

Penwortham Priory Post

A Message From The Principal

Dear All,



May I take this opportunity to welcome you back following our Easter break. Welcome to the summer term. I hope you all had a much-deserved rest.

As you know, the school underwent an OFSTED inspection just before Easter. We were visited by a team of inspectors who spent a significant amount of time calling into lessons, speaking to members of staff and pupils, and meeting our governing body. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and pupils who were able to complete the questionnaires. I know the inspectors found your views extremely valuable and informative. A significant number of our pupils were spoken with over the course of the inspections and I was extremely proud of their confidence, their honesty and their passion about attending Penwortham Priory Academy. We are not permitted to share any details of the inspection outcome yet, as it now has a quality assurance process to go through, but please be reassured that as soon as I am able to share this information, you will be the first to know.

At the start of this term then, there continues to be so much to celebrate about Priory. Not least the way in which all our young people have continued to demonstrate those personal attributes in school that are essential for employability and life: Leadership, Organisation, Initiative, Resilience and Communication. It was wonderful to see the pupils returning to school, rested and refreshed after the Easter break and it has been an extremely positive return back in school with pupils having a real enthusiasm towards their learning and involvement in extra-curricular clubs.

Looking ahead, we will welcome a full intake of new pupils who will be starting with us in September. We remain proud to be a school where pupils and families choose to come and learn with us, and we will continue to provide the best possible opportunities, facilities and care for those pupils who are fortunate enough to secure a place with us.

Thank you, too, as parents and guardians, for the continued support you provide to your children and equally, to the ongoing support you give to us as a school. I hope that we have an equally successful summer term and that those pupils involved in public exams can be supported to do the very best they can.

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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, 5 May

Bank holiday closure

Tues, 6 May

INSET Day 3 (school closed)

Weds, 7 May

BAE Roadshow - Year 7 and Year 8 (in school)
DofE Bronze parent meeting 5.30pm
Chequered Flags for Chequered Futures 7pm

Thurs, 8 May

Year 10 Parents Evening (online)
Chequered Flags for Chequered Futures 7pm

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

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On that note, I am sure each of you will join me in offering our very best wishes to our Year 11 pupils who are preparing themselves not only for their forthcoming GCSE exams in school, but preparing to go on to further education, employment or training once they leave us here at Priory. Until that point, we will continue to support them in whatever way we can over the coming weeks and months to not only ensure they feel supported and prepared for their exams, but equally to ensure their transition from Priory to whatever it is they might move on to, is as good as it can be for them.

As ever, throughout this summer term, our primary focus will continue to be our shared responsibility to uphold our daily school aim, our 'Priory Standard' – *'ensuring the highest expectations of all, from all, so that all pupils learn to succeed and 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'*.

Of course, to achieve this, you recognise that your child needs to be in school, learning, every day, so thank you for your support in ensuring pupils adhere to our approach with attendance, lateness and punctuality. The pupils have been excellent in working with us on this and we thank them for understanding how important their attendance is for their future success.

Please don't forget that every pupil will continue to have the opportunity to regularly achieve our positive reward points in recognition of their contribution, effort, achievement, behaviour and progress. These positive reward points will continue to be consistently and fairly awarded to each pupil's individual total throughout the remainder of this academic year through their ongoing attendance and effort in lessons. Equally, our behaviour sanctions will continue to be applied in the same way as always.

So, the very best to all for a positive term. Please continue to do all you can at home to support your sons and daughters in putting schoolwork at the top of their priority list. Please do continue to take an active role in their studies, planning with them at home to ensure the balance between their social time and their academic focus is the right one.

My continued best wishes to you all,

Mr M Eastham, Principal

Year 10 Parents Evening

Thursday, 8 May

Booking Now Open

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

An email has been sent to Year 10 parents and The link to book your slot is now live.

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:

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



Please note, when booking your appointment for Science, only make a single teacher booking. Your child will tell you which teacher to book with.

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 Eastham
Head of year 10

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Tyndale Thomas MBE and School Choirs Create Music Entertainment with One Voice



Tyndale Thomas MBE, one of the leading gospel musicians in the UK returned to Priory on Wednesday, 30th April.

Tyndale worked with our own Priory singers, All Saints Primary from New Longton, Longton Primary School choir and Cop Lane Primary School choir in a daytime workshop they then put into practice what they had learned in an evening performance alongside the One Voice Community Choir.

The professional musician works nationwide but is based in the North West and has extensive experience at performing and conducting at major venues around the country such as Westminster Abbey for Commonwealth Day and through many broadcasts at the BBC.

For a number of years, Tyndale has lead the One Voice Community Choir in Preston and together they produced the album *'The Greatest Gospel Album in the World.....Ever'*. With Tyndale, One Voice has also appeared on Songs of Praise several years ago.

Lead Teacher of Music, Mr Taylor, who organised the event at Priory on Wednesday said, "Both our own Priory pupils and those of our feeder primary schools gained greatly from Tyndale's expertise and the performances alongside the Preston One Voice Community Choir.

"Together with the audience participation, the concert resulted in a great night of uplifting entertainment. It was tremendous to see the hall so full of a lively atmosphere of music-making and it is unbelievable to think that everyone who performed learnt their songs in just one day."



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Attendance Matters



Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child 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 independent life.

At the end of every term, we hold a prize draw to recognise consistently high attendance.

For the Spring term many pupils achieved 97%+ attendance and names were drawn out of a hat on 1 April; the five winners of each year group received an Easter egg.

Well done to:

Year 7

Patrikas B, Taylor G, Testimony I, Charlie M, Alex P

Year 8:

Wez A, George C, Charlie H, Emma N, Lillia S

Year 9:

Aidan B, Harry C, Alfie C, Ossian H, Kenzie S

Year 10:

Bobby B, Josh B, Lucy J, Seth L, William N

Year 11:

Yusuf B, Ella G, Edward H, Alex P, Archie R

All pupils who achieved 100% attendance receive a certificate of achievement.



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THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Parent Meeting - 7 May

There will be a Bronze Award 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 they may have so far. For pupils to be able to go on the expedition, at least one parent must 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

Maths Revision Cards Year 10

We would like to offer parents of Year 10 the opportunity to purchase Maths revision cards for their son/daughter.

The GCSE Maths revision cards are available for the Foundation and Higher tiers (Maths teachers will ensure pupils receive the appropriate set) and can be purchased via SCOPay for the price of £6.25. Once purchased, pupils can collect from the Business & Finance office the next day.

If you have kept the cards purchased in the past few years for older siblings, these are the same so there is no need to buy again.



Year 10 & Year 11 Individual Timetables Now Out

The individual exam timetables for every Year 10 and Year 11 pupil have now been distributed.

These documents provide a chronological listing of each pupil's own exams so they can see at a glance which subject is coming up, times, location and duration - and plan accordingly. Copies have also been emailed to parents.

The full schedule of exams for Year 11, including revision sessions and mock exams dates for Year 10, can be downloaded from the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/revision

All Year 11 pupils should expect to be in school every day until the Physics exam on Monday, 16 June. There is a national GCSE contingency day on Wednesday, 25 June. This date is used if any exams are cancelled and therefore parents are asked not to book holidays until after this date.



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Chequered Flags To Chequered Futures Hits The Stage Next Week

A number of our pupils admitted they are a bit nervous about performing in front of Chris Gilfoy next week, who our latest school production centres around.

'Chequered Flags to Chequered Futures' by Mark Wheeler tells the true story of Chris Gilfoy, the Rookie's World Champion Bangor Racer in 2000.

In 2006, Chris was being driven by a racing friend who was driving too fast, neither had a seatbelt on and the driver was uninsured. They narrowly avoided killing another driver and crashed into a wall.

The fast-paced story tells the life-changing consequences for all three involved and Chris will be in the audience for one of our productions, which are on Wednesday and Thursday next week (7th & 8th May).

Year 11 Kayleigh plays the lead role of Jane, the mother of the driver Shelley.



"I guess we will be a bit nervous with Chris there. I have enjoyed doing this play as it's a bit more challenging than others. I have never been in this situation so you have to work on bringing the emotional side out. It has been good working on it though, with my friends, although I have a lot of lines to learn!"

Year 8 Lillia plays Shelley. "It will be tense with Chris in the audience. I will give it my all!"

Year 10 Molly plays Bryoni. "I am the daughter of Chris and I talk about living through the accident and the aftermath. It is emotional although it has been really good rehearsing. It's a sad topic. I am a little bit more nervous with Chris attending."

Year 10 Ben plays Graham. "I am a friend of Chris. I do have one long paragraph but it's said off stage so that's not too bad! I am looking forward to performing."

Year 10 Caleb plays Roy, the dad of Chris. He said: "It's been a good experience. Most of my lines are in reply to someone so it hasn't been as difficult for me. It's got a very important message that one moment can change your life."

Performances are Wednesday, 7 May and Thursday, 8 May starting at 7pm.

Tickets are now on sale via SCOPay or cash on the door at £7 each. Age restricted to Year 7+ due to the sensitive nature of the story. Show ends at 8.15pm approx.

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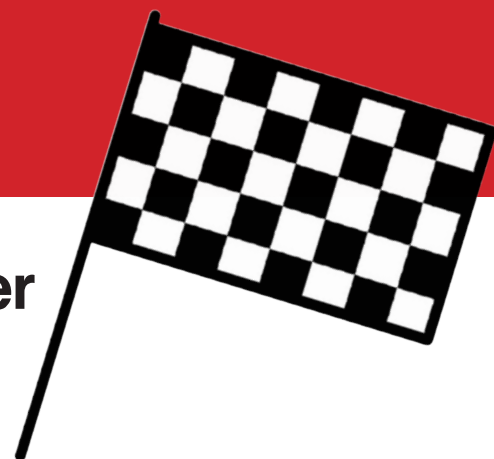
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CHEQUERED FLAGS TO CHEQUERED FUTURES

A Verbatim Play by Mark Wheeler

**Commissioned by The Victoria Shanghai
Academy, Hong Kong**



Wednesday 7th May

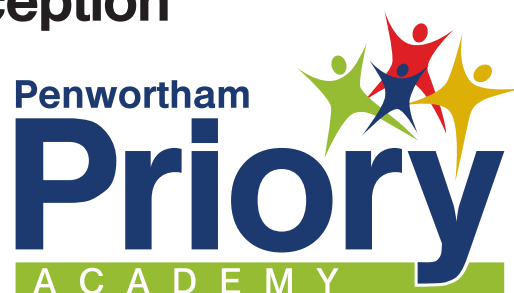
Thursday 8th May

Starts 7pm

All Tickets £7 via SCOPay or Reception

Age restricted Year 7+

Directed by Miss Howell



Priory Pupils Explore the World of IT and Business at Manchester Airport

REPORT BY MRS QADRI, HEAD OF ICT & COMPUTER SCIENCE

Year 10 and 11 GCSE Computer Science and Business students embarked on an educational trip to the Manchester Airport Runway Visitor Centre. This unique experience provided our students with invaluable insights into the intricate workings of one of the UK's busiest airports.

The day began with an engaging talk about the sophisticated IT systems that keep Manchester Airport running smoothly. Our Computer Science students were fascinated by the advanced technology used to manage flight operations, passenger information, and security protocols. The presentation highlighted the importance of IT in ensuring efficiency and safety in airport operations, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm among our budding tech experts.

In the meantime, Business & Enterprise students were treated to an informative session on how Manchester Airport operates as a business. They learned about the various revenue streams, including passenger services, retail, and cargo operations. The discussion also covered strategic planning, marketing, and customer service, providing a comprehensive overview of the airport's business model. This session was particularly enlightening, as it demonstrated the real-world application of business concepts studied in class.

Tour of Terminal 1

The highlight of the trip was the guided tour of Manchester Airport's Terminal 1. Students had the opportunity to see firsthand the bustling environment of an international airport terminal. They observed the check-in counters, security checkpoints, and boarding gates, gaining a deeper understanding of the passenger journey from arrival to departure.

Adding to the excitement, students had the chance to watch numerous planes land and take off. The sight of planes soaring into the sky and touching down on the runway left a lasting impression on everyone. Students used flight radar apps to track the aircraft, enhancing their understanding of flight paths and air traffic control.



The trip to Manchester Airport was not only educational but also inspiring. Many expressed newfound interest in pursuing careers in these fields, motivated by the real-world applications they observed.

Yar 10 Anna said, *"I really enjoyed today. It was an amazing experience. I enjoyed learning all about the aircrafts and watching them take off. I also liked looking at the inside of an aircraft and sitting there for a talk and having the opportunity to visit in the cockpit."*

More photos next page >>



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Chili Challenge Winners



Our winners w/e 4 April were:

Year 7	Archie H (Mrs Butcher) - Calder
Year 8	Erin M (Miss Gregson) - Douglas
Year 8	Harry C (Mr Momoniat) - Hodder
Year 10	Oliver S (Mrs Brindle) - Calder
Year 11	No entries



Our winners w/e 2 May are:

Year 7	Harry G (Mrs Lockwood) Hodder
Year 8	Bella D (Miss Howell) Douglas
Year 9	Emily C (Mr Momoniat) Calder
Year 10	Evie C (Miss Beesley) Douglas
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.

Due to the short week next week, there won't be a challenge until the week after - w/c 12 May.

Pupils:

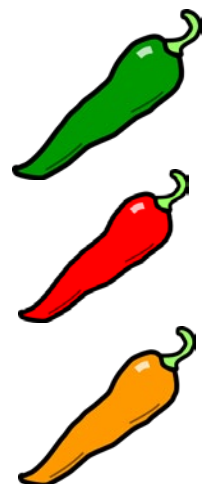
Pick up your challenge sheet from the top of the post boxes in your dining areas. When you've had a go at them, pop your answers in your year group post box.

GET INVOLVED!

Reminders - Only one entry per person per week (no group effort!), make sure you have put your full name and House on your entry - if not, it won't be counted.

The leaderboard looks set to remain like this...

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



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Year 11 Returns to Former Primary School for Neurodiversity Awareness Month Assembly

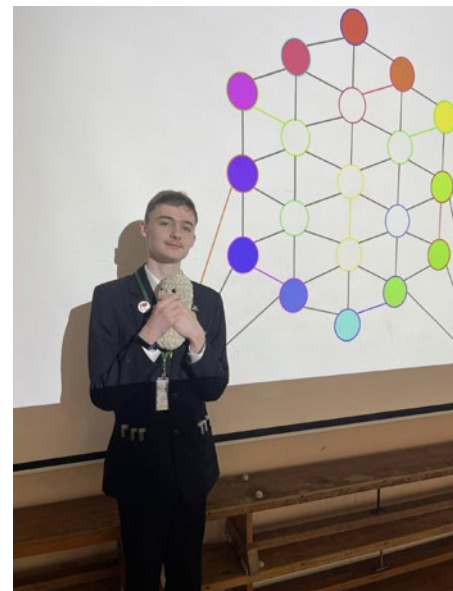


On 2 April, Head Prefect Daniel McC, returned to his primary school to deliver an assembly for Neurodiversity Awareness Month about what it means to be neurodivergent.

Neurodiversity Awareness Month (NDM) is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurodevelopmental disorders and learning disabilities.

Taking place in April, it aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by providing schools, universities, and organisations with the opportunity to recognise the many talents and advantages of being neurodivergent, while creating more inclusive and equitable cultures that celebrate differences and empower every individual.

Attending Whitefield Primary School until joining Priory in 2020, Daniel explained to Key Stage 2 children how his brain works differently to others.



Whitefield teacher, Mr Jackson, said “Dan delivered the best explanation I’d ever heard on what autism is and how autism helps him in his life.

“Dan made us laugh with his stories about football and test scores! It was a joy for many of the teachers to see how successful Dan’s time at Priory has been.

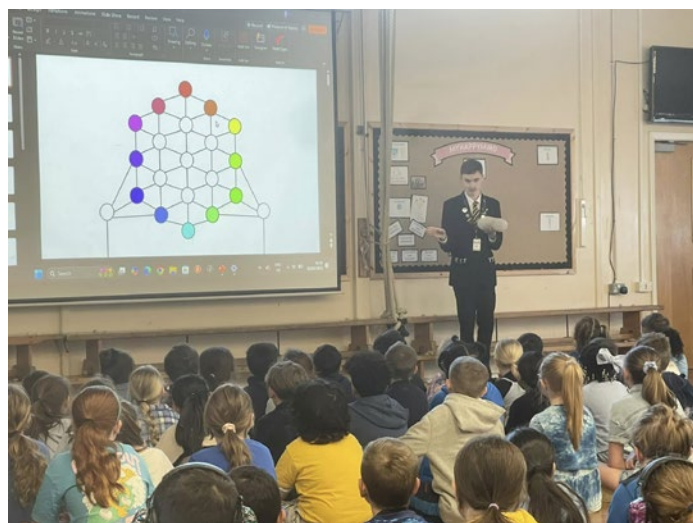
“Dan would make an excellent teacher! He delivered his presentation so well and the children all loved it.”

Head of Year 11, Mrs Bullock said, “We are incredibly proud of Daniel for delivering an inspiring assembly on Neurodiversity Awareness at his former primary school.

“Neurodiversity Awareness Month promotes the importance of acknowledging that neurodivergent individuals can bring unique and valuable perspectives, skills and talents to schools, workplaces and communities.

“Daniel’s assembly provided an opportunity to celebrate and support neurodivergent individuals, challenge stigma and stereotypes, and promote inclusivity and acceptance in our communities.

“Well done, Daniel, for representing Priory so brilliantly.”



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Lunch Accounts



Year 11

As you know the last day in school for Year 11 is fast approaching. We would like to remind you that no refunds will be made on your child's lunch account, so please do bear this in mind and use up any remaining balances you may have over the coming weeks.



Don't Forget!

School will be closed on Monday and Tuesday next week due to the bank holiday and INSET day. Normal service resumes on Wednesday, 8 May.

Enjoy the long weekend!

All Years

We would like to remind parents to continuously monitor the balance on their child's lunch accounts to ensure they have enough funds to cover the cost of the food they want to purchase.

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



House Competition Results

Well done to all the pupils who entered Mrs Massey's Easter Egg Hunt competition before the break and correctly cracked the code to identify the nine-letter word to spell out 'celebrate'.

Our winners were Year 9 Emily M and Alexis A who each won an Easter egg. The House with the most entries was **Douglas**.



A massive thank you to all who contributed to the food bank. The House with the most food in the baskets was again, **Douglas**.

All food was taken to the Penwortham Food Bank on the last day of term. Thank you for your support!



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HMRC Visits GCSE Business & Enterprise Students



HMRC Enlightens Students on Taxation and Its Impact

Last month, our GCSE Business & Enterprise students had the unique opportunity to attend an insightful talk from three visitors from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC). These professionals, who work daily in the field of taxation, took time out of their busy schedules to educate our students about the real-world implications of tax collection and its usage.

The session began with a comprehensive presentation that covered key aspects of taxation. Students learned about the various types of taxes collected by HMRC and how these funds are utilised to support public services and infrastructure. One of the most striking facts shared was that the UK Government collects approximately £600 billion in taxes annually!

Throughout the presentation, students were engaged with worksheets designed to reinforce the concepts being discussed. These activities provided a hands-on approach to understanding the complexities of taxation and its importance in maintaining a functioning society.


The HMRC visitors emphasised the significance of tax in funding essential services such as healthcare, education, and public safety. They also highlighted the role of taxation in promoting economic stability and growth.

Students were encouraged to ask questions and participate in discussions, making the session both informative and engaging. The visitors' real-world experience and expertise brought a practical perspective to the theoretical knowledge students have been acquiring in their coursework.



Overall, the talk was a resounding success, leaving students with a deeper understanding of taxation and its critical role in society. Thank you to HMRC for their valuable contribution to our students' education and look forward to more such enriching sessions in the future.

True or False?



Children under the age of 18 do not pay **Value Added Tax (VAT)** on items they purchase.

False. If you've ever bought a chocolate bar the price you paid was a bit more because the business selling it has to pay VAT on it. So even children pay VAT on things they buy!

There are some items that are zero rated for VAT which means customers won't pay tax on them even if businesses are charged tax on them. These include things like books and children's clothing.

NEXT ISSUE

Due to the short week, the next edition will be out Friday, 16 May.

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British Science Week Poster Competition Entries

7 - 16 March

BRITISH
SCIENCE
WEEK 2025



During British Science Week our pupils were tasked with creating a poster on the theme of 'change'.



They rose to the challenge and produced a range of ideas including changes in seasons, adaptations of animals such as different varieties of foxes and how each is different, Darwin's finches and why each one has differences in their beaks due to the available resources, as well as human life cycles and many more.

The range of winning posters can be seen in this picture and house points and prizes will be distributed to all pupils.

Well done Key Stage 3!

Mrs Potter
Assistant Head of Science





Year 7 Science Careers project



You will explore 5 science careers and take part in the actual experiment they do as part of their jobs. This is a national pilot scheme that we are lucky to have been given access to!

OUR FIRST MEETING: 13th May, after school in SC6

Please see Mrs. Potter for more details

Amazing Apprenticeships Choices Magazine For Pupils and Parents

Amazing Apprenticeship's latest edition of their 'Choices' magazine has now been published!

In April's edition, readers will discover top tips for aspiring apprentices from a top apprentice, explore the process of becoming an apprentice from a parent's perspective, learn about the benefits of Higher Technical Qualifications, follow one apprentice's journey to becoming his own boss, get inspired by apprenticeships in Project Management, and much more.



[Download here>>](https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/choices-magazine-april-parent-carers-guide/)

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Lancashire Science Festival

Sat, 17 May 2025 - 9am - 4pm
University of Central Lancashire Student Centre
Preston PR1 7DP

The Lancashire Science Festival is a biennial celebration of all things Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths (STEM). The three-day extravaganza aims to enthuse, inform and inspire the next generation, with a spectacular showcase of the wonders of STEM. Whilst the first two days are dedicated to school group bookings, on Saturday the Festival is open to all.

Free Passes Now Available

Your festival pass will gain you access to shows, the showfloor and drop-ins but they also have a selection of workshops taking place on the public day which need to be pre-booked as an add-on.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lancashire-science-festival-passes-2025-tickets-1295783436139

For more information including age suitability, competitions and the full line up, check out their website here.

www.lancashire.ac.uk/lancashire-science-festival



**JOIN US FOR
HUTTON FETE**

Monday, 5th May
Starting at 1pm

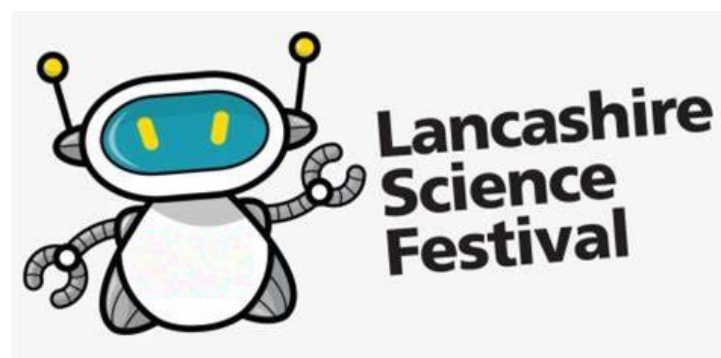
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 Hutton Village Hall
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- Ice-cream
- Refreshments



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Welcome Year 6 & Good Luck Year 11: Behind The Scenes of a Photoshoot



On Tuesday morning, Year 7 pupils stepped into the spotlight for a very special Priory tradition.

With the A3 letters, they spell out two powerful messages to the Year 6 pupils who will be joining us in September and, at the same time, we have a just as an important one for our Year 11s as they embark on their final exams this term.

As usual, we had lots of fun on the shoot, and the pupils involved - one representing each of our feeder primary schools - did such a fabulous job. The weather was kind to us too.

The photos will grace our prospectus, social media profiles and Open Evening marketing as well as a special card that is sent to our primary schools.

We'll be sharing the final results and hearing more from these Year 7s in a later issue.

Well done and thanks to - Fynn L (Cop Lane), Taylor G (Cop Lane), Harry G (Howick CE Primary), Tilda M (Little Hoole), Niall M (Lostock Hall Primary), Zahra M (Kingsfold), Emeli P (New Longton), Isla D (Broad Oak), Zach B (Middleforth), Charlotte M (Penwortham Primary), Amaya M (Penwortham Primary), Testimony I (St Stephens), Angel H (Whitefield).

We can't wait to share the final masterpiece!



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Pupils Discover a Variety of Careers in the RAF

This week Lenny Brayshaw joined us from the RAF Careers Engagement Team.



Lenny spent lunchtime with us in the Bistro talking to Year 10 and Year 11 pupils who are interested in a career or apprenticeship in the RAF. Following our lunchtime drop-in, Lenny led an hour seminar regarding various aspects of RAF training and careers. We were joined by over forty enthusiastic pupils across Years 7 to 11, many of which were interested in the variety of roles within the RAF, apprenticeships, and the opportunities available outside the core career work.

Lead Practitioner for Personal Development, Ms Smith said "We are grateful to Lenny for giving us some time this week to further inspire our pupils, following his attendance at our STEAM Careers Fair. The pupils enjoyed the discussion and asked some interesting questions around what the RAF actually do day to day. They all now know that being able to iron will save them time in the RAF ironing lesson!"





Apprenticeship, Adult Education & Employer Opportunities Showcase

Wednesday 7th May
4:30-7pm @ our Leyland Campus

runshaw.ac.uk

This is an ideal opportunity for students to speak with the college's apprenticeships team, to also make industry links and set up any work experience before September comes.

More information and to register >> <https://runshaw.ac.uk/study-at-runshaw/adultcollege/>

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This is the next instalment 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 (PGCE) and Qualified Teacher Status by the end of the summer term.

MEET THE TEACHER



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

Meet The Teacher - Miss McCord (English)

What made you want to become a teacher?

I had the most amazing English teacher. She pushed me to go further than I thought I could.

I remember we had a poetry competition and I had just moved from the middle set to the top set. We had to write a 100-word poem and she gave me such strong praise for it and it really boosted me.

When I had moved into the top set, everything clicked for me and my teacher pushed me to do better. I want to do the same for others, inspire them.

I completed an English with Education Undergraduate Honours Degree at Ulster University and I am now at Edge Hill doing my PGCE.

What do you like about your placement at Priority?

I like the structure of the day. It's very professional and everyone is challenged. I like the support the pupils receive and all the extra-curricular English clubs are well-attended which shows the pupils care.

What's the hardest thing about your job?

Definitely marking! In English there is a lot of marking.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I like to do horse-riding, I have a horse at home and I want to get back on that again, which I haven't since I moved to England. I also like reading and poetry.



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Mapping Success: Year 11 Geographers Take on Preston



Year 11 Geography Students Complete Urban Fieldwork in Preston. A report by Mr Metcalfe, Head of Humanities

Last week, our Year 11 Geography students took part in an exciting and important piece of their GCSE studies: their Urban Fieldwork Study, based in Preston City Centre. With clipboards, maps, and survey sheets in hand, the students set out to investigate two key enquiry questions:

Does the land use of Preston become more varied as you move along a 2km transect from the suburbs into the CBD (Central Business District)?

Does the environmental quality of Preston improve as you move along a 2km transect from the suburbs into the CBD?



Working with exemplary effort, the students showed real respect, maturity, and diligence throughout the day. Their hard work and behaviour were a credit to both themselves and the school. Staff and members of the public alike commented on their positive attitude, enthusiasm, and polite manners.

During the fieldwork, students completed detailed environmental quality surveys at regular points along the transect. These surveys allowed them to assess factors such as litter, building maintenance, noise levels, and overall cleanliness. Alongside this, students carried out RICEPOTS land use surveys – recording and categorising different types of land use such as residential areas, offices, shops, entertainment venues, and public spaces.

Collecting real-world data provided students with valuable insights into how urban areas like Preston are structured and how environmental quality can change between the suburbs and the busy city centre. By gathering their own evidence, they will now be able to draw meaningful conclusion, helping them to better understand key urban concepts in their GCSE course.

The next steps for the students are just as important: they will now be writing up their fieldwork in their Geography lessons, supported by their teachers. This will not only strengthen their overall understanding but will also be vital preparation for their Paper 3 exam in the summer, where fieldwork skills

and enquiry-based questions play a major role.

I would like to thank all the students and Mrs Kursitis and Mrs Simpson for accompanying the students and providing essential support throughout the day. Their guidance helped ensure that the fieldwork ran smoothly and safely, giving every student the best possible opportunity to succeed.

We are incredibly proud of how our students represented the school during this important academic experience. Fieldwork is an essential part of becoming a well-rounded geographer, and it was fantastic to see so many students engaging with their surroundings and applying what they have learned in the classroom to the real world.

Well done to all our Year 11 Geography students – we look forward to seeing your excellent fieldwork write-ups and supporting you further as you prepare for your final exams!

Mr Metcalfe
Head of Humanities



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Duke of Edinburgh Silver Go Rock Climbing



Last week, our Silver DofE students travelled to Eskdale for a rock climbing day, giving them the perfect opportunity to bond as a group ahead of their summer expedition.

We were incredibly lucky with the weather, which made for a brilliant day out on the rock. Pupils developed key skills such as belaying, communication, trust, and supporting one another through each challenge. It was fantastic to see them encouraging their peers and growing in confidence with every climb.

DofE Leader and Humanities Teacher, Mrs Cauchi, said, "The walk up to the crag turned out to be a little more than Mrs Kursitis and I had anticipated, but the pupils powered on ahead, leaving us both trailing behind! Everyone had a great time and left the day with a real sense of achievement."

To round off a brilliant day, the group stopped at McDonald's on the way home - cue a very lively minibus for the final stretch of the journey!



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London Calls For Priory's Performing Arts Students



Just before the Easter Holidays a group of students went on an fun packed performing arts trip.



Day 1

Students arrived bright-eyed and bushy-tailed ready for an exciting three days away.

First stop, a musical theatre workshop based on Hadestown. Students got to meet theatre professionals from the show where they learnt one of the songs and a dance routine from the musical itself. This gave students a real insight into what it's like to work in the industry and the amount of stamina needed for such roles.



We then settled down to a lovely meal at Hard Rock Café which everyone enjoyed, and was much needed! After this we headed for the Lyric Theatre where we watched Hadestown - It was AMAZING! This time even Mr Taylor could follow the storyline!



This musical is slightly different to the norm as the orchestra is on stage as part of the action which



meant students were not just taking in the acting but also the musical element of it too.

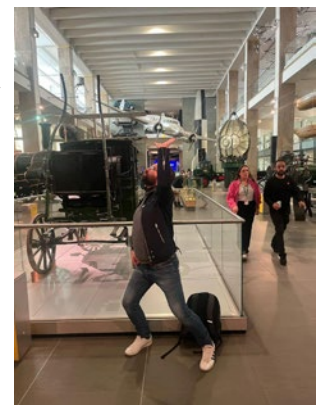
Day 2

Well, after such a long day yesterday we were all relieved to get a lie-in and a nice hot breakfast.

We boarded the coach - first stop, the Science Museum. Students went off exploring and interacting with everything while some of us had a good laugh at making Mr Taylor pose for pictures but in fact we were filming him!



Next stop, lunch down by the river where unfortunately Mr Taylor had a near accident with some Greek food.



Once everyone's bellies were full we went off to the Tate Modern to look at the artwork. One room really caught some people's eyes!

After a day of education and culture we headed off to stuff our faces at Pizza Hut - I've never seen so many pizzas, boy these students can eat!



Now off to the Royal Albert Hall. We were meant to be driven there but we announced that we were going to see the sights and walked instead. What we didn't tell the students was that the walk would be about 25 minutes so there was a lot of "Where are we going? Are we nearly there yet? How much further?"

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London Calls For Priory's Performing Arts Students *(continued)*



Day 2 (Continued)

After burning off the copious amounts of pizza we arrived at the Royal Albert Hall. We all got our dancing shoes on and boogied the night away with an evening of Motown, What a night to remember! We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. It truly was a magical night and everyone came away feeling extremely happy. It was a evening we will never forget.



Day 3

After two fun-packed days, singing and dancing, and lots of laughs, we ended the three days with a leisurely shopping trip. This was a pleasant, relaxing end to our holiday.

Once clothes had been bought, it was homeward bound. What should have been a quiet ride home unfortunately ended with a sickness bug sweeping through the bus. Staff and students were ill which is not the ending we wanted to an amazing trip.

I want to say a big thank you to the staff who gave up their time to help with the trip - you all helped everything to run smoothly, especially Mr Taylor for being on sickbag duty!



Thank you to all the students; it was a pleasure to take you on a trip that gave us all so many memories. I was so proud of your theatre etiquette, you were such advocates for yourselves and our school.

Miss Howell,
Lead Teacher of Drama

Watch out for details of the next Performing Arts residential trip!



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**PENWORTHAM
TOWN COUNCIL**

First Kick Football has partnered with Penwortham Town Council to launch a youth club.



Based at the Penwortham Community Centre, Kingsfold, the club newly opened on Friday, 25th April.

The club operates on Mondays 6-8pm for primary aged children and Fridays will be open 6pm - 9pm for secondary aged children.

Children and young people may attend by donating £2 per visit. There will be snacks and drinks available to purchase too.

Parents and young people can complete a short survey to feedback on activities that they would like to see at the youth club by scanning the QR code or going to <https://form.jotform.com/250894025593362>. This feedback will be used to plan and organise the activities so the more responses received, the better, as the organisers can tailor the activities based on the community's interests.



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We're excited to announce the launch of our new
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PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL

25TH APRIL

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Primary Age (Monday Evenings)
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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- Qualified coaches
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- Community initiatives
- Activities that build teamwork
- Confidence-building exercises
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SUNDAY 1ST JUNE 2025

Rainbow Ramble

Join Rainbow Hub for our annual 5 mile walk or run
Saturday 10th May 2025

- Starts & finishes at Bishop Rawstorne High School, Croston, PR26 gHH
- Ribbon cut by Steve Royle, Britain's Got Talent Finalist, at 10am
- Registration opens from 8.45am, ramble commences at 10am
- Children from £5, adults from £15, please visit our website for more info
- Entry includes t-shirt and finishing medal
- FANCY DRESS is optional

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Supporting Our Community

Be a Dragon at this funding event voted for by the community!

The Soup Dragon's Den is Progress Housing's own take on the popular TV show 'Dragons' Den' and the funding event 'Community Soup'. It is an innovative way for voluntary, community and faith sector (VCFS) groups and charities to access funding from their Community Investment Fund. Everyone who applies and pitches gets some funding!

The Soup Dragon's Den evening of entertainment is open to everyone in the community to spectate. Up to six applicants will be pitching for their funding at the event. Everyone is welcome to enjoy free soup and crumble, listen to the pitches, and vote.

Pop along on Thursday, 15 May at 6pm, Penwortham Community Centre, Kingsfold Drive – it's a FREE event, open to all.

Please note, applications for funding is now closed.

SOUP DRAGON'S DEN COMMUNITY FUNDING

Thursday 15 May 2025, 6pm

A community event which is free, friendly and open to everyone!

Join us for soup and crumble, to fire up your inner dragon.

- Listen to funding pitches
- Ask the pitchers questions
- Vote for the winning pitch

To apply to pitch for up to £1000 at the Soup Dragons Den visit: Progress Housing Group/ Soup Dragons Den Or use the contact information below.



Penwortham Community Centre
Kingsfold Drive, Penwortham, PR1 9EQ
More information: Sam on 07587 647 222
community@progressgroup.org.uk



CALLING ALL LOCAL VOLUNTEERS & BUSINESSES!

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

TO MAKE THIS PROJECT A SUCCESS!

We're looking for passionate individuals to join our team and help deliver exciting activities under the guidance of our Community Manager.

Whether you're a **local volunteer or a business** looking to make a difference, your involvement will play a key role in creating impactful experiences for the community.

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PEER SUPPORT FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF NEURODIVERGENT YOUNG PEOPLE

Supporting YOU to support your Young Person with their Mental Health & Wellbeing

An opportunity to connect with other parents/carers, share experiences, exchange practical advice, mutual support and signposting. Groups are professionally supported and held in relaxed & confidential spaces.

12:30pm - 2pm

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the Month

February Tuesday 25th

March Tuesday 11th & 25th

April Tuesday 8th & 22nd

May Tuesday 13th & 27th

June Tuesday 10th & 24th

July Tuesday 8th & 22nd

Venue: Key Unlocking Futures, Unit 2, Balfour Court, Leyland, PR25 2TF

For more information contact Niki (Facilitator) on [07580358080](tel:07580358080) / niki@keycharity.org.uk

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M-PACT Parent Support Programme



The course offers support for families where a parent is struggling with substance misuse.

The course is delivered by two trained M-PACT practitioners (plus additional facilitators) to up to 8 families at a time, with sessions once a week, for 8 weeks. Families attending the programme also have an individual review session.

On completion of the programme, an informal reunion brings everyone together to take part in a fun activity.

The program is part of INSPIRE and With You's Lancashire substance misuse service commission.

The course is currently only being delivered in Preston but referrals are accepted from South Ribble and Chorley.

Thursday, 8 May 5pm until 8pm, and it is run for 8 weeks and will be held at Moor Nook Family Hub & Youth Zone, Burnhold Road, Ribblesdale, PR2 6HN.

Parents interested in this course should contact Mr Shipton, Pastoral Manager at Priory >> g.shipton@priory.lancs.sch.uk



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CHORLEY

1st Monday of the Month

5:30pm - 7pm

Duke Street Family Hub

51 Duke St. Chorley, PR7 3DU

Monday 3rd March

Monday 7th April

Monday 2nd June

Monday 7th July

Parking at rear

PRESTON

2nd Monday of the Month

4:30pm - 6pm

Foundations/Inn2

2 Oxford St, Preston, PR1 3SG

Monday 10th March

Monday 14th April

Monday 12th May

Monday 9th June

Monday 14th July

Parking on-site

BAMBER BRIDGE

4th Monday of the Month

4:30pm - 6pm

Walton Le Dale Family Hub

Brindle Road, PR5 6YJ

Monday 24th March

Monday 28th April

Monday 23rd June

Monday 28th July

Parking on Leisure Centre

ONLINE

3rd Monday of the Month

5:30pm - 7pm

Microsoft Teams

Monday 17th March

Monday 19th May

Monday 16th June

Monday 21st July

To register to attend email:
niki@keycharity.org.uk

PARENT/CARER WEBINAR 'EXAM STRESS' LIVE

What?

What will we cover in the webinar?

Exam Stress 101 - What it is, why it happens, and how it impacts young minds.

Spot the Signs - Recognize key signs of stress-what you see (and don't see).

Understand Their Thinking - Insight into stressed-out thought patterns.

Confident Support - Practical tips for parents/carers to respond calmly and helpfully.

When?

Tuesday 6th May, 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Where?

Our webinar will be online and open to all parents/carers for those young people that attend one of our allocated schools and colleges.

Register via the link or scan the QR code to save your spot!

<https://CBExamStress.eventbrite.co.uk>

To attend please sign up before 5.00pm Monday 5th May, registration will close after this time/date.



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POWAR Online

POWAR Online is a weekly virtual session for young people with SEND aged 11–25 across Lancashire. It's a great space for them to connect, have fun, and use their voice to influence the services that affect them.

Sessions will run every Wednesday from 4:30–5:30pm, starting from 30th April.

Who:

Young people with SEND (including suspected or undiagnosed), aged 11–25

When: Wednesdays, 4:30–5:30pm

Where: Online (via Teams)

How to join:

Email suliman.hussain@lancashire.gov.uk to register.

See poster opposite for further information>>

POWAR Group (Preston and Burnley)

In addition to the online sessions, there are also in-person groups based in Preston and Burnley.

These sessions offer young people with SEND the chance to build confidence, connect with others in their local area, explore issues that matter to them, and take part in participation projects that influence change both locally and across Lancashire.

See poster opposite for further information>>

POWAR ONLINE

POWAR is the youth voice forum for young people with SEND (including suspected and undiagnosed) aged 11–25 in Lancashire.

POWAR provides a space for young people to explore issues related to them and to challenge and advocate on the services they receive.

Join us online for a chilled hour of fun, games, and good vibes!
Every Wednesday from 4.30pm till 5.30pm
To book your place, just email Suli on:
suliman.hussain@lancashire.gov.uk

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When & Where:
Burnley - Every Tuesday 18:30 - 20:30
Burnley The Zone, Whittam Street, Burnley, BB11 1LW.
Preston - Every Thursday - 18:00 - 20:00
Ribbleton Family Hub, Ribbleton Hall Drive, Preston, PR2 6EE.

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