

Penwortham Priory Post



Behind The Scenes: The Pastoral Team

In the bustling corridors and behind the scenes, there are dedicated teams who ensure that our school functions smoothly. From managing administrative tasks and keeping our buildings safe and secure, to providing essential classroom support and care for our pupils, these unsung heroes play a vital role in creating a positive learning environment at Priory.

In the sixth part of this series, we're shining a spotlight on the Pastoral Team as we explore their contributions and learn more about the people who ensure our pupils are in school, are safe, and their wellbeing is looked after, every day.

The Pastoral Team is probably the one which has grown the most at Priory, from one member of staff historically to a team of eight now, focusing on Pupil Well-Being, Attendance, Behaviour for Learning and Family Support.

They are a vital part of Priory with their main emphasis on making sure the mental and emotional well-being of pupils is cared for and the Pastoral Team will deal with any worries or concerns to make sure every child is happy, safe and equipped to learn. They also work closely with the Heads of Year who have both an academic and pastoral role.

Assistant Principal, Head of Pastoral Care and Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Crank, leads the team.

"We need our young people in the classroom learning and our main role is to offer the best support to make sure that's where they are.

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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

Half Term

26-30 May

Weds, 4 June

Hamilton The Musical
theatre trip PM

Mon, 9 June

Year 8 Parents Evening
(online)

10-13 June

DofE Practice Walks

Mon, 16 June

Year 8 HPV vaccinations
Year 10 Preston College
taster day
Year 11 last day and
awards presentation

17-19 June

DofE Silver Expedition

Weds, 18 Jun

Year 10 Runshaw College
taster day

Thurs, 19 June

Year 11 Blackpool
Pleasure Beach Trip

Fri, 20 June

Learning for Life Day 5
Early lunch followed by
school closure at 1.10pm

Mon, 23 June

Year 7 Parents Evening
(online)

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"Parents may ring and ask us just to check on their child as they were having a bad morning and we can send them a welfare text back to confirm how they are.

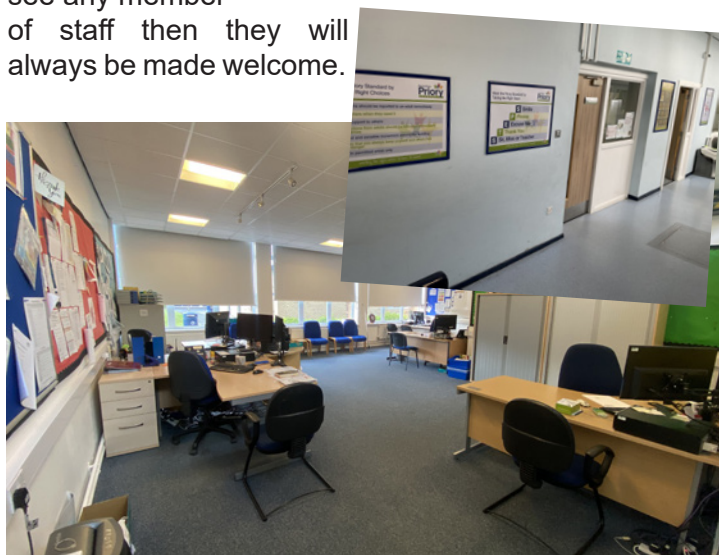
"Or they may contact us about a uniform issue, to tell us their child has forgotten their tie, and we are there to make sure all these things are dealt with to ensure our pupils can just focus on coming into school to learn.

"Dealing with mental health issues is also a big part of our role and at Priory we have our own counsellor in Ms Lowe, Managing Director of Charlotte Lowe Psychological Services, who comes into school with her team twice a week for any child who may need extra support from a professional counsellor.

"We break down the barriers, or any anxieties, to ensure every pupil has the best experience in attending school and succeeds during their time at Priory.

"It's not just about our pupils, however – we also have a Family Support Manager in Mrs Willis who provides support for our families."

The team is located in the Pastoral office in the central area of the school, with Head of Year offices and meeting rooms further along the corridor, and if pupils need to see any member of staff then they will always be made welcome.



Uniform Donations

Do you have any out-grown uniform that is still in good condition?

If you have any unwanted school uniform, including PE kit and ties, that still has good wear left in it then we can pass it on to families who need that little extra support.

With the cost of living affecting everyday finances, there are many struggling families who are anxious about buying school uniforms or replacement items. To support these families we are collecting donations of pre-loved school uniform which we can pass on.

You can drop pre-loved uniform off at school reception by placing it in the red collection bin in the waiting area. Alternatively, pupils can drop items off directly with the Pastoral team.

We politely ask that items are washed before donating.

Reception is open from 8am to 4pm Monday - Thursday (3.45pm on Fridays). The last day for drop off is Thursday, 17 July at 12 noon.

Any enquiries can be directed to the Pastoral Office, or ask at Reception. enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Thank you for your support!



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Year 11 School Day

reminder

Please remember that all Year 11 pupils are to be in school every day from 8.40am to 3.10pm until Monday, 16 June.

We will text parents if there are any early finishes. No text means no early finish.

Year 11 Revision Session

GCSE History will be running a revision session during half term on Friday, 30 May from 9.30am to 12pm.

All Year 11 GCSE History pupils are expected to attend if available and will be preparing for Paper 2 Health & The People and Elizabethan England.

The session will be held in Hu1 and Hu2 and pupils do not need to wear uniform.

Year 11 Lunch Account Balances

A reminder to monitor your lunch account balance.

Unfortunately, once a pupil has officially left school, we are unable to issue refunds for any remaining credit. To avoid losing funds, please ensure any balance is used before Year 11's final day on Monday, 16 June.

Accounts can be used as normal until this date.

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

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MENU

Week 1

EVERY DAY

Jacket Potato **From £1.35***

Homemade jacket potato served with one filling of your choice.
*Additional fillings 40p

Cheese Panini **£1.85**

Soft panini roll stuffed with cheese, pressed to melted perfection.

Pepperoni Panini **£1.85**

Soft panini roll stuffed with cheese and pepperoni, pressed to melted perfection.

Sandwiches **£1.50**

A selection of handmade sandwiches, baguettes and wraps, packed with fresh fillings.
Vegetarian options available.

Pasta Pots **£1.95**

A selection of pasta pots that are bursting with flavour are available.
Vegetarian options available.

Halal | - Vegetarian | - Gluten Free

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

MONDAY

Spicy Chicken Burger **£2.15**

Succulent spicy chicken burger served with seasoned wedges and a side salad.

Jerk Burger **£2.15**

Deliciously seasoned Jamaican plant based patty served with seasoned wedges and a side salad.

TUESDAY

Sausage & Mash **£2.15**

Sizzling sausages served on a bed of mash with beans or gravy.

Mac & Cheese **£2.15**

Deliciously cheesy, macaroni cheese served with garlic bread and a side salad.

WEDNESDAY

Butter Chicken Curry **£2.15**

Diced chicken breast smothered in curry sauce and served with rice and naan bread.

Onion Bhaji Burger **£2.15**

Crispy onion bhaji patty served with a fresh mixed salad, mint yoghurt and a mini corn on the cob.

THURSDAY

Bolognese Pasta Bake **£2.15**

Delicious, homemade bolognese pasta bake served with garlic bread and side salad.

Vegetable Burrito **£2.15**

Flavourful, spiced vegetables and saffron rice served with nachos and a side salad.

'CHIPPY FRIDAY' SPECIALS

Veggie Wrap **£2.15**

Crispy veggie wrap served with chips, mixed salad and coleslaw.

Chicken Wrap **£2.15**

Southern Fried Chicken wrap served with chips, mixed salad and coleslaw.

Battered Cod & Chips **£2.15**

Crispy battered fish on a bed of chips, served with peas or beans and a choice of 'chip shop curry' or gravy.

DESSERTS

Assorted Cakes and Biscuits **£0.60**

A selection of homemade cakes and biscuits to choose from.

Fruit Pot/Fresh Fruit **£0.80**

A selection of freshly prepared fruit pots and fresh whole fruit available.

Popcorn **£0.65**

Fresh popcorn

Jelly Squeeze **£0.70**

A variety of flavours available.

**Week 1
w/c 2 June**

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Impressive Effort from Year 7 Girls at UCLan Tournament

**SPORTS
REPORT**

The Year 7 girls football team took part in the Rotary Club Football Tournament at UCLan Sports Arena last Thursday, 15 May.

The girls got off to a great start winning their first match 1-0 courtesy of a brilliant goal by Freya B. The second game saw no goals, drawing 0-0 but set them up for a brilliant 4-1 win in their third game, with goals from Reya S, Niamh K and Freya B (2).

"The girls narrowly missed out on a place in the quarter finals, losing 1-0 in their last game", said PE Teacher, Miss Derbyshire.

"The girls represented the school extremely well and showed great effort and sportsmanship throughout the whole tournament."

Well done girls!

Team: Emeli P, Niamh K, Freya B, Matilda M, Amaya M, Ellie M, Reya S, Emily G



School is now closed
for the half term break.
We return on
Monday,
2 June.

The next newsletter is
out Friday, 13 June

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Year 9 Pupils Get a Glimpse of the Future in AI Workshop



Year 9 pupils who have chosen to study ICT or Business for their Options have had the exciting opportunity to dive into the world of Artificial Intelligence.

The hands-on workshop, led by Imole Ajayi from Loughborough University, was both engaging and educational, and offered pupils a glimpse into how AI is shaping our world—and how they can be part of that future.

One of the highlights of the workshop was the 'Intelligent Piece of Paper' activity. In this clever exercise, students played a game of noughts and crosses (tic-tac-toe) against what appeared to be a simple sheet of paper. However, this paper was 'programmed' with a set of rules that mimicked the decision-making process of a computer. It was a fun and interactive way to understand how algorithms can simulate intelligence—even without a screen!



The workshop also explored the creative side of AI. Students were introduced to Craiyon.com, a website that uses AI to generate images from text prompts. They experimented with different descriptions and watched as the AI transformed their words into unique digital artwork. This sparked discussions about how AI learns to interpret language and visuals, and the implications for art, design, and media.

"Imole guided students through these activities with enthusiasm and clarity, making complex concepts accessible and inspiring curiosity about the possibilities of AI," said Mrs Qadri, Head of ICT & Computing.

"The workshop left students not only more informed but also more excited about the role they can play in the future of technology."

Stay tuned for more innovative workshops like this one!



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Year 9 Prove #TheseGirlsCan

P.E
DEPARTMENT

A group of Year 9 girls had a fantastic sports experience at West View Leisure Centre last Friday when they attended the South Ribble School Games' 'This Girl Can' event.

The event aims to empower girls to confidently stay active and encourages them to take part in a variety of activities such as rock climbing, roller-skating, spinning and padel.

PE Teacher, Miss Derbyshire, who accompanied the girls along with Miss Beesley, said, "They all got fully involved with all activities and it was great to see them step out of their comfort zones and try new things.



"They all started off quite nervous and quiet but it ended in them feeling empowered and confident - so all in all a fantastic day!

"The girls were a credit to themselves and the school."



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Year 8 Parents Evening

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Monday, 9 June (online)

Booking Now Open

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

The link to book your slot is now live and an email and letter has been sent to Year 8 parents.

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

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>

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

**BOOK
NOW**

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

To enable teachers to meet with as many parents/carers as possible, each appointment slot will be four 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 8

Chili Challenge Winners



This week's winners are:

Year 7 Marcus H (Mrs Kursitis) **Ribble**
Year 8 Rylan H (Mr Taylor) **Hodder**
Year 9 Matthew McK (Mrs Scully) **Douglas**
Year 10 Noah W (Mrs Brindle) **Hodder**
Year 11 Jake L (Mr Metcalfe) **Douglas**

These pupils have now received their chilli tokens to claim their free breaktime snack from the dining room.

**GET
INVOLVED!**

Pick up your challenge sheet from the top of the post boxes in your dining areas. When you've had a go at them, pop your answers in your year group post box.

The leaderboard remains the same...

Douglas	1st	Ribble	2nd
Calder	3rd	Hodder	4th

FAMILY WORKSHOP**FOR AGES 4-99**

Penwortham Arts Centre, More Music, and Boom Dang present:

Brazilian Samba Drumming Workshop
Grab your family / friends / kids and try out some Samba Drumming!
No experience necessary, and fun for ALL ages - Just book your tickets and come on down. "With lots of drumming games, mixed rhythms, playing drums and most importantly - Bucket Loads of Fun!"

Sunday 25 May
2pm - 4pm
@ The Venue
Penwortham Arts Centre
Liverpool Rd, PR1 9XE

Tickets:
£4 Children (aged 17 or under)
£8 Adults
For More Info + TICKETS, see:
www.TinyURL.com/The-Venue-Penwortham

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