

Penwortham Priory Post



From Priory to the Olympics: Susan Cheesebrough's Inspiring Return

'Inspirational' was how our young pupils described the return of Olympic gymnast and former pupil Susan Cheesebrough to Priory.

Susan was part of the Class of 1976, then Penwortham Secondary Modern School, with several members of that year group also coming along to an enjoyable reunion, alongside former PE teacher Mrs Rhodes, then Miss Slater.

Susan found a love of gymnastics aged nine and represented Great Britain at the 1976 and 1980 Olympics. She met up with her former classmates last Friday and also watched a display put on by Priory's current gymnasts.

Susan, who is now a yoga and pilates teacher and a lifestyle coach, said: "I have been blessed in my life. I had a talent and used it. I was British champion and I got to spend a month in the USSR when I was 15 and travel around America as part of a professional tour. I have been lucky.

"It was sheer determination that I got to the Montreal Olympics in 1976 and everyone helped me on that journey, including my teachers and school friends.

"This is my first time back since I left school and it's lovely to come back. It's nice to meet up with Miss Slater again, she helped me a lot. There was also the deputy head teacher Mrs Lucas who supported me. Everyone at school encouraged me and believed in me."

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Key Dates

Diary Dates

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

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

Tues, 25 March

Experience Iftaar meal 6pm-8.30pm

Weds, 26 March

Year 7 & 8 non-uniform day

Thurs, 27 March

Year 10 Faith Day

Fri, 28 March

Year 9 Passenger Safety Performance Assembly

Mon, 31 March

Year 11 Parents Evening (online)

31 March & 1 April

Year 11 GCSE Geography urban study field Trip

Weds, 2 April

Year 10 Runshaw College A Level Masterclass Day (invited pupils only)

Year 7 & 8 Easter Bingo 6pm

1-3 April

London Theatre Trip

Thurs, 3 April

Bake Sale (Year 11 fundraising for Prom)

Year 10 & 11 Business and Computer Science pupils HMRC presentation (in school)

Fri, 4 April

Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

End of Spring Term

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PE teacher Mrs Rhodes, then Miss Slater, said: "I recognised Susan had a talent and just encouraged her."

Sue Brown (nee Baines), who is a trustee at Priory, said: "I obviously come up to school a lot. I remember Susan and, in PE, she used to give demonstrations in gymnastics that we could never do!"

Wendy Fowler (nee Hull) was on her first return to Priory since 1976. "It's weird coming back, 49 years since we left! I remember Susan and I remember Miss Slater who was my form tutor."

Paul Fletcher, another class of 1976, said: "It's a bit strange coming back. I did get myself into a bit of trouble at school!"

Kathryn Shone (nee Dickinson) said: "It's so pretty with all the gardens. I liked high school – I think I laughed all the way through it. I have remained friends with people I met here and we still go out together."

Year 9 Millie, who attends the City Of Preston Gymnastics Club, said: "It was inspiring. I want to be a gymnast so to talk to her and listen to her telling us to follow our dreams was encouraging."

Year 8 gymnast Freya, who put on a show for Susan and the Class of 1976, said: "I was excited to meet her as I have never met an Olympic gymnast before."



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Important Updates: DofE Bronze Award



Pause in After-School Sessions

The DofE Bronze after-school sessions will be paused for a few weeks. These sessions will resume during the week commencing 12th May.

DofE Volunteering Club

Mrs Cauchi will be running an 'in-school' DofE volunteering club for the next 13 weeks, held every Monday during lunchtime. If pupils are using this club as part of their volunteering section, it is essential that they attend every session to ensure their participation can be sign off.

Parent Meeting - 7 May



There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday, 7 May at 5:30pm.

During this meeting, Mrs Cauchi will provide essential information regarding this summer's expedition and answer any questions parents and pupils may have.

This will be an opportunity for us to discuss expectations and aspects of the expedition, including logistics, as well as for parents to ask questions about the Award you may have so far. For pupils to be able to go on the expedition, at least one parent needs to attend the meeting.

Parents who are unable to attend, should contact Mrs Cauchi via email at m.cauchi@priory.lancs.sch.uk

A letter with further details has been distributed to pupils and emailed to parents. A copy can be downloaded from the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters



Faith Day Year 10 Thursday, 27 March

Over the year Key Stage 4 pupils are taught their entitlement to the Religious Education curriculum on what we call Faith Days. These are separate days in the calendar where pupils focus on a particular faith-based topic, led by Mrs Ham, Lead Teacher of RE.

On these days, Year 10 & Year 11 pupils attend their timetabled lesson and the class teacher will deliver the Faith Day material from Period 1-4. Period 5 and Period 6 will be their normal lesson.

Year 10's topic for the day will be 'Human Rights'. During the sessions, pupils will be given an overview of the topic, discuss some of the key questions about human rights and learn about what human rights actually are. Do all people the world over have these rights? What are the different religion's views towards them?



In the Censorship and Religious Identity unit pupils will learn what censorship means, investigate the conflict between free speech and causing offence, and look at laws regarding freedom of religious expression and the conflict that this may cause.

Pupils will move on to understand the meaning of the terms Prejudice and Discrimination and the effect that these have on the lives of individuals.

Finally, they will examine the term 'Racism', look at the work of people who have fought against racial inequality and explore religious views on racism.

Year 11's Faith Day has been rescheduled for a later date.

Mrs Ham
Lead Teacher of RE
Head of year 9

Focus on...



LanguageNut of the Week



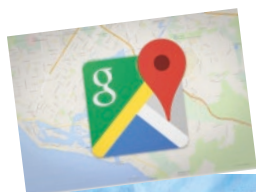
LanguageNut

Here are this week's top scorers.

The top three students per year group are awarded points on Arbor and presented with a department certificate.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Matilda S 72200	Jess H 24600	Phoebe G 28600
Liss W 42700	Theo L 16600	Shivam Y 21000
Zackery B 42300	Emma N 15400	Excellence I 18600

This week in lessons... Into the map...



Year 9 pupils completed a Google Maps activity – they had a close look at the cities of Nice and Marseille.

Pupils had to carefully analyse the landmark descriptions written in the target language and complete a quiz! Well done to all involved.



Did you know, Nice was once home to Mrs Scully? Pupils, why not ask her to tell you more about it?!



Linguist of The Week

Our Star Linguist is **Year 9 Phoebe G** for being consistent every lesson!



CAREER CHECK

Journalist

Journalists who speak multiple languages can directly interview people from diverse backgrounds, rather than relying on translations. They can read original documents, government reports, and local news in different languages to get more accurate information.

A journalist who understands the local language can capture the emotions, expressions, and cultural nuances of the people they interview.



Word of THE Week



Aujourd'hui (today)
Literally 'At the day of now'.



Mrs Scully, Mrs Bailey & Mr Taylor
Languages Department

Easter Bingo

at Penwortham Priory Academy

Wednesday, 2nd April

Doors open at 6pm ~ Eyes down at 6.15pm

Evening closes at 7.30pm approx.

We invite Year 7 & 8 pupils and their families to join us for a cracking evening of bingo fun.

Egg-cellent prizes to be won!

**Book your place via SCOPay
Tickets | Adults £1 | Children 50p***

Bingo cards purchased at the event (cash only, please)

£1 a book of 5 games | £5 for 6 books

Refreshments | Tuck Shop | Raffle

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*Under 5s free

Year 11 Pupil Gains Apprenticeship Insight at Women In Engineering Event



BAE SYSTEMS

Chittara learnt a lot from a four-day BAE Systems Women in Engineering Apprenticeship insight event which she will take into the future.

The Year 11 heard about the event from Ms Smith, Lead Practitioner for Personal Development and Priory's Careers Adviser, and enrolled on it.



Head Prefect Chittara said: "I saw it and was interested. I signed up and, while I answered the basic questions, you also had to shine with them and got an invite to attend.

"My dad is an engineer and he talks about how great it is and I find it amazing that you can construct something out of waste materials and other engineering feats.

"It was four days in my own time. There were two days on site and two days on-line.

"The first day was all about what it's like to be an apprentice at BAE and the benefits.

"The second day was a site visit to Samlesbury looking at how everything works and all the different parts of the company. I got to sit in a Hawk which was a big perk!

"Day three was learning about on-line interviews and then day four was the actual interview, which was stressful but I settled into it. I was surprised as they said I did well and came across as confident which was a boost.

"I was encouraged by how well I did. I want to go to college and study Maths, Physics, Economics or maybe Chemistry A-Levels as that should give me more options and then maybe do a degree apprenticeship."

Ms Smith added, "I am pleased that Chittara takes up every opportunity given to her. In doing so, she is gaining a wide variety of skills and experience by participating in these events and activities. I have no doubt that Chittara will go on to great things in her future and achieve all her aspirational dreams. I would hope that when she is Priory alumni, she comes back to us to share her successes"

Whilst applications for the next event have not opened yet, further information about the BAE SYSTEM's Insight experience for women in engineering can be found here>> www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/apprenticeships/insight-experiences. Pupils should speak to Ms Smith if they are interested in the programme.

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Year 10 Trip

Thackray Medical Museum

16 / 24 June

As part of the GCSE History course, we will soon begin studying our third unit: Britain: Health and the People. To support students in their understanding of this topic, we are organising a visit to the Thackray Museum of Medicine in Leeds.

The museum provides an excellent opportunity for students to engage with the subject beyond the classroom. The visit aligns directly with the GCSE specification, offering a visual and interactive insight into key themes that will be assessed in their final exam. As such, attendance on this trip is compulsory for all Year 10 GCSE History pupils.

The cost of the trip is £26 per student, which includes travel, museum entry, and a medieval surgery workshop designed to bring the topic to life. Pupils will attend the trip on one of two dates.



There are places allocated for every Year 10 GCSE History pupil to attend this trip. Please make the required payment via the school's online payment system, SCOPay, where you will also be required to provide parental consent. The closing date for payment is Monday, 5 May.

If you have any questions about this trip, please contact Mrs Cauchi via email at m.cauchi@priory.lancs.sch.uk.



REGENERage

Household Support Funding



In partnership with SRBC, Regenerate is offering £50 vouchers to eligible households in South Ribble.

Vouchers can be redeemed for food, heating or clothing.

Who can apply?
You may be eligible if you:

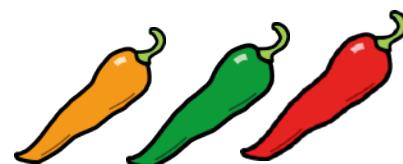
- Live in South Ribble
- Have £2,000 or less in savings/available funds
- Are facing financial hardship and cannot meet immediate short-term needs

Priority is given to:

- Households with children
- Pensioners
- Disabled persons
- Unpaid carers
- Single-occupancy households
- Those experiencing unforeseen financial shocks

How to apply:
Complete the online application form at regenerate.org.uk/household-support-funding or call in to Regenerate Head Office at Beech House, Lancastergate, Leyland PR25 2EX for a hard copy application form.

Chilli Challenge Winners



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

- Year 7 Zara Q (Mrs Butcher) - Ribble
- Year 8 Lexi McQ (Mr Eccles) - Calder
- Year 9 Josh M (Mrs Roberts) - Douglas
- Year 10 Taejuan S (Mrs Brindle) - Hodder
- Year 11 Taylor S (Mrs Qadri) - Douglas

The House leader board remains as follows - Douglas continues to be hard to beat!

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



Calling All Year 11 - Donate Your PE Kits!

As we approach the exam season, Year 11 pupils will have the opportunity to focus on intervention and revision sessions during their core PE lessons for the remainder of the year. With this change, we kindly ask Year 11 pupils to consider donating their PE kits, that are still in good condition, to the school.

Pupils studying GCSE PE or Sport (Health & Fitness) should keep their dedicated kit until their final exam. If pupils do participate in a core PE lesson, they will be permitted to wear their own sportswear.



The PE department is currently facing a shortage of kits that are provided to disadvantaged families or pupils who may forget their kit on PE day. We also accept out-grown items from other year groups.

Your generous donations will help ensure that every student has the necessary equipment to participate in PE lessons.

How to Donate:

- Please bring your clean, pre-loved PE kits to the PE office.
- Parents can drop off at Reception specifying that they are a donation.
- Donations will be accepted until the end of the academic year.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Mrs Bullock
Head of year 11 and PE Teacher

FREE Mental Health First Aid Training Provided by Penwortham Town Council

Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th April 2025

or

Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th July 2025

9:30am – 4:30pm

Penwortham Arts Centre (The Venue)
Liverpool Road, Penwortham, PR1 9XE

To find out more about the course and who it is aimed at, and to register, go to>>

<https://mhfaengland.org/mhfa-centre/faqs/>

Become a
MENTAL HEALTH
First Aider

Do you want to learn what to do when someone is suffering a mental health crisis?

Learn how to support yourself and others with a FREE 2-day MHFA course.

If you are interested please email daniel@penworthamtowncouncil.gov.uk

Penwortham Town Council logo and MHFA England logo are also present.

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Year 10 Pupils Make Their Mark in Junior Football



There have been no red cards for two of our pupils who are Level 7 referees!

Year 10 Taylor completed a two-day course at West Moreland County Football Association while Year 10 Ben carried out his two-day course at the Lancashire FA.



Both can referee at junior games, up to Under 14s, and can be found mostly in the Central Lancashire Junior Football League.

Taylor said: "It's just something I wanted to do. I love football. I play for Leyland Pirates and support Preston North End.

"I like being able to control a game and it's been ok so far. There have been no red cards, I have had to speak out on a couple of occasions but it's been manageable."

Ben said: "I did it for the money as it's quite well paid! I have given a few yellows out but no red cards, there have been a few serious talks but I can sort it out. Most people are respectful. I wouldn't mind it as a career."



They could be following in the footsteps of former Priory pupil, Class of 2012's Ed Duckworth, now an English Football League referee.

Lancashire County Badminton

Junior county taster session

If you don't try, you'll never know!

Sunday 6th April 2025
12-3pm

FREE

Under 11 (born 2015 or later) Both age groups
Under 13 (born 2013, 2014) 12-1:30pm

For under 15 (born 2011, 2012) 1:30-3pm

West View Leisure Centre
Fulwood PR1 5EP

Please contact:
Alan Clarkson, county coach
clarksonalan5@gmail.com
07730656394
If you are interested in attending

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www.lancashirebadminton.org.uk

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BRAND-NEW YOUTH CLUB

@PENWORTHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Kingsfold Dr, Penwortham, Preston PR1 9EQ

The club will provide a fun, safe, and engaging space for young people to come together, take part in activities, and make new friends.

TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE
AN INCREDIBLE SPACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN PENWORTHAM!

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From Grassroots to Glory: Year 8 Pupil's Success with Blackburn Rovers



Central midfielder Lucas is enjoying trophy success with Blackburn Rovers.



Year 8 Lucas has been with Rovers since Under 11s, having been scouted playing in grassroots football.

Lucas was part of the Year 7 Priory team which won the South Ribble Cup last year.

Blackburn Rovers is a Cat 1 Academy, the highest, and competed in the U13s Premier League Shield earlier this month. They overcame Liverpool in the quarter-finals, with Lucas as captain, and travelled to Tottenham Hotspur for the final where they won 3-2.



“My dream is to be a professional footballer,” said Lucas, who is a Preston North End fan and also likes Liverpool.

“It’s all been positive at Blackburn so far. It was good to win a trophy.

“We train four times a week and I have a two-year contract. I obviously need to try and get a scholarship when I am 16.”



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South Ribble Indoor Athletics

SPORTS REPORT

On Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th March, our Year 7 and Year 8 teams were involved in the South Ribble Indoor Athletics competitions.

Hosted at All Hallows High School, the pupils took part in short and long distance running events plus a range of field challenges including throwing and jumping.

PE Teacher, Miss Derbyshire said, "Our teams represented the school extremely well and everyone tried their best - we had some impressive performances!

"A special shoutout to the Year 7 girls who won all their running races! Well done to everyone involved!"

Girls Team, pictured>> Imogen C, Lexi McQ, Niamh K, Eleanor M, Emeli P, Freya B, Charlotte M, Ava G, Freya C, Emma N, Jess H, Reya S.



MOTHERS DAY CARD MAKING & GIFT TABLE

FREE event for children & young people

Penwortham Community Centre,
Kingsfold Drive, Penwortham, PR1 9EQ

Monday 24th March 2025

4 to 5.30pm

To run these events we rely on the kind donation of unwanted, unopened items that can be re-gifted.

Drop donations at Penwortham Community Centre
contact: community@progressgroup.org.uk
WhatsApp, text, call Sam on 07587 647 222



PRIME SPORTS

KIDS EASTER CAMP

7TH APR 8TH APR 9TH APR 10TH APR | 14TH APR 15TH APR 16TH APR 17TH APR

Activities

- ✓ Football
- ✓ UV Dodgeball
- ✓ UV Golf
- ✓ Axe Throwing
- ✓ Soft Archery
- ✓ Cricket

FREE HALF PLACES AVAILABLE | 25 PLACES AVAILABLE ONLY £1 PER PLACE

9:00AM - 1:00pm | 1:00PM - 5:00PM

Location: Penwortham Community Centre, Kingsfold Drive, Penwortham, PR1 9EQ

FREE HAF PLACES AVAILABLE | 25 PLACES AVAILABLE ONLY £1 PER PLACE

AGES 4-12

Penwortham Town Council | South Ribble Housing Group Official Partner

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



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

I Love Maths Because: Competition Time!

Here's why Year 7 Niall and Holly-May love Maths:

Holly-May ... because there is a right answer! I'm always being challenged in class, and getting things wrong will help me to do better next lesson. I will also be needing maths every day. I also do extra maths at home sometimes.

Niall ... because of the challenge! Because there always is a right answer. The best thing about maths is that we use it in nearly everything we do.



Now, It's YOUR Turn...



How To Enter...

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

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

Bake Sale Thank You's

Monday's bake sale raised an incredible £77.60 and was a sell-out success!

The money raised will contribute to a vegetable patch, for seeds and gardening equipment, and will be managed by Eco Club members.



The young fundraising team has been collaborating with Priory's gardener, Mr Farron, and group leader Year 7 Charlie P has already put a foot in the ground to mark out the land.

Charlie wanted to thank everyone who bought a cake but offered a special thanks to English teacher, Mrs Brindle, for her £10 donation.

We look forward to seeing how they get on!



Year 7 & 8 Non-Uniform Day

Wednesday, 26th March

In return for wearing your own clothes*, please bring an Easter egg or donate £2 and pass it to your form tutor on the morning.

All donations will be used for our Easter Bingo night on Wednesday, 2nd April at 6pm-7.30pm.

Book your place via SCOPay | Tickets Adults £1 Children 50p (under 5s free)

Bingo cards purchased at the event | £1 a book of 5 games | £5 for 6 books | Raffle | Tuck Shop

**Own clothes must include an item in a house colour*



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Competition Time!

Design a poster to promote school attendance. All designs must be

- positive
- factual
- colourful

Open to all year groups

Winning entry will receive a **GIFT VOUCHER** and the winning design will be announced in the newsletter and displayed around school

Closing date 4th April

Please submit all entries to the pastoral office or email attendance@priory.lancs.sch.uk

NEXT ISSUE

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK.

The next issue will be out Tuesday, 1 April.
(we're not fooling you, it really is!)

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Our Facility Hire



Did you know our rooms and sports facilities are available to hire?

**3G Pitch | Grass Pitches | Floodlit Netball Court | Gym
Assembly Hall | Sports Hall | Dance & Drama Studio
Class Rooms | Conference Rooms**

One off events

Meetings, training courses, birthday parties, community events.

Regular bookings

Fitness classes, sports clubs, organised/uniformed groups.

Slots available for just one or two hours to half or full days.

We're open 7 days a week, including evenings, weekends school holidays*.

CONTACT US

Get in touch to discuss what we have to offer and how we can meet your requirements.

Contact: Keith Bolton, Strategic Estates Development Manager at lettings@priority.lancs.sch.uk



To find out more and to view galleries, scan the QR code or visit www.priority.lancs.sch.uk/facility-hire-at-priority

*Except Christmas



You are invited to our...

RUNSHAW COLLEGE

STEM & T Level Showcase!

Wednesday **26th** March

6.00pm – 7.30pm

Tour our fantastic STEM Assured campus

Be inspired in your career by our STEM leaders

Get future ready by meeting with our STEM employers

Scan the QR code to register!

Begin your own **STEM** story with us!

Register today! runshaw.ac.uk/stem-showcase



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