

Penwortham Priory Post



Legally Blonde: And that's a wrap!

"It was wonderful, absolutely outstanding!", "Loved every minute of it!" and "I love watching live performances and this was absolutely brilliant! Fantastic performances by all. Super quick stage changes and great back drops!". These were just some of the words expressed by those who came to watch the school's musical production this week.

After months of rehearsals, Legally Blonde finally made it to the stage on Tuesday and Wednesday evening when our doors opened to pupils, parents, extended family, staff and members of the public. As we celebrate our 70th anniversary this year, it was also an honour to have Priory's Head Girls from 1953 and 1970 (Mrs Ward and Mrs Edwards respectively) in the audience on Tuesday. A matinee performance was specially arranged for our local primary school pupils, with great feedback. On Wednesday, we were also delighted to entertain residents from Penwortham Grange & Lodge Residential Home, Priory Park Care Home and Longton Nursing Home. Visitors enjoyed tea and scones during the interval and even broke into song and dance for the Christmas tunes!

The school production is an annual tradition at Priory and a lot of hard work and dedication goes into making them a success. Pupils from all year groups join together to make up a unique family – on stage and backstage – with Lead Teacher of Drama, Miss Howell, leading the talented bunch.

Lines, dance routines and songs had to be learned, props made and lighting perfected - all of which delivered superb performances - but it was difficult to say who stole the show as there were so many stars!

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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

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

Tues, 12 December
Year 11 Faith Day

Weds, 13 December
Year 10 Faith Day
Christmas lunch served in the dining room
Christmas Jumper Day
Hamilton The Musical Trip, Manchester

Thurs, 14 December
Carol singing in the community - production cast and crew

Mon, 18 December
Year 11 Parents Evening (online)

Fri, 22 December
End of Autumn term
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

Mon, 8 January 2024
Start of Spring term

Tues, 16 January 2024
STEAM Careers Fair (in school)
Year 11 Preston College interviews

Thurs, 18 January 2024
Production cast and crew wrap meal, Salvatores. 5pm-7pm.

PENWORTHAM PRIORY ACADEMY'S
PRODUCTION OF

LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical JR



Music and Lyrics by
Laurence O'Keefe and Neil Benjamin

Book by
Heather Hach

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown
And the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture

Original Production by Hal Lufkin, Fox Theatricals, Dorl Bernstein, James L. Nederlander,
Independent Presenters Network, Roy Furman, Amanda Lopez, Broadway Asia, Barbara Whiteman,
FWPM Group, Rum Hendel, Cheryl Wesselsell, Hal Goldberg, David Binder,
James D. Stern, Douglas L. Meyer, Stewart F. Lane, Bonnie Corley, Robert G. Barner,
Michael A. Jenkins, Albert Nozolino and Warren Tespe;
Produced in association with WGM Onstage,
Darcie Derwent and Dean Stolter



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Well done to everyone involved for providing us with the most perfect evening entertainment; from cast and crew to the teachers - Mr Taylor and Miss Howell, for taking charge.



The ensemble will meet at Salvatores next month for their end of show 'wrap' meal on 18 January.

Watch this space for details of the Play planned for March 2024.



A MESSAGE FROM MISS HOWELL, LEAD TEACHER OF DRAMA

I am so incredibly proud of what our young people have achieved. They have created a safe space for anyone that wants to join and we've had many new students this year.

Here at Priory we pride ourselves on giving our young people the space they deserve to be themselves. They have worked so hard and given time, effort and determination since September.

Every year I am astounded at the talent I see both on and off our stage. We have some amazing technical students who sort out the lighting and sound, and the stage hands who are responsible for making the scene changes look slick and professional. Some of these students have never been part of these productions before but have flourished in their new roles.

I want to thank everyone involved, all staff that have given time to help. We really appreciate it.

Thank you to all parents and carers; without your unwavering support none of this would be possible.

Miss Howell
Lead Teacher of Drama



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Year 8 Football

7-a-side competition

SPORTS REPORT

On Monday our Year 8 'A team' took to the field in a 7-a-side tournament.

With eight schools involved, each team played seven matches, lasting six minutes each. Priory enjoyed two wins and three draws among their results, finishing joint fourth in the table.

The standout performance was a comeback 3-1 victory against Leyland St Mary's. After conceding an early goal the team showed great resilience and equalised with a powerful header by Igbo direct from Mapstone's corner. Further goals from Igbo and Mapstone crowned a great fightback win.

The team coaches, Mr Sneddon and Mr Raynor, were really proud of all involved, and said, *"The boys gave everything in each match and put on some wonderful performances despite the poor weather conditions. They encouraged one another when things didn't go as planned. We were really pleased with the skills shown and the intricate passing to one another."*



Well done team : Will D, Adam B, Isaac S, Excellence I, Josh M, Alex H, Dan McC, Theo H, Finn T.

There will be a Year 8 'B team' 7-a-side tournament on Tuesday, 19 December.

Christmas Hamper Raffle Winner



Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket for our Christmas raffle.

The raffle was drawn by Mr Eastham during Wednesday evening's performance of Legally Blonde.

The winning ticket number was **YELLOW 705** and the prize has now been claimed.

We raised over £150 which will go towards the refurbishment of the Assembly Hall, one of the few original buildings still remaining since we opened in 1953.



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Christmas Lunch

Menu

Wednesday, 13th December

Served in the Dining Room (all year groups)

Roast Turkey
or
Cheese & Onion Pasty (v)
Both served with all the trimmings
£2.15

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Sticky Toffee Pudding
Served with double cream (optional)
or
Mince Pie
60p

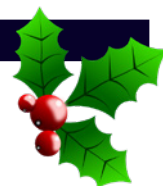
Served in the Bistro (all year groups)

Chicken Wraps | Paninis | Jacket Potatoes

Online ordering options as normal. Break served as normal.

Two Course Meal only £2.75

Christmas Lunch 13 December



Next Wednesday, 13 December, the catering team will be serving Christmas lunch in the main dining room for all pupils.

This is usually a real festive occasion with crackers and trimmings on the tables and our senior leaders serving the food!

The menu is opposite and pre-ordering is *not* required.

A two-course meal costs £2.75 and is therefore within the Free School Meal allowance for those that are eligible.

Light-bites will be served in the Bistro, for all year groups on this day only, if preferred.

Please note that this will be the only hot meal option available that day.

Christmas Jumper Fundraising Day Wednesday, 13 December

As part of the school's character, culture and community responsibilities, we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day.

Pupils may swap their school jumper for a Christmas jumper instead next Wednesday. **Pupils must wear the rest of their uniform as normal, including blazer.**

A donation of £1 would be appreciated in support of St Catherine's Hospice.



Leading up to the event, pupils will watch a presentation in Learning for Life about St Catherine's and the work they do to support terminally ill people and their families.



Ms Smith
Lead Practitioner for
Personal Development

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Food Technology At Christmas

Year 9 After School Creative Cookery

Whilst it was icy outside, these Year 9 pupils made it a little icy inside too!



There was powdered sugar everywhere on Tuesday night rather than snow and ice when pupils enjoyed an after school cupcake decorating workshop. Christmas themed, there were holly leaves, Christmas trees, stars and lots of glitter in the mix and we even played some festive tunes as we decorated.

Everyone went home happy with a box of cakes to share with their families.

Mrs Cowell
Food Technology Teacher
Vice Principal



Food Bank Collection House Competition

As we're reaching the end of term, there's one last push to collect more items for the food bank and win points for your House.

So far **Douglas** seem to be in the lead with **Hodder** and **Calder** hot on their heels. Come on **Ribble**!

The food bank collection will remain in place until Thursday, 21 December so please continue to bring your donations to the Nucleus and put them in your House basket. Thank you to pupils and staff who have already generously donated.

If parents would prefer to donate money, rather than food products, they can put cash in an envelope instead which can then be handed in at reception or we now have an option on SCOPay to make a voluntary £5 donation.



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Computing Christmas Codebreaking Competition

The Computing Department's inter-house competition has been launched this week



Do we have any Alan Turings in the making? Maybe you're a young sleuth, have ambitions to be the next James Bond and dream of being signed up by MI6? Well, here's your chance to prove your skills whilst exercising your grey matter.

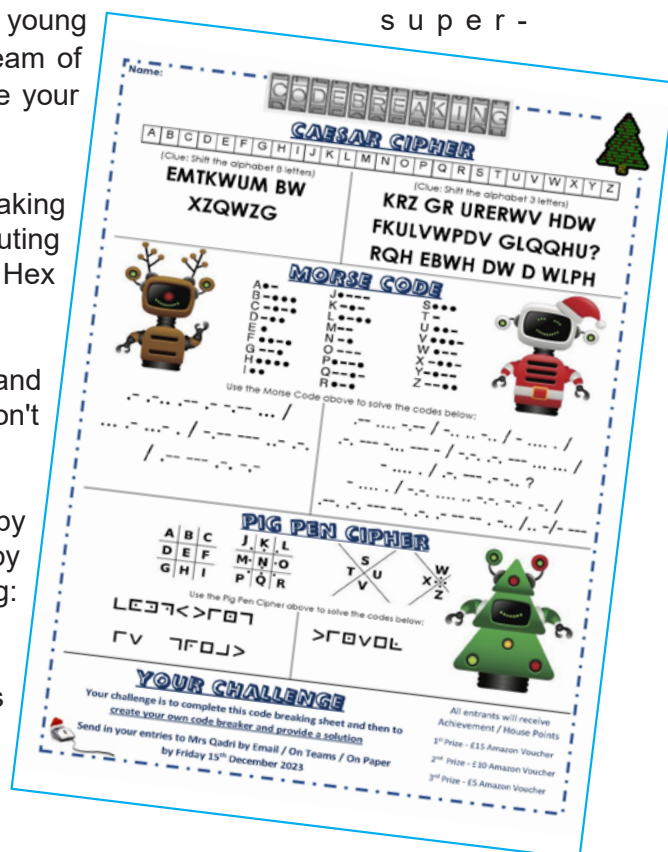
Head of ICT & Computing, Mrs Qadri, has posted a code-breaking challenge sheet on each year group Teams as well as Computing class groups. If you want a printed copy, then pop down to the Hex to pick one up.

Figure out the Morse Code, test yourself with the Caesar and PigPen ciphers, and then create your own code breaker - don't forget to include your solution too!



Send your entries to Mrs Qadri by Friday, 15 December either by Teams, on paper or by emailing: s.qadri@priory.lancs.sch.uk

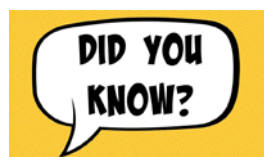
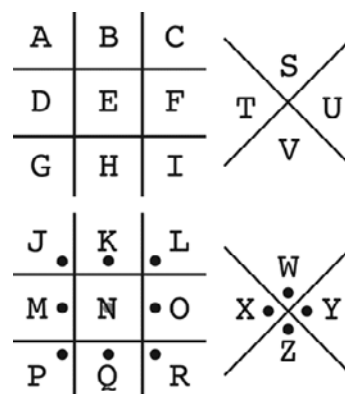
There are Amazon vouchers for the three winners and all entrants will receive achievement points - plus boost your House's rankings of the table whilst you're at it!



What is a PigPen cipher?

The PigPen cipher is a geometric substitution cipher, which exchanges letters for symbols which are fragments of a grid.

The Freemasons have long used ciphers to encrypt their ceremonies and messages. The PigPen, which is also known as the Masonic Cipher, you could say has some passing resemblance to pig pens.



Did you know...

The Caesar cipher (also known as the shift cipher) is one of the oldest forms of cryptography, with instances stretching back long before it was first named. It is the most basic and

simple substitution cipher. It was used by numerous kings and common people in ancient times because of its simplicity. It is known as the Caesar cipher as he used a generalised form of it known as ROT-13.

Mrs Qadri
Head of ICT & Computing

Assistant Head of Maths Mr Sneddon, along with the Maths Department, is running a competition asking pupils to say what they particularly enjoy about their subject.



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

Here's why Year 7 Morsal loves Maths:

Morsal... *because I need Maths every single time in school and out of school. Another reason I love maths is because I like adding and fact finding.*

Now, It's YOUR Turn...

Pupils that want to claim an 'I love Maths' badge should simply click the link

below to access the online form and write Mr Sneddon a few sentences or paragraphs explaining why they 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>



SPORTS REPORT

What's on next week in the PE Department

Monday

15.30–17.00 U16 Lancashire Basketball vs Hutton @ Priory
15.15- 16.15 Year 7 Football Training
Netball cancelled until 15th January

Tuesday

15.00 – 17.00 Year 10 Netball vs All Hallows @ All Hallows'
15.30- 17.30 Year 7 5-a-side Football @ All Hallows'
15.15- 16.15 Badminton Club

Wednesday

15.15- 16.15 GCSE Badminton Practice

Thursday

15.15 – 16.15 Girls Football Practice on the 3G
15.15- 16.15 Basketball Club

Mr Bullock
Head of PE & Sport



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Year 11: Online Science Revision at LUSoM



LUSoM is running a free online revision course for Physics and Chemistry leading up to the GCSE exams. Dates are below.

Sign up for the programme using the link below or scan the QR code on the poster.

<https://bit.ly/46xlgA>

Session Schedule	
20th February	Physics with Zoe
27th February	Chemistry with Rachel
5th March	Physics with Zoe
12th March	Chemistry with Rachel
19th March	Physics with Zoe
26th March	Chemistry with Rachel
16th April	Physics with Zoe
23rd April	Chemistry with Rachel
30th April	Physics with Zoe
7th May	Chemistry with Rachel



LUSoM Science Revise
A 10-week Physics & Chemistry revision programme for Year 11 pupils aiming for grades 7 – 9 at GCSE
Every Tuesday from 20th Feb until 7th May. 4pm - 5pm

Scan the QR to book



Year 11 Parents Evening

Monday, 18 December

Booking Now Open

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



The link for Year 11 parents to book their slot is now open.

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

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

Full instructions on how to book and attend appointments, can be accessed from the school website >>

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>

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 Bailey
 Head of year 11

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Don't forget
 parents'
 evening!

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, Caleb...

Caleb admits reading doesn't come to him naturally – but he is hooked on his latest book.

"It was chosen for me as my teacher thought I would like it and she is right," said Year 9 Caleb.

"It's part of the Shadowhunters series – it's the first in the Clockwork trilogy.

"I have only read a few pages but it's well-written. It seemed serious at first but it does have some comedy too. I like fantasy books and this is really good. I will read the others in the series too.

"My favourite subject is History. I like the World War 2 era."

Caleb has found a new talent recently and is pleased with his role in the school production of Legally Blonde.

"I haven't thought of drama really but Miss Howell said she needed a lot of boys for roles in Legally Blonde and my friend and I decided to volunteer. I am in a Harvard class and I am a delivery guy. I am enjoying it more than I thought."

He is also into boxing.

"I am going to JR Gym in Lostock Hall."



Mrs Elliott
English Teacher & Chief Librarian

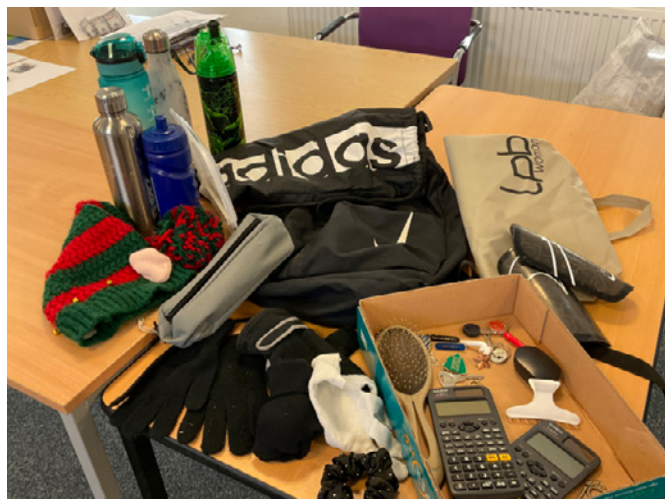
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Lost and Found: Are These Yours?

As the colder weather has been drawing in, there's been an accumulation of lost coats and gloves, and more water bottles! If you can identify any items here then pupils should take a look in the lost property box in the Pastoral office.

Lost and found property is located in the Pastoral office with the exception of PE kit which is kept by the PE Department. Please also check with the school office for any items lost that day. Valuables will be stored securely by the Pastoral office (see Mr Shipton) until their owner can be identified.



We do aim to return named items to their owner and so we cannot over-emphasise the importance of marking all property with your child's name, including ties and stationery.

All unclaimed lost property is added to the uniform bank, given to charity or is disposed of after each end of term.

The last day for collection of any of these items is Thursday, 21 December.



Mr Shipton
Pastoral Manager



NEXT ISSUE

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK.

**The next issue will be out
Wednesday, 20 December 2023.**

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Exploring Your Options After Year 11



What To Do When You Finish School

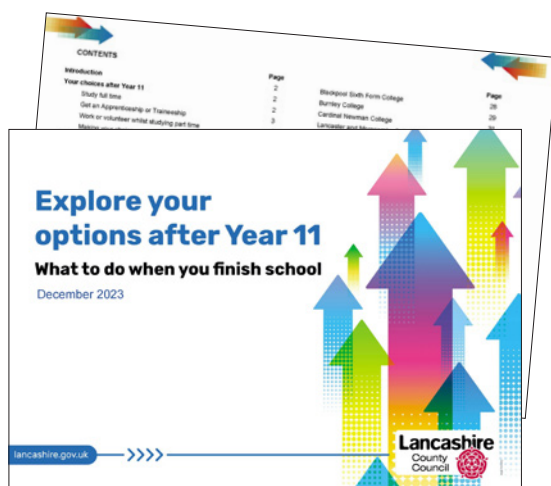
Lancashire County Council have produced a comprehensive booklet to explain pupils' options at Key Stage 5, when they leave Priory.

The booklet should be read by all pupils and their parents as it sets out information about individual school sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeship providers based in Lancashire

There are many post 16 education and training options to choose from and this booklet is designed to provide information about each of these. By showing what each institution can offer, this should help out young people to make informed decisions about their next steps, such as how to apply for a place, where to find information on courses and how to prepare for Year 12. It may also help those who have not yet decided on their next steps; those who may require further support and those who are at risk of dropping out of training or education once they finish school.

Although younger pupils can use this to inspire their options paths, they should bear in mind that some choices detailed in it may change and other opportunities become available.

A copy can also be downloaded from the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/Careers



Maritime Careers Events at Fleetwood Nautical Campus

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

These events are open to anyone interested in a career at sea.

Careers event dates 2024/25

Saturday 20 January 2024 – 10.30 - 14.30

Thursday 11 July 2024 – 13.30 – 17.30

Thursday 21 November 2024 - 13.30 -17.30

To find out more, and to book on to an event, go to

<https://fleetwoodnautical.blackpool.ac.uk/maritime-careers-events-fleetwood-nautical-campus>

**FLEETWOOD
NAUTICAL
CAMPUS**



MARITIME CAREERS EVENT
SATURDAY 20 JANUARY 2024
10.30 - 14.30

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

Come to our careers event and find out more!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER



OR CLICK HERE!

YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER FOR FUTURE EVENTS AT THE SAME LINK

FOLLOW US ON TIKTOK

Fleetwood Nautical Campus
Broadwater
Fleetwood
FY7 8JZ

01253 504800
maritime@blackpool.ac.uk
<https://fleetwoodnautical.blackpool.ac.uk/>

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PENWORTHAM
TOWN COUNCIL



Penwortham Christmas Markets

6pm to 9pm

Liverpool Road

Wednesday, 13th December

Come and see us under the Priory gazebo where we'll be selling Christmas decorations and other wares lovingly made by the Technology department.

Middleforth

Penwortham Sports & Social Club Car Park, Leyland Road.
Wednesday, 20th December



This week's winner...

Congratulations to 'Ms K'!

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

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

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

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



Next Draw
Saturday
9 December

Penwortham
Priory
ACADEMY



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

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