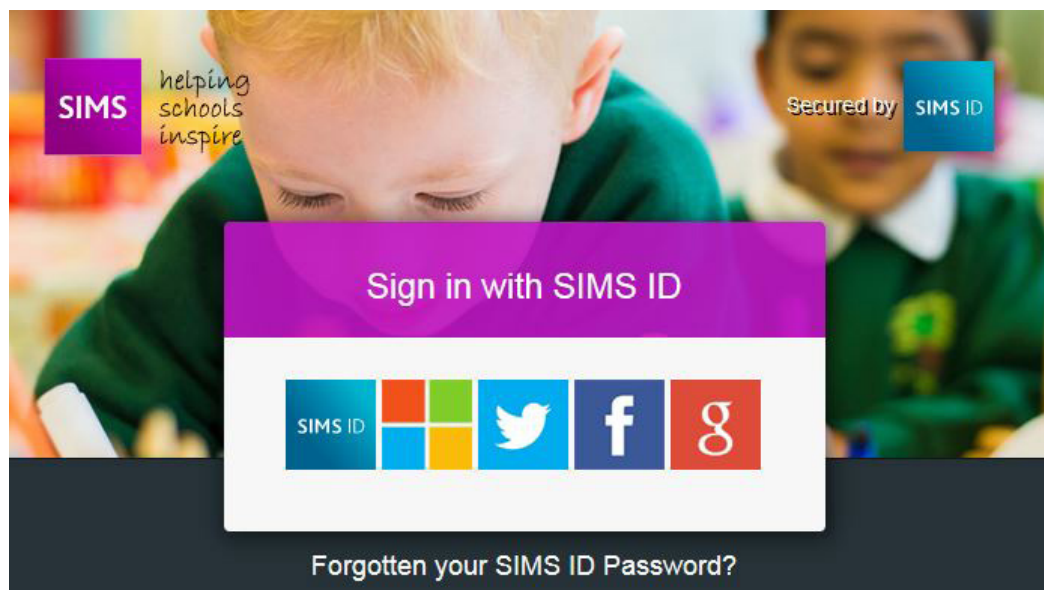


Penwortham Priory Post



Introducing The New SIMS Parent App

Priory now has a convenient new way to manage your child's information. Over the course of this half term you will receive access to the new parent app and website.

Parents will be able to access the Schools Information Management System (SIMS) Parent App from a smartphone, table or PC at any time.

Letters have already been emailed to Year 7 & 8 parents over the last two weeks. Other year groups' will be issued each week leading up to May half term.

What you will find in the SIMS Parent app:

- School term, inset dates and contact details available at the click of a button
- Access to update your contact details, so we always have the most up-to-date information in case of emergency
- If you have more than one child at school, you will have access to information for all your children, from the same app.

Getting started with the SIMS Parent app

We will send you an activation email from noreply@sims.co.uk containing a unique invitation code. Simply click on the link in the email from your tablet, PC or smartphone to activate your account.

Where we do not already hold an email address for a parent, we will contact you via letter in the first instance to request an email for us to set up an account for you.

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Attendance Winning Forms

This term we have revised how we award the winning form for attendance.

The eight forms that only take Year 11 pupils are much smaller than the other 24 forms. This has meant that the Year 11 forms are more likely to achieve full attendance.

Therefore, each week, the attendance officer will calculate the winning form for 'Year 11s' and the 'Rest' of the school.

This week's winners are:

Year 11 - D3 94.38%
Rest - D1 98.8%

Well done to Mr Greenwood's and Miss Conynham's forms.

Year 11s Leaving Date

Year 11 pupils will officially leave Priory on the afternoon of Friday, 15 June.

On this date pupils will be able to join together for their final moments at school, sign each other's shirts and receive messages of good luck.

Please note that GCSE Graphics pupils will need to return the following week for their exam.

Letters to parents have been sent home this week.

KEY DATES

Mid Term Closure
28 May - 1 June 2018

Year 10 Parents Evening
Wed, 6 June 2018

PSHE Day
Thurs, 21 June 2018
(Early lunch followed by early closure at 1:30pm)

PE Trip Rewards Trip - Elland Road
Thurs, 7 June 2018

Year 8 Lake District Trip
12, 18, 19 June 2018

Year 11 Leaving Date
Fri, 15 June 2018

Year 10 Work Experience Day
Mon, 25 June 2018

Year 11 Prom
Wed, 27 June 2018

Mini Masters Ormskirk
(Year 9 by invitation)
Thurs, 28 June 2018

New Pupil & Parents Evening (2018 Intake)
Wed, 4 July 2018

New Pupil Induction
Thurs, 5 July 2018

Year 7 Parents Evening
Wed, 11 July 2018

End of Year Closure
Fri, 20 July 2018
(Early lunch followed by early closure at 1:30pm)

SIMS Parent App

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From your smartphone or tablet, the app can be downloaded from the Google Play or Apple App store - search for 'SIMS Parent'. From a PC or Windows phone, you can login online at www.sims-parent.co.uk.

Once registered parents can access and amend your children's details.

Miss Diamond, Exams & Pupil Data Officer said: "This is a quick and efficient way of ensuring we have the most up to date contact details and medical information for your child. When any information is updated by a parent, I will receive a notification to authorise the change so this adds another level of security."

For any enquiries or if you require an additional login then please contact Miss Diamond by email at e.diamond@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

Did you have the brain power to crack the code?

The Alan Turing Cryptography

Can you crack these?

Here are some codes for you to brush up on your code-breaking skills. They start off easy but get progressively harder...

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The first code should be read backwards:

Roger Bacon. For the things of this world cannot be made known without a knowledge of mathematics.

The second code:

Well, we're stumped with this one! Priory's young cryptologists are still wracking their brains and need a little more time. Hopefully they'll crack it by next week's issue.

Who was Alan Turing?

Alan Turing was a code-breaker, mathematician and founding father of computer science and made a unique impact on the history of computing, computer science, artificial intelligence, developmental biology, and the mathematical theory of computability.

Cryptographical techniques are used everywhere in modern everyday life. For example, Whatsapp and many similar programmes use encryption to prevent eavesdropping, many websites use encryption to process credit card payments securely, and banks use it so that people can safely do their internet banking at home.

The University of Manchester explains more about codes and methods of encryption on their website:

www.maths.manchester.ac.uk/cryptography_competition/aboutCryptography.php

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Car Enthusiasts - Can You Help?

We have a kit car at Priory in need of a little TLC. We also have a bunch of budding engineers who are in need of someone with knowledge of vehicle mechanics to be the missing part they're look for to move a project forward.

Greenpower Education Trust is a UK-based charity which gets young people enthusiastic about science and engineering by challenging them to design, build and race an electric car – see www.greenpower.co.uk for more information.



The car we have at Priory is a Formula 24. It needs an initial assessment to establish the viability of fixing the car – it maybe that repair costs are prohibitive or will it simply need a few spare parts?

Could you be the person to help our pupils bring it back into action?

There are plenty of educational resources to support the project and spare parts will be available for us to purchase (subject to budget).

Anyone interested is welcome to come into school to assess its current condition in the first instance and have a chat with the Learning Manager, Mrs Nayler, without obligation.

We are looking for someone who could spare maybe an hour a week to work with a small group of Year 7, 8 & 9 pupils. The timings would depend on your availability but ideally, an evening after school would be perfect. This would suit maybe a car maintenance enthusiast or retired engineer.

If the project is successful, there are regular races organised via Greenpower, with the next one scheduled for mid-September at Aintree.

Please contact Mrs J Nayler at school on 01772 320250 or email j.nayler@priory.lancs.sch.uk.



Food Tech Pupils Get a Taste of Runshaw



As part of the GCSE Food course, Priory pupils are annually invited to Runshaw College for a taster day. On the trip the pupils get to experience life at the college, use the facilities available and have the chance to explore their Foxhole's Restaurant.

Written by Olivia T and Dedunu M.

Olivia wrote:

On Wednesday, the gifted and talented students of foodies were invited to Runshaw College for their hospitality and catering event.

This was a great experience, thoroughly enjoyed by all who went. Whilst there we learnt how to make mocktails and millionaire shortbread and gained an understanding of knife skills and techniques.

One student said, "It was a very fun experience, all the staff and college students were very professional. They showcased Runshaw in a very positive way. All the students agreed that making millionaire shortbread was the most enjoyable task!"

Mrs Karodia, Learning Support Assistant, who accompanied the children said, "The pupils behaved exceptionally well, and scored 9s and 10s in all their challenges, missing out on first place by just one point".

Dedunu added:

"I really enjoyed the trip to Runshaw College. I learnt how to make cocktails. The staff and the college students were friendly. My favourite part of the day was creating a mood board for an event of our choice."



UCLan Publishing Workshop

Written by Verity B.

On Friday, 27 April Priory pupils headed to UCLAN for a publishing workshop and campus tour designed to generate an interest in books and university life. When we arrived the group headed to the Art & Graphics building. For a first impression it was most definitely amazing! We admired costumes made by the talented students. Whilst we looked around the department we were greeted by Debbie, the Professor of Publishing.

Debbie took us to the publishing house, on the way telling us about how much she loves her time at UCLAN. Debbie explained to us all what publishing really is and how important it is in the process of making a book. We were shown numerous books that UCLAN Publishing has published with their students.

We were given tasks that students themselves would complete when looking at advertising books. We focused on a book newly published called 'Cold Bath Street' and we all got to take a free copy away. The author, A J Hartley, will be visiting Priory too!

Once the session was over, we were given a tour around parts of the university by Robert, a student ambassador. Robert showed us many of the university's facilities, explaining UCLAN'S 'once a pupil, always a pupil' scheme where they offer support to their students new and old!

All the Priory pupils enjoyed the trip, agreeing it was good and an amazing experience!



Author, A J Hartley, will be visiting Priory on 17 July.

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Cricket Activators

SPORTS REPORT



Wednesday saw a group of Priory pupils undertake their Cricket Activators course. The course, run by Lancashire Cricket Board, allows the pupils to coach primary school children and umpire primary competitions.

The five Year 9 boys successfully completed the one day course. They will now go on to umpire South Ribble primary school cricket tournaments for boys and girls through the summer term. Matches will be played at Vernon's Cricket Ground, Penwortham.

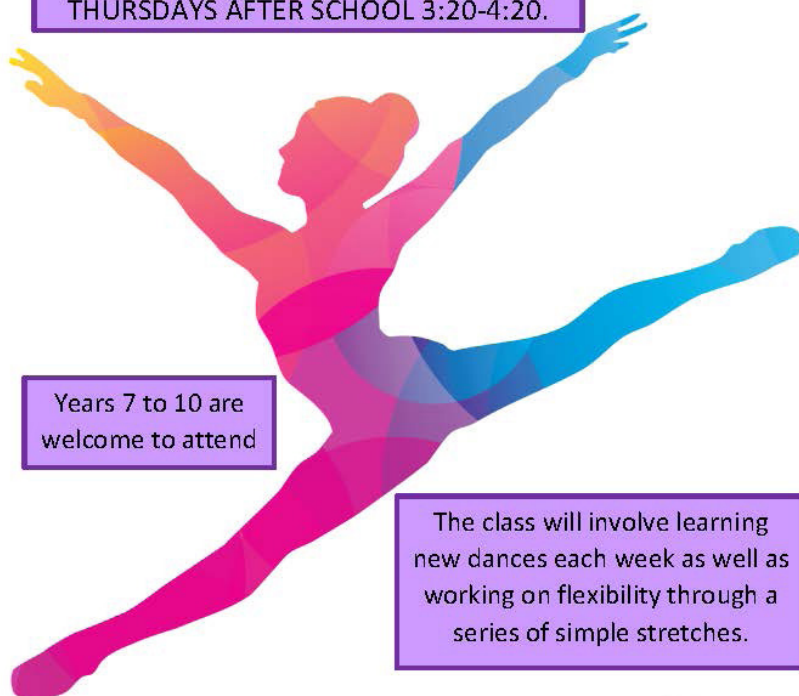
Well done to Hayden W, Jack B, Louis T, Jake F, Joe S.



Starting next week:

Dance Club

Miss Lancaster is running a dance club on THURSDAYS AFTER SCHOOL 3:20-4:20.



Years 7 to 10 are welcome to attend

The class will involve learning new dances each week as well as working on flexibility through a series of simple stretches.

NO EXPERIENCE necessary, come along for some fun and something new each week.



Girls Rounders Practice - Tuesdays

PE Teacher, Miss Mainey, is starting girls rounders practice for all year groups.

Sessions begin Tues, 15 May from 3:20 to 4:20pm.

Girls should meet in the changing rooms after school.



Girls Cricket - Thursdays

Starting Thursdays until the end of the summer term, Miss Mainey, is running extra-curricular cricket for girls. All year groups welcome.

Sessions begin Thurs, 17 May from 3:20 to 4:20pm.

Girls should meet in the changing rooms after school.



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A skills development opportunity taking place at new premises in Preston city centre.

They Eat Culture has a number of free Creative Writing workshops hosted by Creative Future and delivered by award winning writer, Pat Winslow.

Next Session: 12/06/2018 – Workshop 3

All the writing workshops are suitable for people who are new to creative writing as well as more experienced writers.

Each of the writing workshops will include a number of practical exercises and group discussion, as well as time and support to create an original piece of writing.

Go to <https://literary.creativefuture.org.uk/> to find out more about the topics covered and to register.

They Eat Culture is a direct creative intervention into the cultural life of Preston and Lancashire. They programme, commission and produce quality arts and cultural work, and run culturally engaging, in-deep projects co-designed with communities.

See their work at www.theyeatculture.org | 01772 499207

Interested in Creative Writing?



Then come to our **FREE** workshops!

Creative Future & **They Eat Culture** are running workshops for writers who lack opportunities due to **mental health issues, disability, identity** or other **social circumstance**.

Come to as many workshops as you wish - all are **FREE**, and all offer something different.

DATES & TIMES:

10:00 am - 12:00 pm (2 hours)
17/04/2018
08/05/2018
12/06/2018
11/09/2018
09/10/2018
13/11/2018

LOCATION:

Peoples Production
Lab, Guildhall
Street, Preston,
PR1 3NU

more info at:

www.cfliteraryawards.org.uk



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Aphrodite Health Store	Priory Lane Young
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Cats Protection Charity Shop	Salvatores
Fleece Inn	Sir Tom Finney
Hurst Grange Park	Slice of Sicily
Coach House	Spar
Lime Bar Lounge	St Mary's Church
6th Penwortham	St Teresa's Social Club
Scouts Hut	Tap & Vine

Middleforth

Penwortham Cricket Club	Penwortham Sports & Social Club
Penwortham Royal British Legion	St Mary Magdalen's Church Hall

Please note that the all performances/venues may be subject to change

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