

Penwortham Priory Post



Tommy Leaves WW1 History at Priory

Pupils will notice a new addition to the 'Lest We Forget' Memorial Garden – Corporal Tommy.

Tommy was carved by John Winders and has been donated to Priory by John via Preston South Rotary Club, in return for a £500 donation to children's charity Derian House by the Rotary Club.

Rotary Club's Geoff Todhunter takes up the story.

"John Winders, a friend, took up wood-carving as a retirement hobby and has carved a number of birds, animals and other characters. Rather than accepting payment he requests that a donation be made to his preferred charity, Derian House.

"When he was nearing completion of his World War 1 soldier he was wondering where it could be erected and I undertook, on behalf of my Rotary Club, to try and find somewhere suitable.

"Penwortham Town Council approached local schools on our behalf and we are delighted that Penwortham Priory Academy gladly accepted it for their Memorial Garden.

"The end result is that Derian House will receive a significant donation from Rotary; John is delighted to know the statue has found a suitable home; the school will receive a nice focal point for their Memorial Garden and the Rotary Club pulled it altogether."

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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

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
Year 10 Runshaw College assembly

Tues, 14 May

Year 7 County Lines workshops

Thurs, 16 May

Year 10 Preston College assembly
Whole school photo (rearranged date)

Fri, 17 May

Year 10 Newman College taster choices day

w/c 20 May

Year 10 work experience week

Mon, 27 May - Fri, 31 May

Mid Term Closure

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John said: "I got the wood last April and it took me until October to make Tommy. I got the idea from the soldier in Astley Park and I thought I would have a crack at it.

"It's different to what I normally do, I have made many animals and characters, including Paddington and Mr Toad, and they are in the grounds of Derian House and it's lovely to see Tommy in a school."

Lead Teacher for History Mr Eccles said: "I am very impressed with Tommy, he's magnificent.

"It will get pupils talking about history and our Year 8s are currently studying the Great War so it's a nice coincidence."

Principal Mr Eastham said: "It really does have the wow factor. We are a community school and this is a fitting place to have this carving.

"We are blessed with having outdoor learning spaces and we hold our Remembrance Ceremony in our Memorial Garden every November so this is a fantastic addition to our learning environment.

"We have already noticed pupils looking at Tommy and hopefully this will stimulate discussion about him and history."

Gardener Mr Farron said: "Corporal Tommy is a welcome addition to our 'Lest We Forget' Memorial Garden, John is very talented and it is extraordinary. We just have to find a regiment for him now!"

Derian House representative Anne-Marie Fishwick said: "We are grateful to John for all the work he does for us and to come to Priory to see his latest carving.

"John asks for a donation to Derian House instead of for his work and this helps to raise our profile in different communities."



Picture shows (L-R): Anne-Marie Fishwick - Derian House, Carole Cockrane - Preston South Rotary Club, John Winders - Woodcarver, Geoff Todhunter and Frank Killen - Preston South Rotary Club.



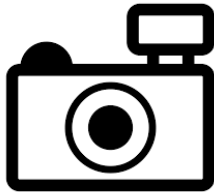
Don't Forget!

School will be closed on Monday and Tuesday next week due to the bank holiday and INSET day. Normal service resumes on Wednesday, 8 May.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Whole School Photo Rescheduled

Sadly, the whole school photo, which was due to take place last Tuesday morning, had to be postponed.



Although dry, conditions were too windy to get a good picture.

We have rescheduled the photography for Thursday, 16 May. Time to practice your best smile!



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Lunch Accounts



We would like to remind parents to continuously monitor the balance on their child's lunch accounts to ensure they have enough funds to cover the cost of the food they want to purchase.

Balances can be checked via SCOPay or BlueRunner, or pupils can check at the till point.

ID Cards For Food Purchases

Pupils must have their ID badges on them in school at all times. Unfortunately, pupils using the dining rooms without their ID cards will have to wait at the end of the queue when the catering staff will be able to take details to process a manual transaction.



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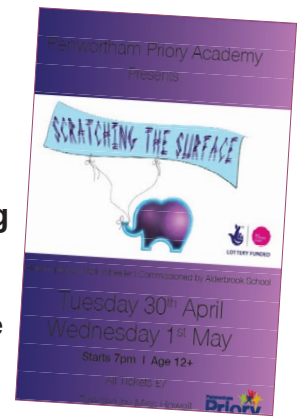
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It's wrap for 'Scratching The Surface'

Pupils took to the stage for a different Priory production this week – **Scratching the Surface**.

The play was an educational performance in a bid to help people talk about the sensitive subject of self-harming and how it affects, not only the person doing it, but family and friends as well.



There were a lot of words to learn, and some worrying moments of whether the show would go on earlier in the week, but the cast, under Lead Teacher of Drama, Miss Howell, got there with two strong productions.

Miss Howell said: "There was a lot more learning of lines; it's not the glitz and glamour of our usual performances - it's about raw emotion on the stage. With it being 'verbatim', it had to be word perfect.

"A few of the cast struggled, which is understandable, and there was a worry whether we could actually put the performance on but we got there in the end."

Year 7 Lillia said: "It's been amazing to be involved with this. It was a bit stressful but I want to be an actress so this has been an important experience for me."

Year 9 Ben said: "There were a lot of words to learn but I think I got most of them. I was in Legally Blonde and this was a lot different and more challenging. I have chosen to study Drama at GCSE next year as I enjoy it."



Year 9 Phoebe said: "It has been extremely stressful but I have enjoyed it at the same time."

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Year 7 Macie said: "It's been a challenging production, it's so serious, but I have enjoyed performing on stage."

Year 7 Ted added: "I am going to take GCSE* Drama and am thinking about whether to be an actor."



An interview with the playwright

The week before their performance of 'Scratching The Surface', the students were lucky enough to spend some time with Mark Wheeler, its playwright, via Zoom.

Mark Wheeler is one of the most-performed playwrights in Britain. He is widely recognised for his contributions to the field of theatre education and his powerful plays that tackle social issues. One of his plays is recognised as one of the most performed contemporary plays in the world, having been performed over 5000 times. His other plays include 'Game Over', which Priory pupils performed in 2022.



The Zoom meeting with Mark was an amazing opportunity and arranged by Miss Howell. It provided an incredible experience for the students who were able to ask questions about the interviews that took place with the family and how the individuals reacted to the questions.

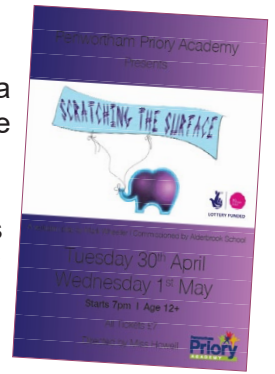
Students asked questions such as, "How did they react to the questions you asked?" and "Were there any moments that really stood out to you?". One particularly interesting question posed to Mark was, "Did you, as playwright, know much about self-harm before writing this play?" Mark, at the time also a Drama teacher, said he was unaware until writing the play that there was an issue with self-harm among young people. When he wrote the



play he discovered that it was a bigger issue and it almost became a pandemic.

Lead Teacher of Drama, Miss Howell, said, "It was a very informative talk and the students came away realising that self-harm was more than just cutting. On a professional level, they also got to understand what this style of theatre entails and had a peek into why 'verbatim' is important.

"The zoom meeting really created a buzz within the cast and gave them a passion to add to their characterisation. One really effective piece of advice that Mark gave the students was, "Don't try to imitate the characters, but bring yourself to it".



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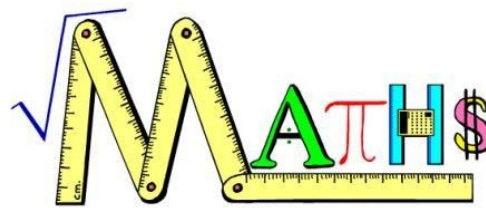
Penwortham Priory Academy was proud to host its first ever Palace Shield cricket match on Saturday.

This inaugural game saw Penwortham Cricket Club 4th XI draw a thrilling match with Ingol with Freckleton Cricket Club 2nd XI. Penwortham Priory Academy is now the new home for Penwortham Cricket Club 4th XI and 5th XI and will be used every Saturday by the club for the rest of the season.

Our new cricket venue was made possible thanks to a grant of £9445 from South Ribble Borough Council's Leisure Local Community Fund which covered the cost of a new AstroTurf wicket, and a further contribution from Penwortham Priory Academy totalling £2760 which funded the sight screens. In addition to its use by the community, the pitch will also be available for the school's matches and to host primary school cricket events throughout the summer.



Well Done To Maths Kangaroo Challenge Pupils



United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

Well done to four of our brightest mathematicians in Year 10 & 11 who received their certificates last week for the UKMT's Pink Kangaroo competition.

The UK Mathematics Trust aims to advance education in maths by running competitions for high-achieving pupils. Year 10 Daniel McC and Year 11s Sam D, Lily McM and Josef H-A were put through to the Pink Kangaroo challenge after achieving top marks in the earlier round, the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge.



Maths Teacher, Mr Hunter, said, "All our top set pupils are put forward for the UKMT competitions, with the Year 7 & 8s taking part in the Junior challenge, and Years 9-11 in the Intermediate. It was wonderful to have four of our pupils then qualify for the Pink Kangaroo round. Daniel got 'Best in School' and Sam received 'Best in Year 11'".

Mr Hunter
Maths Teacher



When the Drama department went to London

REPORT BY MISS HOWELL, LEAD TEACHER OF DRAMA

Just before the Easter holidays a group of 43 students went on a fun-packed performing arts trip, with a bit of history thrown in.



Day 1

It was an early start to the day but it didn't stop the pupils from becoming DJs on the bus. After a comfort stop and many genres of music, we soon arrived in London.

A little bit of shopping was first on the agenda, followed by Bella Italia for a bite to eat before heading to the Sondheim Theatre to watch Les Miserables. This completely sung-through musical takes on the French Revolution with, of course, a love story thrown in. This was a powerful musical and the lighting and set design were magical, even though the storyline itself confused a few, including French Teacher and Lead Teacher of Music, Mr Taylor!

Day 2

A bit of a lie in this morning, which everyone loved, enhanced by a hearty full English breakfast to get everyone fuelled for the day ahead. We then set out to board the coach bound for a tour of the Royal Albert Hall. WOW! What an experience, the pupils found this so informative and all wanted to return to actually watch something there..... Next trip pending!



Next up was the Natural History Museum where amongst the many fossils and weird and wonderful creatures, there was something for everyone ...even Miss Howell!

A drive around London was enjoyed in the afternoon, past



Big Ben, Westminster and Buckingham Palace, while our resident DJ Lochlan played the National Anthem. Not to be left out, Mrs Webster accompanied this with her Harry Potter fun facts.



Our final stop of the day was to the Gillian Lynne Theatre to see a new British musical 'Standing At the Sky's Edge'. This was a hit with everyone and an amazing piece of directing.

Day 3

After two fun packed days we had to muster up the energy for a West End Workshop at Danceworks. This was run by a cast member from Les Miserables. It was an incredible experience for the pupils; to actually be taught by someone who works in the West End! Pupils learnt how to create a character through singing and movement. Some pupils looked so at home in this environment and I think we could be seeing some of them on the West End stage in the future.

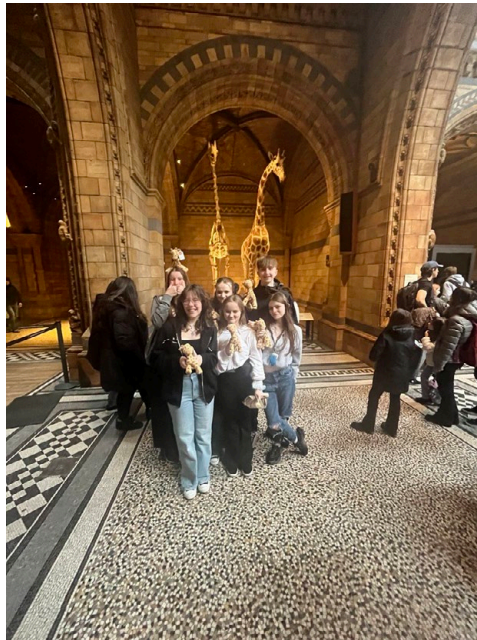
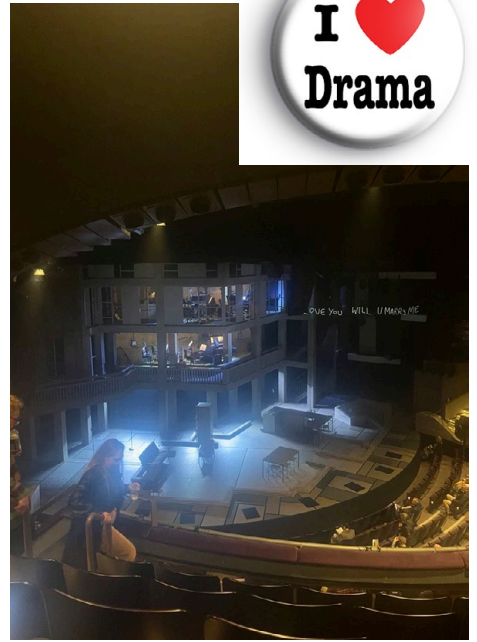


I want to say a big thank you to the staff who gave up their time to help with the trip; you all made the trip to run so smoothly.

Thank you to all the pupils for being you. You made the three days fun and enjoyable. What a pleasure to take you all.

Watch out for details of the next Performing Arts residential trip!

*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 musical production.

Next week, it's all about: Eurovision

This playlist will bookend the Eurovision Song Contest broadcast from the beautiful city of Malmö, Sweden next weekend, so effectively in school, eight days of cheese, drag and key changes.

Whether you feel that the Eurovision Song Contest has met its 'Waterloo' or you 'save all your kisses for' it or you like it 'just a little bit', this annual contest will be happening on Saturday, 11 May.

The Eurovision Song Contest began as a technical experiment in television broadcasting: the live, simultaneous, transnational broadcast that Europe has now been watching for nearly 70 years was in the late 1950s, a marvel.

The first Eurovision Song Contest was held on May 24, 1956, and saw seven nations compete: the Netherlands, Switzerland, Belgium, Germany, France, Luxembourg and Italy. Austria and Denmark wanted to take part but missed the deadline, and the United Kingdom sent their apologies as they were busy with their own contest that year. Switzerland's geographical centrality in Europe made it a natural node for the terrestrial transmitters required for this experiment in live, simultaneous, transnational broadcasting.

Over the years the format has evolved into the week-long, boundary pushing, technologically innovative, multi show spectacular we (may) enjoy today.

With seven victories, Ireland is the most successful country at the contest alongside last year's winners, Sweden, while Luxembourg, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom won five times.

This playlist contains some lesser known entries which gained short-lived fame in one particular year but also some songs which have since become huge hits and famous the world over.

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



Year 10 Pupil Gains Coveted Place on an Adventure of a Lifetime



Year 10 pupil Emily will have the experience of a lifetime after successfully securing a coveted place to go to Malawi next year.

Emily has been a member of 5th Penwortham Scouts since she was five-years-old. She saw an advertisement on Facebook for the chance to go to Malawi in July/August 2025 as part of a contingent of West Lancs Scouts in aid of the charity Friends of Mulanje Orphans (FOMO).

“We had to attend a selection day where there were 70 applicants for 30 places,” said Emily.

“It was tough as there was an interview and then a number of team-building exercises”

“I was waiting for the email for a week and then it said I was in and I couldn’t believe it, I can’t tell you how excited I was.”

“My brother had gone to Switzerland previously for the International Jamboree and so I was looking for a chance to go abroad with Scouts and this will be amazing.



“We are going to support FOMO and staying in Malanje where we will work across multiple different centres - refurbishing the buildings, taking part in different projects and cooking food, which we have to buy from the market. I am slightly worried as there will be no cheese!

“We will also have a few days to do our own things, such as go on a safari or climb the local mountain.

“We have to raise £500 for the charity so I am going to sell some of my artwork at my scout church, do a garage sale, sell things at car boot sale, a sponsored walk and bake sales. Scouts will also support us with fundraising ideas.

“I am beyond excited. I like Drama and can sing and play the ukulele so I can entertain everyone too!”

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Priory+ Awards



Last Friday, Mr Eastham presented another cache of badges and certificates to pupils who had achieved the next stage in their Priory+ Awards.

Over 220 pupils achieved this recognition during the Spring term and, on Friday, those that chose to be personally presented by the Principal, got to receive their rewards. Pupils who have opted out of this will have their certificates and badges presented to them by their Head of Year during their Learning for Lesson lessons.

Priory+ was introduced a few years ago to encourage and reward pupils for working on their own Personal Development. At Penwortham Priory Academy we believe that strong Personal Development provision contributes to making a positive difference to pupils' lives. The opportunities provided not only allow them to engage in activities they are interested in, but enables them to explore and build a strong pathway to, and foundation for, a successful future.

Our activities fit into five overarching strands, which supplement our Character and Culture Personal Development sessions in Learning for Life. There are five strands:

Culture & Heritage | **Future Citizens** |
Health & Well-Being | **Skill Builders** |
Bright Futures



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Year 10, Chittara, has 'banked' all her evidence this term from her last 3 1/2 years. She has therefore achieved Bronze One through to Platinum and was awarded all her certificates on Friday by Mr Eastham. Chittara now proudly wears her top three achievements - two Gold stars and her Platinum.



Head Prefect, Cameron, has also achieved Bronze Three onwards having already qualified for Bronze One and Two in previous terms. Cameron was determined to achieve all awards prior to leaving us this summer.



Thank you to Year 10 Umar, who added to his Priory+ evidence by volunteering to take the photos at the presentation event. You'll be doing Mrs Yates out of a job!

*Ms Smith
Lead Practitioner for
Personal Development*

Priory+ Brochure Available Online

In the Autumn term we emailed parents a digital copy of the Priory+ Personal Development brochure and sent a printed copy home with Year 7 pupils.

If you want a reminder of what the award means and how our pupils achieve it, please visit our website where you can download a copy >>

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Priory+ Award Activities

Awarded for achievements in Personal Development

Culture and Heritage	Future Citizen	Health & Wellbeing	Skills Builder	Bright Futures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to a; > castle > religious building > museum > art gallery > theatre > musical event > dance event > sporting event > heritage site or building Participate in or watch; > a competition > a religious event > cultural event > creative art event Join Culture Club > Learn about an aspect of another culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Give money to charity > Put items in a charity bag > Donate to a food bank > Donate to the homeless > Help organise a community or school event > Volunteer to help someone > Speak in public about an issue (includes assemblies) Participate in; > an election or vote > a community event or festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in an activity that keeps you physically fit and well; > Participate in a sport > Ride your bike > Go for a walk or jog > Create an eating and drinking plan > Sleep the recommended time Participate in an activity that keeps you mentally and emotionally well; > Meditate > Mindfulness activities > Get organised > Create a positivity book > Plan your future > Manage your money > Pray 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue or learn a new; > skill > craft > language Develop employment skills such as: > leadership > organisation > resilience > initiative > communication > presentation > teamwork > problem solving Join a club or an activity in school which develops a skill. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research; > KS4 options, further or higher education > apprenticeships > T Levels > colleges and universities > careers and jobs > Visit a careers fair or expo > Practice writing CVs and application forms > Regularly volunteer in and out of school as work experience > Careers interview > Year 10 work experience > Part time job > Working with an adult



Programme

Rewarding pupils for engaging in activities that contribute to their own personal development.



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personal development is about doing so.

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Year 10 Receive Careers Support From The National Grid



Last Wednesday Steve Ward from the National Grid came into school to talk to Year 10 pupils about covering letters, CVs and interviews from the view of an employer. The assembly, which included a presentation on the STAR interview technique, was informative and gave pupils an insight into common mistakes and useful tips.



Steve is a former Penwortham Priory Academy pupil and has been welcomed back to the school as part of a collaboration pilot between Priory and the National Grid. The National Grid is working with us to provide work experience placements, generic pathways assemblies, mock job interviews and a Year 8 STEM careers day in the summer.

All resources from this assembly have been made available to Year 10 and Year 11 on Teams to use in the future. Pupils who attended the assembly and were involved in the mock job interviews, were extremely appreciative of Steve and his colleague Chris Topping, for giving up their time to provide an opportunity to develop skills and to receive feedback to be used in the future.

Lead Practitioner for Personal Development and Careers Leader, Ms Smith said, "I appreciate all the time that the National Grid has dedicated to the collaboration. The activities we have had, and are planning, will provide memorable yet useful experiences for our young people. We are hoping that the experiences planned for Year 8 will inspire more individuals to consider STEM careers in the future".



NEXT ISSUE

The next issue out
Friday, 17 May 2024

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Year 11: Plans for the Summer Term

As you will know, we are rapidly approaching the GCSE exam season.

This is a summary of the final two months Year 11 pupils have at Penwortham Priory Academy.

Leaving Date

Pupils will officially leave school on **Friday, 14 June**.

We have a GCSE Physics exam on the afternoon of this date, and following on from this, pupils will take part in the traditional leavers assembly and shirt signing.

Due to the Physics exam being in the afternoon, pupils will therefore remain in school until 4.00pm and will be expected to make prior arrangements to get home.

farewell

A small number of pupils will **return to school on Wednesday, 19 June** for their Food Nutrition exam and Further Mathematics exam.

GCSE Reserve Date - Wednesday, 26 June

We have a GCSE reserve date every year in case an exam is cancelled. This is Wednesday, 26 June and we ask that no holidays are booked until Thursday, 27 June at the earliest.

Revision Sessions

As soon as the GCSE exams start, all Year 11 pupils will switch to an exam/revision timetable. The timetable has been structured so that in almost all cases pupils will receive two hours of revision by their specialist teachers the morning or afternoon before each exam.

A copy of the timetable can be found on the year group Teams.

REVISION

There will be the odd occasion where a pupil goes to a subject lesson that they have already completed and we would expect the pupils to carry revision material with them for these occasions.

Exam Timings - Don't Be Late!

All pupils need to be in school by 8.40am every day. If they have an exam, they do not need to go to form; they go straight to the exam hall.



Pupils must not be late for any exams.

Missed Exams

If a pupil is medically unable to sit an exam then we will require a doctor's letter stating why the pupil was unable to take an exam. Failure to provide this will result in a mark of 0 being awarded. In addition if a child misses two parts of the same exam then they will be unable to be awarded a grade (even with medical evidence).

If any pupil fails to turn up for an exam with no valid reason, then parents will be charged the cost of that exam (approx. £35 per exam missed).

School Uniform

All pupils must continue to attend school in their full school uniform. Pupils cannot wear their leavers hoodies in the exam hall as they have text on and this is not permitted.



Final Clerical Check

Pupils and parents should make a final check on all exam documentation, making sure that the child's name is correctly spelt (as the name that appears on the exam documentation will be the name that appears on their certificates) and that they are entered for all of the correct exams as expected (check both subject and tier, where appropriate).



If any information is incorrect, please email the Exams Officer, Miss G Conway at g.conway@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Lastly, can I take this opportunity to wish your son/daughter the best of luck for the forthcoming exam season.

Mr Gee
Assistant Principal

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SUMMER

Summer Arts Evening

Tuesday, 9 July from 6.30pm

Performers Wanted!

Dancers, Musicians, Actors

Would any of our pupils like to perform with an instrument, sing, dance, play in a band, perform a monologue, a duologue or an acted sketch? If that's for you and you'd like to take part in our annual Summer Arts Evening then let Mr Taylor or Miss Howell know and they can add you to the rehearsal schedule.

Last year's show was an amazing success and gave pupils the opportunity to perform live in the Auditorio in front of an intimate audience of family and friends.

This year, Miss Medlock is offering extra support for any potential vocalists. See poster below.



VOCALS

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Interested in singing a solo, duet or as a group for the Summer Arts Evening?

MISS MEDLOCK IS OFFERING 1-1 TO SUPPORT FOR THOSE PERFORMERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK A SESSION TO EITHER: CHOOSE A SONG, EXPLORE HARMONIES OR SIMPLY TO PRACTICE, MESSAGE ME, MISS HOWELL OR MR TAYLOR ON TEAMS TO BOOK IN A SESSION!



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TO HELP US BY ANSWERING A FEW QUESTIONS



EXCITING NEWS! We are planning to open a nursery provision within school to provide care for children aged from 2 - 4 years. The early year's provision will be run by the school using school staff.

We need to establish how many parents would be likely to use the nursery and what their requirements might be. We realise that you might not want to commit yourself to using the service right now but we would still be grateful for your feedback with regards to any future need you may have.

We would appreciate if you could share the survey to any of your friends/family/work communities to complete.

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Mrs Elliott's Cool Readers Club

Here's what our Cool Readers Club is all about...

These are our reading stars put forward by their English teacher. We interview them about their current book, what they like reading about and what they like to do when they're not reading.

Introducing Yusuf and Zishan...

Two Year 8s have been discussing their latest reading adventures as part of our Cool Reader series.

Yusuf enjoys the 'Planet Omar' books by Zaid Mian.

"I absolutely love them. I am finding them relatable as it's about a young boy who has trouble with his siblings and I have a younger sister!

"My favourite subject in school is Technology mainly because I enjoy graphics and I want to be a software engineer. I do enjoy computer games.

"Outside of school I go to the mosque and I am part of a youth development scheme with the mosque where we play pool and such like."



Zishan is reading 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth' by Jeff Kinney.

"It's really funny. I like this series of books as I understand them. My favourite kind of books are funny ones.

"My favourite subject is PE and I am a football fan, I support Liverpool as a lot of my family are Liverpool fans.

"Outside of school, I play football and cricket. In the future, I want to be a car engineer, I have always been interested in cars."



Mrs Elliott
English Teacher and Chief Librarian

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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.

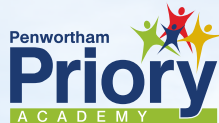
Exploration of Options: Ms Smith can introduce you to options you may not have considered. She can provide information on different career paths, and educational requirements.

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.

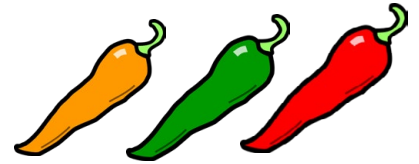
Application, CV and Interview Preparation: Ms Smith can offer guidance on crafting effective applications, CVs and cover letters tailored to specific job opportunities. She can also provide tips and practice for job interviews, helping you present yourself confidently to potential employers.

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.



Chilli Challenge Winners



The number of entries shot up this week and we had almost 150 entries in total - amazing! Douglas made up nearly half of those this week.

Here are this week's winners who each receive a new-look wooden chilli token to claim their free brektime snack from the dining rooms.

- Year 7 Bella D - D1
- Year 8 Archie B - C1
- Year 9 Richard J - D2
- Year 10 Hannah B - H6
- Year 11 Cameron S - Ribble

The House leader board remains as follows - but the gaps are narrowing!

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

House events

- Easter Challenge**
GOLD - **DOUGLAS!**
- Chilli Challenge 27/3**
GOLD - **RIBBLE**
- Year 7 MFL Challenge**
GOLD - **HODDER!**
- Year 8 MFL Challenge**
GOLD - **CALDER!**
- Chilli Challenge 27/3**
GOLD - **RIBBLE**
- Design an Athlete's meal**
GOLD - **HODDER!**



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English Department

Disney's Aladdin



Ghost The Musical



Wednesday, 3 July

All Year Groups (inc Year 11)

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



Thursday, 5 December

Open To Years 7-10

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>>

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This week's winner...

Congratulations to 'Ms B'!

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
4 May



- 1 JOIN OUR LOTTERY
- 2 BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS
- 3 WIN CASH PRIZES

It's As Easy As



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

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

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

Meaningful May 2024

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

- 1 Do something kind for someone you really care about
- 2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do
- 3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small
- 4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together
- 5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why
- 6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful
- 7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why
- 8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today
- 9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today
- 10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times
- 11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder
- 12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you
- 13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture
- 14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature
- 15 Do something to contribute to your local community
- 16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better
- 17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful
- 18 Send a handwritten note to someone you care about
- 19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful
- 20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable
- 21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger
- 22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about
- 23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of
- 24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today
- 25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why
- 26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful
- 27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others
- 28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight
- 29 Today do something to care for the natural world
- 30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost
- 31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future



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