

20 July 2018

Penwortham Priory Post



Attendance Winning Forms

Now we've said goodbye to our Year 11s, this week we are only providing attendance figures for the 'Rest' of the school.

Rest - H7 and R8 (100%)

Well done to Mr Watters and Mr Taylor's forms!

'Get Caught Reading'

The English Department's latest campaign, 'Get Caught Reading' continues.

Last week's winner was Grace J-P in R2 who gets a £10 Amazon voucher.

Farewell Mr 'Wonder' Wall

English teacher Mr Wall is retiring - and launching a new career.

Popular Mr Wall began at Priory in 1997 and has seen thousands of students come through his classroom. He has introduced a number of initiatives into the English Department, including tweeting book reviews, literary quizzes, entering national competitions as well as planning PSHE days and organising annual residential trips as he moved with the changing times.

"Teaching has changed a lot over the years," said Mr Wall. "When I began there was no national curriculum, no GCSEs, no Ofsted, hardly any teacher training and, to an extent, you made it up but in a good way.

"Priory is a brilliant school, the kids are brilliant and it has developed over the years – it has transformed in the 21 years I have been here."

Mr Wall began teaching in Kent and has taught in Norfolk, Lytham and at Carr Hill before he settled at Penwortham. "I have loved teaching but, including my days as a student, I have spent 53 years in school and now I guess I will see what the 'real' world has to offer. He has trained as a clinical hypnotherapist, gaining his NLP Master Practitioner certificate in Staffordshire. "I will be based at home in Southport and it's scary but exciting."

Students will miss Mr Wall and he was recently voted by them as their most inspiring teacher and put forward for an Education Award.

Caitlin W said: "Mr Wall helps your self-confidence, he knows your flaws and helps you overcome them. He is funny, engaging and loves having a laugh with pupils and is supportive."

Jacob D said: "He is very different and teaches us in his own unique way. He is motivational and inspiring."

Adam M added: "I think that Mr Wall is the most inspirational teacher because he teaches the best way to get high grades. He has inspired me to become an English teacher, plus he has helped me overcome many challenges".

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KEY DATES

End of Year Closure

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

GCSE Results Day

Thurs, 23 August 2018

Start of Autumn Term

Tues, 4 September 2018

Year 11 Aim & Ambition Evening

Tues, 11 Sept 2018
5:30-6:60pm

PSHEE Day

Weds, 26 Sept 2018
(Early lunch followed by early closure at 1:30pm)

INSET Day

Thurs, 27 Sept 2108

Open Evening

27 Sept 4:30pm - 9pm



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

We are pleased to have had our first meeting after the current Year 10 pupils filled each of the places for next year's Duke of Edinburgh Bronze group.

The pupils applied in writing to explain why they would benefit from completing the four-stage challenge to gain their Bronze Award.

Research has shown that young people completing the DofE gain key employability skills such as leadership, decision making, confidence, team working and understanding of others. The programme provides a sense of adventure and the DofE experience has a lasting impact on young people's behaviour, skills and life chances.

Pupils will be training to hike and camp, cook outdoors, to undertake team leadership skills, a new physical challenge and complete a new skills challenge.

The greatest achievement will be completing a term's volunteering programme. The group will be going out twice over-night between late September and the start of the October half term.

Geography teacher Mr Watters, who is leading the project, was very pleased with the reaction of the applicants, not only by the standard of their application letters but also the creativity of their plans for volunteering.

Miss Beesley, Mr Bullock, Ms Young, Miss White and Miss Creer are just some of the staff who will be giving essential hours to the project throughout the coming terms.

Mr Watters said, "We are looking forward to our first expeditions".

A short meeting for Dof E parents will be held on Weds, 12 September at 5pm.

The practice outdoor expedition will take place on Sun, 30 September to Mon, 1 October.

Aim & Ambition Evening (Year 11)



Year 10 pupils (going into Year 11) and their parents are invited to attend the 'Aim and Ambition' night on Tues, 11 September from 5:30pm to 6:30pm where we will share expectations for the year ahead as pupils enter Year 11.

The evening will be vital for Year 11 pupils and parents as we will:

- Share the structure i.e. coursework deadlines, pre-public and final exam dates, parents evening dates, etc.
- Demonstrate and give you experience of accessing all the online resources we use e.g. GCSEPod, MathsWatch, Doodle, etc.
- Remind everyone (pupils and parents) of the passwords for the latter so that parents can help pupils at home.
- Explain what PiXL Independence resources are and how to use them.
- Share our expectations of pupils' attendance at lesson 6 and/or intervention when necessary.
- Issue 'how to revise' advice for pupils and parents.
- Provide further education and careers advice.

Letters have gone home this week with pupils and we ask parents to complete the reply slip giving an indication of attendance and return to the school office as possible. A copy can be downloaded from the website at: www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

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Pupils at Penwortham Priory Academy felt out of this world after a visit from supernatural author AJ Hartley

Ribbleton-born AJ Hartley has written a number of books but he was promoting 'Cold Bath Street', a young adult thriller, which is a ghost story where main character Preston Oldman dies in the first chapter.

Oldman then tries to navigate his way through the void between life and death with many Preston landmarks and legends woven into the story.



Year 7 pupil Grace H said: "I have read a lot of books and was looking for something else to read so this sounds perfect. It's a thriller which I enjoy."

Zaynah said: "AJ talked to us about the book and it sounds interesting, I will definitely read it."

Paige enjoyed the talk, she said: "I have read a part of it but I haven't had time to finish it but I will definitely make time now."

Violet S added: "He made Preston sound interesting and fun."

Author AJ commented: "I enjoy visiting schools, I am an educator and I love taking questions from children as they are always so different from what adults ask. It's a buzz coming into schools and talking to children who had read my book or who now want to. I get excited about anything which promotes reading."

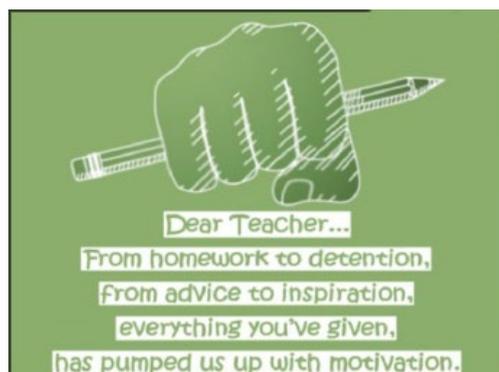
English teacher Mrs Elliott added: "We are trying to inspire our students to read more and when a real author comes into school, it has the 'wow' factor. From September we will be taking part in the Accelerated Reader Programme and hopefully this, along with author visits, will encourage our students to pick up more books."

Goodbye and Good Luck To Teachers Leaving Us

We have a few teachers leaving us for pastures new today.

As well as Mr Wall, we have Maths teacher Mr Greenwood retiring after 24 years at Priory. Mr Greenwood commented, "It's the first time I've ever left school!" He will be enjoying time with his grandchildren and taking on cover teaching when he finds time.

In the Science Department, lead teacher Mrs Taylor leaves us for a new teaching post whilst Miss Smith is relocating back to Somerset to take up an opportunity she was offered at the school where she undertook her NQT year.



Technology teacher, Mr Fraser will be commencing his new job at Lancaster Royal Grammar whilst Maths teacher, Miss Khan is relocating. PE teacher, Miss Mainey, who was covering Miss Beesley's maternity leave, will be joining Balshaw's from September.

PE and Science teacher, Miss Howard, who was covering Mrs Massey's maternity leave, is moving on to become involved in an intriguing educational adventure!

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Priory's Model Students Design New Village

Pupils who have shown an interest in designing open spaces and architecture were invited to construct a model village last week.

Priory students were invited by artist Emily Speed and In Certain Places, UCLan, to contribute to the building of a model village on the site of the future housing development at Waterside, Cottam.

What would your dream place to live or play in look like?

Working with coloured clay, Emily led the group sessions where students created an ideal home, or made their mark on the village by creating, extending or customising its buildings, trees, parks, streets and play spaces.

Sessions started with some discussion and drawing exploring what we need and want in a place to live and what is great or needs changing about home. They then added to the model village as a group, creating and building.

The Model Village will be a space where it's possible to rethink the open spaces that are designed for development and to explore the possibilities for designing an area of mixed use for a small community. Emily was interested in how young people play and use space and how they might imagine making these spaces differently.

Mrs Hopes, Head of Creative Arts, who co-ordinated the visit said, "The artist was really impressed with the pupils' work and gave us some clay so they could continue their work back at school".

Well done Sophie H, Brook H-F, May R, Olivia T, Imogen K, Aimee H, Leah G, Rihanna W, Rio N, Danielle S, Scarlett S, Molly S.

An exhibition of the completed model village will be on display on Saturday, 21 July from 11am to 3pm at Waterside Development, Off Cottam Way, Preston PR4 0EP (next to the office site).



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Northern Girls Go West

Three dancers from Penwortham Priory Academy took to the West End – and now hope for a career on the stage.

Holly, Miya and Keira are part of the Pauline Quirk Academy and performed a musical theatre show at Her Majesty's Theatre in London.

It was the second time Holly and Miya have appeared there while Keira was making her London debut.

“It was amazing,” said Holly. “It doesn't really sink in when you are doing it but you think about Phantom of the Opera being performed on that stage and realise what an honour it is to be on it.”

Miya said: “It is astounding how many famous people have performed at Her Majesty's Theatre, it's really beautiful and it does make you dream about your future career.”

Keira added: “We have been training since around November and it has been intense. It was amazing though.”

The trio go to the Academy once a week and learn singing, dancing and acting alongside backstage skills such as filming and television work.



We're Hiring!

Welfare Assistants

Due to increased pupil numbers and Priory's new ICT building ready for completion in the Autumn term, the school is looking to take on further Welfare Assistants for lunchtime duties.

Application forms can be downloaded from the school website at:

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/job-vacancies

or enquiries can be directed to the Head's PA, Mrs Spencer, via email at s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

Applications accepted over the summer break however there may be a delay to your response.



Welfare Assistants

We are seeking three Welfare Assistants (two permanent positions and one maternity cover) to ensure the safety, well-being and good conduct of pupils at lunchtime.

Days	Monday to Friday term time only
Hours	5 hours per week* 1pm to 2pm (occasional earlier lunches from 12 noon - 1pm)
Pay	Grade 1 Gross salary £16,394 per annum Pro-rata £2,483



Experience not essential however candidates must have an understanding of working with children and school procedures. Candidates must also be able to work under pressure, have good use of initiative and work as part of a team.

The successful candidates may be offered additional hours to support with delivery of hospitality at school events.

Please contact Mrs Spencer, Academy Manager, or Mrs Woodburn, Senior Mid-Day Supervisor, for enquiries or an application pack, or call in to Reception.

s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk | 01772 320252

j.woodburn@priory.lancs.sch.uk | 01772 320250

*plus additional time to attend staff meetings, skills training and participate in personal development as required.

Year 8 Lake District Trip

The Geography Department took Year 8 pupils to Bowness and Lake Windermere as part of their fieldwork opportunity to study the impact of tourism at a honeypot site.

Pupils spent the morning completing a wide range of surveys, both quantitative and qualitative. Whilst questioning the tourists they discovered that people travel to the Lake District from far and wide; many from China, Australia, Argentina, Peru and a couple from Burnley!

The pupils learnt just how few services such as banks were still open for locals. The pupils had a great afternoon sailing on Lake Windermere - not just enjoying the views and ice cream, but also finding out how the ecosystems had been impacted by over 12 million visitors per year. The 10 mile long lake is slowly recovering after years of fast boats and over fishing.

Lead teacher for Geography, Mr Watters, said: "We had an amazing time and will continue to build each pupil's fieldwork and enquiry skills. The Headteacher even got the brews in for the staff. Thanks to all of the pupils for their resilience and efforts on what were two very warm days - they were superb - and were regularly praised by local companies as well as the many tourists they interviewed."

Mr Watters would like to thank all the staff who supported the Geography Department over the two visits, as such a trip could not run without their help and support. Thanks also goes to the school's new Head of Humanities, Mr Metcalfe, for all of his support and ideas, bringing in the Digi Map App and other similar Apps which will go a long way to extending the quality of pupil exam answers when they discuss and evaluate their techniques. We're not sure he will love the photo though Thumbs up!



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We have been asked by Lancashire Fire & Rescue to spread the message below about the moorland fires we have been experiencing in Lancashire.



Over the last few weeks fire crews from Lancashire and Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Services have been tackling moorland fires on a huge scale. In Lancashire these have been centred around Winter Hill near to the border with Greater Manchester but grass fires have broken out in different areas too.

The size and complicated nature of fighting such fires has meant that many fire fighters and fire engines have been at the locations every day, 24/7, working under extremely challenging conditions which are hot, physically exhausting and unpredictable due to the weather. They are doing this to help keep the people of Lancashire safer and protect the environment including the landscape, its wildlife and water supply. In addition, whilst the firefighters are on the hills and moors it means it is more difficult to provide cover for other emergencies, such as house fires and serious road accidents.

Moorland fires can occur for a number of reasons however most are caused by humans being careless or starting them deliberately. **Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service is asking everyone to help in the following ways –**

- Please don't increase the chance of a fire starting accidentally – keep away from vulnerable areas whilst the weather is dry if you can but in particular avoid using disposable barbecues and take all litter home – the sun shining through glass bottles can begin fires.
- Please don't get in the way of emergency service workers doing their job by being in the areas affected if you don't need to be there. It blocks the roads and flying drones over the area can hamper and compromise public safety.
- If you become aware of anyone starting the fires deliberately please call 999 and report them. It doesn't matter who they are, they are putting the whole community at risk.

The cause of the fires at the moment are being investigated and should anyone be suspected of starting them deliberately they will be liable for prosecution which can lead to severe punishment.

Grass fires are dangerous
They can spread very quickly and are unpredictable.

They cause serious damage to our wildlife and our landscape.

Look after your Lancashire.

[Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service](#) [@LancashireFRS](#)

making Lancashire safer

The advertisement features a background image of a moorland landscape with a lighthouse on a hill, partially obscured by smoke from a fire. The text is overlaid on this image. The Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service logo is in the top right corner. Social media icons for Facebook and Twitter are in the bottom left corner. A red banner at the bottom contains the slogan 'making Lancashire safer'.

For further information and support please contact your local community safety team through your local fire station.

www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/about-us/your-local-station/

Many thanks for all your help in making Lancashire safer.

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Penwortham in Bloom 2018

We're through to the next round!

Gardener Mr Farron is making Penwortham Priory Academy bloom – and we hope to be up for more awards.

Priory has won Penwortham in Bloom titles in the past and also collected the Royal Horticultural Society's Britain in Bloom North West Environmental Award for Schools in 2016 – the first time a school in Lancashire had won the title.

And now green-fingered Mr Farron is hoping for more flowering success after a visit from the Penwortham in Bloom judges last week followed by a further visit from the Mayor of South Ribble, Councillor John Rainsbury, on Tuesday.

Mr Farron began working with Priory on a part-time basis after he retired a few years ago and he has transformed the gardens around the school – and got several budding horticulture students wanting to help him.

"The main thing for me is the interest the students have shown," said Mr Farron. "We have transformed what were muddy and unused parts of the school into areas brimming with a range of flowers and plants and the students have mentioned the smells.

"I get students, parents and grandparents bringing in plants and asking about them and wanting to know more about what I am doing which is an added bonus."

Mr Farron has worked hard for Penwortham in Bloom, hoping to add another title to his growing list. The theme for schools this year was 'Coming of Peace' to mark the end of World War One one hundred years ago.

"I have made a Peace Garden with the initials PP in it. Many think PP stands for Proud Preston but it actually is Latin 'Princeps Pacis' which means Prince of Peace. But it can stand for Proud Preston or Proud Priory or Proud Penwortham so it can have a number of different meanings.

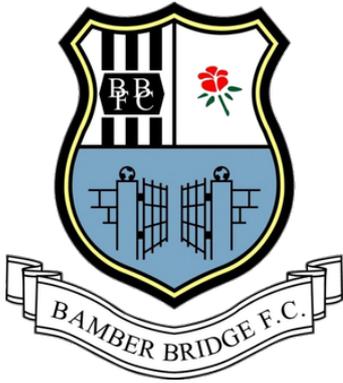
Mr Farron also has a herb and food garden where he provides Priory's Food Technology teacher Miss Lewis-Lavender with items which she used to cater for the judges and the mayor.

"Miss Lewis-Lavender made lavender cakes and put sugared rose petals on the cup-cakes all from our gardens so everything has its purpose," added Mr Farron.

On the judging days a small group of pupils volunteered to support the school's entry in a number of ways. Olivia, Brook, Leah and Danielle put on a beautiful display of hospitality supported by Miss Lewis-Lavender, Year 7 pupil James read a reading from John McCrae's WWI poem, Flanders Fields, and Alfie supported with the gardening which I'm sure added to the judges' overall experience.

Without a doubt the judges were surely impressed by the pupils and both Headteacher Mr Eastham and Mr Farron have thanked them for their support and professionalism on the day.





Support Ladies Football

As we all know more girls are playing football these days.

Well here is a great opportunity for them to come down to Bamber Bridge Football Club with their parents and see Blackburn and Liverpool Ladies football teams.



It's on Saturday, 28 July - Kick Off 2.00pm.

Priory Pupils Engineer Their Careers

Training 2000, one of the largest training providers in Lancashire, invited a small group of keen Year 9 pupils to attend their engineering workshops.

The sessions, held across two days last week, were designed to enable pupils to experience college level engineering and learn about apprenticeships.

Co-ordinated by Priory's careers advisor, Mr Ficorilli and supported by Technology teacher, Mr Fraser, this fantastic opportunity allowed Training 2000 to work with the pupils to demonstrate basic engineering skills.

All the pupils experienced some basic machining; they all made a screw driver on the centre lathe. This involved a health and safety induction and a demonstration of how to use the machine. Pupils then progressed on to facing the part up, turning diameters including taper turning, producing internal and external threads, chamfering and eventually polishing their work piece. They also experienced grinding when they were shown how to produce the flats on the screwdriver blade.

The instructors at Training 2000 all commented on the behaviour and enthusiasm of all the pupils and have expressed the pleasure and reward they all gained from the experience.

There were definitely some budding engineers in the group and we hope that the experience provided a glimpse into the engineering sector which will enthuse pupils to progress into engineering careers.

Well done - Matthew D, Jack P, Andrew G, Daniel H, Dedunu, Faith T, Lewis B, Jayden A, Paige M, Connor S, Liam F-R.



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Summer Reading Challenge

Year 7 and 8 Pupils

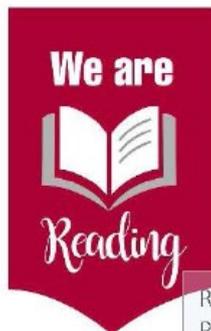
As one of their challenges comes to an end, the English department is encouraging pupils to continue reading through the holidays. Open to pupils currently in Year 7 and 8, the Summer Reading Challenge is launching in conjunction with other South Ribble high schools.

Mrs Robinson, who will be leading Priory's campaign commented, "You can read anything you like over summer. It could be anything from a book to an article in the newspaper, or even a magazine!"

After reading, pupils should post their 15-word reviews on 'Padlet' and those who read the most will be chosen to represent Priory in the challenge final.

The challenge final, which is due to take place in the autumn term, will be based on the ten books below. To get ahead of the game, pupils may want to read as many of these books as they can over the summer to give themselves a good chance at knowing the answers to the questions.

You can buy the books online, in most bookshops and as e-readers, such as Kindle, which can be downloaded to any electronic device. Or just ask at the local library!



Read as much, and as widely as you can.
Post your 15 word reviews on padlet.

Padlet link:

https://padlet.com/e_robinson/prioryreadingchallenge

Password: readingchallenge01

Students who've read the most will represent our school in a reading challenge in October against other South Ribble schools.

Open to all students in Year 7 and 8.

Deadline for entries: Friday 21st September 2018



Full instructions will be uploaded to Doodle for Year 7 and 8 pupils. Look out for the posters around school!

Wonder	P J Palacio	(ISBN: 978-0552565974)
A Monster Calls	Patrick Ness	(ISBN: 978-1406361803)
Murder in Midwinter	Fleur Hitchcock	(ISBN: 978-0857636386)
War Horse	Michael Morpurgo	(ISBN: 978-1405226660)
Tokyo Ghoul	Sui Ishida	(ISBN: 978-1421580364)
Stormbreaker	Alex Rider	(ISBN: 978-1406360196)
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children	Ransom Riggs	(ISBN: 978-1594746031)
Over the Line	Tom Palmer	(ISBN: 978-1781125861)
The Graveyard Book	Neil Gaiman	(ISBN: 978-0747594802)
The Medusa Project: The Set Up	Sophie McKenzie	(ISBN: 978-1847385253)