

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Miss Thornton Takes On A New Role

Penwortham Priory Academy's Head of English for the last six years has been given a dynamic new role at the school.

Miss Thornton moved into a new senior role in Teaching and Learning at Priory last month as she looks to help to the school progress even further.

Miss Thornton has been at Priory since her trainee teacher days and was Head of English.

"I am excited about my new role and this is the next step for me," said Miss Thornton. "I love reading academic literature and my new job is to study this for best teaching methods and looking at ways of applying it into the classroom.

"I can try it in my lessons and, if successful, disseminate it to other staff. I will be working closely with the Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Cowell, to find the best and most up-to-date ways of teaching which will benefit both staff and students at Priory."

Miss Thornton remains as a teacher of English and is also Progress Leader for Form C8. Mrs Gidden who joined Priory last month, takes up the position of Head of English.

### ATTENDANCE WINNING FORMS

The poor weather didn't affect attendance last week with four forms gaining 100% attendance:

**Joint 1<sup>st</sup> Place -**  
R1 and R4

**Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Place -**  
(due to 3 pupils arriving late)  
C4 and C5

Well done to Miss Kahn's and Mrs Saunders' forms.

### LEARNING NEWSLETTER - JANUARY ISSUE

Have you seen this month's learning newsletter?

These monthly newsletters are put together by the Deputy Headteacher to support parents to implement tried and tested learning strategies at home, in order to benefit your child and further enhance their educational experiences in the long term.

These newsletters are emailed to parents, however if you missed it you can also download them from the school's website at:

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/newsletters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/newsletters)  
(scroll down the page)

## KEY DATES

**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)

**KINDER+SPORT  
FUTSAL  
TOURNAMENT**  
Fri, 9 February 2018  
(by invitation)

**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



# 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 have been sent home with your child and we ask parents to provide an indication of your attendance by completing the reply slip and returning it to your child's Progress Leader. Your child has also been given an appointment sheet to book discussion time with their teachers and we would ask that you monitor its completion.

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## Year 8 and 9 Options

Looking forward to your child's future, our team will endeavour to provide information regarding future Key Stage 4 courses through option stalls and discussions with current Key Stage 4 pupils. Next week Year 9 pupils will attend an options assembly where they will be given advice on which options to continue to study in Year 10.

Options booklets will be emailed to pupils and parents containing information on the courses available. Copies can also be downloaded from the school website at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/year-8-and-year-9-options](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/year-8-and-year-9-options).

Over the next few weeks all pupils will have an individual interview with their House Progress Leader and Mr Gee or Mrs Crank, where they will receive advice and guidance to help with the decision about which subjects to opt for. During this they will receive a sheet with information from the interview along with an options form which should be returned to school by 22 February.

Please note whilst we will endeavour to accommodate the combination of option subjects pupils would like to study, in some cases this may not be possible.

If parents have any general questions about the option process please email Ms Young, Assistant Headteacher, at [h.young@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:h.young@priory.lancs.sch.uk). For subject specific enquiries, the email addresses of the subject leaders can be found in the option booklet.



## Priory Slam Dunk at Basketball Match

Priory's Year 10 basketball team scored an impressive victory in their South Ribble Schools League game against Hutton Grammar on Tuesday.

Mr Bullock, Priory's Head of PE & Sport said, "The hours of practice at break and lunch times paid off as the Priory team scored well throughout the quarters."

Ryan Waring was top scorer as Priory ended the game winning 37-23.

## Football

On Thursday, the Year 9 football team played in the second round of the Lancashire Schools FA Cup winning 9-2 against All Saints Catholic School, Rawtenstall. Their victory takes them into the third round next week against Blackburn's St Bedes.

Team coach, Mr Faulkner commented, "It was an outstanding team performance from the start and I have every confidence that the boys will be just as successful in the next round which will take us through to the quarters." Players of the match were Ceiran Dowd and Jake Fisher.

## Cricket

After the girl's victory last week it was the boy's turn to take part in the South Ribble Chance to Compete Super Eights indoor cricket competition at South Ribble Tennis Centre.

The Under 15s team came 3rd doing slightly better than the Under 13s who came 4th in their group.

## Badminton

Following success at the South Ribble Competition, four Priory boys represented the district in the Lancashire round of the National Badminton Tournament.

The boys played at Blackpool on Thursday and unfortunately they didn't win, however we are very proud of our South Ribble champions:

Guy Wallace, Zaman Amin, Joel Gardner, Naawy Ali.



# Grow Your Own Herb Garden for Food Technology Department



Penwortham Priory Academy is growing its own herbs to use in its award-winning Food Technology department – and more.

The school's gardener Mr Farron, who has won his own Penwortham in Bloom awards, has helped to transform the gardens at the school and is now looking to bring his expertise inside.

"I decided a herb garden would be a great idea to benefit the students at the school," said Mr Farron, whose background is in soil engineering.

"They can go on the windowsills and, while they can be used in Food Technology in food preparation and cooking, in savoury and sweet dishes, they can also be used for medicinal purposes, to deal with stings and bites.

"I want it to be educational, where students can learn more about herbs, the different colours, smells and which insects are attracted to them. I also want to extend it to other items we can grow inside such as fruit, chilli and vegetables.

"The students can also take seeds home and grow things themselves so it will give them responsibility too. I want to encourage a growing culture at Priory."

Photo: Year 7 pupils - Daisy Diprose, Cora Prescott and Alexander Pugh.

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## GOSPEL CHOIR WORKSHOP & CONCERT

Weds, 7 February  
7pm



### Tickets Now Available

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 'One 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).**

## Alumni Update - Jordan North

### Former Priory Pupil Hits the Big Time

DJ Jordan North is going from strength to strength after landing a prime-time slot on Radio 1. Jordan, who left Priory in 2006, will present Radio 1's Greatest Hits show every Sunday morning as part of the station's new weekend schedule.

Jordan started his career on Preston FM and Rock FM. After leaving Rock FM in 2016, Jordan moved to London to try to crack the broadcasting scene. He subsequently landed himself a guest slot in Radio 1's 50th anniversary celebrations last September.

Jordan said: "What a great start to my 2018 - I'm absolutely made up! "It's no secret that this has been a childhood ambition of mine, so to get my own show on Radio 1 and officially be part of the family is just amazing." \*

Jordan will start the role on Sunday, 25 February alongside other permanent newcomers. His new show will be broadcast live every Sunday from 10am to 1pm.

Radio 1 controller Ben Cooper said: "Jordan's got that great northern wit, that ability to tell a great story, and he's down to earth in talking about it."

\*Quotes courtesy of Lancashire Evening Post

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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](mailto:v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk).

## CAREERS NOTICE FOR YEAR 11 PUPILS

Any Year 11 pupil requiring advice on applying for an apprenticeship with an employer, help with a CV or advice on completing a personal statement for college can see Mr Ficorilli who will be available in the exams office at break and lunch to offer help and support.

# 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 shortly. 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.

**See back page of newsletter for full details.**

## Polite Notice - 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.

Thank you for your co-operation.



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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

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

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