

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Welcome Mr Metcalfe - Priory's New Head of Humanities

Mr Metcalfe is relishing his role as the new Head of Humanities at Penwortham Priory Academy.

Mr Metcalfe, who specialises in Geography, joined Priory in January. He spent five years at St Wilfrid's in Blackburn and four years as Assistant Subject Leader at Thornleigh Salesian College in Bolton, where he also taught A-Level Geography at both their Sixth Forms.

"This is my first role as Head of Humanities and it was the next step up for me. I am very excited about the journey ahead here at Priory," said Mr Metcalfe.

"Apart from being the Assistant Subject Leader for Geography at Thornleigh, I played a key role in the Teaching & Learning Team as well as specialising in data management and tracking.

"In the Humanities Department we are aiming to set up a new rigorous system of monitoring and tracking across Geography, History and RE to identify key gaps in pupil knowledge so that we can target focussed areas to help our students achieve the best possible outcomes.

"It's a challenge I am committed to and ready to lead on; running three departments, with the aim of raising achievement and attainment for all our students so that they can evolve here at Priory and leave us with a currency to move onto great things."

### Attendance Winning Forms

**1<sup>st</sup> Place -**  
D3 - 100%

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place -**  
H7 - 99.09%

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place -**  
H6 - 97.32%

Well done to Mr  
Greenwood's class!

### Penwortham Neighbourhood Forum

**7.00-8.00pm**  
**Thurs, 1 March**

The neighbourhood forum gives local residents the opportunity to have a say in the community, share ideas for local improvement and be a part of making things better. McCarthy & Stone will be there to discuss proposals to develop land off Cop Lane. They will also be joined by Tesco who will discuss their new store at Cop Lane.

The forum will be promoting Penwortham Live on 18/19 May. There will also be live music 8pm - 9pm provided by the Friends of Hurst Grange Park and the Coach House Restoration Project Team.

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## KEY DATES

### Great British Spring Clean

10-11am Tues, 27 Feb

### Wycoller Geography Field Trip Year 9 & 10

Dates from 9 -19 March

### Big Bang Science Fair

14 March 2018

(Years 7-9 by invitation)

### GCSE Drama Theatre Trips (evening)

Wed, 11 April 2018

Wed, 2 May 2018

### 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

### PSHE Day

Fri, 17 April 2018

(Early lunch followed by early closure at 1:30pm)

### Next Steps Careers Event (at school)

Thurs, 26 April 2018

### May Day Closure

Mon, 7 May 2018

### INSET Day (Closed)

Tues, 8 May 2018

# For the love of books...

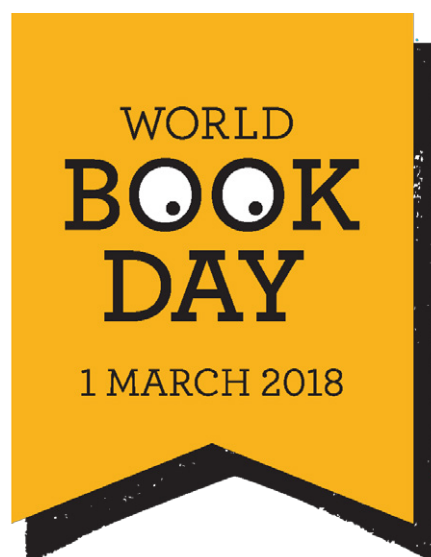
On Thurs, 1 March we will be celebrating World Book Day with a Literary Quiz in the library at lunchtime. The Senior Leadership Team will be battling it out against a team of teachers for bragging rights on their reading prowess. All pupils welcome to watch!

We will also be awarding the £100 prize for the prestigious 500 word short story competition, with the best entries also being entered for the national Radio 2 competition.

In addition, we will be launching a competition to design a book token which will be run in conjunction with the Art Department.

The successful entry could win as much as £900 in book tokens for themselves and the school. Pupils simply need to produce an A4 design on the provided template by Friday, 13 April, and have them signed by a teacher. All entries should be passed to Mr Wall, English Teacher, and Mrs Hopes, Head of Creative Arts.

This will help to build on the highly popular and exciting new reading initiative begun this week, where all pupils are aiming to read 15 books by the end of the summer term, with Tweet reviews for others to read - see article next page.



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# Booking the trend!

Priory pupils will be tweeting book reviews in a new scheme that started this week.

English Teacher, Mr Wall, has received a special delivery of 480 books to encourage reading.

To bring them into today's world, the Year 7-10 pupils will read the books and then write their book reviews in the form of a Tweet, restricted to the old format of 140 characters.

"This is the start of a long term project to encourage more reading," said Mr Wall. "We have spent £2,000 on Barrington Stoke books which are aimed at 12-16 year-olds. "They are a mixture of mystery, factual and teenage books. These books can be read reasonably quickly and then we want pupils to their write reviews as a Tweet to keep in line with today's society.

"We will be spending another £1,000 on books so the students have 700 titles to select from. From September, we aim to introduce into school 15 minutes of reading for everyone in the DEAR - Drop Everything And Read scheme. School will stop and there will be 15 minutes of solid reading.

"I think it's vital as, with other things going on in life, we want our pupils to develop a love of books."

Image (L-R): Holly Woodruff, Aimee Howarth, Holly Smith, Sasha Cooksley



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## Year 9 & 10 Immunisations

Consent forms for DTP and Meningitis ACWY immunisations have been given out to all Year 9 & 10 girls and boys this week.

Forms should be returned no later than Friday, 9 March.

**Forms need to be returned even if the pupil is not having the injection;** there is an option on the form to accept or refuse the immunisation.

## Old £10 Notes

From 1 March we will no longer be able to accept the old £10 note. This is in line with the Bank of England's withdrawal of the paper £10.

From 1 March, businesses and the public no longer have to accept the £10 note as payment or in change.

Further information can be found at: [www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/paper-10-pound-note](http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/paper-10-pound-note)



**The Big Bang**  
UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair

## Science Trip - 14 March 2018

Over 40 pupils from Years 7-9 have been invited to attend the Big Bang Science Fair at the NEC in Birmingham next month. The fair is the largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) for young people in the UK. Pupils will be able to engage in scientific activities such as watching demonstrations and using new ideas and technology. Pupils will have the opportunity to explore the fair, visiting different stalls and attractions from big scientific employers and organisations.

Letters have been given to selected pupils and the cost of the trip is £11. As pupils will be returning to school at approx 5pm, it is essential that parents arrange for their child's safe passage home at this time.



**Myerscough**  
College

## Year 10 & 11 Pupils and Parents - College Open Day

The College has its monthly FE and HE student 'Course Advice' morning at its three sites this Sat, 24 February between 10am-12.30pm.

This is an opportunity to speak with tutors, have a look around the campus, discuss apprenticeships, finance and gain general advice from the Schools Liaison Team.

Sites at: Preston Main Campus, Witton Park - Blackburn and Croxteth Park - Liverpool. Please check website for details at [www.myerscough.ac.uk](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk)

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# Community - Great British Spring Clean



Following the success last year of South Ribble Borough Council's community litter pick as part of the 'Great British Spring Clean', we have been invited to take part in this year's event, 'Heroes Assemble'.

The campaign aims to bring together people from across the country to tidy up their local community areas.

With this spirit in mind, a group of pupils, accompanied by Mr Bullock, have volunteered to represent Priory in this campaign and join in the litter pick next Tuesday at Penwortham Holme Recreation Centre.



## A TASTE OF ITALY

The catering team will be introducing occasional themed menus throughout the year to encourage pupils to take up a hot meal or to try different foods from around the world that they may not have at home.

The start of these days is next Tuesday's Italian day - always a popular cuisine! All main dishes will be served garlic bread.

# Bon Appetit!

## Special Italian Menu

# Tuesday, 27 Feb

**Selection of Calzone Pizzas**  
**Spaghetti Bolognese**  
**Meatball/Vegetarian Arrabiata**

**All served with garlic bread!**



# Careers Corner

## EVENT: NEXT STEPS CAREERS

Held in school for all pupils from Years 7-11

**Thurs, 26 April 2018, 9:30am - 2:30pm**

Pupils will have the opportunity to meet employers, professionals, colleges, training organisations, third sector voluntary groups and local universities.

The aim of the event is to raise awareness of the post-16 options and the different jobs and careers available. It is for the whole school and a programme of the day will be sent out.

Mr Ficorilli, the school's independent careers adviser will be holding assemblies with the year groups to brief them on the purpose of the day. All pupils will be provided with a list of questions that they can use to ask about life at college or working with an employer of the future.

An inspirational careers event for young people in the Preston/South Ribble areas



## Next Steps Careers (Yrs 7-11)

**Thursday 26 April, 2018**

**9.30am-2.30pm**

**Penwortham Priory Academy, PR1 0JE**

An opportunity for young people to explore post 16 options with colleges, employers training providers and universities

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- \* Informative
- \* Informal
- \* Educational
- \* Creative

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### BOOK YOUR SCHOOL'S PLACE NOW

Your Year 11 pupils are invited to attend the Lancashire Apprenticeship Expo at Preston Guild Hall on **Tuesday 13th March 2018** between **12noon-3pm**.

#### YOUR PUPILS CAN:

- Learn more about Apprenticeships
- See summer vacancies available
- Meet over 50 Lancashire Employers
- Find out about Employer expectations

Slots available include:- 12noon ■ 1pm ■ 2pm

FOR A FULL LIST OF EMPLOYERS VISIT [WWW.APPEXPO.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPEXPO.CO.UK)



LAST YEAR AROUND 2,000 YOUNG PEOPLE VISITED THE EXPO

YEAR 10s ALSO WELCOME

INTERESTED? Book your slot now to avoid disappointment. Please ask about transport arrangements.

CONTACT: Michael Rushe ☎ 01772 225 515 ✉ [mrushe@preston.ac.uk](mailto:mrushe@preston.ac.uk)



## 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**



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