

29 June 2018

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Class of 2018 - The Prom

The Year 11's big night finally arrived on Wednesday when the pupils gathered one last time to celebrate their years at Penwortham Priory Academy in style.

The event, held at Charnock Farm, Leyland, was the perfect opportunity for the hardworking Year 11s to let their hair down after the exam season and a chance to say goodbye to the staff who have challenged and supported them through their school days.

The pupils arrived in vehicles of many shapes and sizes, from stretched limousines to a cavalcade of sports cars and even a camper van!

The pupils in the Prom Committee spent many hours organising the event alongside Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Crank. Attendees were reminded of their Year 7 school photograph amongst other snippets of school memories displayed throughout the evening.

Awards ensued after the meal, presented by Priory's very own 'Ant and Dec': Mr Hardcastle and Mr Taylor. Full list of winners and further photographs are shown on the back pages of the newsletter.

The evening tailed away with some shapes being thrown on the dance floor and many farewell hugs at the end of a very memorable night.

### Attendance Winning Forms

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

**Rest -  
R5 (99.09%)**

Well done to Miss Creer's form!

### Prospectus Photography Reply Slip Reminder

Please could parents sign and return the photography consent form.

At the end of term we will have a photographer in school to take images for the prospectus. We will be capturing day to day life in the school in a variety of different ways, across all activities and year groups. In order to do this effectively, we really need as many of our pupils to be involved as possible.

Please sign and return the reply slip no later than Friday, 6 July.

### 'Get Caught Reading' Is Now Go!

The English Department's latest initiative is now live.

Pupils who get caught reading will be entered into the draw for a £10 Amazon voucher each week and will also receive a certificate.

This week's winner will be announced on Monday.

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## KEY DATES

**Year 8 Lake District Trip**  
2 & 3 July 2018

**Year 10 College Sampling Days**

Newman - Mon, 2 July  
Preston's - Tues, 3 July

**New Pupil & Parents**

**Evening** (2018 Intake)

Wed, 4 July 2018

**New Pupil Induction Day**

Thurs, 5 July 2018

**Sports Day**

Fri, 6 July 2018

**Year 10 Exams**

W/c 9 July 2018

**Homework Club Reward**

**Trip (MOSI)** (by invitation)

Tues, 10 July 2018

**Year 7 Parents Evening**

Wed, 11 July 2018

**Penwortham In Bloom**

**Judging** (in school)

Weds, 11 July 2018

**The Model Village Trip** (by invitation)

Thurs, 12 July 2018

**Author Visit** (in school)

Tues, 17 July 2018

**Blackpool Rewards Trip**

Wed, 18 July 2018

**Isle of Wight Residential**

Wed, 18 - Sun, 22 July

**End of Year Closure**

Fri, 20 July 2018

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

# Year 10 Science Revision Guides

# Revision

To support learning in Key Stage 4 we have secured a limited stock of GCSE Science revision guides. The books are offered to schools at a discount compared with their retail prices as we are able to purchase bulk orders. The books are compatible with the AQA GCSE specifications that the school follows.

If you would like to purchase any of these Science revision materials for your child, please complete the order form on the letter that has been given out to Year 10 pupils this week. Orders must be returned to Ms Young by Friday, 6 July with the correct remittance.

Copies of the letter and order form can also be downloaded from the school's website at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters).

## Checking for Head Lice

Please could parents be reminded to check your children's hair thoroughly and regularly and treat if you find lice. We have had several reports from parents recently who have asked if we can remind other parents so that repeated instances are not occurring. Pupils with short hair are just as likely to pick up these critters as those with long hair.

Getting into the habit of regular checking is advised. It is also emphasised that treatment needs repeating a couple of days later to catch any eggs that might have hatched since the initial treatment. Everyone in the household should also check and treat where necessary. Thank you for your co-operation.



## Year 7 Parents Evening 4pm-7pm Weds, 11 July

We encourage parents to attend the evening to discuss your child's end of year target levels, homework, quality of work and work ethic. Subject teachers will be there to provide updates and summaries as your child completes their first year with us.

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.

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# Lancashire Book of the Year - The Judging

*Written by Imogen, D7*

On Tuesday this week, three Year 9 pupils; Miya, May and myself, Imogen were invited to Lancashire County Hall to discuss the Lancashire Book of the Year 'young adult fiction' shortlist.

We spent the morning putting our opinions across about the eleven shortlisted books which we (and a group of other Year 9 students) had been tasked to read.

By the afternoon we had to make a decision as to who would be the winner. Votes were made to decide the top five, which are to be kept secret from the public, before a final vote where each participant chose a winner and a runner up.

A winner was decided on the day but nobody will know until the unveiling on 6 July who that winner is!



## 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.

If you would like to find out more about what the job entails, please contact the Head's PA, Mrs Spencer. Application forms can be requested by emailing [s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk) or calling in to Reception for a copy.

Closing date Fri, 13 July 2018.

Interviews w/c 16 July 2018.



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### 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](mailto:s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk) | 01772 320252

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Closing date Fri, 13 July 2018. Interviews w/c 16 July 2018.

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

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# The Day Priory Went To Westminster

Four Year 9 Penwortham Priory Academy pupils were part of history as they attended the celebration of life for Professor Stephen Hawking at Westminster Abbey.

His ashes were interred at Scientists' Corner alongside Sir Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin and four Priory pupils along with science teacher Ms Young were lucky enough to be at the service.

May, Miya, Verity and Colin were chosen as they have all just taken their Astronomy GCSE – the youngest in Priory's history to take the exam.

The Hawkings family wanted 1,000 members of the public to attend the service and opened a ballot.

There was a separate ballot for schools as they particularly wanted to give pupils chance to attend - and these four Priory pupils were selected.



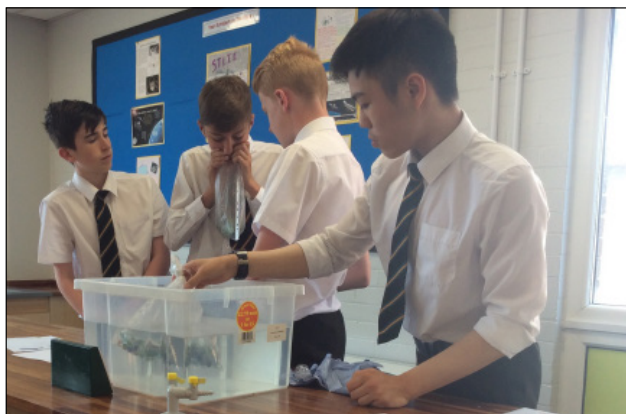
"It was a huge honour being there," said Colin. "It was emotional but it was also to celebrate his life so it was positive as well. It's something I will never forget."



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# Physics Olympics



A team of four Year 9 Priory pupils were invited to compete against teams from schools across the Chorley and South Ribble area to see who would be this year's Physics Olympics champions.

The event, held at Albany Academy on Tuesday, involved the pupils taking part in five different activities testing different physics skills such as estimating huge values, building towers, bridges and powering a car from a balloon.

The pupils did fantastically well and were awarded 3rd overall.

Miss Conyngham, Science teacher, who accompanied the group said, "The pupils really enjoyed the day and the science department are excited to take another team next year!"

The top image shows the pupils trying to float as many marbles as they can using very limited materials.

Well done Josh I, Matthew D, Colin C and Ben W.



## Mini Masters Event

On Thursday this week, Priory's Year 9 Sparks were treated to a Masterclass day hosted by Ormskirk School.

Pupils chose three workshops from thirteen Masterclasses on offer according to their areas of interest.

Sessions designed to spark further interest in a range of educational areas included, 'Designing humans: The Future Generation', 'The Greatest Showman. How Great Is It?', 'Have I Got News For You?' and 'A Graphics Approach to Printing'.

Delivered by staff from the twelve schools in attendance, Mr Taylor's music focussed session was entitled "How far can you change a melody until it is unrecognisable?"

Seven of the fourteen pupils that attended were awarded 'best in class'. Head of Music, Mr Taylor, who accompanied the pupils commented, "The pupils had a very engaging day and left a very positive impression on all". One pupil said that the session she attended was the best she had ever been to and now plans to study philosophy.

Well done to James A-W, Rayhan B, Colin C, Matthew D, Cieran D, Imogen K, Isaac M, Jack P, Mustafa R, Lauren R, May R, Ryan S, Lucy S and Ben W.



# SPORTS REPORT

## Sports Day Friday, 6 July



### House colours at the ready!

Next Friday is Sports Day and the weather is looking good. Team sheets have now been completed with House Progress Leaders and those taking part will know what events they're competing in.

Athletes and spectators will need to wear their full PE kit however they can bring something representing their house colour to wear whilst in the supporters' area. Pupils can wear ribbons, sashes, scarves or other appropriate items with their House colours, however, they must be in full school uniform before and after the event.

May we remind pupils to bring plenty of fluids, suncream, caps etc to protect themselves from the sun whilst on the field.

Who will take Ribble's crown from last year?



## South Ribble Schools Athletics Championships

Today (Friday) Priory is competing against other South Ribble schools at Robin Park in Wigan for the district's under 14s championships.

Year 7, 8 & 9 boys and girls have been chosen for their athletic ability and commitment through the year and will compete in a maximum of two track and field events, plus the relay.

Last year our Key Stage 3 pupils came third overall so hopefully we can prove successful once again.



### Cricket Leaders

Thursday saw Priory's young cricket leaders visit Vernon Carus Cricket Club once again, this time to umpire and score the Year 4 primary school's Kwik competition.

The competition was run by South Ribble Cricket Development Group.

Thank you and well done to - Hayden W, Jake F, Jack B and Joseph S.

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# Why Volunteer?

This week's Social, Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) focussed on volunteering.

Volunteering is any activity that involves spending time, unpaid, doing something that aims to benefit the environment or someone (individuals or groups) other than, or in addition to, close relatives. Volunteering provides a way of giving your time and skills to help others and to progress yourself.

**Why volunteer?** Learn or develop a new skill, be part of your community, gain a sense of achievement, gain new experiences, to give something back and boost career options are just a few of the many reasons to volunteer.



## Year 10 Pupils

### Summer volunteering opportunities at Leyland Play Scheme.

Play Scheme is a registered charity that strives to provide a valuable service to parents and children in the locality, as well as undertaking to provide an opportunity for young people to give back to their local community as volunteer play leaders.



**Why Volunteer?**

- Looks great to future employers and universities
- Give something back to the community
- Develop your team & leadership skills
- and most of all **It's great fun!**

**How do I get involved?**

Simply book onto ONE of our Play Leadership training days listed below and take it from there!  
You will also need to attend our Skills Training Day on Sunday 15th July.

**Play Leadership Training Course Dates (choose 1)**

Sat 23rd June	Leyland
Sun 24th June	Samlesbury
Sun 1st July	Leyland
Sun 1st July	Samlesbury
Sat 7th July	Samlesbury
Sun 8th July	Leyland

**To get involved go to**  
[www.playscheme.org/volunteer](http://www.playscheme.org/volunteer)

All volunteers must attend a Play leadership training course and be available to volunteer on one or both of the weeks of play scheme. You will also need to attend skills training day on Sunday, 15 July.

Please check out the website for full information.

[www.playscheme.org/web/get-involved/](http://www.playscheme.org/web/get-involved/)

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# The Prom (Continued from front page)

**Priory's resident compares, Mr Taylor and Mr Hardcastle announce the Prom awards, voted for by the committee.**

# CLASS OF 2018

*Most likely to win the lottery but lose the ticket* - Robert Nichol

*Best sportswoman* - Charlotte Draper

*Best sportsman* - Josh Traynor, Filip Ral

*Biggest flirt* - Hanzlah Ali

*Most likely to get ID'd when they're 30* - Thomas Cain

*Most likely to become a nun* - Evie Ridout

*Best attendance* - Natalie Mcduff

*Best fake tan* - Liv Jacques

*Most gullible* - Abdul Malik

*Most loved person in our year* - Jack Banks

*Funniest laugh* - Anika Nayee

*Biggest drama queen* - Halima Atchia

*Class clowns* - Connor Leadbetter and Romi Hindle



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