

Penwortham Priory Post

A Message From The Principal

Dear All,

May I take this opportunity to welcome you back following our Easter break. Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all had a much-deserved rest.



At the start of this half term, there continues to be so much to celebrate about Priory. Not least the way in which all our young people have continued to demonstrate those personal attributes in school that are essential for employability and life: Leadership, Organisation, Initiative, Resilience and Communication. It was wonderful to see the pupils returning to school, rested and refreshed after the Easter break and it has been an extremely positive return back in school with pupils having a real enthusiasm towards their learning and involvement in extra-curricular clubs.

Once again, we will welcome a full intake of new pupils who will be starting with us in September. We remain proud to be a school where pupils and families choose to come and learn with us, and we will continue to provide the best possible opportunities, facilities and care for those pupils who are fortunate enough to secure a place with us.

Thank you, too, as parents and guardians, for the continued support you provide to your children and equally, to the ongoing support you give to us as a school.

I hope that we have an equally successful summer term and that those pupils involved in public exams can be supported to do the very best they can.

On that note, I am sure each of you will join me in offering our very best wishes to our Year 11 pupils who are preparing themselves not only for their forthcoming GCSE exams in school, but preparing to go on to further education, employment or training once they leave us here at Priory. Until that point, we will continue to support them in whatever way we can over the coming weeks and months to not only ensure they feel supported and prepared for their exams, but equally to ensure their transition from Priory to whatever it is they might move on to, is as good as it can be for them.

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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

Tues, 30 April

Whole school photo
Drama production 7pm

Weds, 1 May

Drama production 7pm

Fri, 3 May

Culture Day

Mon, 6 May

Bank holiday (school closed)

Tues, 7 May

INSET Day 4 (school closed)

Weds, 8 May

Year 7 & 8 STEM Roadshow (in school)
Year 10 Masterclass Day at Runshaw College

Thurs, 9 May

Year 10 Parents Evening

Tues, 14 May

Year 7 County Lines Workshops

Fri, 17 May

Year 10 Newman College presentation

w/c 20 May

Year 10 work experience week

Mon, 27 May - Fri, 31 May

Mid Term Closure

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As ever, throughout this summer term, our primary focus will continue to be our shared responsibility to uphold our daily school aim, our 'Priory Standard' – *'ensuring the highest expectations of all, from all, so that all pupils learn to succeed and leave Priory equipped with the right skills and attitudes to help them succeed in life, contribute positively to society and go on to further education, employment or training'*.

Of course, to achieve this, you recognise that your child needs to be in school, learning, every day, so thank you for your support in ensuring pupils adhere to our approach with attendance and lateness that I wrote to you about last week. The pupils have been excellent in working with us on this already and we thank them for understanding how important their attendance is for their future success.

Please don't forget that every pupil will continue to have the opportunity to regularly achieve reward points in recognition of their contribution, effort, achievement, behaviour and progress. 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 through their ongoing attendance and effort in lessons. Equally, our behaviour sanctions will continue to be applied in the same way as always.

So, the very best to all for a positive term. Please continue to do all you can at home to support your sons and daughters in putting schoolwork at the top of their priority list. Please do continue to take an active role in their studies, planning with them at home to ensure the balance between their social time and their academic focus is the right one.

My continued best wishes to you all,

Mr M Eastham, Principal

We're Recruiting!

Reception & Admin Support Assistant

Closing date: 10 May 2024

Receptionist & Admin Support Assistant

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

Part time / Term time only /
Permanent

To start as soon as possible.

Penwortham Priory Academy is looking to recruit a proactive, adaptable and highly organised individual, for a multi-faceted role within our school. This is an exciting opportunity for the right candidate, who will report directly to the Office Manager.

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate excellent communication, organisational, and IT skills, and possess a positive, proactive and solution-led approach to work, with the ability to manage competing demands. Experience of working in a reception and/or administrative position is an essential requirement for this post.

Hours per week: 23 hours 45 mins

Wednesday 7:45am – 4pm

Thursday 7:45am – 4:30pm

Friday 7:45am – 4pm

With a 30 minute unpaid lunch break

Closing date 9am, Friday 10th May

Assessments/interviews Tuesday 21st May

For an informal discussion about the role, or for a tour of the school, please contact Mrs N Burkhill, Office Manager, by e-mail at n.burkhill@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

For further information, and to download an application form, please go to >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

Please note, CVs will not be accepted.

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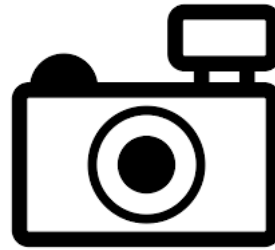


Year 11 Lunch Accounts

As you know the last day in school for Year 11 is fast approaching. We would like to remind you that no refunds will be made on your child's lunch account, so please do bear this in mind and use up any remaining balances you may have over the coming weeks.



Mrs Coolson
Assistant Business
Manager Finance & HR



Say Cheese!

Next Tuesday, 30 April we will be having a whole school photo.

This was postponed from last year due to the weather and has been organised to celebrate the school's 70th anniversary.

The photo will be taken at 9am so it is essential that everyone is prompt to school and looking their best.

These photos in the past have served as a perfect piece of Priory history and we are often told by former pupils that they still have theirs from the 1950s and 1960s.



End of Year Rewards Trip

The whole school rewards trip will be taking place on Thursday, 27th June.

Pupils are awarded a place by their Head of Year based on their attendance, attitude to learning and behaviour.

Letters of invitation will be issued after the half term break, and to avoid disappointment, we are giving parents as much notice as possible as late payments cannot be accepted.

The Piano at Priory - Also in the Hex

DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to the piano in the Auditorio, there is now another in the Hex for Year 7 pupils to play at break and lunchtimes. This is to be used very much in the style of those in public places such as Liverpool One, St Pancras and Manchester Piccadilly stations. Not sure what we mean? Take a look at this clip...



<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=nBNHSON7N1s&pp=ygUSUGlhbmlzdCBTdCBQYW5jcmFz>

Pupils should be mindful of others enjoying their break and therefore the piano must be used considerately for tuneful practice.



Mr Taylor
Lead Teacher of Music

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Pupils Learn A Language With Three Pillars And A Pizza Box!



Priory's Languages department encouraged pupils to use their imaginations to help them understand the new way of teaching French.



Instead of being taught in different topics, French is now based around the 'Three Pillars' – Grammar, Phonics and Vocabulary.

"I am a massive fan of this new French curriculum," said Head of Languages, Mrs Scully, who is in her second school year of teaching it.

"The new way of learning can be trickier to understand so we gave our pupils a challenge to try and help them.

"They were asked to build a model of the 'Three Pillars' which showed their understanding of each of the pillars, that they were of equal importance and what they offer in terms of language.

"They had two hours to build them in their House teams and then they went in front of a panel of three senior figures in school to answer questions such as: '*Why do you learn vocabulary?*' '*What is grammar?*' and '*What does 'HABITS' stand for?*'

HABITS is an acronym standing for: High frequency language; Automaticity; Building Blocks of Language; Independence; Talk it! Read it! Write it! Listen to it!; and Sequencing. This helps pupils understand why they are learning French in this way.

Mrs Scully continued: "They were also questioned about careers in French and they showed a good understanding about how you can use languages in a host of different jobs.

"Pupils are also taught ten words a week. This is on purpose so we aren't overloading them and the new vocabulary sinks in.

"We have noticed an impact on our pupils since we introduced this a year ago. Their pronunciation is better, they have better vocabulary retention and their grammar is improving.

"This will prepare them for a new GCSE and we believe this way of teaching French will be more beneficial to our pupils."

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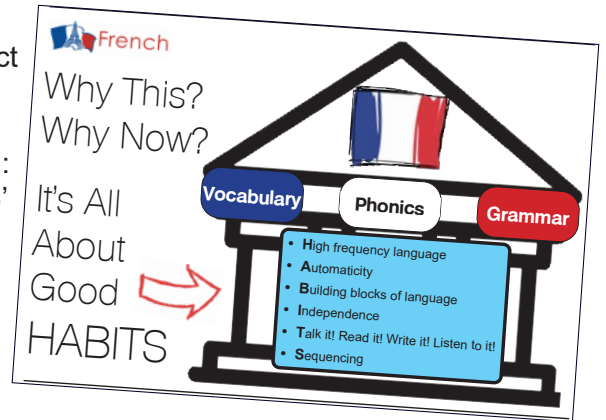
Oliver, of Year 8 winners, Group 3 Calder, said: "Making the model definitely helped me understand the Three Pillars better."



Year 8 Phoebe said: "Building the model was fun and enjoyable while the presentation was nerve-racking. I had missed one of the lessons so this helped me catch-up and helped me understand it better."

Year 8 Emily said: "My job was to concentrate on the careers aspect and they are all now engraved in my brain!"

Leon, of Year 7 Group 1 winner Hodder, who won overall, added: "Our model had three pillars on a box and we included the 'HABITS' so it was a good way to learn."



These are our winners -

Year 8

1st Group 3 Calder
Sophie P, Phoebe P,
Ellie A, Oliver C, Emily C

2nd Group 1 Ribble

3rd Group 6 Hodder

4th Wild Card Group 4 Ribble

5th Group 2 Douglas

Year 7

1st Group 1 Hodder
Hollie L, Zack E, Dexter H,
Salahuddeen I, Craig B, Leon H

2nd Group 3 Douglas

3rd Group 1 Ribble

4th Group 1 Calder

5th Wild Card Group 1 Douglas



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Culture Day - Friday, 3 May

Next Friday, we will once again be celebrating Culture Day.

DID YOU KNOW?

At Penwortham Priory Academy we pride ourselves on our diversity and vast cultural community. In our school this academic year, we have on average 15 different ethnicities and over 20 different languages spoken!

Having a day to celebrate our culture is something that has been requested by many of our pupils and we agree that it is extremely important for children to be proud of their identities, faiths and cultures, but also to share their background with their peers.

On Friday then, students are invited to come to school dressed in clothing that reflects either their own particular culture, represents their special country's flag or embodies a national team kit, such as rugby, hockey or football.

If they do wish to wear their own clothes for the day, then we ask that you make a donation of £1 via SCOPay. Money raised will go to the Red Cross and Friends of Mulanje Orphans (Malawi).

There will be a food sale at break/lunchtime in the Auditorio on the same day where students can buy many different foods from other cultures. In addition, students may bring in their own cultural food (this can be homemade or store bought) that can be shared amongst their classmates. In this case, we also ask that you provide the school with a list of ingredients in the food so that they can ensure that children with any allergies or dietary requirements are safe to eat it.

On this day, students will be also be talking about their culture with their classmates, doing lots of activities to celebrate their identity, learning basic sayings in each other's languages and listening to music from around the world. There will be a quiz in Learning for Life and each department will have

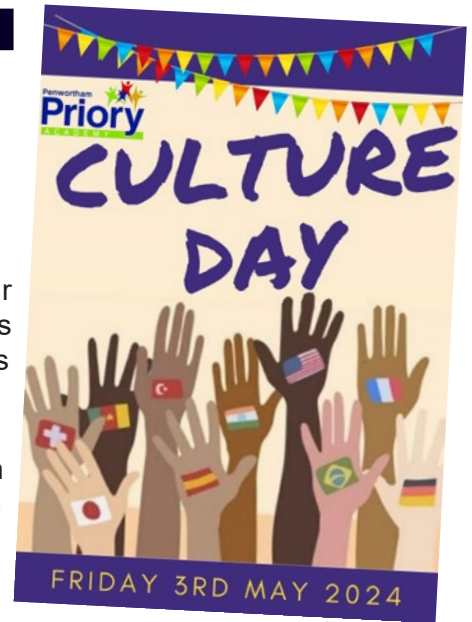
a short presentation highlighting famous people from various cultures that relate to their subjects.

Throughout the week, Henna painting will also be taking place at break and lunchtime in the Auditorio. Permission letters for this activity can be obtained from the school office and the cost for this is £2 (cash only).

Mrs Cowell will also be running one of her cookery workshops on Tuesday evening where pupils will be making Greek cheese pies (booking essential).

We are very excited to celebrate our cultures at Penwortham Priory Academy and are sure that the students will have a fantastic day.

If you have any questions at all, please contact Mrs Qadri via email at s.qadri@priory.lancs.sch.uk



Come to school in Cultural Clothes, National flag colours or National Team sports kit

Food from different cultures for sale in the Auditorio

Henna/Mehndi patterns at break/lunchtime (Letter to be signed by parents beforehand)

Music from different cultures at Break/Lunchtimes

Food workshop in Tech after school on Tuesday with Mrs Qadri/Mrs Cowell



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Culture Day

Consent to use Henna

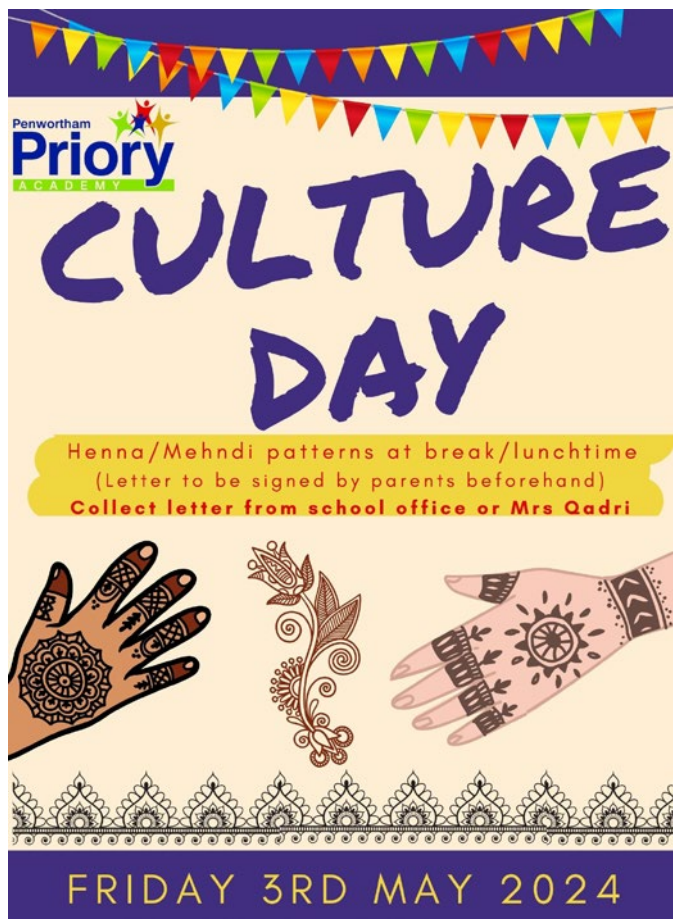
As part of our Culture Day event on Friday, 3 May pupils will have the opportunity to use henna to draw mehndi patterns on their hands.

Henna is a natural dye made from a plant and applied to the skin. It will remain on the skin for a few days, but it is not permanent. It will however, permanently stain clothing if it comes into contact with it before drying. Please note that an allergic reaction is possible, but uncommon.

The activity will take place at break/lunchtime in the Auditorio from Monday, 29 April to Thursday, 2 May. To cover resources, this will cost £2 per person which can be paid in cash on the day.

If your child has expressed an interest to take part in this activity and you consent to the application of henna, please complete and return the permission slip to Mrs Qadri before Thursday, 2 May.

Letters are available to collect from the school office, from Mrs Qadri or can be downloaded from the website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters



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CULTURE DAY

Henna/Mehndi patterns at break/lunchtime
(Letter to be signed by parents beforehand)
Collect letter from school office or Mrs Qadri

FRIDAY 3RD MAY 2024

Mrs Cowell's After School Creative Cookery

12 Places Available

Open to Pupils in Year 7, 8 & 9

Tuesday, 30 April

Culture Week

To celebrate Culture Week, Mrs Cowell and Mrs Qadri will be running a cookery workshop where you'll be making Greek cheese pies called Spanakopita.



What is Spanakopita?

It is an authentic Greek savoury spinach and cheese pie featuring layers of crispy, flaky pastry and a rich spinach and feta cheese filling. This is usually served warm for an impressive but easy to make vegetarian main meal.

The session is open to pupils in Year 7, 8 & 9 and will run from 3.10pm-4.30pm in the Food Technology Room.

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.

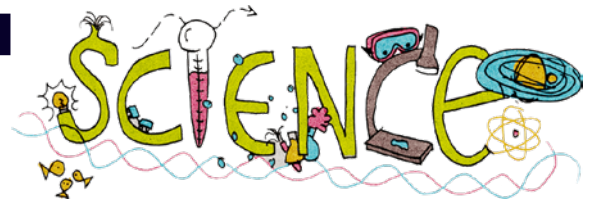
It's free and all ingredients are provided. Please let Mrs Cowell know in advance if you have any allergies or dietary requirements.

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

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STEM Club Takes on Food Technology



All year, STEM club has been working on exploring Science outside of the classroom. The Year 7 & 8s have made indicators from fruit, investigated the best construction for bridges and formulated their own elephant's toothpaste, to name just a few.



In their last session, the group ventured across to the Food Technology classroom for an entirely different investigation - can you cook ice cream? They discussed the particle arrangement of gases and how the spacing between them made them poor conductors so, if we added enough air to a meringue, we should be able to cook the meringue whilst the ice cream remained frozen.

STEM Club lead and Assistant Head of Science, Mrs Potter, said, "After great teamwork making the baked Alaska, including some tense moments whilst separating eggs to get the whites, each team managed to get their experiment to the oven and unlike in the Science lab, they enjoyed eating the resulting bake!"



Well done: Imogen K, Noah P, Dexter H, Oliver C, Charlie P, Jacob S, Marshall T.



STEM Club is for Year 7 and Year 8 pupils and has now ended for this academic year. It will begin again in September and will run weekly after school until 4pm.



Pupils 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 gives pupils an excellent opportunity to develop skills such as perseverance and communication.

Mrs Potter
Assistant Head of
Science

Textile Club Ready To Welcome New Members



Monday after school Textiles Club continues to be as productive as ever and it provides a welcoming, creative space for a variety of students from all year groups who enjoy coming together to get crafty!

Recently we have made soft toys, tie dyed our own fabric before turning it into pencil cases, and this week we've started work on a club banner for display in school. We have also welcomed some talented crocheters who bring their hooks and yarn to the club each week to spend time on their individual crochet projects.

In recent weeks, Year 8, Junior, and Year 7, Henry, have both made a toy for their younger siblings.



The club runs every Monday after school 3.10pm-4.10pm in TE4, all are welcome, regardless of skill or ability. Contact Mrs Lockwood for more details.

*Mrs Lockwood
Technology
Teacher*

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TEXTILES CLUB

LIMITED SPACES

EVERY MONDAY
3.10PM-4PM

MATERIALS PROVIDED

ROOM:
T4
TECHNOLOGY

BEGINNERS WELCOME

See Mrs.Lockwood in Technology to secure a place



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Our Spring play, 'Scratching The Surface', is showing next week

Have you got your tickets yet?

Here's a peak into the rehearsals.

The play is an educational performance written by Mark Wheeler that dramatises the story of his interviews with Rob, a young man, who as a teenager self-harmed. Mark chats to his family as they reflect on how traumatic it had been to live with this constant 'elephant in the room'.



Performances take place on Tuesday, 30 April and Wednesday, 1 May starting at 7pm. Tickets are £7 each and can be purchased via SCOPay, at the school office or on the door (cash only).

As the topic of the play is of a sensitive nature, tickets are restricted to age 12+ and we recommend that you read our launch article to find out more about it >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/events/2024-04-30-scratching-the-surface

There will be a bake sale on the night to raise money for YoungMinds.

YOUNGMINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

Thank you in advance for your support.



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Everybody's Talking About Wednesday Night's Theatre Trip

We were all definitely talking about Jamie after the show!

REPORT BY MISS HOWELL, LEAD TEACHER OF DRAMA

What a great show with a great message. I believe at Priory we pride ourselves on making our school a safe place where our pupils feel they belong. This is very much the message Jamie is portraying, that there is a place for everyone in this world and that we are all special.



*"Out of the darkness
Into the spotlight
There is a new star
Shining so bright"*

All our pupils are new stars shining so bright on their journeys through life and this musical empowers them to be who they want and to be proud.

Thank you to all staff that helped make the trip happen and thank you to all our amazing pupils, once again you made me a very proud teacher; what excellent ambassadors for our school.

Miss Howell
Lead Teacher of Drama



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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, a festival or an event in school, such as the production.

Next week, it's all about: Culture

A potpourri, a melting pot, a smorgasbord; Next week's theme is music from different cultures around the world and is entirely put together by pupils, leading to Culture Day on Friday, 3 May.

Most music genres from around the world focus on the beat and rhythm, because they are mainly ceremonial and encourage people to dance or move. However, Chinese music's principal design focuses more on producing a calming effect on the listener and enhancing their productivity rather than being ceremonial.

Hispanic countries' music themes are more related to the Latin music styles as well as their indigenous people's music. There is also the traditional mariachi music that dates back to the 1700s. On the other hand, traditional Caribbean music is known for being a melodic mix between European and African music styles.

Punjabi music became a huge trend in the UK in the late '70s because of the growing Punjabi population in these countries. Similarly, the popular Indian Bhangra music also had a strong representation around the world thanks to the Indian population in New York and Chicago. However, many of these Indian world music genres were popularised in western cultures through collaboration in songs, especially rap, which gained them more mainstream integration by non-Indian listeners.

Africa is the oldest inhabited continent in the world, encompasses a huge variety of unique musical styles, many of which also influenced some of the most popular music genres around the world today.

North African traditional music is typically unique and different from the music in central and South Africa. North African countries are mostly Arab and Mediterranean countries, so their music is more influenced by their ethnic background and common language than their geographical position. In the majority of cases, African music is known for its highly energetic and fast-paced style and is mainly used at ceremonies.

South America is popular for many things. However, South American traditional music is easily one of the most distinguishable in the world. The music in this region is known for carrying energetic vibes and rhythmic upbeat melodies that are extremely catchy and appeal to all ages, making them among the most popular types of world music. Additionally, it incorporates some elements from the African music that came with the enslaved African ancestors who were taken from West and Central Africa to the Americas.

Future weeks' theme suggestions are welcomed - pupils/staff should see Mr Taylor, email a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk or contact via Teams chat.



Mr Taylor
Lead Teacher of Music

Welcome Year 6 & Good Luck Year 11: Behind The Scenes



Last Friday morning, Year 7 pupils stepped into the spotlight for a very special Priory tradition.

With the A3 letters, they spell out two powerful messages to the Year 6 pupils who will be joining us in September and, at the same time, we have a just as an important one for our Year 11s as they embark on their final exams this term.

As usual, we had lots of fun on the shoot, and the pupils involved - one representing each of our feeder primary schools - did such a fabulous job. They had time for a quick selfie, and weather was kind to us too.

The photos will grace our prospectus and social media profiles as well as a special card that is sent to our primary schools.



We'll be sharing the final results and hearing more from these Year 7s in a later issue.

Well done and thanks to - Archie G, Aaliyah B - Cop Lane Primary, Tobias G - Cottam Primary, Jess H - Kingsfold Primary, Maxi B-S - Longton, Ethan B - New Longton, Lola B - Middleforth, Lillia S - Penwortham Primary, Aiden W - St Stephen's, Hollie L, Salahudden I - Whitefield, Theo L - Little Hoole, Henry H - Howick, Kayden C - Broad Oak

We can't wait to share the final masterpiece!



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Year 7 Pupil Receives High Sheriff's Young Citizen Award



We are so proud of Year 7 pupil, George, who has been presented with a High Sheriff of Lancashire's Young Citizen Award 2024 Commended Certificate for helping to rescue an elderly lady who had fallen.

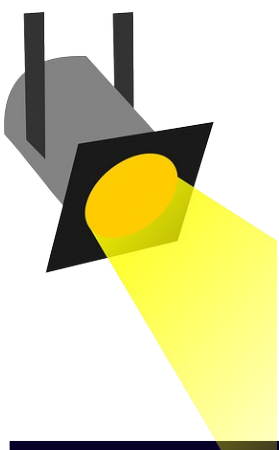
George said: "I was leaving my auntie's house in Chorley and a police woman asked if I could climb through a window as a lady had fallen over inside the house and they couldn't get access.

"It was on the ground floor, so I climbed through, climbed over the settee and saw her on the floor. She was conscious. I unlocked the door, kept the lady calm and an ambulance came.

"I thought that was it but the police lady said I would get something special."

The PCSO was Liz Coleman who was attending the emergency but couldn't access the property without George's help.

George and his mum went to Chorley police station at a later date and got presented with his special award from the Superintendent for Lancashire, Gary Crowe.



Pupils In The Spotlight

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

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

j.yates@priority.lancs.sch.uk

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Year 11 Pupil Becomes English Junior Champion



Year 11 Troy is an English curling champion.

Troy got into curling 'for something to do' in summer 2020 and found he excelled at it. He is part of Team Waring who entered the English Curling Association (ECA) England Junior Curling Championship 2024 over Easter at the Flower Ball in Garstang.

"My position is first where I throw the first stone and sweep the rest of them," said Troy.

Team Waring played six matches over four days, winning them all to be crowned the undefeated UK British Junior Champions.

The team will now go on to the World Junior B Championships as the England Junior Curling Representatives in December in Finland. If they win they will qualify for the World Junior A Championships in 2025.

"It's a very technical game," said Troy. "I like it as it keeps me active."

"It is a great achievement for our team to go to the World Championships, it's a chance to visit Finland too as I have never been before."

"It is a hobby and just something I enjoy so I am not sure how far I want to go with my curling. I also enjoy drama at school but when I leave Priory I want to go into engineering."

The team of four is currently raising funds to finance their participation in December's Championships in Finland to cover kit, travel and accommodation costs. If you'd like to support them, any help would be appreciated.
www.gofundme.com/f/team-waring-junior-mens-english-curling-champions



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Year 10 Head To The Workshop For Engineering



Our Year 10 Engineering students have been hard at work in the workshop this term producing their own desktop storage designs from leftover wood.

Practical skills in the workshop underpin the theory work for the Engineering qualification and give the students hands on experience of working with tools and implementing relevant health and safety legislation. This is demonstrated in our photos below by Year 10 pupils, Reece R and Marvyn S, who are both working towards the NCFE Level 1 and Level 2 qualification in Engineering.



Students have also been studying the environmental impacts of materials in Engineering and the importance of choosing sustainable materials where possible. With that in mind, we would like to make a request for donations of wood and timber that the students can recycle in a future project.

Do we have any parents or family members who could donate spare offcuts of wood to school? We are planning to make bug houses in the Summer term therefore we are particularly interested in any donations of garden canes so we can design and make something similar to the picture opposite.



If you are able to help, please contact Mrs Lockwood via email e.lockwood@priory.lancs.sch.uk or to arrange drop off. Thank you in advance and we look forward to showing you our finished results!

Mrs Lockwood
Technology Teacher



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Martin Lewis Financial Education Text Book

At Priory, financial education is taught during Learning for Life lessons and looked at in depth on LfL Day 5 in Year 7 and Day 1 and 2 in Year 11.

In conjunction with these lessons, Your Money Matters, the first-ever curriculum-mapped financial education textbook, teaches young people about topics such as savings, budgeting, borrowing, student loans and identity theft.

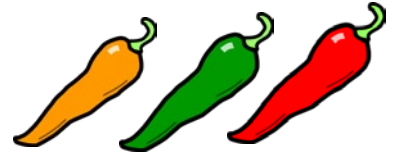
The book is primarily aimed at students aged 14 to 16 but is appropriate for all year groups. It was written by the financial education charity Young Money with guidance from Martin Lewis.

Parents and pupils can access further information about the Martin Lewis financial education book, and download a copy in PDF format, via the link below>



<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2018/11/financial-education-textbooks-funded-by-martin-land-in-english-s/>

*Ms Smith
Lead Practitioner for
Personal Development*



Chilli Challenge Winners

Here are this week's winners who each receive a chilli token to claim their free breaktime snack from the dining rooms.

Year 7 Matthew B C4
Year 8 Noah J R2
Year 9 Charlie McC R4
Year 10 Emily J C1
Year 11 No correct answers, therefore an additional Year 10 was selected - Year 10 Daniel McC R2

The House leader board remains as

1st **HODDER** 2nd **RIBBLE**
3rd **CALDER** 4th **DOUGLAS**

Careers Advice

Every Thursday at Lunch
Every Friday at Break

Drop-ins with Ms Smith in the Pastoral careers office

Do you need careers advice?

Seeing a careers adviser can provide invaluable guidance and support in pathways and career planning and development. One hour appointment slots can be booked on Thursdays if a lengthy discussion is required. Please see Ms Smith regarding any of the following:

Career Guidance: Ms Smith can offer an insight into various career paths, industries, and job markets. She can help you identify your skills, interests, and values, and align them with suitable career options.

Exploration of Options: Ms Smith can introduce you to options you may not have considered. She can provide information on different career paths, and educational requirements.

Goal Setting and Planning: Ms Smith can assist you in setting realistic career goals and creating a strategic plan to achieve them. She can help you map out steps such as further education, skill development, networking, and job searching.

Application, CV and Interview Preparation: Ms Smith can offer guidance on crafting effective applications, CVs and cover letters tailored to specific job opportunities. She can also provide tips and practice for job interviews, helping you present yourself confidently to potential employers.

Networking Opportunities: Ms Smith has connections with employers, alumni networks and industry professionals. She can facilitate networking opportunities that may assist with applications.

Personalised Support: You all have individual and unique career aspirations and challenges. Ms Smith can provide personalised support, taking into account your individual circumstances, strengths, and areas for development.



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A Full House For Priory's Easter Bingo



On the Wednesday evening before the Easter break, the assembly hall was abuzz with excitement as families of Year 7 and Year 8 pupils, along with staff members, gathered for an Easter bingo fundraising event.

The evening was filled with laughter and friendly competition as attendees vied for the array of delightful prizes. Mr Eastham led the number calling and added this new-found talent to his daytime job as Priory's Principal. Each line won elicited cheers as winners received bags brimming with chocolate treats. The stakes were high for full house wins, which were awarded hampers packed with chocolate, wine, and assorted Easter gifts, ensuring the spirit of the season was felt by all.



The event proved to be a spectacular success, raising over £400, topping last year's figure and marking a significant contribution to our school's fundraising efforts.



A special mention goes to the raffle, which featured a chocolate cake homemade by our talented Vice Principal and Food Technology teacher, Mrs Cowell, and a handcrafted floral basket from our award-winning gardener, Mr Farron (flowers donated by Newgate Nurseries). These unique prizes, along with the generous donations of Easter eggs and £1 coins given by our pupils in exchange for the prior non-uniform day, added a touch of Priory charm to the event.



We would also like to mention the invaluable assistance provided by our prefect helpers, Cameron, Megan, and Abigail.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated. Your support and generosity are what make events like these possible, and we look forward to many more in the future.



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Interhouse Egg Decorating Competition - Winners

Advertised through Teams leading up to the Easter break, Food Technology Teacher Mrs Cowell invited all pupils to take part in this egg-citing competition.

Pupils could decorate an egg in whatever way they liked, the more creative, the better. To get their creative juices flowing, some 'eggcellently' decorated egg ideas were also posted on Teams.



Pupils could use an ordinary hard boiled egg and there were prizes of Easter eggs for first, second and third place.

Judging took place in the Food Technology room on 26 March and Mrs Cowell announced winners the next day.



First place went to Ribble's Emma H (Year 10) with her happy little family of eggs (see below). Second prize went to a Year 7 although we don't have a name - if it was you, please make yourself known to Mrs Cowell.



**PENWORTHAM
TOWN COUNCIL**

Youth Engagement Meeting

Tuesday, 30 April from 3.30pm

If you are a young person up to the age of 16 and live in the Kingsfold area, then Penwortham Town Council would like to hear from you.

They are holding a Youth Engagement Event on Tuesday, 30 April from 3.30pm to find out what services you would like in your area.

Go along to Penwortham Community Centre on Kingsfold Drive to let them know... and you'll also get a free chip butty!

Come along to get a FREE chip butty!

We want to hear from young people up to the age of 16 from the Kingsfold area of Penwortham!

We are holding a Youth Engagement Event to find out what services you would like in your area.

Penwortham Community Centre
Tuesday 30th April
From 3.30pm



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Year 10 Parents Evening

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Thursday, 9 May

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 an email has been sent to Year 10 parents.

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

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/>



Please note, when booking your appointment for Science, only make a single teacher booking. Your child will tell you which teacher to book with.

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

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

Mrs Bullock
Head of year 10



Year 10 GCSE History Revision Guides

The Humanities department is now able to order CGP revision guides for GCSE History at a reduced cost and we would like to give Year 10 parents/carers the opportunity to purchase them to support your son/daughter's revision for their exams.

Titles are available for the following units of their AQA GCSE exam:

- America, 1920-73
- Conflict & Tension, 1918-39

The guides are available to buy at a cost of £3.50 each, which is a saving on the RRP of £6.95 each.

If you would like to purchase the guides, please make payment via the school's online payment system, SCOPay.

We shall be placing the first order on **Wednesday, 8 May**, so if you would like your son/daughter to have their guides as soon as possible, please ensure payment is made by that date.

Letters will be given to Year 10 pupils on Monday and can also be downloaded from the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters



Mr Eccles
Lead Teacher of History

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English Department

Disney's Aladdin

Wednesday, 3 July

Year 7, 8 & 9

We are pleased to be able to offer a limited number of tickets for a theatre trip to see a bestselling musical at the Palace Theatre in Manchester on Wednesday, 3 July at 7.30pm.

The Olivier nominated Aladdin is one of the top ten highest grossing Broadway productions of all time and is based on the 1992 animated film. It is filled with unforgettable magic, comedy, breathtaking sets and dazzling costumes.

The price will be £33 which includes the ticket and return transport. Pupils will need to be at school for 5.40pm to be registered and ready for the coach to depart at 6pm. We expect to return to Priory around 11.15pm.

The closing date for places is Monday, 13 May when the full payment of £33 is required to secure the ticket, however, this will close earlier if places are filled. If you would like your child to attend the trip, please make the required payment via the school's online payment system, SCOPay, where you will also be required to provide parental consent. This replaces the need to complete a reply slip.

Please see English Teacher, Mrs Webster, for a copy of the letter or it can be downloaded from the school website at>>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

Any queries can be directed to Mrs Webster via email at l.webster@priory.lancs.sch.uk



Ghost The Musical



Thursday, 5 December

All Year Groups

We are pleased to be able to offer 49 places for a theatre trip to see a bestselling musical at the Blackpool Winter Gardens.

'Ghost The Musical', produced by Bill Kenwright, is an international hit based on the film of the same name. The movie 'Ghost', has proven to be one of cinema's biggest all-time hits. Starring the late Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore and Whoopi Goldberg, it was the highest grossing film of 1990 and won an Oscar for screenwriter Bruce Joel Rubin who has adapted his screenplay for this musical.

The price will be £30.00 including the ticket and return transport. The group will travel by coach and leave school at around 1:15pm. We expect to return to Priory approximately 6.30pm.

The closing date for places is Friday, 31 May when a £10 deposit is required to secure the ticket, however, this will close earlier if places are filled. Payment must then be made in full by Monday, 30 September. If you would like your child to attend the trip, please make the required payment via the school's online payment system, SCOPay, where you will also be required to provide parental consent. This replaces the need to complete a reply slip.

Please see Miss Howell for a copy of the letter or it can be downloaded from the school website at>>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

Any queries can be directed to Miss Howell via email at f.howell@priory.lancs.sch.uk



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Menu.

Culture Day
Friday, 3 May
Special Hot Food Menu

In conjunction with Culture Day next Friday, the catering team are offering a special menu which will be served in both restaurants. Light bites and snacks from other cultures will also be available to buy in the Auditorio at break and lunch.

Fish, chips, mushy peas (British)

Pizza & chips (Italian)

Beef burger with cheese & chips (American)

Wraps, sandwiches, paninis and jacket potatoes also available.

GCSE & A LEVEL EXAM STRESS PARENT/CARER WEBINAR

IS YOUR YOUNG PERSON WORRIED ABOUT
THEIR UPCOMING EXAMS?

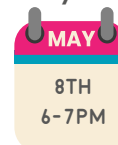


Do you want to know more about how to support your young person's emotional wellbeing during exam season?

Compass Bloom are running a free webinar for you to access expert advice and guidance to support your young person through their exams.

Please note: To attend this webinar, your child/young person must attend one of our school/colleges, you can see our list of schools on the registration form.

Date for your diary



Scan our QR code or register on the link below.



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New Facebook Group For 2024 Intake

This year we have set up a Facebook group exclusively for parents/carers whose children are joining us from September 2024.



Whilst we will post bulletins in the group, these will only be reinforcements and reminders of information that has already been issued directly to parents. In addition, the group will also act as a forum for everyone to ask general questions and to get to know one another.

Click on the link to join. You will then be asked to provide the name of your child before being accepted to the group.

www.facebook.com/groups/priory2024intake

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Department
for Education

Absences and Lateness to School

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence and lateness in term time.

These changes came into effect on 19 August 2024 and we wrote to parents on 15 April to give you advance warning and to make you aware of what this will mean for us here at Priory:

- Penalty notices issued for unauthorised absences will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice will be issued is set at 10 'sessions'.
- Importantly and of real significance, this includes 'sessions' as a result of arriving late after the register closes in the morning or the afternoon.
- Please note, each school day is made up of two 'sessions'; one in the morning and one in the afternoon, so ten 'sessions' is classed as five days of absence and/or lateness within a rolling 10-school week period.
- Please also note that a school 'week' is determined as any week in which a school meets at least once in that week.
- The 10-school week period will also span different terms and school years.
- Finally, a maximum of two penalty notices will be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the third (or subsequent) absence and/or lateness, another course of action will be used (such as prosecution).

Attendance



Therefore, we can't stress enough the continued importance of not only attendance, but also arriving to school on time.

Any absences for your son or daughter, whilst school is open as normal and all other pupils are in attendance, learning, means gaps in their knowledge can form in relation to their peers and could mean they will find it more difficult to catch up and meet their full potential.

Absences can and do have a lasting effect on learning. Missing a week of school for example means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning.

Whilst requests for absence can still be made using our appropriate form, it is only in the most exceptional of circumstances that any requested absence will be authorised. Holidays will continue not to be considered an exceptional circumstance.

Finally, then, can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in working alongside us here at Priory to stress to your daughter or son the importance of not only their attendance at school, but their punctuality too; ensuring they are in school on time, in their lessons, learning alongside their peers.

It continues to be very much appreciated I can assure you.

Mr M Eastham
Principal

A copy of the letter which was circulated to parents on Monday, 15 April can also be downloaded from the school website at >>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

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This week's winner...

Congratulations to 'Ms S'!

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

Next Draw
Saturday
27 April



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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

House events

Science Competition 15/3
GOLD - RIBBLE!

Chilli Challenge 22/3
GOLD - HODDER!

Easter Challenge
GOLD - DOUGLAS!

Year 7 MFL Challenge
GOLD - HODDER!

Year 8 MFL Challenge
GOLD - CALDER!



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Free Rugby Taster Session This Saturday



Leyland Warriors are passionate about providing access to rugby league in a friendly and supportive setting. They are the only rugby club in South Ribble who provides training from 4 years right up to Ladies Masters (30+ years) and Men's Masters (35+ years).

They are looking to boost their youth and junior squads and so are holding their first FREE taster session of 2024.

The session will run this Saturday, 27 April, 1-2pm on the 3G pitch at Leyland St Marys High School, Royal Avenue, Leyland. It's a great opportunity to be part of a team, learn new skills and make new friends.

LANCON JUNIOR F.C. GIRLS

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⚽ U14s Girls Team ⚽
(school years 8 and 9)

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IAN - 07709931777
BEV - 07505302789

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PRESTON DETACHMENT

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Royal Marines Cadets can offer opportunities such as:

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