, throughout their years with us.

Now they've grown their wings to fly away and follow their dreams, whichever path they've chosen to reach them. Enjoy the summer everyone!

More photos inside...

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

Monday, 24 June

Year 7 Parent's Evening (online)

Year 10 DofE Expedition

Tuesday, 25 June

Able & Ambitious Event (Ormskirk School)

Thursday, 27 June

Rewards trips

Friday, 28 June

Year 10 Newman College taster day

Alumni Coffee Morning (former pupils/staff)

Monday, 1 July

Thackray Museum of Medicine, Leeds (GCSE History pupils)

Tuesday, 2 July

New intake evening 5.30pm-7pm

Wednesday, 3 July

New intake induction day
Aladdin Theatre Trip, Manchester (after school)

Thursday, 4 July

Year 11 Prom

Friday, 19 July

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

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Year 10 End of Year Exams



The end of year exams will be under exam conditions but are not mock exams. Exams will take place in the Hall to give pupils the experience and preparation for their final exams in Year 11.

Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh pupils will sit their exams at a later date.

Week Commencing 24 June

Monday, 24th June

Science Physics (Period 1 & 2)
Geography (Period 3 & 4)

Tuesday, 25th June

English Literature (Period 1 & 2)
Catch up exams (Period 3, 4, 5)



School Nurse Drop-In Clinic

The School Nurse service runs a regular drop in at your school, where you can attend as required to access support, or for any health advice.

Your School Nurse is Gill

Date: Tuesday 25th June

Time: Lunch Time

Place: Interview room- main reception



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Key Stage 4 Revision Guides (Year 10)

In order to support Year 10 as they prepare for their GCSE exams when they go into Year 11 from September, we would like to offer parents the opportunity to purchase the related revision guides for their child's programme of study.



A letter listing all the revision guide publications for the courses we provide has been emailed to parents, and Year 10 pupils have been given a printed copy. To purchase any of these revision guides, please make payment via SCOPay, complete the form attached to the letter and return it to the Business & Finance Office **by Monday, 1 July**.

Orders will be given to parents at the Year 11 Revision Event on Wednesday, 2 October 2024 or in school the following day. Further details about the revision event will be sent to parents in September, following the summer break.

A copy of the letter, which includes the list of courses and their awarding bodies, order form and prices can also be downloaded from the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters



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Morgan Hompson Smith



Footballer Morgan, who left Priory ten years ago, was signed by Bury FC earlier this month.

The versatile midfielder has impressed during his time at Longridge Town FC and heads over to Bury for the 24/25 season.

Morgan started out at Harrogate before playing for Southport in National League North. Following his time at Haig Avenue, he went onto play for FC United of Manchester, City of Liverpool and Bootle before joining Longridge in October 2022.

Having Morgan on board, Bury Manager, Dave McNabb said, "Morgan is a masterful technician capable of playing in midfield or anywhere behind the striker. He has an unbelievable left foot, his movement, vision and range of passing is a joy to behold.

"I think he's matured as a player massively over the last year or two and that will allow him to fulfil his huge potential. A player whose ability should be playing at a much higher level."



Year 7 Parents Evening

Monday, 24 June

Booking Now Open

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

The link to book your slot is now live and a letter has been sent to Year 7 parents via email.

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

In addition, a tutorial video can be viewed by clicking on the link>> <https://vimeo.com/473882995>

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

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

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

If you wish to meet with your child's teacher for further discussion after this, please arrange this with them during the session or via email at a later point. Please note, a small number of pupils' teachers teach more than one Year 7 group so appointments for Art, Music, Drama, PE, Technology and Computing will fill up quickly.

If you would like to speak to another member of staff, please feel free to contact them direct. A full email list can be found via our website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list

*Mrs Bullock on behalf of
Mrs Farley, Head of year 7*

Don't forget
parents'
evening!



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Compost Corner

Summer Update

Priory's gardens are our pride and joy and award-winning gardener Mr Farron wants to let parents and pupils know what to expect each season as the landscape changes.

Good afternoon fellow composters!

Well, it has finally arrived and my word what a soggy affair Spring was. However, all this water will be very evident in the coming months as all plants will have benefited in some way with an abundance of growth.



I have been extremely busy with the design and construction of a colonnade stretching along the outside of the English classroom to Science incorporating the Bistro and running from east to west with a planting of several herbaceous and perennial plants. The aim of this being to give an all-round yearly interest, varying in colour and movement with the addition of the appearance of an orderly boulevard.



Also, the addition and placement of Tommy in the 'Lest We Forget' memorial garden in the southern part of the ground has created great interest.

Priory Gardens are now a large part of our identity as the gardens take shape around the school creating an established intent of making our school beautiful and calming to the eye with the intention of encouraging wellbeing in being a part of an establishment unlike any other. I hope you all enjoy your time at Priory and appreciate your surroundings.

Tip for the month: Keep smiling, the sunshine is on its way!



Plants for the month

Climbers and wall shrubs are invaluable because of the space with which they can cover walls and fences, softening the hardlines. Because of their flexible stems and upward growth habit, climbers allow you to fit large plants in a small space, by growing tall climbing roses, honeysuckles, and clematis over arches and pergolas.



I would recommend an old-fashioned English rose intermingled with honeysuckle and clematis for a stunning effect. Sit back, enjoy the endorphins and let your imagination go and create your idol.

Mr C Farron, Head Gardener

Honorary Member of the RHS

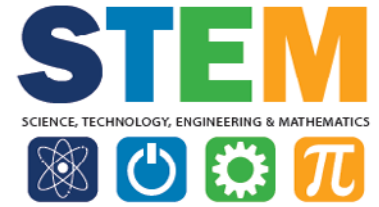
Winner of North West Britain in Bloom, South Ribble in Bloom and Penwortham in Bloom

Judge for South Ribble and Penwortham in Bloom competitions



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Year 8 Have An Electrifying Careers Day with the National Grid

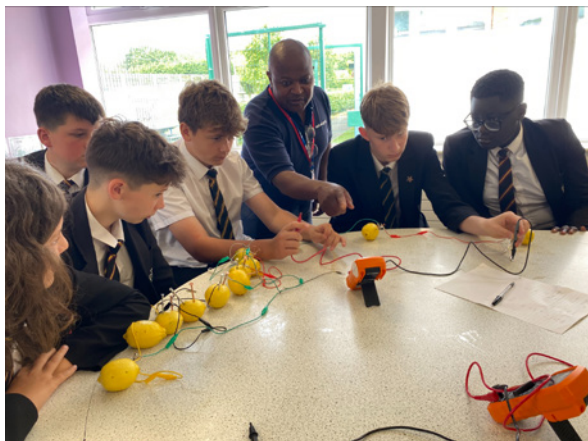


On Wednesday, we held a careers day for Year 8 hosted by a team from the National Grid.

The aim of the event was to educate pupils about STEM and engineering linked to the work that National Grid do. Workshops included the building of lemon batteries and circuits, coding, K'Nex tower building, building of catapults and exploring energy efficiency project management. These workshops provided an insight into the various functions within National Grid and it is hoped that pupils have a greater awareness of potential careers for the future.

Lead Practitioner for Personal Development, Miss Smith, said "The workshops looked so engaging. I was envious that I had not been given such opportunities at school. The workshops looked so interesting and fun! Our youngsters left classrooms on a high and positive feedback was in abundance.

She added, "I hope that the workshops have provided career inspiration and pupils who would not be stereotypically interested in such careers, now are, having met a diverse range of National Grid staff. We are very grateful for the opportunities that our collaboration with the company have provided and look forward to another academic year where we refine activities and introduce more as the pilot partnership continues into the future."



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Rewards Trip Day - Key Information For Pupils

Trip - Pupil Meetings

Monday Break
Monday Break
Monday Lunch

Blackpool Pleasure Beach - Sports Hall
Blackpool Zoo - Leap 1
Trafford Centre - Sports Hall

On the morning of the trip pupils are to meet in the:

Blackpool Pleasure Beach	Sports Hall
Trafford Centre	Gym
Blackpool Zoo	LEAP 1
Pupil who have chosen not to go on the trip	Nucleus



Pupils not awarded a place on the trip will follow their normal timetable and will be informed of any room changes next week.

This week's winner...

Congratulations to 'Mr W'!

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

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

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

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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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The next issue out Friday, 5 July 2024

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Year 11 Final Arrangements

Thursday, 4 July

The Prom will be held on Thursday, 4 July at Charnock Farm, Leyland PR25 5DA. The timings for the event are as follows:



- 6-7pm Arrival and photography – parents/carers are welcome to spectate during this hour.
- 7pm-10.30pm Pupils are to be seated for the meal, followed by a disco.
- 10.30pm-11pm Parents/carers are asked to collect pupils from Charnock Farm.



Microsoft Teams

For updates about the Prom, including menu choices and dietary requirements, please keep an eye on the Year 11 Teams.

Thursday, 22 August

Exam results day is Thursday, 22 August. School will be open from 11am-12 noon for pupils to collect their results.



Should pupils not be able to attend at this time, their results will be sent out by second class post that day.

If you are on holiday and would like your results emailed then pupils must contact the Exams Officer, Miss Conway g.conway@priory.lancs.sch.uk. Please note, the email must come direct from the pupil, not their parent.

Further communications to follow.

*Mrs Bailey
Head of year 11*



More photos can be found on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PriorySTC or website and, for Year 11 families that would like to see the farewell presentation, you can access a PDF from the Year 11 Teams.

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TARLETON RUFC
U13s
ARE RECRUITING
CALLING ALL YR8 BOYS

Tarleton RUFC U13s are looking for new players to join their team!

If your child is looking for a change of scenery or if they have never played rugby before *and* want to get involved then come down to Carr Lane!

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 **Preston Grasshoppers**
girl's rugby presents:

TRY-RUGBY DAY!

TON GRASSHOPPERS RFC **Wainwright**
THE GOLDEN BEAR



7th July @ Moor Park, (Meet in the car park opposite Deepdale Stadium), Preston, PR1 6AU

AGES 11 - 17 ALL WELCOME
12:30 - 14:00

 **SCAN THE QR CODE TO SAVE YOUR PLACE!**



Girls Rugby Taster Event

Preston Grasshoppers are encouraging girls to try rugby at an event on Sunday 7th July at Moor Park, Preston.

The Club has teams for U12s, U14s, U16s, and U18s. This event is an opportunity to try the game, meet other girls currently playing, meet coaching and support staff, and look to try something new.

The girls train on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings at Preston Grasshoppers which is due to restart through the school summer break. Matches are played on Sundays and would replace training.

There is a great atmosphere at the club and within the girls section. No previous playing experience is required. The Club would love to see new players at this event so come and give it a try.

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