

Penwortham Priory Post



Welcome Mrs Gidden - Priory's New Head of English

Mrs Gidden is the new Head of English at Priory and is passionate about her new role.

"I have been here for three weeks and I feel like I have been here forever, I love it," said Mrs Gidden.

Mrs Gidden previously worked at Sir John Thursby Community College in Burnley for seven years as Head of Key Stage Four. She trained for her PGCE at the University of Cumbria in 2008 and has a Post-Graduate Diploma in Education.

"I am passionate about my subject. Ms Thornton, the previous Head of English, is so inspiring and I want to carry on the great ground work she and the rest of the staff have done."

Mrs Gidden was born and raised in Penwortham and attended Penwortham Girls School. She is an examiner on the AQA Board in English Language, which is being introduced into Priory to the current Year 10s ready for their GCSEs next year.

Her favourite book is 'To Kill a Mockingbird' but she also enjoys 'The Crucible' and 'Memoirs of a Geisha.'

"I love English and I want my students to also love it. I want to contribute in making the students at Priory decent and literate human beings who are ready to go into the world and do amazing things."

ATTENDANCE WINNING FORMS

Take a bow Miss
Conyngham's form!

1st Place -
D1 with 100%

2nd Place -
H7 with 99.09%

3rd Place -
D6 with 98.95%

GEOGRAPHY TRIPS MARCH 2018

Year 9 and Year 10 Geography pupils have been given the opportunity to complete the first of their fieldwork skills trips.

Trips will be across the following dates:

Fri, 9 Mar - Yr 10 GCSE

Mon, 12 March - 9C

Thurs, 15 March - 9D

Fri, 16 March - 9A

Mon, 19 March - 9B

Pupils will study a river landscape first hand and develop skills in measuring, observing and recording how features change along the long profile of a river.

Pupils should wear non-uniform and wear clothing which is both warm and waterproof. A hat is advised and, wellingtons and a waterproof coat are essential.

KEY DATES

**Year 11 White Scar
Caves Geography
Intervention Trip**
Sun, 4 February 2018

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

**Gospel Workshop &
Concert**
Wed, 7 February 2018
(Concert from 7pm)

**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)

**Wycoller Geography
Field Trip Year 9 & 10**
Dates from 9 -19 March

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



PRIORY LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE

YOUTH CLUB

**All inclusive youth club for
11-19 year olds.**

**Five highly experienced, voluntary youth
workers.**

**Free use of pool table, table tennis, dart-
board, XBOX, Nintendo Wii, games and
more! Tuck shop on site.**

50p ENTRY

FREE Wi-Fi ☺

**MUSIC, LAUGHS
AND A LOAD OF
FUN**

BINGO EVENINGS

**COME ALONG
AND MEET US,
FIRST TIME IS
FREE!**

PENWORTHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Priory Lane, Penwortham,
PR1 0AR

**FACEBOOK – PRIORY
LANE YOUTH CLUB**

**TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
7PM – 9PM**

Parents Evening

**Year 9
Parents Evening**
4pm-7pm Tuesday, 6 February

We encourage parents to attend the evening to discuss your child's recent progress towards meeting target levels, homework, quality of work and work ethic. Subject teachers will be there to provide advice regarding how best to support your child as they enter their final months of Key Stage 3 and as they approach their Key Stage 4 subject selections.

Letters will be sent home with your child next week where we ask parents to provide an indication of your attendance by completing the reply slip and returning it to your child's form tutor. Your child will be given an appointment sheet to book discussion time with their teachers and we would ask that you monitor its completion.

Learn to succeed



Howzat for the Under 13s Cricket Team!

On Monday Priory competed in the Under 13s and Under 15s Chance to Compete Super Eights Girls indoor cricket competition at South Ribble Tennis Centre.

The U13s stormed their way through the competition winning all five games and winning the overall competition!

Miss Mainey, PE Teacher, who accompanied the girls said, "There were some outstanding performances from all the girls and special mentions go Freya Duckworth for her incredible bowling and Scarlett Clark for her all round performance."

Unfortunately the U15s team was not as successful however they played incredibly well and some great performances were given by Georgia Pratten and Jodie Emberton who played up an age category.

Well done to Georgia Pratten, Tilly McNaught, Jodie Emberton, Freya Duckworth, Olivia Tomlinson, Alicia Rutter, Jazmin Attwood, Scarlett Clark, Leah Hamasaleh, Leah Cox and Robyn Wojnarowski.

The U13s team will next play in the South West Lancashire Regionals against Penwortham Girls High School on Monday, 5 February.

Support with Doddle



To log in to Doddle Parent, visit : www.doddlelearn.co.uk

Doddle Parent lets you see the homework your child has been set in different subjects. You can see the homework that is due now, and any overdue homework. You can also see all the homework your child has submitted on Doddle throughout the year, and the marks they have achieved for the quizzes they have taken.

If you are a parent or guardian and would like some support with Doddle, please contact school and we will be happy to help.

Questions and technical support -

Mrs L Cowell -

l.cowell@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Reissue of parent key code -

Mrs J Yates -

j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Parents can also visit

www.doddlelearn.co.uk/support/parent/

Help! I'm having trouble using DODDLE

Check these common questions below:

Q. Will the resources work on my mobile or tablet?

A. Yes, all quizzes and revision content will work on these devices. However, please note that interactive activities won't run.

Q. What browsers do you support?

A. On **Windows**: Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Internet Explorer 10 and above. On **Mac**: Safari and Google Chrome. On **mobiles and tablets**: iOS 9 and above, Android 4.4.4 and above.

Q. Will Doddle work on my Mac?

A. Yes, as long as you have a supported browser and the latest Flash player to view interactives.

Q. How do I find resources that haven't been set for homework?

A. Students can find resources by clicking on the Browse tab at the top of the screen.

Q. Are there any other supporting materials available?

A. Go to www.doddlelearn.co.uk/support to find more resources, including useful videos.

Still not working? Try changing your setup:



Try a different browser



Try a different device



Try a different connection

Still stuck? Get in touch!

Click the 'Feedback' button on the right of the Doddle webpage. Fill in the description of the problem you are having, as well as your name, school name and email address, choose the categories 'I have a problem' and 'I need a response', and we will get back to you.

Email: hello@doddlelearn.co.uk

April 2017

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One trainee teacher will be ‘try’-ing to win a medal at the Commonwealth Games next month

Mr Spence is a Computer Science teacher at Priory but will be going to Australia in February to represent England in the Commonwealth 9s Championships.

England’s team is made up of Under 23s from the community game and Mr Spence plays for Wigan St Patrick’s in the National Conference.

“It will be tough to win a medal as all the other teams are professionals and we are amateurs,” said Mr Spence who is full back in a 15-man squad. “England is the only team which is made up of amateurs and the favourites will be Australia.

“England is in a group with Tonga, Samoa and Papua New Guinea, who were champions in 2014 so it certainly won’t be a walk in the park!

“I can’t wait really, it will be the first time I have been to Australia and it’s fantastic that it’s to play rugby.”

The competition is over two days, based at Brisbane, and Priory staff and pupils helped to fund Mr Spence’s trip:

“We needed to raise some of the money ourselves so there were various fundraisers across the way and I’ve sold raffle tickets at school,” said Mr Spence who has four England caps.

“It’s great to be involved, it will be a great experience and we will try our best.”

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**CAREERS ADVISER
AT PRIORY**

Mr Ficorilli, Independent Careers Adviser, is available in school every Monday via appointments, lunchtime drop-ins or after school to support pupils with any career application process, apprenticeships or sourcing employers.

Parents and pupils can contact Mr Ficorilli by email at:

v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

Careers Corner

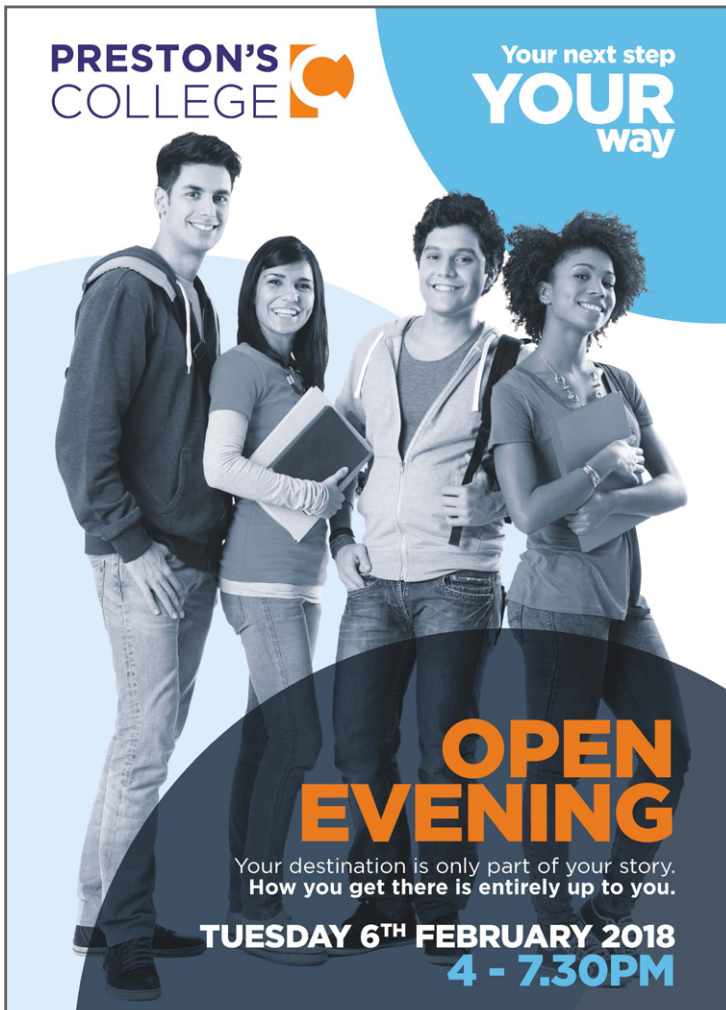
EVENT: MEET THE MARINES

Fleetwood 13 – 15 March 2018

(For Year 11 pupils aged 16 only)

Year 11 pupils, aged 16 have been invited to spend a challenging and exciting day out with the Royal Marines Commando Display Team.

The 'Meet the Marines' event will give your young students the opportunity to come and meet Britain's Commandos and get a feel for what they do. This is a rare chance to have fun, whilst gaining an insight into this elite Corps by participating in a range of exciting activities. The programme will include water activities, laser quest, unarmed combat displays, practical leadership tasks and static Royal Navy & Royal Marines displays.



PRESTON'S COLLEGE

Your next step
YOUR way

OPEN EVENING

Your destination is only part of your story.
How you get there is entirely up to you.

TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2018
4 - 7.30PM

'Meet the Marines' is planned to take place between 10am-4pm at Fleetwood SCC, TS Conquoror, 140 Beach Rd, Fleetwood FY7 8PQ between the 13th – 15th March 2018. There are 150 places available daily, the day promises to be both challenging and stimulating; it is hoped that those attending will find it thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding.

Those attending should be a minimum age of 16 years.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO A BOOK PLACES please call 01772 555 675 and ask for a Royal Naval Careers Adviser. Alternatively you can e-mail the Preston office at navycnr-rffneprestonca2@mod.uk.

Pupils may also see Priory's independent careers advisor, Mr Ficorilli by email or in school for support with your booking.

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"IF OPPORTUNITY
DOESN'T KNOCK,
BUILD A DOOR."
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LANCASHIRE APPRENTICESHIP EXPO

TUES 13 MAR 2018 | PRESTON GUILD HALL | 12-7PM

1 EVENT | 50+ EMPLOYERS | 100s VACANCIES



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



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

GOSPEL CHOIR WORKSHOP & CONCERT

Weds, 7 February 7pm
Tickets Now Available

VOICE
Community Choir



Tyndale Thomas MBE, one of the UK's leading gospel musicians, will be returning to work with Priory pupils in a workshop and concert on Wednesday, 7 February.

Tyndale will work with Priory pupils during the day and later join together with the 'Once Voice Community Choir' for a concert in the evening from 7pm.

Tickets for the concert are available from the school office priced at £5 for adults and £3 for concessions (child 16 and under/adult over 60).



PLEA FOR WELLIES

Do you have any unwanted wellies which can be donated to school?

Geography field trips are coming up in March and it is essential that all pupils have wellies for the excursion. Donated wellies will greatly help those that do not already have a pair.

Wellies can be taken to Mr Watters' classroom, HU4.

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