Penwortham Priory Post



Runshaw College Maths Challenge Winners!

Congratulations to Priory's Team 1 who solved the ultimate maths puzzle in the Runshaw College 2024 Maths Challenge.

Last Thursday evening, thirteen schools from across the North West competed for the ultimate title of 'Runshaw Maths Challenge Champions 2024'. This is an annual and prestigious event intended to inspire and challenge able mathematicians by working through problem solving activities.

Priory entered two teams, with the second group of four pupils coming in a respectable 9th place out of the twenty taking part.

A spokesperson from the college said, "After multiple rounds of challenging problems and solving questions, the title went to Team 1 from Penwortham Priory, with Team 1 from Albany Academy coming in second place and Team 1 from St Michael's CE High School in Chorley coming in third place.

"It was lovely to see so many budding mathematicians - well done to everyone who came and took part."

Maths teacher, Mr Hunter, who accompanied the Priory contingent added, "There were three rounds with some really difficult maths questions. Out of the twenty teams in total, they managed to beat nineteen other teams; that's the 76 best mathematicians from other schools!"

Congratulations to - Year 11: Samuel D, Preston McM, Ryan H and Isaac S. Year 10: Niamh P, Jake L, Emily P and Agnes K. More photos next page.

Key Dates

Diary Dates

Did you know that the term dates for the academic year are available to view and download from our website?

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

Weds, 27 March
Easter Bingo 6pm

27-29 March London Trip (Year 10 & Year 11 Performing Arts pupils)

Thurs, 28 March
End of Spring Term
Early lunch followed by
school closure at 1.10pm

Mon, 15 April
Start of Summer Term

Thurs, 18 AprilRunshaw College
Oxbridge Event 6.30pm

Tues, 23 April
Learning for Life Day 4
Early lunch followed by
school closure at 1.10pm

Weds, 24 April
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Drama Theatre trip,
Liverpool (Everybody's
Talking About Jamie) PM

Tues, 30 April Weds, 1 May Drama production 7pm

Mon, 6 May Bank holiday (school closed)









Mr Hunter Maths Teacher & House Leader (Hodder)







Tickets for our next drama production ON SALE NOW

The play is an educational performance written by Mark Wheeller 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 mental health charities.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Spring Term Attendance Winners

Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good habits for when young people enter into work and life.

At the end of each term, prizes are announced to recognise consistently high attendance throughout the academic year. Many pupils achieve 97%+ attendance and names are randomly drawn out of a hat, the five winners from each year group receiving a prize.

The following pupils' names have been drawn and will be presented with an Easter egg on the last day of term.







| Year 7 | Year 9 | Year 11 |
|----------|---------|-------------|
| Imogen C | Jake B | Adam B |
| Ethan H | Felix D | Samuel D |
| Dexter H | Aaron H | Jack McF |
| Alex I | Grace P | Madison P-F |
| Max R | Aaron W | Sharin S-R |

| Year 8 | Year 10 |
|-------------|----------|
| William D | Ethan B |
| Maya L | Tasha C |
| Saachi R | Agnes K |
| Kenzie S | Emily P |
| Junior Yaji | Declan W |

Year 11 Revision Timetables and Resources

As the GCSE examinations will be swiftly upon us after the Easter break, teachers have produced revision timetables to guide Year 11 studies.

There is a timetable for each subject and they provide a week by week breakdown of where to focus the revision,

alongside links signposting pupils to further support.

All these documents are available to download by Year 11 pupils and their parents via the school website>>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/revision

The page also contains further revision support, broken down by departments, and other useful websites. The summer exam timetable will also be uploaded here as soon as it has been finalised.



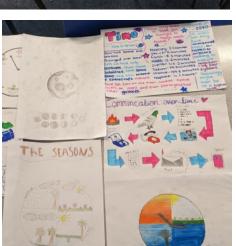
British Science Week Poster Design Competition



As part of British Science Week, our pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 have taken part in a national poster design competition. The theme this year was 'time'.

British
Science
Week
2024





Competition rules set by the organisers of British Science Week stipulate that schools can submit up to five posters. After much deliberation in the Science department, the five pupils who will have their work forwarded to the national competition are: Maya L (Year 8), Katie P (Year 7), Jessica T (Year 7), Molly T (Year 8) and Ruth W (Year 8).

The overall winner in school was Year 7 Jessica

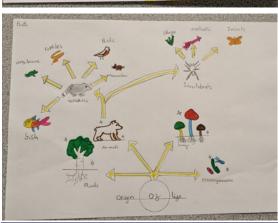
T who based her design around the hourglass. From over a hundred entries that came in, can you see your picture here?

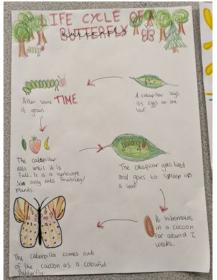
Katie and Jessica posed for a photo along with their prizes.

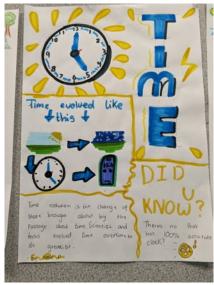














Easter Bingo at Priory



TOMORROW!

We are thrilled to announce that the event is now fully booked. If you would like be added to the waiting list, please email enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk as we may still be able to accommodate you.

Doors open at 6pm and eyes down at 6.15pm. Games are £1 per book or £5 for six books (five games per book). There will be refreshments available, a tuck shop and raffle. Whilst we do have a card machine, to speed things along, it would be tremendously helpful if you could please remember to bring cash.

Last year's event was a great success and we anticipate another fun-filled evening.

We look forward to entertaining you!

Year 11 Prom - 4 July



The times and specific information of the night will be confirmed closer to the date including meal choices, however all dietary requirements will be catered for and should be indicated when ordering.



The cost of the Prom is £35 per person. In order to secure a place, we require a deposit of £10 to be paid by Tuesday, 30 April. The final balance will then be due by Friday, 31 May.

We must take this opportunity to remind everyone that attendance at the Prom is subject to behaviour, attitude and attendance at school, and the school will make the final decision regarding this.

Letters have been distributed by Mrs Bailey this week and a copy can be downloaded via the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/ letters. If you would like your son/daughter to attend their valedictory event, please make the required payment via the school's online payment system, SCOPay. There is no requirement to complete a reply slip.

Learn to succeed

Year 9 Pupil Explores for Scouting Gold



Year 9 pupil Kacper has received glowing reports after achieving his Gold Scout Chief award.

Kacper has been a member of Preston Central Scout Group for 10 years.

He had to complete various challenges to reach gold status and was promoted to Explorer/Young Leader.

These challenges included a ten-hour hike, learning about culture and heritage, learning First Aid, cooking in the wild and more.

Kacper said: "I enjoyed completing the activities, especially kayaking. Gold is the highest you can achieve and it will also be helpful on my CV.

"I have moved to Young Leader now so I am instructing younger children. I have learned skills for life."



Preston Central Scout's Lojska said: "Kacper's journey from a dedicated scout to an exemplary Young Leader is inspiring. His unwavering commitment, enthusiasm and willingness to learn have left a lasting impression on the scout group.

"As a scout, Kacper embodied the core values of scouting, displaying dedication, teamwork and personal growth.

"Kacper achieved the highest award in the scout section, the Chief Scout Gold Award.

"This involved earning nine challenge badges, including planning and executing a two-day expedition, honing his camp craft and demonstrating team work.

"Once Kacper left the scout section, he became a Young Leader. Kacper confidently assumed various leadership roles, guiding and motivating younger scouts and cubs.

"His ability to lead by example and tackle challenges head-on has set him apart as a role model for his peers."

Jordan, from Preston Central Scouts, added: "Kacper has been fantastic since joining us as a Young Leader in Cubs last year. He has jumped right in, helping us every week, leading games and activities and supporting us on weekend events such as camps."

Year 9 Pupil Inspired By Friend To Self-Teach Music



Year 9 Maisie has been praised for her 'passion, commitment and progress' by Music Teacher, Mr Taylor.

Maisie has taught herself the keyboards and has asked Mr Taylor for more tunes to play as she admits she just loves learning them.



"I saw my friend Ben playing the piano in Year 7 and that inspired me, it was a 'Wow' moment," said Maisie.

"I have a keyboard at home and I asked Mr Taylor to give me with some songs to learn as I can read music.

"I enjoy playing 'All Of Me' and 'Just The Way You Are.'

"I don't really want to have lessons as I just like doing it in my own time and I don't want to play in public as I think I would get too anxious and mess up so this is just about me enjoying it and hopefully progressing. I just want to get better.

"I have asked Mr Taylor for more songs to play and he has given me 'Eastenders' 'The Simpson's' and 'Teletubbies' theme tunes to learn.

"I want to take my music further and I also enjoy drama and art."



The Piano at Priory

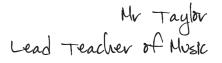


There is a piano in the Auditorio for pupils to play at break and lunchtimes very much in the style of those in public places such as Liverpool 1, St. Pancras and Manchester Piccadilly stations. Not sure what we mean? Take a look at this clip...

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=nBNHSOn7N1s&pp=ygUSUGIhbmlzdCBTdCBQYW5jcmFz

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





Pupils Take on Dungeons & Dragons After School



Priory's Dungeons and Dragons Club takes pupils on epic journeys which fire their imagination!

The D&D Club, which is after-school every Tuesday, was started by Year 11 Alex and he wasn't expecting a big turnout.

However it is 'absolutely thriving' said one teacher so much so that when Alex leaves, he is handing over the reigns to Year 8 Jacob to take control and ensure this popular club continues.

"I started it last year, after February half-term, as the club where I played D&D shut down," said Alex, who will go to Newman College to do A-Levels next year. "I still wanted to play so I started it at school expecting around six people but we have over 20 now.



"Dungeons and Dragons is basically where there are players and a Dungeon Master. The Dungeon Master provides a story and the players make their own fantasy characters, using maybe magic or weapons, and act out the story. It's very creative."

Jacob will take over and said: "I am very excited. I was into D&D but had no one to play with so it's great to have a club here and play with other people. I am keen to keep the club going. It's a bit of fun and is also quite relaxing."

The club is supervised by Learning Manager, Mrs Nayler who said: "It's been very popular and pupils learn skills which they will not only need in school but also in life such as vocabulary building, problem solving, team work, communication, story telling and imagination growth."

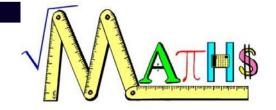
The club welcomes all year groups and takes place in LEAP 1 every Tuesday until 4pm.











LUSoM Deliver Enrichment Class To Maths Pupils

Last Wednesday, we welcomed the Lancaster University School of Maths (LUSoM) who came to Priory to deliver enrichment sessions to top set Year 8 and Year 9 pupils.

Head of Maths, Mr Kenrick said, "The session gave students real-world examples as well as explaining what LUSoM is as a college. The Year 8 workshop engaged pupils in gaming, risk and maths whilst the Year 9s learned about exponential growth and decay."

LUSoM is a sixth form community for high ability mathematicians. Based close to Cardinal Newman College in Preston, it provides an intellectually stimulating and challenging curriculum along with high-quality resources for 16-19 year olds who love maths.







Year 10

Work Experience

W/c 20 May

Assemblies (Period 6)

Newman College Monday, 25 March Runshaw College Thursday, 9 May Preston College Thursday, 16 May

Taster Day Choices

Newman College Friday, 17 May 8.50am-9.15am (Hex 2 / 3)

Taster Days

Preston College Monday 17 June
Runshaw College Tuesday 18 June
Newman College Friday 28 June



Belgium Trip: First World War Battlefields **Year 8 Expression of Interest**

We are excited to propose an international educational trip to the First World War battlefields in Belgium and are curently gauging interest from Year 8 pupils.

The trip will go out on Thursday, 3 April and return on Sunday, 6 April 2025. There will be places for 44 pupils at the estimated cost of £445 per person. Accommodation has been budgeted for the Munchenhof Hotel, located approximately 15 minutes from Ypres. Pupils will be accompanied by five members of Priory staff.

Proposed Itinerary Highlights:

- Exploration of the Passchendaele Museum
- Visit to the Hill 62 trench
- Discovery tour at the Hooge Museum
- Journey through the Willington Tunnels
- Participation in the Last Post Ceremony and Wreath laving
- Guided tours of significant war graves, including Tyne Cot and the Somme

We plan to partner with TimeTravel Education, a company we have previously collaborated with, known for their knowledgeable and informative battlefield tours.

If this is something that interests you and your Year 8 child, please return the reply slip attached to the letter which has been distributed to pupils by Mrs Cauchi. A copy can also be downloaded via the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters. The deadline for replies has been extended to Wednesday, 17 April.

Responses will help us assess the feasibility of this trip, and whether we open it up to an additional year group. We will provide more detailed information following initial feedback.

Mrs Cauchi Humanities Teacher House Leader (Douglas)





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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:

Penwortham

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.

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 Max and Charlie...

Year 7s Max and Charlie have both finished 'The Hunger Games' by Suzanne Collins and have different verdicts on the book.

Charlie said: "I have read the first three which are in the library and there is a fourth which I will read.

"I had seen the films first and I prefer them – there is more action in the films."

Max said: "I have just finished the first one and I quite like it. I will read the other two. I haven't seen the films. I do like adventure books."

Charlie's favourite subject is English while Max enjoys Technology.

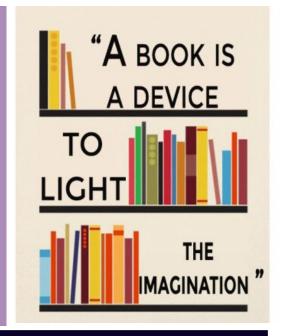
Charlie said: "My favourite author is Tom Palmer, who writes football books, and I like funny books. I play football for Kingsfold FC Juniors."



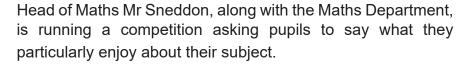
Mrs Elliott English Teacher and Chief Librarian

"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books."

- Roald Dahl



I Love Maths Because...





Pupils are tasked with completing the following sentence, "I love Maths because..." and qualifying responses are rewarded with an I love Maths badge.

Here's why Year 11s Louie and Will love Maths:

Louie... because Maths is incredible.

Whenever I do Sparx maths, it feels like I've ascended from the Earth into the heavens that are full of mathematical equations. I find it hard to resist getting engaged with the lesson whenever I walk into a Maths classroom. I cannot comprehend how superior Maths is to other subjects, for it is so much more exciting than English. Maths lessons are

Will.. because I love a good challenge. Maths is my favourite subject and we couldn't live without Maths. Maths is simply immaculate; it speaks louder than the poems in English.



NOW, It'S YOUR TURN...

absolutely jovial.

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

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



The next issue out Friday, 26 April 2024





South Ribble Dance Competition

On Tuesday, 20 March we were delighted to host the third heat of the borough's Dance competition.

The event was organised and run by South Ribble Borough Council with six local primary schools taking part.

We were pleased to be invited to help judge the winning team alongside Cllr Will Adams, Mayor of South Ribble Cllr Chris Lomax and the Mayoress Mrs Kim Lomax, and representatives from the South Ribble Community Development and Youth Council.

Huge congratulations went to St Teresa's Catholic Primary School who came out as winners of the third Dance Cluster Competition.

A representative from the council said, "The children were amazing and what a show they put on. Thank you to Penwortham Priory Academy for allowing us to host the event at their school. We really appreciate all your support."

Competitions have also taken place across Leyland and Lostock Hall and the overall winner will be go on to represent South Ribble at the Lancashire finals in Blackpool.

Chilli Challenge Winners

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

Year 7 Tobias G R5
Year 8 Oliver C C6
Year 9 Ciello D-L R6
Year 10 Abbie S H5
Year 11 Nathan C Grp6 D

The House leader board now looks like this:

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



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This week's winner...

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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 lackpot!

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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School closes for the Easter break on Thursday at the earlier time of 1.10pm.

Summer term begins on Monday, 15 April.



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.

Summer Half Term 1 - April to May 2024

Week 1

Monday

Chicken breast topped with BBQ sauce and cheese, served with new potatoes and beans or sweetcorn **GF H**

Macaroni cheese with garlic bread V

Tuesday

Chilli con carne served with rice **GF**

Vegetable burrito served w/ nachos V GF*

Wednesday

17 April - Culture Week Special

Butter chicken curry served with rice and naan **H** (**GF** without naan)

Vegetable samosas served with rice and curry sauce ${f V}$

22 May

Spicy chicken burger with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **H**

Vegan sausage roll with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V**

Thursday

Beef lasagne with garlic bread Vegetable lasagne with garlic bread **V**

Friday

Fish | Pizza **V GF*** | Steak and kidney pudding with gravy

All served with chips and beans or mushy peas

Week 2

Monday

Sausage and mash served with beans or peas

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

Tuesday

Homemade meat and potato pie served with vegetables and gravy

Vegetable samosas served with rice and curry sauce **V**

Wednesday

BBQ pulled pork and salad wrap served with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **GF***

Cheese and tomato calzone pizza served with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V GF***

Thursday

Chicken tikka pasty served with diced potatoes and beans or sweetcorn

Onion bhaji burger served with diced potatoes and beans or sweetcorn **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 and red pepper pasta with garlic bread **V GF***

Tuesday

Brunch **GF***

Mushroom and broccoli sweet chilli stir fry **V GF***

Wednesday

Popcorn chicken served with wedges and beans or sweetcorn

Veggie sausage served with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V**

Thursday

Roast dinner **GF***

Cheese and onion pasty served with diced potatoes and beans or peas ${f V}$

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.

Thursday - Piri Piri | Friday - Southern Fried Chicken only

Sandwich Fillings:
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 \mathbf{V} = Vegetarian \mathbf{H} = Halal \mathbf{GF} = Gluten Free \mathbf{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 or by speaking to the catering team before 9am on the day it is required (staff can pre-order GF options online).



