

Penwortham Priory Post



Priory Pupils Explore Their Futures at Annual Careers Fair

On Friday, 13 February, Priory once again opened its doors to a fantastic line-up of employers, organisations, and further education providers for our annual Careers Fair - an inspiring event designed to support pupils across all stages as they consider their future pathways.

Held in the Sports Hall, pupils from Years 8 to 11 - along with some of our Year 7 cohort - attended dedicated 20-minute sessions, giving them the opportunity to meet professionals face-to-face, ask their prepared questions, and gather valuable insights into careers, apprenticeships, and college options.

Prior to the fair, pupils spent time thinking about the questions they wanted to ask, helping them take a proactive and confident approach.

This year's Careers Fair brought together an impressive range of organisations, including Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service, Leyland Trucks, Nuffield Health, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Pathology Department, the Army, RAF, Civil Service, Community Rail Lancashire, BAE Systems, and Sarah Cutts Linguistics & Translation.

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Diary Dates

Key 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

Breakfast at Priory First Bite of The Day

Every Morning
8.15am-8.35am
Free for all pupils

Mon, 2 March

Year 11 Parents Evening
4pm - 7pm (online)

Mon, 16 March

Year 7 & 8 Non Uniform
Day (House Colours)

Thurs, 19 March

Year 9 Immunisations
(DTP/ACWY)

Mon, 23 March

Year 11 Silver DofE
Presentation Day
Year 10 Parents Evening
4pm - 7pm (online)

Weds, 25 March

Year 9 DofE Drop Down
Day (Day 2)
Year 10 Ai Mega Day at
Runshaw College
Year 7 & Year 8 Easter
Bingo 6pm

Thurs, 26 March

End of term rewards
Year 10 Silver DofE
Parent Information
Evening 5pm

Fri, 27 March

End of Term. Early
lunch followed by school
closure at 1.10pm

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One of the highlights of the morning was welcoming back two former Priory pupils, James and Harrison Aubrey-Williams, who attended the event with Nuffield Health. It was wonderful to hear first-hand about their journey since leaving Priory and how their experiences at school helped shape their career ambitions.

Our visiting colleges - Runshaw College, Newman College, Myerscough College, Preston College, Blackpool & The Fylde College, and Fleetwood Nautical Campus - were also on hand to provide guidance on

post-16 courses, vocational routes, and further training opportunities.

Each exhibitor set up an interactive stand filled with information, hands-on activities, and popular take-home goodies such as pens, wristbands, and sweets, all of which helped spark conversations and build pupils' confidence in engaging with professionals.



Event organiser and Science teacher Mrs Massey praised the enthusiasm shown by pupils throughout the morning. "Our aim is to give pupils the knowledge, confidence and inspiration they need to make informed, open-minded decisions about their future," she said. "I was delighted to see so many organisations give up their morning to support our school. Their commitment ensures this event remains such a valuable experience for our pupils."

Reflecting on the day, Mrs Massey added: "The pupils were fantastic; they asked thoughtful questions, explored a range of careers, and embraced the opportunity to speak to people from industries they may never have considered before. I couldn't be prouder of how they represented Priory."



Priory would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to every organisation that joined us. Your time, enthusiasm, and willingness to share your expertise plays a crucial role in helping shape the aspirations of our pupils. We look forward to welcoming many of you back next year as we continue to build strong, meaningful links between school, employers and the wider community.



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Priory Pupils Go Digital with Lancashire Cyber Festival Education Week



Year 8 & 9 pupils explored cyber skills and education opportunities as part of Lancashire Cyber Partnership's county-wide showcase.

During a visit to Brockholes Nature Reserve on 5 February a group of Year 8 & Year 9 girls gained first-hand experience of how today's classroom skills can grow into tomorrow's careers in cyber.

The Lancashire Cyber Festival Education Week brought together more than 9,000 young people from across the county to learn more about Lancashire's rapidly expanding cyber ecosystem.

Forty pupils took part in a day of engaging cyber activities - with an emphasis on fun, interaction, and teamwork, these included cyber-based quizzes, code-breaking challenges, cyber-crime protection exercises, and virtual escape room competitions.

Year 9 Sophia told us, "For the **first activity** we were given a sphere bot and an iPad and we had to programme the bots around different tracks by using the iPad and a programming app. It was awesome - the bots also had lights on them and we got to change the colour of them too.

"The **second session** was about making a sustainable app using Microsoft CoPilot and Replicat. My group made a fitness tree app where you had to walk to earn points which turned into money and then after you had £1 you could buy one tree and pick any place in the world to plant it.



"**Session three** was learning about cyber safety and making sure we didn't get scammed. A company called Blue Earth got a message from a scam account (we didn't know it was a scam account) asking for £5.5m however our group knew it was a scam and knew what to do!



"We were on the computers for our **final session** which was online escaping from different rooms by looking around the room trying to find hints to get the four word code to escape. We only did two rooms but we tried our best!

"Overall I thought this was an amazing trip, I would go again. My favourite session was session three because I got really into it and learning about cyber safety. Thank you for taking me on this trip".

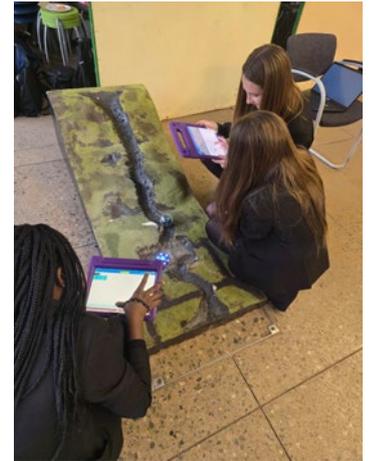
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Commenting on Priory's involvement in the event, Mrs Qadri said: *"This event was designed to transform the way that students think about careers in computing. The immersive and inspiring activities were led by some of the leading tech organisations from around the world at a pivotal moment in their education. Hopefully, this experience has changed pupils' perspectives on computing and inspired the next generation of cyber professionals."*

With Lancashire set to be the home of the National Cyber Force headquarters, and with the Lancashire Cyber Partnership supporting collaboration across schools, colleges, and universities, local opportunities for learners are growing.

Education Week showed students of all ages how their interests in computing, mathematics, science, design, and creative subjects can lead to exciting roles in cyber and related industries.



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Year 11 Parents Evening

Worry Management Course For Secondary Pupils

Due to demand, the worry management course held online and run by Compass Bloom, is running another session starting March.

Compass Bloom provides a free and confidential emotional health and wellbeing support for young people with mild to moderate emotional health and wellbeing needs.

The course is for secondary aged pupils who have not accessed Compass Bloom support before.

The six week course is delivered online using Microsoft Teams. Parents/carers can self-register their young person for the next group, starting March, by following the QR code in the poster or clicking the link>>

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/PKVaK3FqKY>

Monday, 2 March (online)

Booking Now Open

This evening will be a meeting with each of your child's teachers to check on their progress in Year 11, review their mock exam performance and plan ahead for the summer exams.

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

The link to book your slot is now live and a letter has been sent to Year 11 parents via email.

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>

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 speak 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

CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!

Is your young person feeling more worried than usual?

Are those worries starting to get in the way of everyday life and would they like to access support from Compass Bloom for the first time?

We're here to help.

online group

We're running an online worry management group for secondary school aged young people across Central & West Lancashire.

- Short online assessment
- 6-week course
- Delivered on MS Teams
- Join alongside other young people who feel the same

What we'll cover (one topic each week):

Session 1 - Understanding anxiety - fight, flight, freeze + intro to CBT

Session 2 - Spotting & managing physical symptoms

Session 3 - Challenging negative thoughts - fact or opinion?

Session 4 - Worry tools - the worry tree, letting go & problem solving

Session 5 - Behaviours - safety, exposure & building confidence

Session 6 - Emotions - self-soothing, safe spaces & moving forward

A safe space to learn, share and discover new ways to manage worries.

TO REGISTER FOR OUR NEXT ONLINE GROUP

Scan the QR code or follow the MS link below to fill in a quick form.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/PKVaK3FqKY>

We'll then give you a call to organise an Assessment and confirm the date of the next course and answer any questions you might have.

SCAN ME!

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Mrs Eastham
Head of year 11

Year 9 DofE Drop Down Day 1

More than 70 Year 9 pupils took part in an exciting and challenging Duke of Edinburgh's Award Drop Down Day on Tuesday, 24 February, marking the first of three essential DofE training days planned for this year.

Throughout the day, pupils worked closely in their expedition groups, developing the vital navigation and teamwork skills they will need for their upcoming Bronze expeditions.

One of the core focuses of the day was map reading, with pupils learning to identify key features on an Ordnance Survey map, use four- and six-figure grid references, and calculate distance and estimated travel time by comparing real-life terrain with route cards. Groups also made an impressive start on planning their route for their first expedition walk, putting their newly learned skills straight into practice.

As part of their commitment to improving the local community, pupils also took part in a litter-picking session around Penwortham. Their competitive spirit was clear as groups raced up and down Liverpool Road collecting bags of rubbish — in some cases literally racing each other to pick up the next piece. Their enthusiasm made a visible difference to the area and reflected the DofE value of contributing positively to the environment.



In the afternoon, pupils enjoyed an energetic orienteering session in the woods behind school. Working in their expedition groups, they navigated to a series of checkpoints, testing their problem-solving and communication skills. Despite some muddy boots — and a few slips along the way — the pupils showed fantastic resilience and had a great deal of fun.

The next DofE Drop Down Day will take place on Wednesday, 25th March. Pupils will continue planning their expedition route and will also learn important practical skills, including how to pack an expedition rucksack, what equipment is required, how to assemble a tent, and which foods are suitable for cooking during an expedition. They will also complete a hands-on session on using camp stoves and cooking safely.

Priory's DofE Co-Ordinator, Mrs Cauchi said, "This week's event marks a strong start to the pupils' DofE journey, and staff are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and teamwork shown so far. With more training days ahead, Year 9 are well on their way to completing a successful and memorable expedition."





Year 8 Pupils Raise Funds to Support the International Wolf Center



Year 8 pupils are celebrating once again after their latest bake sale raised over £48 for the International Wolf Center in Minnesota, USA.



The charity supports the care of five 'exhibit pack' wolves at its centre in Ely. Alongside caring for the animals, the organisation provides education through on-site exhibitions, monthly webinars, 24-hour live-streams of the wolves, and a wide range of online resources. Their mission is to promote a world where wolves and humans can successfully co-exist.

Year 8 Charlie P said, "The Wolf Center is an amazing cause and will continue to do their brilliant work supported by our donation."

Ben W added, "It's great knowing that all our hard work will support such a good cause."

Charlie chose this charity, of which he is a member, because he has "always liked wolves." He regularly watches the International Wolf Center's live cams via explore.org to keep up with the pack.

Well done to the whole team behind the bake sale: Charlie P, Ben W, Meraj M, Archie H, and Holly-May B.



World Book Day 'Bake Off'

We would like you to create cakes, cookies or biscuits which are linked to your favourite book. The bakes can replicate the book cover, a key scene or include characters from the story.

Entries to the English department by 4th March

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IN MEMORY OF: Mrs Fenwick (Sylvia)

(SCIENCE 1959-1962 & 1970s-1999)

Sylvia Fenwick (née Gerrard) taught at Priory from 1959, shortly after qualifying as a teacher, until 1962, when she travelled to Uganda where she taught at Nakasero School and married Geoff.

She returned to Priory in the mid-1970s, where she remained until her retirement in 1999.

Sylvia taught Biology and had a lifelong love of plants and animals. She loved working at Priory, where the Science department felt like an extended family, and she greatly valued the friendships she formed with colleagues and pupils alike.

Sylvia was immensely proud of the students she taught and always enjoyed hearing about what they went on to achieve. Until very recently, she particularly enjoyed joining her earliest pupils for 'Class of 59' lunches.

In retirement, Sylvia and Geoff travelled widely across North and South America, Africa, Europe and Asia, and in 2022 they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a party attended by several colleagues from her time at Priory.

Sylvia passed on 14 January, ten months after Geoff.

Past pupils gave tribute:

"My biology teacher for separate sciences, she told me of her travels in Africa, I followed her to teach in my gap year in Uganda aged 18. A wonderful woman a huge legacy of inspiring her students."

"Such a shame, a lovely lady and inspirational. She always gave time and patience to all. Biology was one of those lessons I wish I'd had more of. Fond memories. Blue skies Mrs Fenwick."



Breakfast
At Priory

FIRST BITE
of the day

Fuel your day with food...

Every Morning in the Restaurant
For All Year Groups
8.15am-8:35am

Toast | Pastries | Fruit | Juice

Served Free

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WORLD BOOK DAY

DECORATE A DOOR COMPETITION

THE LION AND THE WARDROBE

5th March

LORD OF THE RINGS

Pancake Day Comes Early at Priory!



There was a real buzz around school on Tuesday, 10 February as our catering team treated pupils to delicious American style pancakes at break time - served a full week early, since Pancake Day itself fell during the half term break.

The pancakes proved a real hit once again, with pupils lining up eagerly to choose from a tempting range of toppings. From fresh strawberries, chocolate sauce, syrup, traditional lemon and sugar, and of course the always favourite squirty cream - there was something to suit every taste.

A huge well-deserved thank you goes to our fantastic catering team, who went all out preparing and serving everything so smoothly to bring the tradition to our school.

Pancake Day, also known as Shrove Tuesday, is traditionally the final day before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Its name comes from the word 'shrive', meaning 'to confess sins' in preparation for the Lenten period of reflection and fasting.

Historically, households used the day to use up rich foods like eggs, milk, and sugar - ingredients not typically consumed during Lent - which is how the tradition of pancake making began.

Across many Christian countries, Shrove Tuesday has long been celebrated as a final moment of indulgence before the austerity of Lent. Pancakes became the perfect dish for using up luxury ingredients, and the tradition continues today not only in the UK but around the world, where the day is also known as Mardi Gras or 'Fat Tuesday.'



Easter Bingo at Priory

On the evening of Wednesday, 25 March we are holding an Easter Bingo fundraiser and invite our Year 7 & 8 pupils and their families for a cracking evening of entertainment.

The event promises to be lots of fun with prizes to be won, a raffle, refreshments and a tuck shop. Bingo cards, bought on the night, will be £1 for a book of 5 games or £5 for 6 books - please bring cash!

We'd very much like our Year 7 & 8 pupils and their families to join us so if you'd like to come along, please simply head over to SCOPay to get your tickets - Adults £1, Children 50p (under 5s free).

Please see poster in this newsletter or visit our website for further details >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/events/2026-03-25-easter-bingo

In conjunction with the event, we are also holding a non-uniform day exclusively for these two year groups on Monday, 16 March - details below.

Thank you for your support!



Year 7 & 8 Non-Uniform Day

Monday, 16th March

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

All donations will be used for our Easter Bingo night on Wednesday, 25th March at 6pm-7.30pm.

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

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

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



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Easter Bingo

at Penwortham Priory Academy

Wednesday, 25th March

Doors open at 6pm ~ Eyes down at 6.15pm

Evening closes at 7.30pm approx.

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

Egg-cellent prizes to be won!

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

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

£1 a book of 5 games | £5 for 6 books

Refreshments | Tuck Shop | Raffle

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*Under 5s free

A Fantastic Afternoon Enjoyed at Priory's Half-Term Rewards Day

Rewards

On Monday, 9 February, Priory pupils in Years 7-10 enjoyed an afternoon of fun as part of our half-term rewards programme. The event recognised those who have consistently upheld the Priory Standard, maintained 95%+ attendance, and made positive choices throughout the term.

Hard work and commitment were rewarded with a range of exciting activities across school during Periods 5 and 6. Pupils selected their preferred activity in advance, with each option offering something a little different - and there was plenty of enthusiasm and energy wherever you looked

Film Screenings

Our film rooms were filled with pupils settling in with friends to enjoy one of two popular new releases. Year 7 & 8 were swept away by the adventure and heart of *The Wild Robot*, while it was the action-packed *Minecraft* movie for Year 9 & 10. The screenings proved to be a perfect way for pupils to unwind and enjoy some downtime together.

Hands-On Creativity in Food Tech and Science

In Food Technology, pupils rolled up their sleeves to make delicious American-style pancakes. The kitchen was filled with the smell of sizzling batter, and the finished results, complete with toppings, were devoured with pride.

Over in Science, pupils got stuck into a brilliantly messy slime-making workshop. Using a mixture of cornflour, shaving foam and PVA glue, they experimented with ingredients to create their very own slime. It was equal parts learning and laughter.

Games, Hot Chocolate and Friendly Competition

The library played host to a cosy games afternoon where pupils gathered around tables to enjoy everything from Uno to chess. The atmosphere was relaxed and sociable, made even more special with a cup of hot chocolate in hand.



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Sports and Outdoor Fun

For those who preferred something more active, pupils headed to the Sports Hall and 3G pitch for darts, table tennis and football. These sessions were full of friendly competition and plenty of energy.

Mrs Massey, who organised the event, said, "The rewards afternoon highlighted the best of Priory: pupils showing maturity, making the right choices and embracing opportunities to grow. It was a pleasure to celebrate their achievements in such a positive way."

A huge well done to all pupils who qualified this half term. We look forward to seeing their fantastic attitude continue. We will be celebrating the next rewards event on Thursday, 26 March with inflatables in the Sports Hall!



This is the second of two articles about Priory pupils who are making a name for themselves on the TikTok scene by using their amazing talents. From busking to interviewing footballers, there is no holding back Priory's ambitious pupils.



Meet Taylor: Priory's Rising Musician

Year 8 Taylor has already wowed his Priory audience with an assembly where he performed Billy Joel's 'Piano Man' on his guitar and harmonica. Now, he has taken his musical skills onto the streets of the UK where he has been busking – and building a bigger audience by putting his performances on TikTok.

"I started playing the guitar around two years ago. I haven't had any lessons but have picked it up from YouTube.

"I then started singing and found my voice was ok so combined the two. One day I saw a harmonica and had a go and so I have learnt that too!

"I went to the Edinburgh Festival with my parents and saw buskers and decided I wanted a go.

"So I did it and since then I have performed in Manchester, Liverpool, Lancaster - where ever I can really.

"I get quite big crowds and I absolutely love it when I can make everyone smile. I also have around 3,000 followers on TikTok.

"The person I admire most is Paolo Nutini as he has an amazing voice and he inspires me. I write my own songs and hope to be seen by a record company."



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Year 11 Computer Science Pupils Go Behind the Scenes of Priory's Network Infrastructure



Year 11 Computer Science pupils were given a rare behind-the-scenes look at the heart of Priory's ICT systems just before half term, thanks to a guided tour led by ICT Technician Mr Oakes.

The session, organised to support pupils' GCSE Computer Science studies, took students beyond the classroom and into the real working environment of the school's network.

Mr Oakes walked the group through Priory's server rooms, explained the structure of the network, and demonstrated how different systems work together to keep the school running smoothly on a daily basis.

His clear and engaging explanation brought their learning on networks to life, helping students make crucial links between theory and practice. Many were fascinated to see the scale and complexity of the infrastructure they usually experience only through diagrams and exam questions.

The impact was immediate. Pupils left the session "buzzing with enthusiasm" and several commented that the tour made them even more prepared for their upcoming GCSE exam.

A number of students have even asked for a further, more technical tour, having been inspired by what ICT careers could offer.

Head of ICT, Mrs Qadri, expressed her appreciation for Mr Oakes by saying, *"It was wonderful to see our Year 11 students so engaged and inspired during their network tour. Opportunities like this bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world application, helping students understand how the systems they study operate in a professional environment. I am incredibly grateful to Mr Oakes for giving up his time and sharing his expertise. Experiences like this can be pivotal in shaping a young person's interest in pursuing a future career in ICT."*

The experience not only enhanced pupils' subject knowledge but also opened their eyes to the pathways and opportunities within the ICT field - something Priory continues to champion as part of its commitment to careers education for our young people.



Supporting Careers Education: Invitation to Work Experience Webinars for Local Employers

Following Priory's recent Careers Fair and the successful Year 10 Work Experience week, we are pleased to share an opportunity from the Lancashire Careers Hub for parents, carers, and members of our wider school community.

The Lancashire Careers Hub team is hosting a series of free, 30-minute online webinars designed specifically for local employers who may be interested in offering flexible workplace experiences for young people across Lancashire.

Many of our pupils' parents and carers run or work within local businesses. These short sessions are a great introduction to how simple and rewarding it can be to support workplace learning — whether through a one-day project, a short class visit, or just a few hours of workplace insight.

Why Take Part?

By getting involved, employers can

- Provide meaningful and inspiring experiences for young people
- Help broaden pupils' understanding of the world of work
- Support the development of essential skills and future aspirations
- Strengthen connections between schools and the local community



Upcoming Webinar Dates

Each session lasts just 30 minutes:

March:	April:
3rd at 09:30	2nd at 16:30
10th at 16:30	9th at 13:30
17th at 13:30	
26th at 09:30	

How to Register

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join any session.

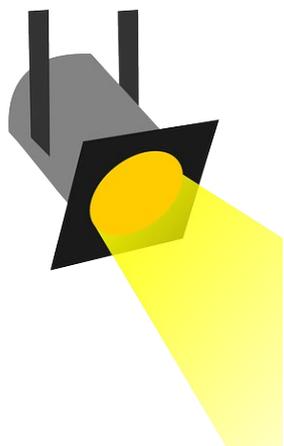
To register click here:
Modern WEX: Practical Guidance for Employers - Registration Form



These webinars offer a simple, accessible way to explore how you or your business can play a part in creating valuable opportunities for young people across our community.

If you would like any further information, please contact Ms Smith, Lead Practitioner for Personal Development & Careers Adviser.

t.smith@priory.lancs.sch.uk



Pupils In The Spotlight

Would you like to tell us about your child's achievements whether it's in sport, charity events, public speaking, drama, environmental issues, maths challenges or anything else? These make great stories to inspire others.

If this is you, please get in touch with your son/daughter's form tutor / head of year or contact the Communications Manager, Mrs Yates, via email at:

j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk

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Year 10 Girls Shine at Indoor Cricket Tournament

On Tuesday 10 February, Priory's U15 Girls cricket team took part in the Chorley & South Ribble Indoor Cricket Competition held at All Hallows.

Competing in a round-robin format against All Hallows, Bishop Rawstorne and St Michael's, each match was played over eight overs, giving the girls plenty of opportunities to showcase their developing skills.

Although the team finished in fourth place overall, their performances were far from disappointing. Priory narrowly missed out on victory in two incredibly close encounters against Bishop Rawstorne and St Michael's, each decided by just two runs.

Their determination, teamwork and resilience were praised throughout the tournament. Many of the girls are new to cricket, yet they embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, showing excellent sportsmanship and encouraging one another every step of the way. Alongside the match experience, they have gained valuable new skills and confidence in the sport.



PE teacher, Miss Beesley, who led the team, said: "I'm incredibly proud of the girls. For many of them, this was their first real taste of competitive cricket, and they rose to the occasion brilliantly. Their attitude, support for one another, and willingness to learn stood out all afternoon. They represented Priory superbly."

Team: Ruth W, Issa T, Maya L, Zara W, Bethany B, Millie D, Eliza G and Alexis G.

NEXT ISSUE

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK.

The next issue will be out Friday, 13 March

Thank you for your support.

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Year 7 Girls Kick Off Their First Football Campaign

Our Year 7 girls football team made school history this February as they embarked on their first ever competitive season.

Thanks to the increasing number of girls taking up the sport, this is the first year the girls' game has been included in a local fixture calendar - an exciting milestone!

The team opened their campaign against All Hallows in truly testing conditions. Battling fierce wind, relentless rain and freezing temperatures, the girls showed tremendous spirit and resilience.

Despite the harsh weather, they held their opponents to a 0–0 draw at half time. Laura T and Belle L both created excellent chances, sending several shots on target, while Anissa and Maddie S were outstanding at the back with strong defensive play and some superb saves.

Although the match ended in a 2–0 defeat, the girls' determination and teamwork shone throughout.

Their next fixture saw them face Lostock Hall Academy and this time the girls were ready to make their mark.



From the first whistle, they played with confidence and purpose. Powerful attacking play from Sophie pushed the team forward, setting up Reeva to score Priory's first goal of the season and giving the girls a 1–0 lead at half time.

In the second half, defenders Isla W, Isla T and Lila worked brilliantly together to keep Lostock Hall at bay. With momentum building, Belle L netted two fantastic goals to secure an impressive 3–0 victory.

PE Teacher, Miss Beesley said, "I'm incredibly proud of the way the girls have embraced their first season of football so far. Their determination, teamwork and willingness to learn have been inspiring. They've set a fantastic foundation for the future of girls' football at Priory".

A huge well done to the whole team for their commitment, improvement and enthusiasm. This is just the beginning - let's keep it up, girls!

Team: Lila W, Anissa O, Sophie A, Isla W, Isa T, Belle L, Maddie S, Laura T and Reeva C.



Priory+ Awards



Before the half term break, Mr Eastham presented badges and certificates to pupils who had achieved the next stage in the Priory+ Awards.

113 pupils achieved this recognition during the Autumn term and on Friday, 13 February, those that chose to have them personally presented by the Principal got to receive their rewards (pupils who opted out of this have their certificates and badges presented to them by their Head of Year), and we were delighted to see the queue into Mr Eastham's office went round the block!

Priory+ aims to encourage and reward pupils for working on their own Personal Development. At Penwortham Priory Academy we believe that strong Personal Development provision contributes to making a positive difference to pupils' lives. The opportunities provided not only allow them to engage in activities they are interested in, but enables them to explore and build a strong pathway to, and foundation for, a successful future.

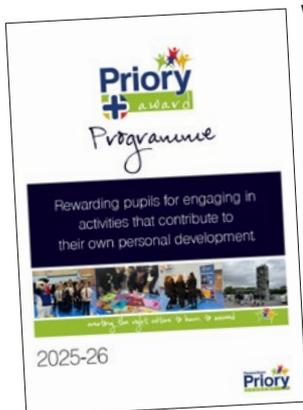
Our activities fit into five overarching strands, which supplement our Character and Culture Personal Development sessions in Learning for Life. There are five strands:

- Culture & Heritage** | **Future Citizens** | **Health & Well-Being** | **Skill Builders** | **Bright Futures**

Priory+ Brochure

If you would like to know more about what the Priory+ award means and how our pupils achieve it, please visit our website to download the 2025-26 brochure >>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/personal-development/wider-opportunities



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Personal Development at Priory

The Priory+ Award



Our Personal Development Award Programme aims to encourage pupils to engage in a wide range of activities, both in and out of school, that contribute further to their own personal development, and rewards them for doing so.

Personal Development is important for everyone at every life stage. It is important as it empowers us to grow, adapt and lead more fulfilling lives. It helps us develop valuable skills, self-awareness, and resilience, which can positively impact various aspects of our lives, from relationships to career success and overall well-being.

Rewards

Priory+ is rewarded with a star badge, certificates for pupil's Record of Achievement and Achievement Points towards trips.

Criteria

Pupils will achieve a star when they: Complete one activity from each of the five strands (see below), in each term. One activity must be a co-curricular club/activity/group from the timetable provided.

Awards Achieved Autumn Term

Bronze 1 Award	105
Bronze 2 Award	30
Bronze 3 Award	41
Silver 1 Award	48
Silver 2 Award	29
Silver 3 Award	27
Gold 1 Award	14
Gold 2 Award	16
Gold 3 Award	10
Platinum Award	5
Total	325

Priory+ Award Activities

Awarded for achievements in Personal Development



Culture and Heritage	Future Citizen	Health and Wellbeing	Skills Builder	Bright Futures
<p>Visit to a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Castle ➢ Religious building ➢ Museum ➢ Art gallery ➢ Theatre ➢ Musical event ➢ Dance event ➢ Sporting event ➢ Heritage site or building <p>Participate in or watch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Competition ➢ Religious event ➢ Cultural event ➢ Creative art event ➢ Join Culture Club ➢ Learn about an aspect of another culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Give money to charity ➢ Put items in a charity bag ➢ Donate to a food bank ➢ Donate to the homeless ➢ Help organise a community or school event ➢ Volunteer to help someone ➢ Speak in public about an issue – Inc. assembly <p>Participate in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ an election or vote ➢ a community event or festival 	<p>Participate in an activity that keeps you physically fit and well:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Participate in a sport ➢ Ride your bike ➢ Go for a walk or jog ➢ Create an eating and drinking plan ➢ Sleep the recommended time <p>Participate in an activity that keeps you mentally and emotionally well:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Meditate ➢ Mindful activities ➢ Get organised ➢ Create a positivity book ➢ Plan your future ➢ Manage your money ➢ Pray 	<p>Continue or learn a new:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Skill ➢ Craft ➢ Language <p>Develop employment skills such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Leadership ➢ Organisation ➢ Resilience ➢ Initiative ➢ Communication ➢ Presentation ➢ Teamwork ➢ Problem solving <p>Join a club or an activity in school which develops a skill.</p>	<p>Research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ KS4 options, further or higher education ➢ Apprenticeships ➢ T Levels ➢ Colleges and universities ➢ Careers and jobs ➢ Visit a careers fair or expo ➢ Practice writing CVs and application forms ➢ Regularly volunteer in and out of school as work experience ➢ Careers interview ➢ Year 10 work experience ➢ Part time job ➢ Working with an adult

creating the right culture to learn to succeed



Learn to succeed

JUNIOR CRICKET AT NEW LONGTON CC

- Boys & Girls of all abilities welcome
- All equipment provided
- U12, U13, U15 teams
- Friendly, fun environment
- Outdoor Spring & Summer training on Tuesdays from 5.30 - 7
- ECB-trained & DBS-certified coaching



Interested in getting involved and giving it a go?
Contact our Junior Coordinator Gareth on 07423 099243



RUNSHAW COLLEGE

You are invited to our Open Event

Wednesday 4 March 4pm - 8pm



runshaw.ac.uk/openevent

Week 2
w/c
2 March

Penwortham Priory Academy

MENU

Spring Week 2

EVERY DAY

Jacket Potato

Build your perfect spud! Start with our light and fluffy jackets and elevate your experience even further with the many toppings available.



From £1.35

Cheese Panini

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



£1.90

Pepperoni Panini

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



£1.90

Sandwiches

A selection of homemade sandwiches, baguettes and wraps, packed with fresh fillings.

Vegetarian options available



£1.50

Pasta Pots

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

Vegetarian options available



£2.00

this week's specials

MONDAY

Mexican Burrito

Delicious mexican spiced beef served burrito style with a steamed corn on the cob.

£2.30

Halloumi Burger

Deliciously crispy halloumi burger served on a bun with a steamed corn on the cob.

£2.30

TUESDAY

Butter Chicken Curry

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

£2.30

Butter Veggie Curry

Deliciously roasted vegetables smothered in butter curry sauce and served with rice and naan bread.

£2.30

WEDNESDAY

Hot 'n' Kicking Burger

Deliciously spicy chicken burger served with seasoned curly fries and a fresh side salad.

£2.30

Pomodoro Pasta

Classic pomodoro pasta tossed in a rich tomato sauce, served with warm, buttery garlic bread.

£2.30

THURSDAY

Chinese Chicken & Savoury Rice

Succulent diced chicken breast expertly seasoned and served with savoury rice.

£2.30

Veggie Katsu Spring Rolls

Deliciously crispy spring rolls served on a bed of rice, smothered in katsu curry sauce.

£2.30

Chippy Friday Specials



Chicken Wrap

Crispy southern fried chicken fillet wrapped in a soft tortilla, packed with fresh salad.

*from £2.00

Veggie Chicken Wrap

Crispy southern fried no chick strips wrapped in a soft tortilla, packed with fresh salad.

*Not gluten free as your wrap is an additional 'top'

Jumbo Sausage & Chips

A jumbo sausage on a bed of chips, served with peas or beans and a choice of 'chip shop curry' or gravy.

£2.30

Deserts

Assorted Cakes and Biscuits

A selection of homemade cakes and biscuits to choose from.

£0.70

Fruit Pot/Fresh Fruit

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

£0.90

Popcorn

Fresh sweet and salty popcorn

£0.70

Jelly

A variety of flavours available
Vegan option available

£0.70

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YEAR 10 & 11

PRESTON COLLEGE

OPEN EVENT



SCAN TO REGISTER

THURSDAY 5 MARCH 4PM - 7PM

www.preston.ac.uk/fe-open-events

SEE FACILITIES MEET STUDENTS & STAFF EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

KTB Music Presents

In aid of: Galloways Support through sight loss

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

POSTPONED FROM SEPT. 2025

21

ADULTS: £10
CHILDREN £5
FAMILY £25



MARCH 2026
DOORS OPEN: 5:30PM
STARTS: 6PM

2 adults, 2 children
wegottickets.com/ktbmusic

St. Andrew's Church, Liverpool Road, Longton, PR4 5AA

Featuring:

The KTB Music Adult & Youth Singers
Lanky Stuff
Soloist, Katy Bradley
& The Lostock Hall Brass Band

Bring your own drinks, a picnic tea and enjoy the vibes

Tickets previously purchased for the postponed Last Night of the Proms in September 2025 are valid for this date

Official ticket vendors: ORIGIN PETS, LONGTON KTB MUSIC, LITTLE HOOLE
01772 933042 ktbmusic@live.co.uk ktbmusic.com



In partnership with PENWORTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

NEW WINTER OPENING TIMES

RUNNING FOUR NIGHTS A WEEK!

@PENWORTHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Our youth club at Kingsfold will be running four nights a week this winter! Young people can enjoy a safe, fun space, make friends, and take part in exciting activities.

WINTER CLUB TIMETABLE:

Monday's 6-8pm: Primary Age Session
Thursday's 6-9pm: Secondary Age Session
Friday's 6-8pm: Primary Age Session
Saturday's 6-8pm: Secondary Age Session

STARTING 29TH SEPTEMBER

Kingsfold Dr, Penwortham, Preston PR1 9EQ

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Qualified coaches
- A supportive, active environment
- Community initiatives
- Activities that build teamwork
- Confidence-building exercises
- Opportunities for skill development
- Fun, engaging games for all abilities

TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE

AN INCREDIBLE SPACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN PENWORTHAM!

For more information call 01772 428086 or email info@firstkickfootball.co.uk

www.facebook.com/firstkickfoundation

Love to dance? Want to have fun?

TRY A FREE TASTER CLASS

dance like no-one is watching!

Do something you enjoy as a way of keeping fit, meet new people and have some quality *you* time!

- We believe every woman needs to feel confident, allow time for themselves and find something they love to do in order to keep fit!
- Our team of passionate, experienced instructors use top hats, feather boas, canes and songs from all the popular Broadway shows, in local community venues that offer safe, non-judgemental classes for women of all ages, shapes, sizes and those with two left feet!
- Join in one of our free On Broadway dance/fitness classes to learn how to **reveal your inner show girl!** and **dance like no-one is watching!**
- Previous dance experience is not essential - but a love of dance is!

GUARANTEED FUN AND FITNESS!

"the best 'stress buster' in the world!" - Carol Hunt

"you get fit without realising it because you're having so much fun! It's just an hour for me to do what I love doing" - Maxine Bilton

"I love the escapism - pretending just for an hour that I'm Roxxy in Chicago, Ariel in Footloose or Lola in Copacabana!" - Nicola Clibbens

FREE TASTERS AVAILABLE EVERY MONTH
Wednesday 7:15pm - Penwortham Priory Academy

...and other venues too...

PLACES ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

To book your FREE place or to find out more please contact us: joanne@onbroadwaydancefitness.com

07790044358

<http://www.onbroadwaydancefitness.co.uk/preston-chorley>



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**Come and join us in your
community centre**



**PENWORTHAM
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Create a Mother's Day card
Choose a present and wrap it**

Wednesday 11th March 2026 from 4.00pm - 6.00pm

3 Priory Lane, Penwortham

For more information, please contact
Clare on 07866 010 999
or email cwatson@progressgroup.org.uk



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**Learn the art of Karate for
Self Confidence & Self Defense**

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