

Penwortham Priory Post



Pupils Consider Their Next Steps at Priory's Careers Event

"What a fantastic day! Our first annual careers event at Penwortham Priory Academy was a great success." said Mr Ficorilli, Priory's independent careers adviser.

The school was a buzz of excitement when over thirty employers, colleges, training providers and universities arrived at Priory eager to talk to pupils about the career opportunities they offer.

The First Steps Careers Event was organised with the aim of raising Priory's young peoples' awareness of post-16 options in their quest to find their perfect career path, get them thinking about life beyond school and asking the right questions to those in the know.

Organised by Mr Ficorilli, pupils were invited into the sports hall with their year groups to gain age-appropriate guidance on a wide variety of job sectors and post 16 options. Employers such as the NHS, Network Rail, Conlon Construction, Royal Bank of Scotland, the RAF, Navy and Army, The Eric Wright Group and Preston North End lined up alongside UCLan, Preston's, Runshaw, Southport, Myerscough and Blackburn Colleges. Training providers from Training 2000, VL Lancs and North Lancs Training demonstrated practical skills and the benefits of apprenticeships.

Mr Ficorilli was very excited to introduce the first of what he hoped would be a successful annual event. "Our pupils were a credit to the school and all the attendees commented on their willingness to ask questions and get involved", said Mr Ficorilli. He thanked all the visitors, staff and Year 11 ambassadors for their help on the day and support with event preparations to ensure that it all ran smoothly.

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 - H1 (99.09%)

Rest - C1 (99.13%)

Well done to Mr Wall's, Mrs Burn's forms.

Year 10 ICT Exams

9 May - 11 May

All pupils have been made aware of their exam date and time. This information is also on a list outside the ICT department and House Progress Leaders' office.

The ICT CiDA exam is 2hrs 30mins. Pupils taking the exam in the afternoon will be entitled to an early lunch.

KEY DATES

GCSE Drama Theatre

Trips (Evening)

Wed, 2 May 2018

May Day Closure

Mon, 7 May 2018

INSET Day (Closed)

Tues, 8 May 2018

Runshaw Food Tech

Taster Day (by invitation)

Wed, 9 May 2018

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)

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 Day

Thurs, 5 July 2018

Year 7 Parents Evening

Wed, 11 July 2018

Paris Trip (April 2019) - Now Full

After announcing this trip last week, we are pleased to say that all places have now been filled. Due to its popularity, an extra ten places were released; all now taken. Reply slips and deposits were timed and dated at acceptance so that we could fairly offer places on a first come, first served basis.

Pupils and parents will receive confirmation of their place over the coming week.

Those who didn't get a place can opt to go on a reserve list, wait until the next Paris trip or come on the Italy trip which will be announced in 10 days' time.

Any queries can be directed to Mr Watters, Lead Teacher for Geography:

a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk



Results of Menu Survey and Feedback From Pupils

Following the catering team's introduction of their occasional themed menus, last week the school canvassed pupils to find out what cuisines they would like to try and would like to see more of.

At almost neck and neck, not surprisingly pupils would like more of the American and Italian menus. On first trial of the American diner-style offered recently, catering staff were overwhelmed by its popularity.

Chinese and Indian menus were next in favour, followed by Mexican. Pupils said that they would also like to try Russian, French, Greek, Jamaican, Japanese, German, Portuguese, Spanish, Middle Eastern, Thai and Caribbean food on offer.

In addition, pupils said they would like to see more sausage rolls, pasties, brownies, croissants (at breakfast), BBQ chicken, fish and more healthy option snacks.

Following the news last week of the successful bid for the installation of a new state-of-the-art canteen over the summer, the school's focus on healthy eating can take one step further.

Geography Pupils Learn Whilst Messing About on the River!

Postponed from last month due to the wet and cold weather, the Year 9 and 10 Geography pupils finally got to go on their field trip on what was, in contrast, one of the hottest days of the year so far!

The Geography department has now taken two groups over to Wycoller Country Park to complete a detailed GCSE river fieldwork study. It's the turn of the final two groups next week.

The pupils have been measuring and recording various characteristics of how the Wycoller Beck changes downstream. The Wycoller stream eventually flows into the River Calder and then into our own River Ribble.

Lead Teacher for Geography, Mr Watters, said: "We travelled by school mini-buses for each day out. Friday last week and Monday this week the pupils have walked along the long profile and stopped to describe the process of formation, photograph and measure features such as a waterfall, meander and ox-bow lake."

Mr Watters continued by saying, "The pupils are testing velocity, river bed load, cross profiles and calculating increasing discharge. Each of the groups have worked really well. Luckily, the weather has been fine."

Mr Watters and Mr Metcalfe have been superbly supported by Miss Lancaster.

The picnic site is wonderful, as is the walk, for anyone who would like to take their own family for a great walk themselves. Please email Mr Watters for details - a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

We look forward to next week's final trips when we are joined by Mrs Crank who is famous for her superb cakes. Mrs Crank has a lot to live up to after the millionaire's shortcake from Miss Lancaster, and the ice creams we got on the journey back to school!



Runshaw College Masterclass Day

Written by the pupils.

On Wednesday, eleven Year 10 pupils were invited to Runshaw College for their Masterclass Day.

The pupils commented: "We participated in a wide range of taster 'A' Level masterclasses which included French, Chemistry, Psychology, Sociology, Further Maths and more. The classes were very engaging and were taught by friendly and enthusiastic staff."



The group ended by saying they were also lucky to be shown around the college by excellent student ambassadors who were extremely helpful. On taking a photo of the pupils, Mrs Whalley, who accompanied them admitted her photography skills are basic at best!

Learn to Succeed

Seven Priory pupils took part in competitions over the Easter break. Here we find out about their extra-curricular activities and how they got on at their events.



Priory Girls Are Dancing With Passion

Three Penwortham Priory students are hoping to dance their way to success after competing in the British Championships at Blackpool.

Year 9 Claudia B and Millie C, along with Year 11 Lucy W, compete for Dance With Passion, which is based in Preston.

Millie has been dancing around five years, Claudia has been at Dance With Passion for six years and Lucy has been dancing since she was five years old.

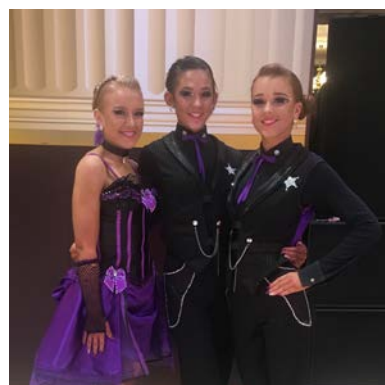
They were placed in the top three at the Northern Masters in March and were the best team in England. The trio train three times a week and were selected to compete with others in the four couple and eight couple events in the tough Latin section in the British Championships at Easter.

The British Championships are open to the world and there were some strong teams involved with the China and Welsh teams excelling and unfortunately they didn't make the semi-finals but it was a great experience.

"We love competing and we love dressing up, it does take a long time to get ready," said Claudia.

They compete in Latin, cheerleading, street and ballet and also fundraise so they can wear the dresses and travel around to different competitions at weekends.

"We do a lot of fundraising, with bag packs and sponsored events as our dresses are expensive," said Lucy. "We all enjoy it as a hobby and we have made some good friends through it."



Three Cheers for Lauren!

Another Priory student Lauren R has been travelling further afield – she competed in Paris in the Disneyland Cheer Competition.



Lauren, Year 9, has been cheerleading for five years and trains with Infinity Cheer & Dance in Chorley.

"I train five times a week and I love it as you feel part of a team. We were a team of 20 in Disneyland and it was a great experience, it's the first time I have competed abroad.

"We won first place in the stunt cheerleading – that's tricky as it involves a lot of carrying and strength work and you have to trust each other completely.

"Cheerleading is enjoyable as you get to dress up, so it's girly, but it's sporty as well."

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Priory Boys Sprint To Victory!

A trio of Penwortham Priory students competed at the North West Sportshall Athletics Final at Manchester's Sport City.

Year 9 Louis T and Year 8 Daniel S and Hayden M are all members of Preston Harriers and represented Lancashire at the Manchester event.

Daniel is a sprinter and took part in the two lap event and the relay while Louis competed in the speed bounce and long jump.

Hayden took part in the longer distance – the four laps – although he prefers multiple events, taking part in the pentathlon.

The boys train twice a week for Preston Harriers.



Careers Lancashire Medical Day

For pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 who are interested in a career in medicine.

The Lancashire Medical Day is being hosted by Preston's College. It is taking place on Wednesday, 18 July from 1.30pm–6.15pm. The cost per pupil is £29 + VAT.

Who are Medical Days for?

The days are designed to provide pupils with the information that they would need to apply for medical school. Young people participate in activities that are supervised by medical students and hear from practising medics about what their career is like.

Activities include how to administer CPR and treat a choking patient, diagnosis and examining x-rays and scans, medical ethics and scenarios.

Interested pupils can pick up a letter of application and information leaflet from Mr Ficorilli, Priory's Independent Careers Adviser, Assistant Headteacher Mr Gee or House Progress Leaders.



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 career advice, college applications, apprenticeships or sourcing employers.

Parents and pupils can contact Mr Ficorilli by email at: v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk

The careers adviser is based in the exams office on the pastoral corridor.

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EFL Under 15s Futsal Competitions

SPORTS REPORT



The girls' Under 15s team represented Preston North End at the EFL Futsal competition in Manchester on Tuesday and proudly got to wear the shirt!

The girls' 5-A-Side team came up against some tough opposition and they finished third overall - a brilliant achievement!

Miss Mainey, PE Teacher, who accompanied the pupils commented, "There were some fantastic performances especially from Jamie-Leigh P in goal and from Jodie E and Jazmin A who played up an age group."

Well done to Jodie E, Jazmin A, Jamie-Leigh P, Rose B, Georgia P and Robyn W.



The boys did fantastically well at the same event and were runners up in their group final.

Head of PE & Sport, Mr Bullock said, "Event organisers and referees commented on the boys' outstanding attitude and approach to every game."

The team narrowly missed out on going to St George's Park, the FA's training centre in Derby, for the national final.

Well done to Ben R, Zaman A, Mohammed A, Byron M, Harry H, Ollie P, Cieran Dowd, Jack M.

Priory's Young Referees - Update

Priory's young referees put in superb effort on Thursday evening as they oversaw the primary schools' under 11s B team central venue football festival.

Next week they begin officiating a three week tournament of primary school tag rugby matches.



Learn to succeed



Penwortham in Bloom 2018

You are invited to our -

Hanging Basket Workshop

On Tuesday 15 May between 1pm & 4pm at
Penwortham Community Centre, Kingsfold Drive.

Come along and learn how to make your own hanging basket & then take it home and watch it grow!

£7 per ticket including all materials and a brew.

To book your place contact -
Steve or Marie at Penwortham Town Council on 01772 750533

Sponsored by Dougie Gornall
Penwortham in Bloom Committee Member





Children's Bug Hotel Workshop

Do you want to build a Bug Hotel?

If you do, then why not book on to one of our four free one hour interactive sessions on Tuesday 29 May at South Ribble Pensioners Association on Station Road, Bamber Bridge

Sessions run between: -
10am & 11am
11am & 12 noon
1pm & 2pm
2pm & 3pm

(All children must be of primary school age and above to take part and must be supervised by a responsible adult)
(Booking is on a first come, first served basis)

There are limited places so to book on a session contact
South Ribble Borough Council on 01772 625625

How to Make a Bug Hotel





Penwortham Live '18

Friday 18th/Saturday 19th May
www.facebook.com/penworthamlive

Penwortham Live is back - bigger and better!!

On Friday 18 & Saturday 19 May, Penwortham will be transformed into a bustling town full of live music that will get everyone's toes tapping and hands clapping.

Penwortham Live 2018 is back!

Penwortham Live community music festival will once again be returning in May for its sixth year with an array of top quality local & North West artists to suit all ages and tastes.

From blues to jazz, pop to rock, bands to choirs these artists will be appearing at over 20 venues across the town, including coffee shops, churches, pubs, restaurants, even an estate agents.

Wristbands are required to attend the event and they can be bought from participating venues for £5 each (primary school age children are free if accompanied by an adult).

Once purchased you are free to wander in and out of any of the venues and enjoy the music.




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One weekend... Over 20 venues... Over 160 performances...

Acts of every kind including:

Rock Bands	Country	Pop singers
Choirs	Acoustic	Metal
Alt-rock Bands	Blues	Showtunes
Poets	Jazz Bands	Percussion
Folk	Dancers	Bands

Evening entertainment on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th May, plus a range of activities during the day on Saturday 19th.

Your £5 wristband gets you into every venue, all weekend!

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