

# Penwortham Priory Post

## Message from the Principal

Dear All

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be able to write to you at the start of this academic year and welcome you back to school after what I hope has been a safe and relaxing summer break for everyone.



A particularly warm welcome to all our new pupils and parents. We look forward to working alongside you over the coming years as you embark on an exciting and inspiring learning journey with us. We hope that your daughters and sons will be happy here at Priory, feel safe and feel that they belong to our school community.

I would also like to offer my very best wishes and thanks to all those pupils who have now moved on from Priory at the end of the last academic year, secure in the knowledge that they continued to build on the successes of previous years and produced, yet again, some fantastic examination results.

I am in fact delighted to say that despite this year being the year when there has been an expected fall in grades nationally, and most of this year's GCSE students being in Year 8 when the pandemic hit, results were a real celebration for our students and staff here at Priory, as we continued to maintain our strong academic outcomes from previous years.

I would like to congratulate the pupils on their success in relation to these excellent results across the board, alongside some exceptional outcomes in certain areas:

### English

- 52% of all pupils achieved a grade 5+ (strong pass) in English
- 73% achieved a grade 4+ (standard pass)

### Maths

- 59% of all pupils achieved a grade 5+ (strong pass) in Maths
- 75% achieved a grade 4+ (standard pass)

### English and Maths

- 42% of all pupils achieved a grade 5+ (strong pass) in English and Maths
- 64% achieved a grade 4+ (standard pass)

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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](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates)

### Weds, 20 September

Learning for Life Day 1  
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

### Thurs, 21 September

INSET school closed

### OPEN EVENING

Thurs, 21 September  
4pm - 8pm  
Booking not required

### Mon, 25 September

Nasal flu vaccinations (all year groups)

### Weds, 4 October

Year 11 Aim & Ambition  
Revision Event 5.15pm-6.15pm

### Weds, 11 October

Year 7 Settle Factor  
Parents Evening

### Thurs, 16 October

Year 10 parents evening  
(online)

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Furthermore

- 70% of all pupils achieved a grade 4+ (standard pass) in two Sciences.
- 67% of all pupils achieved a grade 4+ (standard pass) in Languages.
- Over 20% of pupils sitting the following subjects achieved a grade 7, 8 or 9 – Art and Design, Chemistry, Physics, French, Geography and Maths.
- Vocational subjects also performed fantastically well with Health and Fitness, Dance, Childcare, Engineering, Graphics, Creative iMedia and Drama all demonstrating outstanding results once again.

These results reflect the great teaching and support from our staff, the dedication and hard work of our pupils and the excellent support of parents, meaning our young people are now able to 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. We wish them all the very best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

And so, to the future.

It has been a pleasure to see our pupils and staff interacting and back together again in school.

My thanks to all of you for your continued support of the school and my thanks to all our pupils for the contribution they make to Priory in so many ways, whether that be in the classroom, on the sport's pitch, on stage, fundraising or in extra-curricular activities. Priory will continue to be about inspiring children to grow into well rounded young people.

With each child being unique, our responsibility will be to continue to find how to enable each to make strong academic progress, achieve the highest levels of academic attainment, whilst nurturing their all-round personal development.

At the start of this new academic year then, you can be assured that we will continue to uphold our Priory standard from the outset, ensuring the highest expectations of all, from all.

My very best wishes to everyone for another great academic year.

*Mr M Eastham, Principal*

# Welcome Back!

**It was good to see everyone back in school on Tuesday morning; familiar faces and some new ones.**

Mr Eastham addressed us all in an assembly and set out his key messages for the year, including a reminder of the Priory Standard - the highest expectations of all, from all.

Our theme this term is 'Kindness'. Keep your eyes open for anyone who might be struggling, support each other, be inclusive, be kind.



## To ALL Students Returning to School

If you see any of the following:

- another student struggling to make friends
- another student being picked on
- a student who is new, shy, or not with the "in crowd"
- a student who is eating lunch alone

## Be a Leader! Be a Warrior!

Say hi. Smile at them. Ask if you can sit with them. Include them. You never know what that person is facing inside or outside of school.

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# Attendance Matters

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 every term, we hold a prize draw to recognise consistently high attendance.

For the full academic year 2022-23 many pupils achieved 97%+ attendance and names were drawn out of a hat during an assembly at the end of the summer term; the five winners of each year group received an Amazon gift voucher.

Well done to:

Miss Brierley  
Attendance Officer

## Year 8:

Eliza G, Oscar G,  
James M, Maisie R,  
Eddie W

## Year 9:

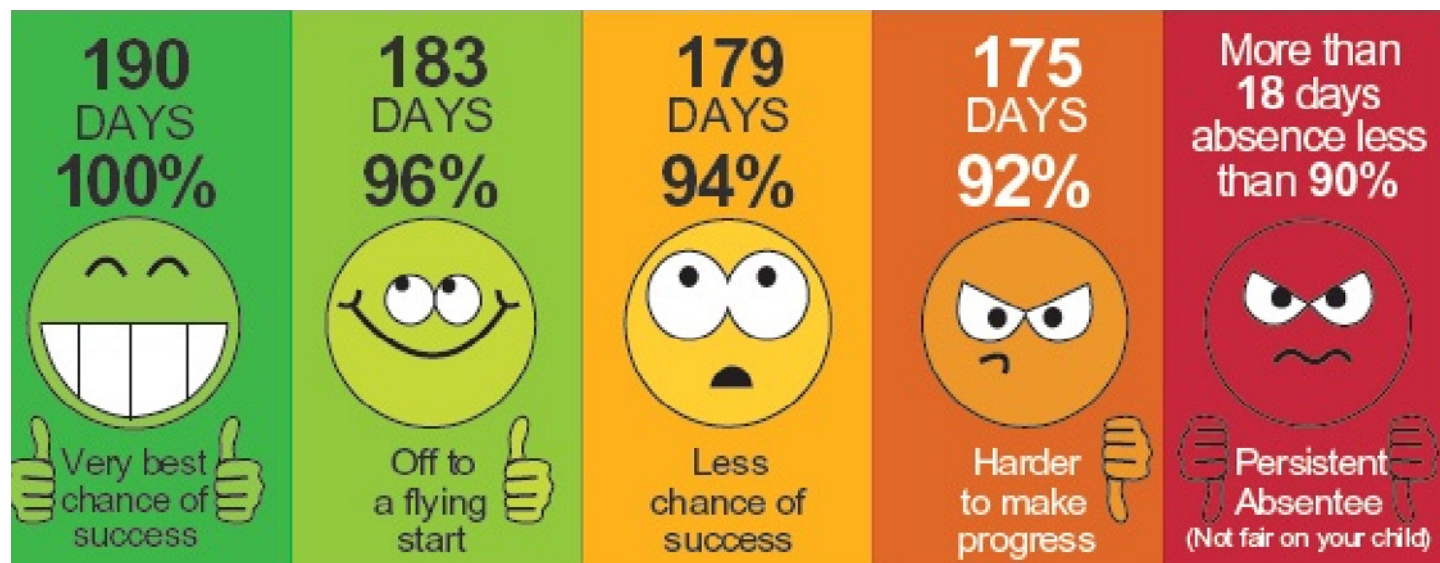
Keira H, Ellis J, Junaid  
Q, Chloe R, Kacper Z

## Year 10:

Lauren C, Emily J,  
Paige M, Daniel McC,  
Evie W

## Year 11:

Jamie C, Megan H,  
Thomas P, Devon S,  
Lewis T



## Checking For Head Lice

Please could parents be reminded to check your children's hair thoroughly and regularly and treat if you find lice. We have had several reports from parents who have asked if we can remind other parents so that repeated instances are not occurring. Pupils with short hair are just as likely to pick up these critters as those with long hair.

Getting into the habit of regular checking is advised. It is also emphasised that treatment needs repeating a couple of days later to catch any eggs that might have hatched since the initial treatment. Everyone in the household should also check and treat where necessary. Thank you for your co-operation.



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# Summer School

## How did Summer School go then?

It seems such a long time ago now but we hope that all our Year 7 pupils who could join us for Summer School had fun whilst getting to know their new school, meeting the teachers and making new friends.

The 3-day event was led by Humanities teacher, Miss Ackers, to benefit our new intake's transition to high school. With a 'space and time' theme, pupils took part in many fun activities to develop their team building skills, independence and communication.

Pupils were shown how to access the ICT systems and set up their online accounts in advance of their first day, they learnt about the Eat Well Guide and decorated alien cupcakes, navigated the school through treasure hunts, enjoyed a circus skills workshop, and of course... bounced on the inflatables!

Before the pupils headed home on the last day of the event, parents were invited to see their children collect certificates and watch a video montage of what they got up to.

Lead teacher, Miss Ackers, said, *"Summer School was an enriching experience for all and couldn't have gone any better. The students were able to ease their anxieties and have fun. I am proud of the student helpers who volunteered their time to aid the teachers and I'm pleased that the new Year 7s found it helpful and enjoyable. I'm sure that the event has gone a long way to help our new pupils to settle in at Priory with confidence."*



A special mention to the staff and Year 8 & 11 pupils below who volunteered their time to come in during their holidays to support the event:

**Year 8** - Esa B, Idris A, Junior V, Jacob H, Daniel McC, Will B, Bradley I

**Year 10** - Megan H, Jess M, Abigail M, Olivia B, Lucy B, India P, Mylie S, Lily McM, Katie H



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# Summer School

REPORT BY MISS ACKERS

## Day 1

Day 1 of our space themed Summer School has been a success and the students have enjoyed playing team building games, making yummy alien cakes and orienteering around the school.

Tomorrow we have our fun active day so we recommend a change of clothes in case the students get wet on the inflatables. See you tomorrow Year 7!

## Day 2

Day 2 of Summer School has been a jam packed day of fun. The students have practised a variety of circus skills and of course been on our star attraction; the inflatables! Even the teachers have enjoyed themselves today.

I'm sure the students are feeling tired and happy and we can't wait to see them tomorrow for their final day of Summer School.

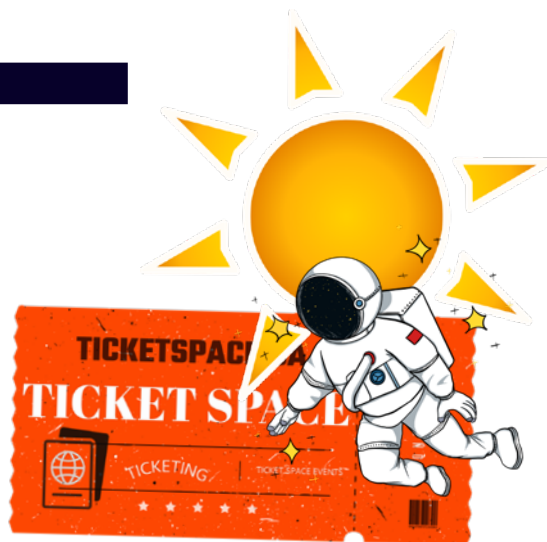
Our celebration assembly begins at 2.15pm and we welcome parents to attend and see what their children have been getting up to.

## Day 3

Day 3 of Summer School and we've finally waved goodbye to the students until their first day in September.

Today the students have had English, Computing, Maths and Science sessions and have blown us away once again with their hard work and enthusiasm.

Thank you to all of the students who have made Summer School so special and thank you to the parents and guardians for your support in the run up. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday, 5 September.



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Despite this year being the year when there has been an expected fall in grades nationally, and most of this year's GCSE students being in Year 8 when the pandemic hit, results this year are a real celebration for our students and staff, as we have continued to maintain our strong academic outcomes from previous years.

*Congratulations, therefore, to our students. We all know how hard it's been at times, but also how hard they have worked.*

All our 2023 leavers should feel proud of what they have individually achieved. We offer our best wishes and thanks to all our pupils who now move on from Priory, secure in the knowledge that they continued to build on the successes of previous years by producing not only some great examination results, but perhaps more importantly, some notable individual accomplishments over their time with us.



## GCSE Results Day: Their Stories

Regardless of the results however, we recognise our 2023 leavers as precious and unique individuals, and throughout their final year with us, they have shown how determined and hopeful they are, demonstrating remarkable levels of resilience. Here's how they got on...

**Hannah** was delighted with her grades as she achieved three Grade 8s and four Grade 7s among her results.

"I was pleased to get a 7 in Maths, an 8 in History and an 8 in French. I want to go to Newman College and study French, Biology, Law and Criminology."

**Eliza** said she was 'very happy' with her results.

"I got two Grade 8s and four Grade 7s. I was especially happy with a Grade 7 in my English Literature as I didn't think I would pass."

"I am going to Preston College on an acting course. I have been in all the school productions – Matilda, Game Over and Mary Poppins. I want to go into acting."

**Lucas** achieved an amazing four nines, two in Science and one in Maths and Further Maths along with two 8s among his results.

"I wasn't expecting all the 9s although I was hoping. I am still trying to calm down!"

"I want to go LUSoM to study Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Computer Science. I want to be a rocket scientist or something with nuclear fusion."



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# GCSE Results Day: Their Stories



Head Prefects Ben and Fatima, and Senior Prefect Maya, were three of our top achievers, here they tell us how they got on with their GCSE results...

**Head Prefect Ben** was happiest with his English Literature result.

"I expected a 5 or 6 and I got a 7 so that was amazing!"

"I got five Grade 8s as well. I want to go to Newman College and study History, Geography, Politics and Maths. I want to be a lawyer."



**Head Prefect Fatima** was absolutely delighted with her results.

"I failed my history mock examination but got an 8 so I am amazed!"

She also got three Grade 7s among her results and will go to Newman College and do a BTEC in Sport and a Biology A-Level as she wants to be a physiotherapist.

"I am so happy," she added.



**Senior Prefect Maya** was the top performer at Priory. She achieved three Grade 9s and four Grade 8s and a Level 2 Distinction Star in Engineering.

"I was hoping for good grades but did not know if I would get them. I am especially pleased with some of my Grade 8s as I thought I may get a 6 or 7 in some. The Engineering qualification was something extra in case I want to do an apprenticeship in the future.

"I want to go to Hutton Sixth Form and do Business and History and another subject, I haven't yet decided."



**Uzair** was with his proud mum Lubna.

"I am so happy," he said. "I got three Grade 8s, three Grade 7s and two Grade 6s. I am so pleased, especially as I got a 7 in Maths and I thought I would get a 5 or 6. I also got a 7 in Art."



"I want to go to Newman College and study Biology, Chemistry and Psychology and do something in medicine."

**Jake** celebrated two Grade 9s, four Grade 8s among his results.

"I wasn't that nervous," said Jake. "I want to go to Runshaw College and study Maths, Further Maths, Biology and Chemistry."



"My mum is a pharmacist and I want to do something with medicine in the future."

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## GCSE Results Day: Their Stories



**Archie** admitted he was shocked at his results as he achieved three Grade 8s, two Grade 7s and two Grade 5s.

"I have done much better than I expected," said Archie. "I thought I had bottled my history but I got a Grade 8. I want to go to Runshaw College and study Biology, History and PE. I have picked those as I really don't know what I want to do in the future!"



**Taylor** celebrated three Grade 8s, three 7s and two 5s.

"I am going to Newman College to study Maths, Economics, Business and Stats. I am happy with my results, I want to either work at BAE or in the army in the future."

**Sara** was boosted by her results. "I thought I would get lower marks in science but I revised a lot and got a

Grade 7 and a 6 and so it paid off.

"I was really scared collecting my results but I am happy as I got a 9 in Geography, one eight and a seven among my results. I want to go to Runshaw College and do Maths, Business and Graphic Design."

**Holly** is another one of our pupils who wants to go into acting. Among her superb results was a BTEC Level 2 Distinction in Drama.

"I have got a place in the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts. I secured it in March. It was a tough application, followed by an interview and audition. They have 40 places and more than 100 people went for a place, including candidates from Spain!"

**Emmi** was absolutely over the moon with her results.

"I can't quite believe I got an 8 and 7 in science and a Grade 7 in History."



Her most important results were a Distinction Star in Graphics and Engineering.

"I want to go to Runshaw College and do 3D Design, Graphic Design and Psychology."

**Leo** celebrated one Grade 9, two 8s, three 7s and two 5s.

"I want to go to Runshaw College to study Computer Science, Maths and Further Maths. I want to do back-end programming in the future."

Congratulations on your achievements, Class of 2023, and our very best wishes for what we're sure will be your bright and exciting futures.

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## Food Tech Ingredients Fees - Now Due

As you may be aware, we operate a system where school organises all the provisions pupils will need for their Food Technology lessons. This enables lessons to run smoothly and takes the pressure off parents to provide specific ingredients. To enable us to do this however, we ask parents to make a contribution towards the cost of practical lessons.

This is a one-off payment and covers all the dishes pupils will make, and take home, over the academic year.

Year 7 - £6.50 | Year 8 - £8 | Year 9 - £8.50

Letters have been emailed to parents of pupils in Years 7, 8 & 9 this week and a copy can also be downloaded from the school website at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters). Payment should be made via SCOPay. If you need a reminder of your SCOPay login please contact the Finance Officer, Mrs Cookson, by email [j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

Thank you to those families that have made the payment already.

Mrs Cowell  
Vice Principal &  
Food Technology Teacher

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## Fantasy Football League

COMMENTARY BY MR OWEN

At the first international break pitstop, the Priory FPL league is starting to take shape, as contenders and pretenders begin to rear their head.

Year 11 Leon A has a healthy six-point lead at the summit, despite taking a four-point hit in Gameweek Four. Year 8 Isaac S is hot on his tail, however, though he will be kicking himself at what might have been as Evan Ferguson bagged a hat-trick on his bench. Heung-Min Son enjoyed himself at Turf Moor with a spectacular hat-trick of his own, but Mr Owen got to celebrate that, as a 96-point weekly score propelled the English teacher into the top three.

Year 11 boys Jake S and Jack McF have had commendably impressive starts to the campaign, whilst Louie F also benefitted from Son's East Lancashire exploits to secure a tremendous 108 points in Gameweek Four.

Mr Eccles and Mrs Kursitis are less than forty points behind staff leader Mr Owen, whilst Mr Bullock found it pertinent to play his Free Hit chip in Gameweek Four; only time will tell if that was a wise move.

In a somewhat unfortunate turn of events, Year 10 Jake S meant to press his wildcard button, but failed to do so, and instead wound up taking a forty (40) point hit. That sent poor Jake tumbling towards the bottom of the standings but gave us plenty to talk about in class.



# Priory's Eco Committee Visit Whitefield Primary School

Pupil Report by Oliver C, Year 8



Before the summer break, the Eco Committee visited Whitefield Primary School to meet their Eco Ambassadors. Following their visit, Science teacher Mrs Massey asked the pupils to write a short article. Here's Year 8 Oliver's report...

*On Friday 16 June, the Eco Committee took a trip to Whitefield Primary School to discuss what each school was doing to help their environment.*

*We began by talking about our plan to put paper-only bins in each of the classrooms. We then continued by saying that we were re-using plant pots to make pot-figures. Another thing that we mentioned was that we were thinking of putting signs out to remind teachers and students to keep the lights off when possible.*



*Their Eco Club (their version of the Eco Committee) began by talking about the more recent things that they had done, like lowering the ceilings in some of the classrooms and switching their bulbs for LED lights to save energy. Also, they had put signs out to ensure that teachers and students alike will turn the lights off when possible.*

*They took us around the grounds and showed us the many things that they had done to the outside environment, for example, letting the grass grow wild along the edges of their field and planting meadows as part of their long-term project. They have also put out pot pollinators to ensure that bees and butterflies thrive. By getting more bins and creating a litter picking crew, they hope to deal with the litter that is dropped. They also have a gardening club to grow fruit and vegetables. In their Jubilee Garden (a small area of wild forest) they have got a bird feeder to attract more birds. To help with this task, they have got bird boxes but they are both out in the open and so will move these closer to the bushes.*

*By Oliver C, year 8*

Mrs Massey added, "The team at Whitefield Primary School will visit Priory this year and we plan to continue to share ideas and projects as well as raise awareness of the importance of caring for our planet."

**The Eco Committee will continue with their campaign this academic year and will be looking for new members to join them. Look out for posters soon or see Mrs Massey in SC1.**



# Happy Anniversary Priory!

September 1953 - September 2023

This week 70 years ago Penwortham County Secondary School, as it was known then, welcomed its first full cohort of pupils. To commemorate the occasion, the whole school is pictured in this celebratory photo which was taken on Sports Day back in July.

Can you spot your child? We're all in there - staff too!



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## Class of 1995-1999

Robert Atkins MP and South Ribble's Mayor, Cllr Jim Breakell unveil the plaque to kick off a new sporting era for Penwortham Priory Academy.

Spot the celebrity face to be singer Jessica Taylor wearing the WD bib. Class of 1996 Jessica, is now married to former England cricketer Kevin Pietersen.

- Former Liberty X



## Class of 1980-1985

Thanks to the Lancashire Evening Post, quite a few blasts from the past have cropped up over the summer break.

For the Priory parents and grandparents amongst you, read on!

Top: The Mayor of Penwortham, Cllr Dorothy Marsden pictured with Rebecca Brownjohn, Michelle Forrest and Linda Jackson following their win in a litter campaign poster competition.

Bottom: Headteacher, Mr Pearce, collects the keys to Priory's new minibus from Peter Healey of Bradshaws Motor House. Pictured alongside are Mr David Saul (PTA Chairman), Canon David Rees, Mr Mike Slater (PTA Secretary).



The U13s hockey team after thrashing Garstang High School 3-0 in the Preston & District Hockey Tournament.



A sixth successive victory for Priory in the South Ribble gymnastics competition.



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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.

We interviewed Sienna and Jacob before the end of the Summer term when they were in Year 7.

### Introducing, Sienna...

**Sienna enjoys fantasy and romance books.**

"I am currently reading 'Pretties' by Scott Westerveld. It's a bit like Hunger Games."

The book is the second of a trilogy and is set in a future world where everyone is turned 'Pretty' by extreme cosmetic surgery when reaching 16. Teenager Tally rebels against it.

"I read a lot and my favourite books are Twilight and Harry Potter and I have read all of them in the series. I have watched the films as well but I prefer the books."

"In school, I like geography and I don't know what I want to do in the future, although I want to go to college and university."



### Introducing, Jacob...

**Jacob admits he 'loves reading' but his favourite subject is science.**

Year 8 Jacob has read more than three million words on Accelerated Reader. His school blazer is covered in all kinds of badges from history to stars for extra-curricular clubs and personal development activities.

"I read all the time," said Jacob. "I am currently reading 'Five Nights at Freddy's Silver Eyes.'"



"It's interesting so far as there is a kidnapping of one of the main characters and a suspected murder. It's a horror mystery and I do like these kinds of books. I like thrillers."

"I do have a lot of badges as I enjoy most lessons although science is my favourite. I attended Japanese Club, Chess Club and Debate Club."

Mrs Elliott  
English Teacher & Chief Librarian

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# Astronomy Club is Recruiting Year 9 Pupils

Priory pupils are once again reaching for the stars as they look to sign up Year 9s to start their Astronomy GCSE course.



Science technician, Mr Evans, teaches the GCSE Astronomy course which will run every Thursday after school for the new Year 9 group. (Year 10 will continue their lessons as previous)

**Astronomy Club is an optional extra curricular subject that is open to Year 9 pupils who continue through to Year 10, when they may opt to take a GCSE.**

Introductory letters are available from the Science department or can be downloaded from the school website at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters). Classes will run after school until 4.10pm.

Pupils will study a range of topics including:

Cosmology | Stellar evolution | Exploring starlight  
| Planetary motion and gravity



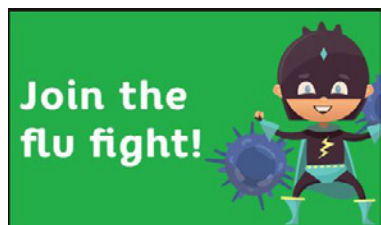
Places are limited. Enquiries can be directed to Mr Evans, Science Technician,  
[j.evans@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.evans@priory.lancs.sch.uk)



## Nasal Flu Vaccinations (All Year Groups)

The IntraHealth school immunisation team will be coming to Priory on Monday, 25 September to administer the nasal flu vaccinations to pupils in all year groups.

Please complete the flu immunisation consent form by clicking the link below (or in the email that has been sent to parents this week). **Whether you are consenting or refusing this immunisation, you will still need to complete your child's details on the form.**



<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/54ad5984>

The link also contains additional information such as video and FAQs.

**The link will close on Thursday, 14 September.**



If your child has their immunisation at the GP, your details change after form completion or you have any problems accessing the link please contact IntraHealth direct on 0333 358 3397, option 2, option 1.

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# Mobile Phone Policy

We of course understand that parents may wish their child to carry a mobile phone for their personal safety, so as a school, we take a sensible and practical approach with this in mind.

Whilst mobile phones can be brought into school, to minimise any detrimental impact they may have on our core purpose of 'Learning to Succeed', every day, the following applies once pupils enter the school grounds:

- Mobile phones must be 'off and out of sight', always.
- They should not be seen on the school site at any time.
- All pupils have a locker, so we advise them to store phones securely in their locker at the start of the day.
- If not in their locker, then they should be kept in their bags, but they must be 'off and out of sight', always.
- The only exception is that they may be used in the school reception area after 3:20pm to contact parents regarding travel arrangements, with the permission of a member of staff.
- If your daughter or son needs to contact home for any reason during the school day, they should go to either the school reception or the Pastoral office, at either break or lunchtime, and we will allow them to use a school phone.
- To support us in implementing our procedures, we would ask that if you need to contact your daughter or son during the school day, that you ring the school and a message will be passed on to your daughter or son by a member of staff.
- If you require a response to the message from your daughter or son, a member of staff will allow them to use a school phone to call you.
- Pupils who bring mobile phones into school do so entirely at their own risk.
- The school cannot accept any responsibility for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) resulting from their use.

## reminder

### Consequences:

- Any pupil seen by a member of staff with a mobile phone will have the device confiscated by that member of staff for it not being 'off and out of sight'.
- Mobile phones confiscated by a member of staff at breaks or lunch time, will be taken to the Pastoral office, where they will be named and locked away securely until the end of the day.
- If a mobile phone is confiscated by a member of staff during a lesson, a member of the Pastoral Team or SLT will come to the lesson to collect the mobile phone and take it to the Pastoral office for secure storage.
- Confiscated mobile phones may be collected by the pupil, from the Pastoral Office, at the end of the day, and they will be issued with an SLT After School Detention.
- If any pupil refuses to give any member of staff their mobile phone for it not being 'off and out of sight', the pupils' parent/guardian will be contacted, and the pupil will be sent home.
- The following morning, the parent/guardian will need to come into school with their daughter or son to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
- Persistent flouting of the mobile phone rules will result in inclusion in our isolation and reflection room.
- As such, a pupil who persistently has their mobile phone confiscated will result in the device being placed in the school safe until a parent or guardian is able to come to school to collect the device and speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.



Remember,

**'Off and out of sight' always!**

Thank you in advance for your support in relation to this.

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# Open Evening - Thursday, 21 September

**Everyone welcome | No prior booking required | Starts 4pm - Ends 8pm**

The Principal's speech will be at 5pm and repeated at 6pm. The speech will also be recorded to listen to in your own time and, prior to your visit, we invite you to view our prospectus or take a virtual tour (available soon) at your leisure via our website: [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/virtual-tour](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/virtual-tour)

## Pupil Volunteers Required

As always, we are asking for pupils to volunteer their time to support us at the event and showcase their school. We particularly encourage Year 7 pupils to support this event as they are closest to the Year 5 & 6 pupils that will be visiting us.

Letters are being given to pupils by their subject teachers with further details. Mrs Bailey and Mrs Bullock will also be commandeering their Prefects and Peer Mentors respectively to greet our prospective families and take them on tours of the school. Please note that school will be closed during the day due to INSET.

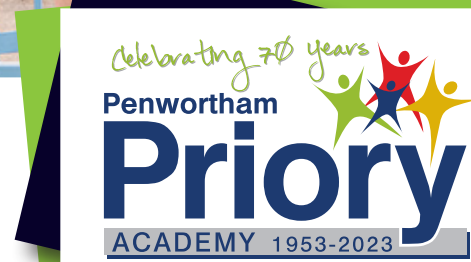
Pupils who would like to help should speak with the teacher in the department they would like to support.



**Looking Forward To**

**Seeing You...**

**Thursday, 21 September**



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**SCHOOL  
ADMISSIONS  
SECONDARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

**School and Academy places September 2023**

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2022.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

**School transport**  
Need transport to school?  
Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport.  
Search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](https://lancashire.gov.uk)

**CLOSING DATE  
31 OCTOBER 2022**

**Lancashire**  
County Council

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## Secondary School Admissions

If you have a child in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place at:

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place)

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

Before you apply, research the schools in your area, check school websites for up-to-date information about open days/evening and read the school's most recent Ofsted reports at: [www.ofsted.gov.uk](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk).

The closing date for secondary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 31 October 2023.

For guidance on school transport see:

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport)

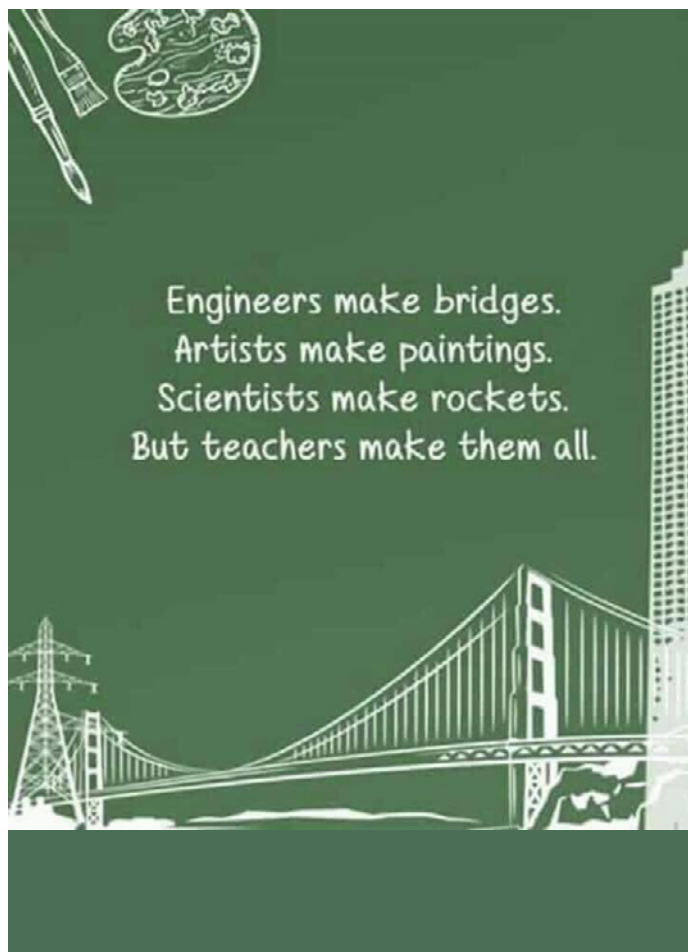


## Coming to Priory Autumn term 2023

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BLONDE**

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## 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.

Autumn Half Term 1 - September to October 2023

### Week 1

#### Monday

Homemade meat and potato pie with veg  
Hailoumi burger with sweet potato fries and  
beans or peas **V GF**

#### Tuesday

Sausage and mash with beans or peas  
Onion bhaji burger served on a folded  
naan filled with salad and sauce, with diced  
potatoes and beans or peas **V GF**

#### Wednesday

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

Popcorn chicken served with spicy wedges  
and beans or sweetcorn **H**

#### Thursday

Roast dinner **GF**

Tomato pasta served with garlic bread **V**

#### Friday

Cheese and tomato ciabatta pizza **V GF**  
Battered Fish | Beefburger | All served with  
chips and beans or mushy peas

### Week 2

#### Monday

Sweet chilli chicken stir fry with noodles **H**  
**GF**

Cheese & broccoli pasta with garlic bread **V**

#### Tuesday

Butter chicken served with rice and  
naan **H GF**

Vegetable lasagne with garlic bread **V**

#### Wednesday

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

Chicken tikka pasty served with spicy  
wedges and beans or sweetcorn

#### Thursday

Roast dinner **GF**

Tomato pasta served with garlic bread  
**V GF**

#### Friday

Cheese and tomato ciabatta pizza **V GF**  
Battered Fish | Steak and kidney pudding  
| All served with chips and beans or mushy  
peas

### Week 3

#### Monday

Brunch **GF**

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

#### Tuesday

Mexican chicken burrito served with nachos  
**H GF**

Vegetable pasta bake served with garlic  
bread **V GF**

#### Wednesday

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

Chicken tikka on folded naan filled with salad  
and sauce, with spicy wedges and beans or  
sweetcorn **GF**

#### Thursday

Roast dinner **GF**

Vegetable ravioli served with garlic bread **V**

#### Friday

Cheese and tomato ciabatta pizza **V GF**  
Battered Fish | Hot dog **H** | All served with  
chips and beans or mushy peas



**NEW**  
New Baguette, Salad &  
Pasta Pot Filling  
Chicken Tikka

\*Chicken Wraps With New Chicken Flavours **H**  
Southern Fried Chicken Every Day | All served with salad and sauce.  
Mon - Thai Sweet Chilli | Tues - Tikka | Weds - Mediterranean  
Thurs - Katsu | Fri - Southern Fried Chicken only

Chicken wraps\*, jacket potatoes with various fillings and paninis available every day.

**V** = Vegetarian **H** = Halal **GF** = Gluten Free **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@priors.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@priors.ac.uk),  
[lancs.sch.uk](mailto:lancs.sch.uk) or by speaking to the catering team before  
8am on the day it is required (staff can pre-order GF options  
online).



**PRESTON  
COLLEGE**

**REGISTER FOR OUR**

**YEAR 10 & 11 OPEN EVENT  
WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER, 4-7PM**

**[www.preston.ac.uk/oct23](http://www.preston.ac.uk/oct23)**

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### FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 18 November 2023, 10am-2pm  
Thursday 7 March 2024, 4-7pm

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## You are invited!

**West Paddock Family Hub and The Zone  
opens on Friday 29th September!**

Drop in anytime from 10am-6pm to find out more  
about what's on offer at our Family Hub, and join in  
with some family friendly activities.

**Welcoming speeches from 11am.**

West Paddock, Leyland,  
PR25 1HR

Drinks and  
nibbles will be  
provided!

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## Cultural & Community Celebration Event



**A FREE event open to all the community full of  
fun, information, food, activities and much more.  
Invite friends and family along too!**

**Saturday 16 September 2023**

**11am - 3pm**

**Leyland Methodist Church Hall**

**9 Turpin Green Lane, Leyland, PR25 3HA**



**For more information:**

[community@progressgroup.org.uk](mailto:community@progressgroup.org.uk)

Ring, text or WhatsApp: Sam 07587 647 222

[www.progressgroup.org.uk/celebrate](http://www.progressgroup.org.uk/celebrate)

**Progress**  
HOUSING GROUP

## School Nurse Drop-In Clinic

**hcrq**  
Care Group

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

Your School Nurse is Gill

Date.....Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September .....

Time.....Break & Lunch time.....

Place.....Pastoral Meeting Room.....



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Lancashire Healthy young People & Families Service (LHYPPS)

**hcrq**  
Care Group

**NHS**

**IF YOU'RE 11-19 TEXT YOUR  
YEARS OLD SCHOOL NURSE  
07507330510**

**WE HELP STUDENTS WITH  
ALL KINDS OF THINGS LIKE...**

**EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELLBEING BULLYING  
SELF ALCOHOL SMOKING  
HARM HEALTHY EATING SEXUAL  
DRUGS CONTRACEPTION HEALTH**

*Text us for confidential advice & support*

We do not usually inform your parents, teachers or anyone else if you contact the school nurse. We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact a member of school staff or your doctor. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). Prevent the school nurse from sending messages to you by texting STOP to our number. Please respect your schools mobile phone policy. Messages are charged at your usual rate.



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