Penwortham Priory Post



We're North West in Bloom's Triple Double Winners

Priory's gardens have once again been recognised as the best in the North West – and mentioned as leading the way for schools in the UK - thanks to green-fingered Mr Farron.

It's the third time Priory has won the Schools Award from Britain in Bloom North West - we won it in 2016, 2023 and 2024 - and the second time we have been presented with the Seedley & Langworthy in Bloom School Awards.

It's a double double as Priory won both awards last year. Mr Farron and Principal Mr Eastham attended the North West in Bloom Award Ceremony at the Bolton Stadium Hotel.

Chairman and Judge, Bernard Pendleton, said: "What Mr Farron has achieved is outstanding and the support from the Head and other colleagues is amazing.

"I think the school grounds, curriculum and community associated links are wonderful and the school is leading the way locally, regionally and probably in the UK, well done and what's more 'it's the garden that keeps on giving'."

Mr Farron said: "It's humbling to be honest. The competition is always very fierce and when the Head Judge made the introduction about the winner, I wondered who this person was not expecting it to be 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, 3 December
Year 10 & 11 Faith Day
Year 7 & 8 Smashed
assembly

Weds, 4 December
Runshaw College Business
Ethics Challenge (KS4
Business pupils)

Thurs, 5 December
National Grid assembly CV writing, applications &
interviews
Theatre Trip - Ghost (PM)

Tues, 10 & Weds, 11
December 7pm
School Production - High
School Musical

Thurs, 12 December Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

Fri, 13 December 2024
Cake Decorating
Competition and Bake Sale
Priory Pod Official Opening

Mon, 16 December Year 11 Parents Evening (online) Christmas Raffle Drawn

END OF TERM

Fri, 20 December House colours day Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

START OF SPRING TERM Mon, 6 January 2025

Learn to succeed



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NORTH WEST

"I am obviously delighted to win these awards, especially for the school."

Whilst at the event, Mr Farron and Mr Eastham were interviewed for Radio Leyland's breakfast show. You can hear a recording* of it via our website at

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2024-11-18-we-re-north-west-in-blooms-triple-double-winners

Photo (top) taken at the Awards ceremony shows Mr Eastham with Mr Farron alongside the Mayor of South Ribble, Councillor Peter Mullineaux and Louise Scott, Deputy Lieutenant of Greater Manchester.

*Clip courtesy of Graham Lockwood, Radio Leyland







Chili Challenge Winners

This week's winners are:

Year 7 Angel H (Mrs Kursitis) Ribble
Year 8 Joe McC (Miss Howell) Ribble

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Year 10 Ellis T (Mrs Massey) Calder

Year 11 Louis D-H (Mrs Qadri) Hodder

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.

The leaderboard has seen a switch in 3rd and 4th positions.

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

Christmas Jumper Day & House Colours Day

As part of our ongoing fundraising activities, in the run up to Christmas we will be holding two fundraising days in aid of Derian House.

In the forthcoming week, pupils will be educated on the vital work Derian House undertakes for seriously ill babies, children and young people across the North West so they become more informed about this charity.

As well as becoming more aware of Derian House, by taking part, pupils' fundraising efforts will also count towards their 'Priory+ Award' under the 'Future Citizen' strand.

Our fundraising will take the form of two days.

Christmas Jumper Day Thursday, 12 December



This is the same day when Christmas lunch is served and.

should pupils wish to do so, Christmas jumpers can be worn with their normal school uniform on that day.

House Colours Day Friday, 20 December



As an alternative to wearing their uniform, pupils may wear a top or bottoms in their house colours alongside their own clothes. A hair bobble, wrist band, socks etc will not suffice. Those not wishing to participate should wear their uniform as normal.

For each fundraising day, we would like to ask for a donation of £1 - £1 from each pupil to support Derian House in return for wearing a Christmas jumper and £1 to support Derian House in return for wearing their own clothes with House colours on our last day. So, a £2 donation in total where possible.

There is a donations section on SCOPay where these donations can be made and this would be our preferred method of donating. Alternatively though, donations can be paid to form tutors or the school office in cash.

May we thank all families in advance for your support.

Ms Smith & House Leaders



Faith Day Year 10 & Year 11 Tuesday, 3 December

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, lead by Mrs Ham, Lead Techer 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 6 will be their normal lesson.

Year 10's topic for the day will be 'Capital Punishment'. They will look in detail at arguments and counter

arguments for the death penalty, referring to religious and non-religious opinions. What does religion have to do with the death penalty? Pupils will analyse articulately whether the death penalty is moral and the session will end by reaching a well informed conclusion.



Year 11's topic is 'In the End'. They will gain an overview of the topic of Life and Death, discuss the key concepts and examine some core questions.

During this session Year 11 will look at four key figures - from Darwen to Hawking - and what they believe makes 'life'. They will gain an understanding on Christian and Muslim views on the nature of the soul and what these two religions argue happens to the soul after death

Mrs Ham Lead Teacher of RE Head of year 9

Win Win Win



in our Christmas Raffle



Amazing Prizes!

5 x £50 'All for One' Vouchers*, £30 Amazon
Voucher*, Andreas Fish & Chips for 2,
£20 Artisan Deli Voucher, £50 Guy Wakeling
Voucher, £30 Soni & Co Voucher,
2 x £10 Cici Nails & Spa Voucher,
£20 No16 On The Hill Voucher, Costa Drinks Cup,
Bottle of Bowmore Scotch Whisky*, Bottle of
Courvoisier Cognac*, Pamela Jane Florist Floral
Arrangement, Box of Cadbury's Heroes*,
6 x Bottles of Wine*, Bottle of Finest Brut*.

This raffle is in conjunction with the school's production of High School Musical - 10 & 11 December at 7pm

Tickets are just £1 each and can be purchased via SCOPay, the school office or on the night of the performances (cash only).

The prize draw will take place on Monday,16 December and all funds raised will go towards the refurbishment of the Assembly Hall to benefit our current and future generations of pupils. *Donated by Walker Gabbott Electricals, WL Coller, James Mercer Group Ltd x 2, Tesco, Dukefield Foodservice respectively.





Christmas is Coming to Textile Club



Christmas is coming for Textile Club as some of its members have been working on festive-based decorations or gifts.

Technology Teacher and club leader, Mrs Lockwood, said, "Working with textile projects can be a real test of patience and perseverance but we have a great bunch of regular attendees from all year groups who turn up each week to hone their skills and develop resilience while enjoying the company and the challenge!"

TEXTILES

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CLUB

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EVERY
TUESDAY
3.10PM-4PM

MATERIALS
PROVIDED

Contact Mrs.Lockwood in Technology to secure a place for Autumn Half Term

Thank you as always to our volunteer, Mrs Lazenby, who gives up her time each week to help out and provide much needed expertise

and reassurance for those who might be struggling.

Textile is open to all year groups and takes place in TE4 every Tuesday after school until 4.10pm.

Well done >>
Millie B, Matilda Y,
Josh W, Niall M, Ava G,
Imogen D.









Year 7s Get A Buzz Out Of Their New Books



This was an exciting week for our Year 7 as their much awaited Bookbuzz books arrived and were distributed to the pupils!

Bookbuzz is run by the BookTrust, an initiative that Priory is proud to have been a part of for over six years.

Bookbuzz gives students the chance to choose and keep a book they'll love from a collection of 16 titles, newly selected each year. Titles are chosen by a panel of BookTrust reading experts, practising teachers and school librarians with the idea being, there should be something for everyone!

English Teacher & Chief Librarian, Mrs Elliott, said, "Our hope is that the free books are shared with parents and carers at home, perhaps through discussion or shared reading, so that our pupils' love of reading is encouraged and nurtured through Year 7 and beyond.





Monday, 16 December

Booking is now live

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

The link for Year 11 parents to book their slot is now open and a text will be sent as a reminder.

Full instructions on how to book and attend appointments, can be downloaded from the school website www.priory. lancs.sch.uk/parents/parents-evenings

In addition, a tutorial video can be viewed by clicking on the link>> https://vimeo.com/473882995

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

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 Bulloch, Head of year 11

Did You Know We Have A Mascot?

Getting to know you: Pedro The Puffin

Pedro joined Priory quite some time ago now and is looked after by our Lead Practitioner for Personal Development, Ms Smith. Pedro can be illusive at times but he did find the time to sit down with Ms Smith for this short interview

How did you get involved with Priory?

I was spotted on sale at an auction site and Priory snapped me up and gave me a job and a snazzy gym vest which I love!

I attended Penwortham Gala and some House events. However, during the pandemic, I sneaked into the background and did get forgotten about – until I was found hiding at the back of the school hall and now I am back!

What qualifications do you need?

I guess you have to be quackers! You also have to be friendly, cuddly and full of energy. On a serious side, I have to have a chaperone so I don't trip up or am greeted too overly enthusiastically by the young people. The chaperone also needs to check if I need water or a break!

What are your roles?

First of all, I needed to find a human and, after attending an event at the Year 10 and 11 Bistro, there were a few pupils (who shall not be named!) who volunteered. A bit like Top Gear's Stig no names can be revealed and, as I don't talk when I'm working, I will remain a mystery!

I attend all House events which are at lunch-time so learning continues as normal. I can be spotted on Sports Day and I am also keen to join in with the party dances as I have some good moves. On special occasions, I have been known to attend presentations in assembly. I am wherever I am needed to represent Priory with pride!







Do You Want To Be Pedro's Human?

We are looking for another human to carry out Pedro's activities. If anyone would like to become Pedro, please see Ms Smith.



Year 11 End of Year Events, Hoodies and Leavers Book

We are excited to confirm the 'leavers' events taking place for Year 11.

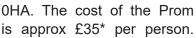
On Friday, 27 June we are planning to take Year 11 to Blackpool Pleasure Beach as a reward for all their hard work and the completion of their GCSE exams. The cost of the trip is approx £30* including return transport and entrance to the park.



The Prom will be on Wednesday, 25 June



at Bartle Hall Hotel, Lea Lane, Preston PR4



The times and specific information of the night will be confirmed closer to the time

We must remind everyone that attendance to the Prom and end of year trip is subject to pupils' behaviour, attitude to learning and attendance at school, and the school will make the final decision regarding this.

Hoodies this year will be heather grey with 'Leavers 25' on the back and priced at approx £20*. Samples will be



made available for pupils to try for size prior to ordering. Please note, no orders will be accepted after the deadline Monday, 3 March.

This year we have had a number of requests for a Leavers Book. This is something that a group of Year 11s are going to organise themselves.

These are priced at £25 for a 90-page hardback book with colour print.

*The final cost for the end of year events is to be confirmed and further communication will be sent to Year 11 parents before the end of term.

Mrs Bulloch Head of year 11



Priory has traditionally run a full week work experience placement for all pupils in Year 10. For the current cohort, the programme will run from Monday, 10 February to Friday, 14 February 2025.

Pupils will be expected to complete a self-placement, attend an interview and complete five full days of work experience.

On Wednesday this week, all pupils were given a pack with essential forms to complete and they must also obtain a copy of the Employer's Liability Insurance document.

Once a placement has been sought, all five documents must be returned to the school office by Friday, 31 January so that the relevant visits for

risk assessments and the collation of paperwork needed prior to placement can be completed.



For primary school placements, pupils must not make direct contact with the school

but instead provide a letter of application to Mrs Eastham providing the name of the primary school and explaining why they wish to carry out work experience there.

This is a wonderful opportunity that Penwortham Priory Academy is continuing to offer for all pupils in Year 10 and we would like to thank parents in advance for working with us to make it yet another successful programme.

If there are any questions, you can contact Mrs Eastham via email at v.eastham@priory.lancs.sch. uk. Copies of the pack can also be downloaded from the school website at

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



Penwortham Broad Oak Primary

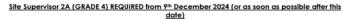












The Governors of Penwortham Broad Oak Primary School are looking to appoint a skilled, committed and energetic Site Supervisor to join the staff of our friendly community school. We are looking for a resourceful and enthusiastic person with the necessary practical abilities to clean and maintain our building and attractive grounds to a high standard. The successful applicant will be:

- Hardworking and reliable
- Flexible and able to organise their own workload
- Able to work with the cleaning team to maintain the high cleaning standards we have
- Able to follow school policies and procedures
- Able to create and maintain a safe, clean, secure, healthy and happy environment
- Enthusiastic and committed to doing a good job and keeping up high standards
- Able to do basic gardening with hedge trimming, gardens and raised beds to maintain
- Able to carry out a range of practical DIY tasks
- Willing to develop their skills further
- Friendly and proactive
- ☐ Able to create and maintain good relationships with children and adults in the school community

Hours are negotiable

52 week contract with holiday entitlement

£12.18 an hour



The successful applicant will be responsible for leading and managing our cleaning (with 2 part-time cleaners), site security and routine health and safety testing including record keeping. The role mainly involves cleaning (approx. 60%) but also day to day maintenance and repairs, minor gardening and grounds duties, painting, ordering cleaning supplies and occasional liaison with contractors.

Please note CVs are not accepted, to apply for this vacancy you need to complete the

application form attached.

Please note that in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024, an online search will be carried out as part of our due diligence on shortlisted candidates. It will also be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

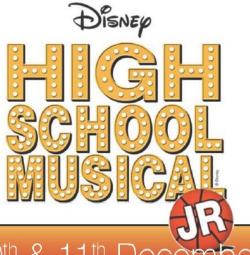
Closing Date: Monday 2nd December 2024 at midday.

Proposed Interviews: 4th December 2024

Apologies, but candidates not shortlisted, will not be contacted.

For further information and to apply, click here>> https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt vacancyDetails.asp?id=64773

Penwortham Priory Academy Presents



Tickets available via SCOPay or Reception (cash only)

Book by David Simpatico | Songs by Matthew Gerrard & Robbie Newl, Ray Cham, Greg Cham & Andrew Seeley; Randy Petersen & Kevin Quinn; Andy Dodd & Adam Watts, Bryan Louiselle, David N Lawrence & Faya Greenberg; Jamie Houston Music Adapted, Arranged & Produced by Bryan Louiselle | Based on a Disney Channel Movie Written by Peter Barsocchini

Director Miss Howell | Music Director Mr Taylor

Disney's High School Musical IR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY 212-541-684 | mitshows.com



Performances start at 7pm

Tuesday, 10 December and Wednesday, 11 December

Adults £8 | Concessions £6 (school age children / adults age 65 and over)

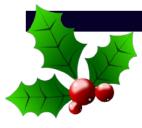
Tickets can be purchased via SCOPay or with cash from Reception/School Office.

Members of the public, friends and extended family are also extremely welcome. Tickets will also be available on the door, subject to availability. Cash only, thank you.

Find our more at>>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2024-11-18-it-sshow-time-at-priory-high-school-musical





When Eco Club Went To Choose Priory's Christmas Tree





On Thursday last week, four member of the Eco Committee visited Newgate Nurseries to learn how to make Christmas wreaths.

Eco Club Leader, Mrs Massey, said, "The lovely staff at Newgate gave us a demonstration on how to make them and we were very impressed with the speed they did it. We brought some materials back to make our own wreaths and tried to remember everything we had been taught. The pupils worked totally independently during the making of the wreaths and even did a great job on the cleaning up!



With guidance from Head Gardener, Mr Farron, the group also had the exciting task of choosing the school's Christmas tree whilst at the nursery which will be displayed in the Assembly Hall.



Well done to Year 7s Autumn D, Charlie M, Charlie P, Angel H and Daniella E.





This is the fourth of a series of articles where we get to know our trainee teachers. Trainee teachers attend two placements in the academic year so are with us either from September to Christmas or January to June. They initially observe then start to take over sections of lessons, leading to being in



charge of several classes by the time they finish their placement with us. Along with assignments and studies in pedagogy, they work towards their Post Graduate Certificate in Education and Qualified Teacher Status by the end of the summer term.

This week we interviewed a trainee teacher who has been taken under the wings of the Maths department.

Meet The Teacher - Mr Flannery (Maths)

What made you want to become a teacher?

I was in financial services and I volunteered with a youth group and I enjoyed the challenge of working with young people. I decided teaching would be a more rewarding job for me as I would rather engage with people than sit at a desk.

I did my degree in Maths at NUIG (University of Galway), I worked in financial services for seven years, stopped that just before Covid and then recently came over to England to do my PGCE at Edge Hill.

What do you like about your placement at Priory?

It's challenging but also rewarding. I enjoy interacting with the pupils and also getting to know their personalities and interests. It's nice when something clicks and you get a real sense of how rewarding the job is.



The staff and the department are very supportive, they are helping me to develop and it's a good atmosphere at Priory. The teaching is a high standard and it is nice to see pupils make progress.

what's the hardest thing about your job?

Before I started teaching, I didn't realise how many different elements are needed to deliver a great lesson so it's about managing all those aspects. As a trainee teacher, I am trying to improve on the job.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I am into sports. I like playing football and also watching football, I am a Manchester United fan. I like surfing and also hiking and I want to do more of them.





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Open Days at Fleetwood Nautical Campus





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Catering Assistant

Catering Assistant

PART TIME

22.5 hours per week

9.30am-2.30pm with 30 minute break

We are seeking a Catering Assistant to provide support in the preparation, cooking and serving of food and beverages plus related catering duties. Little or no experience is required.

For full details and to download an application pack, please visit our website at >>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

Closing date Tuesday, 3 December 2024 at 9am





Year 7 Go Back in Time at Lancaster Castle Trip



The History Department had an amazing three days taking our Year 7 students to Lancaster to visit the historic Priory church and Castle.

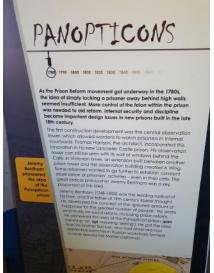
As part of what is now becoming an annual tradition, over 100 students had an opportunity to engage with historical sites that are part of their study in History this term and after Christmas.

Lead Teacher for History, Mr Eccles, said "We were very fortunate to have Andrew lead us around the Priory church, however, I had to stand in on one of the days and attempt to replicate his amazing work!

"The pupils loved the chance to explore the city centre before visiting the castle and being locked in a 17th century cell, and seeing a real-life courtroom."













Alumni: Class of 1990-1999

Pupils of the 1990s are going to love the Lancashire Evening Post after they shared 25 photos from the decade on their social media this week.

If you're a parent and were a pupil with us back then, we'll be sharing all of them on our Facebook group which has been set up especially for our alumni. Here

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are a few of the best...

All former pupils and staff are invited to join our Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/ penworthamprioryalumni. Just add the year you left us and we'll let you in!



Caption: Eddie Edwards and the Tic Toc Truck were visiting Penwortham Priory High School near Preston. The pupils on the picture are from left Joanne Carter, Diane Shannon, Tanya Rowbotham and Susanna Mercer.



Caption: Penwortham Priory High School pupils Ian Tallo and Nicole Sargeant study the book written by teachers Maureen Harrison and Sharon Kippax





Caption: Teacher at Priory High School, Penwortham Mike Lazareth gets his own back for 22 years of torture by bringing his horsebox to school on his last day... in truth he brought the horsebox along to spare his car from dirty tricks.

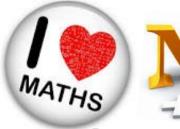


Caption: Sajid Varda alias Mat from Byker Grove shows off his Noel Gallagher impersonation to the pupils of Priory High School, Penwortham, Preston.



Caption: Harry Gaze, 13, and Catherine Pye, 13, get to grips with Paul Heathcote's cooking lesson at Priory High school, in Penwortham, Preston.

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 Archie, Adam and Zackary love Maths:

Archie ... because it is sooo much fun to learn how to do things like algebra. I also love finding different facts and I wish I had more maths every day. Maths is definitely one of my favourite lessons and I would love to see more people learn all about it in their free time as well. I also do maths on Duolingo

Adam ... because I like all the different things we do in maths and how it is satisfying when you get the right answer. I also find that complicated maths is really interesting.

Zackary ... because I like accurate drawings and algebra angles.





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 they love maths. The best responses from each year group will be selected and also featured here in our article.

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



As we officially celebrate the completion and opening of the Priory Pod, it's time to get out your piping bags and sprinkles for the biggest cake decorating competition of the year!

Friday 13th December

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To get involved, simply decorate four cupcakes in a Christmas theme.

his competition is oper

This competition is open to all who wish to enter.

Simply drop off your entry to Food Tech before

Period 1 on

12th/13th December.

Why?

The festive treats will be judged and prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
Achievement points also awarded to all who enter.

Esaler Sales

All cakes submitted will be included in our Bake Sale taking place during

Lunch on Friday 13th December in the Nucleus.

Money raised from the bake sale will be donated to charity

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Cowell