Penwortham Priory Post



Behind The Scenes: The Academy Management 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, these unsung heroes play a vital role in creating a positive learning environment at Priory.

In the fifth part of this series, we're shining a spotlight on the Academy Management Team as we explore their contributions and learn more about the people who ensure you get the information, guidance and service you need, every day.

A number of our Academy Management Team will be familiar as they are the smiling faces who greet you at our reception!

The Academy Management Team is led by the Academy Manager, and PA to Principal Mr Eastham, Mrs Spencer.

She is assisted by Communications & Marketing Manager Mrs Yates, Office Manager Mrs Burkhill and Receptionist and Admin Assistants Mrs Crix-Jopson, Mrs Evans, Mrs Holt and Mrs Little. They are the link between pupils, parents, staff and visitors, and help the best they can with any information you may need.

"We cover a range of roles as we are responsible for communications across the whole school community," said Mrs Spencer. "The office team, fronted by Mrs Burkhill, are the ones who welcome pupils, parents and the public into school so they will be recognisable to many!

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Key Dates

Diary Dates

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

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

Mon, 27January (Week 2) Year 11 mock exams continue (3 weeks)

Tues, 28 January
Year 11 Newman College
interviews

Weds, 29 January Year 9 Parents Evening 4pm-7pm IN SCHOOL

Fri, 31 January
Learning for Life Day 3
Early lunch followed by
school closure at 1.10pm

Sat, 1 February
Year 9 Option form opens
(online) (closes 22 Feb)

Tues, 4 February
Cyber Skills & Careers Day
Newman College (Year 10
ICT pupils)

Thurs, 6 February
Trafford Centre Rewards
Trip

10-14 FebruaryYear 10 work experience

17-21 February Half term closure

Mon, 24 February
Year 11 Preston College
interviews

Tues, 25 February Year 8 Quarry Bank Mill

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Mrs Burkhill added, "We are also the voices you hear when you call school. We deal with all the parent enquiries, we signpost pupils who come to us not sure where they need to be, help them find lost property, take their reply slips or handover a forgotten PE kit or homework that has just been dropped off! Pupils are also with us whilst they wait to be collected for an appointment or are going home sick."

"Hospitality is a large function for us; running two busy conference suites hired by outside educational providers.

"The team are all First Aid trained, which is a big part of our role in a busy school. We also monitor the spare medication for those with asthma or diabetes, for example.

Mrs Yates works alongside Mrs Spencer to organise our events such as Open Evening, Leaver's Celebrations and Easter Bingo. She is the face behind our weekly newsletter, our website and social media. She also manages all the whole school communications including letters and emails on top of overseeing the school's branding and producing marketing brochures such as the prospectus.

Mrs Yates said, "It's a very demanding role and my office door is constantly swinging open with staff and pupils coming through but I love it; it's so varied. One minute I could



be popping into a class to take a snap of an activity the pupils are working on and the next I could be designing a brochure or updating content on our website. I also look after our alumni, which is one of my favourite parts of the job; past pupils really enjoy seeing their old school photos and I receive some heart-warming and hilarious stories of their memories here."

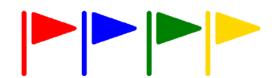
Mrs Spencer, who is currently on maternity leave, is the gateway to Mr Eastham's office. As well as supporting Priory's Principal with his PA needs, facilitating senior leadership meetings and managing staff recruitment, she is the Clerk to the Trustees, the team of people who are responsible for the management and performance of the school.

She rounded off by saying, "Our mission is 'to create a positive impression of the school through a supportive and seamless communication service to all,' and I think we do that tremendously well."

"No day is ever the same for the Academy Management team however we always strive to look after everyone's varied needs the very best we can."



House Medal Table



After 4 weeks topping the Chilli Challenge entries, Douglas jump to the top of the table!

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	
Douglas	13	5	8	
Ribble	12	12	2	
Hodder	3	6	17	
Calder	0	3	23	

High School Musical Cast Rewarded With Visit to Local Restaurant

Members of the High School Musical cast and crew visited Salvatore's Italian restaurant on Thursday evening (16th) as a reward for their commitment to Priory's production held involvement and full houses

before Christmas.

A turn-out of 35 pupils, who were part of both on and off stage, joined several teaching staff to enjoy a pleasant evening to cap the many, many weeks of hard work in rehearsals and performances.

Lead teacher of Music, Mr Taylor, said, "The ensemble put on a total of four performances and fully deserved an evening of delicious food and lots of laughs. The food went down a treat, so thank you Salvatores!"















Year 11 Mock Exams

The Year 11 mock exams continue on Monday for a further two weeks. Below is the timetable for Week 2 and Week 3.

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	Tuesday	GCSE Art	GCSE Art					
	Wednesday	English Lit (1 Hr)	English Lit (1 Hr)		History Paper 2 (1 Hr)	History Paper 2 (1 Hr)		
	Thursday	Geography Paper 2 (1Hr	Geography Paper 2		GCSE Astronomy Learning Centre	GCSE Astronomy Learning Centre		
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Week		Computer Science (2 Hr)	Computer Science (2		Business and Enterprise (1 Hr 30	Business and Enterprise (1 Hr 30		
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Have Your Contact Details Changed?

We send direct communications to our parents/
carers in various ways such as email, text and
letters. We may also need to get in touch with you if your child is ill or
there is an emergency. It is important, therefore, that the school holds up
to date contact information.



If you need to update any personal information such as change of address / telephone numbers / email addresses you can do this directly with school or via the Arbor parent app. Please **do not** provide updates solely via any other online channels you may have access to such as SCOPay or BlueRunner.



If your contact details change you can update us with the necessary information in various ways:

Arbor

- Email enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk
- Send a note or email your child's Head of Year or Form Tutor
- Contact the school office by telephone or in person
- Log in to the Arbor parent app.



In the case of an emergency, we need to contact you urgently. It is important, therefore, that the school has more than one contact name and number for your child and that any changes to these are also advised as soon as they occur.

Mrs Swire Attendance & Family Support Manager

Chili Challenge Winners

This week's winners

Year 7 Reece V (Mrs Lockwood) Ribble

Year 8 Max R (Mr Eccles) Douglas
Year 9 Lucy H (Mrs Roberts) Hodder
Year 10 Dylan H (Mrs Massey) Ribble

Year 11 Kiran L (Mrs Kursitis) Calder (awarded

to Year 7)

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



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.



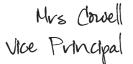
Don't forget to ensure your name, form and House is clearly written on the sheet to enable your entry to count. Only one entry per pupil can be accepted.

The leader board remains unchanged

Douglas 1st Ribble 2nd

Calder 3rd

Hodder 4th



Penwortham Football Academy

Penwortham Football Academy will be hosting a half term camp from 19-21 February.

The camp includes three days of coaching, games and tournaments with quizzes and football related activities to keep the players challenged throughout.

The camp is open to any primary-aged child (girls/boys Year 1-Year 6) who is already with a grassroots / academy team. Sessions are a full day 9am-3pm, with wrap-around care available.

For more information and to book a place, please visit www.penworthamfootballacademy.co.uk/football-camps/





NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

The next issue of the Priory Post is out Friday, 6 February 2025

Learning for Life Day 3





Friday, 31 January

Don't forget, next Friday is a Learning for Life Day so school will close at 1.10pm.

Students in Years 8 to 11 should report to their Session 1 teacher in their usual Learning for Life classroom for 8.40am, unless they are in the Hex or a Technology room. These groups have been relocated into the main building and information is on Teams. Year 7 are to meet in the Sports Hall at the start of the day and should come to school in their PE kit. Lunch is brought forward and school buses have been rearranged for this earlier time.

If pupils are absent on this day, the work they miss will need to be completed on their return as an extra-curricular activity.

The topics we cover on these days include areas which will genuinely make a difference to the life choices our children make. We hope that this will mean that they will make positive, well-informed choices which will lead to them becoming happy and well-rounded young people with high aspirations for themselves and others. We take our responsibility to educate our young people in a much broader sense (more than simply passing exams) very seriously.

Sessions covered on Friday include:

Year 7 Medical Care

Physical Health and the Recovery Position | CPR and Bleeding

Year 8 Diversity & Equality: Disability

Diversity | Discrimination | Equality | Disability & Bullying (I'm with Sam)

Year 9 Addiction - Knowledge

Alcohol and its effects | The effects of drinking too much | Illegal Drugs | Prescription Drugs & Legal Highs

Year 10 Pregnancy

Consent and contraception (consequences and choices) | Pregnancy (consequences and choices) | Parenthood including: Roles, Responsibilities and Fertility

Year 11 Health Related Decisions

Health & Well-Being in the run up to exams | Personal & Social Responsibility | Cosmetics & Aesthetics

All year groups will receive sources of help and support for themselves and others.

*7EW3 EN6 Mrs Lockwood | 10EW2 HU2 Mrs Lawe | 11EW1 EN5 Mrs Qadri | 11EW2 MA1 Mrs Shaw

Ms Smith Lead Practitioner for Personal Development

Mrs Cowell's After School Creative Cookery Class Celebrates Burns Night

COOKERY

A select few chose to make Cranachan on Tuesday evening with Mrs Cowell in celebration of the upcoming Scottish Burns Night.

Year 7 pupils took turns whipping the cream and toasting the oats before layering their sweet treats with raspberries to take home to enjoy with family.

Mrs Cowell said, "Traditionally the pudding has a 'wee dram' of whiskey in it, but of course these youngsters didn't put that in theirs!"



poet, Robert Burns. It is traditionally celebrated with a dinner consisting of haggis, neeps, and tatties - more commonly known as turnips and potatoes.

Looks like fun -Lewis B, Zara Q, Joshua W and Ruby-Rose A.





Inter-House Competition | Calder | Douglas | Hodder | Ribble 'Game On' For House Challenge

The latest 'just for fun' House event took place on Wednesday lunchtime in the Nucleus.

Pupils from all year groups challenged each other for a game of Connect 4, Guess Who?, Dobble, Uno or simply a game of cards. Some great battles took place with several staff vs

pupils matches. Points were awarded for each person taking part and extra points for winning players.

Mr Raynor's Ribble and Mrs Massey's Calder came joint first, with Douglas and Hodder pulling up the rear.

Results:

1st Ribble and Calder (Gold)
2nd Douglas (Silver)

3rd Hodder (Bronze)





Year 11 Pupils To Represent Priory At HMD Event

Next Monday, 27 January, we will be marking Holocaust Memorial Day.

This year's HMD marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia.

Four Year 11 pupils will be representing Priory at the commemorative event in Leyland which will take place in the afternoon that day.

DaMari S and Navah T will be delivering a reading whilst Emily J and Kayleigh I will be singing a duet.

Holocaust Memorial Day is a time when we seek to learn the lessons of the past and recognise that genocide does not just take place on its own — it's a steady process which can begin if discrimination, racism and hatred are not checked and prevented. Discrimination has not ended, nor has the use of the language of hatred or exclusion. There is still much to do to create a safer future and HMD is an opportunity to start this process.

For further information about the event go to, https://hmd.org.uk/what-is-holocaust-memorial-day/

'For a better future.'



Mr Eccles, Mrs Cavelul & Mr Taylor





RE Masterclass for Year 10 Pupils

On Tuesday, the Year 10 GCSE RE class was invited to Runshaw College to experience college life and to find out about their A Level Religious Studies and Philosophy courses.

During the visit pupils got to debate some 'big questions' in an horizon masterclass entitled 'Freedom & The Existence of God' which was run by the course leaders.

The masterclasses are designed to provide challenging and thought provoking sessions for pupils who want to extend and stretch their learning whilst exploring subjects they may want to pursue in the future.

During the half day event the class examined if human beings truly possess free will. Through the use of both real-life and hypothetical examples, students were encouraged to reflect on the nature of human freedom and to assess whether we can make sense of this idea, as well as considering the implications of our answer to this question.

RE Teacher and Head of Year 9, Mrs Ham, accompanied her class and said, "We examined theories around freedom and free will, as well as philosophical arguments for the existence of God. It was a great opportunity to complete tasks and debates with Year 10 students from other local high schools which helped us to form our conclusions."

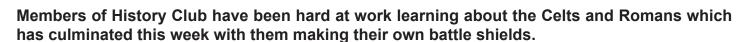
The pupils agreed, adding, "It was informative morning and showed what college would be like."

Mrs Ham RE Teacher & Head of year 9

Humanities Clubs At Priory

History Club | Tuesday | Break & Lunch | HU4

REPORT BY CHARLIE P - YEAR 7



The Club, which sells itself as 'extra lessons with fun twists,' operates from Mr Momoniat's room, HU4, every Tuesday break and lunch, and is open to all year groups to join.

It's dedicated leaders Year 7s Charlie P and Harley D along with Year 10 Molly C have been organising the provision of materials for crafting their shields. Mirroring their teacher's tasks, they have created PowerPoint presentations to explain each unit they have chosen to work on and even launched a weekly magazine imaginatively called 'History Magazine'!

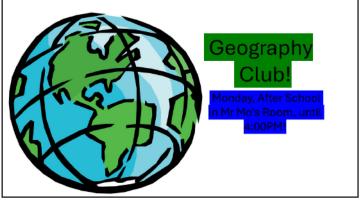
Leader Charlie said, 'Anyone who would like to receive a copy can message me on Teams."



Due to the success of History Club, Geography Club has just been launched as well. Geography Club begins after school on Mondays and you can join the team in Mr Momoniat's room until 4pm.

Thank you for all your hard work!





Year 9 Options Programme



This half term the Year 9 options programme will get underway.

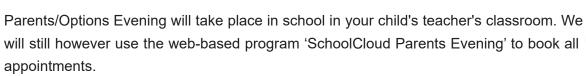
Parents Evening is Wednesday, 29 January with appointments being booked online via the web-based 'SchoolCloud Parents Evening' system and meetings in school, in person.

Extensive information about the curriculum at Penwortham Priory Academy is available on our website, but to help parents with the options process, you will receive a copy of the options booklet with details of every course offered at Priory at Key Stage 4. The booklet has been emailed to parents and can also be available to download from the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/year-9-options.

In order to support pupils with their options choices, teachers will deliver subject specific talks over the coming weeks during lesson time. Pupils will also have individual meetings with their Head of Year Mrs Ham, or Ms Smith, to receive personalised advice and guidance. In addition, Assistant Principal, Mr Gee, will deliver an assembly to the year group explaining the options process.

The link to the options application form will go live on Saturday, 1 February and should be submitted online by Saturday, 22 February.

Year 9 Parents/Options Evening Weds, 29 January | 4pm-7pm | In School







Appointment booking is now live

Use this link to book your appointments:

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

Please book appointments to see your child's English, Maths and Science teacher and then only those staff who teach a subject your child is interested in choosing as part of the options process.

To enable teachers to meet with as many parents/carers as possible, each appointment slot will be four minutes long and there will be a four minute gap between each appointment allowing you time to move around school to your next appointment. In addition, Mr Gee will be delivering options/Ebacc talks throughout the evening starting at 4.00pm and repeated at 5.00pm and 6.00pm. Please aim to attend one of these talks if you can.

A copy of the letter which has been emailed to Year 9 parents can be downloaded from the school website www. priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters. Full instructions on how to book and attend appointments using the parents evening software can be accessed from the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/parents-evenings

Humanities Careers Spotlight

As Year 9 focus on their options this term, the Humanities department is shining a spotlight of some careers in their sector.





Careers in... Geography ?



What does that involve?



How much will I get paid?



What qualifications do I need?



What's the job? Meteorologist

Studying and predicting the weather and climate patterns of the planet.

£60,000 per year / £5000 per month

Geography and/or Climatology to degree level at university

Careers M. History



What does that involve?



How much will I get paid?



What qualifications do I need?



What's the job? **Museum Curator**



Preserve, research, acquire, exhibit, educate, manage museum displays.

£25,000-£50,000 per year

A degree in history, archaeology, anthropology or museum studies.



Caveers In... RE



What does that involve?



How much will I get paid?



What qualifications do I need?



What's the job? RE Teacher

Guiding students through the study of religious beliefs, ethics, and philosophy. Your role involves lesson planning, managing classrooms and assessing progress

£27,000 (starting salary)

Degree in a relevant subject/Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) or a Bachelor of Education (BEd) degree.







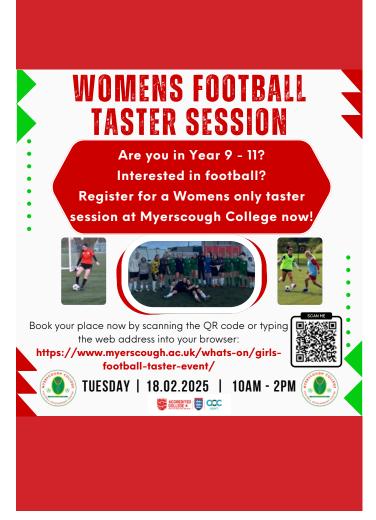


Girls Football Taster Day 18 February (Half Term)

This is ideal for any Year 9 - 11 girls interested in football and will give them an insight into the college's BTEC Football Study Programmes, with a chance to meet tutors and see facilities on campus.

Tuesday, 18 February | 10am-2pm

More information and to register, go to >> www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/girls-football-taster-event





OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

10AM - 1PM

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Saturday 8th February 2025 Saturday 29th March 2025

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www.myerscough.ac.uk



Advice Mornings - Year 10 & 11

Saturday, 8 February | Saturday, 29 March. For information and to register, go to>> www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/

Applications

Whilst the college doesn't set a deadline, courses are filling up - particularly Animal Care, Equine Studies and Motorsports.

Interested Year 11 pupils who haven't yet applied can follow the step by step guide below or speak with Ms Smith or Mrs Bullock in school for support.

www.myerscough.ac.uk/courses/furthereducation/how-to-apply/

The college's first Applicant Day is on Monday, 17 February, with a second on Monday, 23 June. All applicants who have been given a course offer, should have received information about these events.



Leyland Trucks Apprenticeships Applications Open

Please visit the Leyland Trucks website for further information and to access the online application form. It is recommended that applicants read the Apprenticeship Resources before applying.

The closing date for all applications is Sunday, 2 March .

www.leylandtrucksltd.co.uk/en-gb/working-at-leyland-trucks/apprenticeship



RAF World is back in 2025, ready to fuel your ambition with unmatched opportunities! Step into a new year of potential and let your career take flight at RAF World: Ready for Take Off.

Whether you're a returning attendee or new to RAF World, this January event is crafted to give you deeper insights into an impactful career with the Royal Air Force. Here's what's in store:

- Explore our enhanced interactive 360° global operations, delving into the world of RAF support worldwide through informative videos and insights to help you find your ideal RAF career.
- **9** Jump into 10 different themed chat rooms to find out more about specific professions and topics.
- Onnect with a friendly RAF recruiter directly online. Our experts will answer all your inquiries about career paths, RAF lifestyle, sports opportunities, benefits, and how to embark on your RAF journey.

Tickets are still FREE! Begin 2025 with a journey toward purpose, growth, and adventure. Reserve your spot now and take the first step towards an exciting future!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW



Apprenticeship Event Preston College

As part of the National Apprenticeship Week celebrations (10-16 Feb), Preston College is hosting a special Apprenticeship Advice Evening on Thursday, 13 February 4-7pm

This advice evening is an opportunity to have a sit down chat, on a one-to-one basis with one of the college's apprenticeship advisers.

This event is perfect for anyone considering an apprenticeship after school or college, or if you're an adult looking to upskill or retrain in a new profession.

What to Expect:

- A 20-minute one-to-one appointment with an expert adviser
- Personalised advice and guidance on the apprenticeship journey
- Insights into how an apprenticeship can help shape your future career

Please note: The July Apprenticeship Open Event will still be taking place, so there's plenty of time to think about your next steps!

If you're interested in exploring an apprenticeship for now or in the future, don't miss out on this opportunity. Click the link to register today!

www.preston.ac.uk/national-apprenticeship-week-advice-night

