

# Penwortham Priory Post



## A Tasty Treat for Wizard of Oz Troupe

Wednesday saw a celebration evening at Salvatore's Italian Restaurant, following the hugely successful Wizard of Oz production held at school before Christmas.

A turn out of over fifty pupils from the cast, backstage and sound and lighting crew, alongside the teaching staff, made for a very enjoyable evening and a just reward to cap the months of hard work by all involved.

Having put on four performances, dedicated many hours to rehearsals and given up their free time at breaks, lunch and after school, it was great for everyone to get together to celebrate the show's overwhelming success.

Mr Taylor, Head of Music, commented, "It was a great night and our biggest ever turnout of 50 pupils across all the different teams involved in the show".



### WINNING FORMS

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place -

H1 (98.53%) One late

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place -

R7 (97.83%) One late

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place -

R8 (97.5%) Two lates

Well done to the Year 11s in Mr Wall's form!

Attendance certificates for last term will be given out in House assemblies over the coming weeks.

Thanks again for your continued support in encouraging good attendance and punctuality.

### POPPY APPEAL

#### THANKS

We have received confirmation that Priory pupils and staff have raised £66.28 from the sale of poppies for Remembrance.

Thank you to those that bought a poppy for the benefit of the armed forces community pass and present.

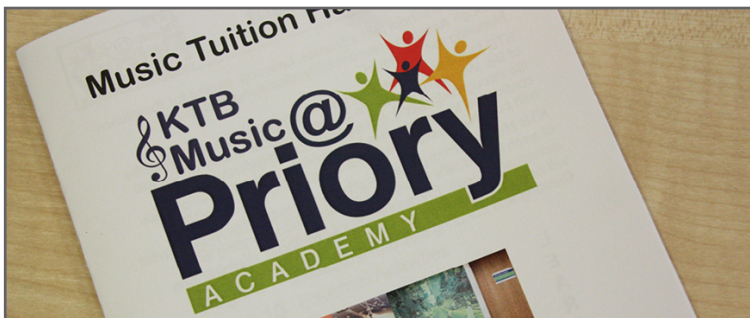
Pupils have also received thanks from The Friends of Penwortham War Memorial for the painted pebbles which were displayed at the memorial in remembrance of the fallen of the parish. They commented how fitting the pebbles were and a credit to the students of the Academy.

# Attendance: Being Late

Please note that the school day starts at 8:40am. In accordance with Lancashire County Council guidelines all pupils who arrive in school after 8:40am without a valid reason will be marked as late on the register and will receive a same-day break detention. In general, 'traffic' will not be accepted as an excuse for being late.

Parents/carers can contact the Attendance Officer, Mrs Garnham, on **01772 320271** and leave a message to advise if your child is unwell or has an appointment.

We appreciate your co-operation and understanding in the importance of attendance and punctuality.



## PRIVATE MUSIC TUITION AT PRIORY

Pupils can learn to sing, or learn to play the drums, sax, piano, keyboard, flute, electric, acoustic or bass guitar with KTB Music's peripatetic tutors.

Lessons are £5.50 per 15 minute slot. Pupils are mostly taught on a one-to-one basis at school, in school time, and are timetabled on a rotation basis to minimise the disruption of class work.

Pupils can study to gain exam grades, to play in concerts or simply for pleasure.

For information please email  
[KTBMusicatpriory@outlook.com](mailto:KTBMusicatpriory@outlook.com) or  
pupils can see Mr Taylor, Head of  
Music at Priory, for a leaflet.  
[www.ktbmusic.co.uk](http://www.ktbmusic.co.uk)



## We're Hiring! Catering Assistant (part-time)

We are seeking a Catering Assistant to provide support in the preparation, cooking and serving of food and beverages plus related catering duties.

Days	Monday to Friday term time only
Hours	15 hours per week - 11.30am to 2.30pm
Pay	Grade 2 Point 9 Salary £15,375 per annum (gross) / £5,246 pro-rata

Experience not essential however candidates must have good customer care skills and standard of hygiene. Candidates must also be able to work under pressure, have good use of initiative and work as part of a team.

Please contact Mrs Barker, Business Manager, or Mrs Titterington, Catering Manager, for enquiries or an application pack.

[c.barker@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:c.barker@priory.lancs.sch.uk) | 01772 320255  
[j.titterington@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.titterington@priory.lancs.sch.uk) | 01772 320262



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# Drumroll for Joel

Joel Gardner is making the grade in his drumming career as he dreams of band stardom.

Joel, 15, has just achieved his Grade 5 in drums and is currently preparing for his Grade 6 exams - the highest grade which can be achieved is Grade 8.

The talented musician can also play the guitar and piano but it's the drums which are his real love.

"I just love playing the drums as you can improvise more and they obviously make a lot of noise," said Joel.

"My heroes include Phil Collins from Genesis, Chad Smith from the Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Lars Ulrich from Metallica and Joey Jordison who was in Slipknot.

"I started playing the drums three years ago through a friend and I got drum lessons for my 12<sup>th</sup> birthday.

"I listen to loads of heavy rock music so I just play it all the time. Luckily I have a soundproof room at home as I have two guitars, an electric drum kit and I play the piano.

"While my mum and dad aren't particularly musical, my gran used to play the accordion so I think I get my love of

musical instruments from her.

"I want to achieve my Grade 8 and hopefully secure a place in a band. That's my dream."

## SHORT STORIES

## C o m p e t i t i o n

English Teacher, Mr Wall, has announced details of a 500 word short story competition.

The pupils have until 4 February to submit a work of fiction, preferably electronically, of no more than 500 words. The winning entry will win a prize of £100. The competition is open to pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9.

The best stories will then be able to be edited, improved and entered for the national Radio 2 competition by late February, where the prize last year was £2,500!

Pupils will be given more information in class.



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## KEY DATES

**Year 8 Parents Evening**  
Wed, 24 January 2018

**Year 9 Parents &  
Options Evening**  
Tues, 6 February 2018

**Theatre Production -  
Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde**  
Fri, 9 February 2017  
(Year 10 & 11 pupils - £3  
for two productions)

**Mid Term Closure**  
12-16 February 2018

**PHSE Day**  
Fri, 23 February 2018  
(Early lunch followed by  
early closure at 1:30pm)

**End of Term Closure**  
Fri, 23 March 2018.  
(Early lunch followed by  
school closure at 1:30pm)

**Start of Summer Term**  
Mon, 9 April 2018

## A Hat-Trick at Everton for Alex



Well done to Alex Pugh in form C2 who, along with three other Priory pupils across Years 7 and 8, was selected to attend trials at Everton's Finch Farm training centre over the Christmas break.

Alex did extremely well, scoring three goals. Mr Bullock, Head of PE & Sport at Priory, congratulated Alex, commenting: "Who needs Ross Barkley!"



## It's a Boy!

Priory's Head of Douglas and Transition Manager, Mrs Gutteridge, gave birth to a gorgeous baby boy on Sun, 7 January.

Baby weighed in at 7lb 14oz and is still waiting to be named however both mum and little boy are well.

Whilst Mrs Gutteridge is on maternity leave, Head of Douglas will be covered by Mrs Ham ([k.ham@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:k.ham@priory.lancs.sch.uk)). Mrs Farley will be returning from her maternity leave after the February half term to continue her role as Transition Manager. In the meantime, transition enquiries will be dealt with by Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Crank ([d.crank@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:d.crank@priory.lancs.sch.uk)).

## Year 11 Interventions

A mixture of targeted intervention and revision sessions began this week for Year 11 pupils. Sessions were held after school from 3.20-4.20pm and have been organised to help pupils achieve their potential by providing extra support.

Details of interventions are posted on the notice board in the Year 11 common area next to the sports hall.

Pupils have already commented that this week's interventions have got off to a good start. Pupils spoke that they got a lot out of the sessions, particularly that the small groups enabled them to focus on particular aspects and fill gaps in their knowledge.

**Pre-public exam results will be given out during assembly after lunch on Mon, 15 January.**

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# Careers Corner

## Year 10 and 11 Pupils

BAE SYSTEMS would like to make you aware of an Apprentice Careers Event at Preston North End on Mon, 22 January (Invincible and Guild Lounge) from 4:30pm til 6:30pm (see advert below).

This event will showcase, by current apprentices, the wide range of apprenticeships that BAE Systems has to offer, ranging from advanced through to degree level and is open for all to attend.

Mr Ficorilli, Independent Careers Adviser, is available in school every Monday during term time to support pupils with any career application process or sourcing employers.

Parents can contact Mr Ficorilli for appointments and enquiries by email at [v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk).

Year 11

### Careers Applications

Year 11 pupils listened to a presentation by the Independent Careers Adviser at Priory on Monday.

Mr Ficorilli went through the help and support on offer for college, apprenticeship and employer applications and also discussed the spring term careers agenda.




Are you ready for your career to take off?

Come and find out more at our apprentice open evening

Preston North End - Invincible & Guild Room  
Monday 22 January 2018  
16:30 & 19:30

Apprentice application window opens 1st November 2017 – 28th February 2018  
[www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/apprenticeships](http://www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/apprenticeships)



## NHS Careers Event

### 20th April 2018

Royal Preston Hospital  
The Health Academy Centre 1, Sharoe Green Lane, Preston  
PR2 9HT 3pm-7pm

**Have you considered a career in the NHS?**

Come along to find out information on apprenticeships, NHS careers, University paths and much more.

We will have interactive stands from a wide range of our departments for you to explore.

**Free car parking for all attendees on Car Park N**



For more information please contact [Brittany.Mollart@lthtr.nhs.uk](mailto:Brittany.Mollart@lthtr.nhs.uk)



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# Geography Pupils Brave The Weather

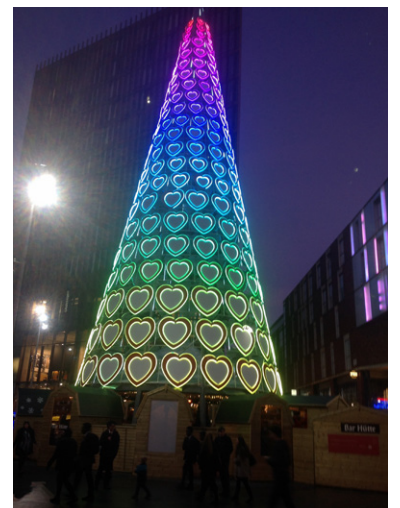


The Year 11 Geography group braved the winter weather to visit the SSSI beach and sand dune formations at Formby point on Wednesday of the last week of term.

Pupils spent the day practicing fieldwork skills and making measurements and observations. The group then travelled along the coastal road and developed their urban skills as they went from the Anglican cathedral down Duke Street to Liverpool One.

Mr Watters, Geography Teacher, said, "The pupils seemed to most enjoy the opportunity to get out of the wind and spend time checking the Christmas retail outlets!"

"It was a great day; all ready for the next super learning intervention on Sun, 28 January as the follow-up to the session."



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