

# Penwortham Priory Post



## We Are Full!

Penwortham Priory Academy is expanding again as the school is once more full for Year 7s in the 2018/9 school year.

Last year, 175 signed up for Year 7 and Headteacher, Mr Eastham, had to employ extra staff to cope with the demand. This year, the maximum 180 students want to start at Priory in September and that's a huge boost for the school which had just 100 pupils signed up in 2011.

"It's got to the stage where we are having to turn students away which we don't like doing," said Mr Eastham.

"We don't like disappointing students but, because of numbers, it is just not possible. It is great to see that our pupil numbers have continued to grow alongside our academic outcomes and pastoral reputation.

"We employed four new members of staff last September to cope with the growing demand from students who wanted to learn with us and we will be adding to our numbers this year."

There has also been substantial building work at the school over the years with a new technology block, a new humanities building, a state-of-the-art science block and a new school gym. An impressive £1.4m IT block is currently being built which will also have a community space.

"We are delighted that the dedication of staff is paying off with our increased numbers and the new facilities do also make a difference to the learning experience," added Mr Eastham. "It's an exciting time to be at Priory."

Letters have now been sent to pupils who have been offered a place at Priory which will include details of their induction.

## Attendance Winning Forms

Despite the atrocious weather pupils did their best to maintain high attendance.

The 100% attendance award goes to:

H1

Second place was awarded to D2 with 98.28% and H7 coming up third with 98.18%

Well done to Mr Wall's form!

## Geography Wycoller Trip

The trips w/c 12 March unfortunately have had to be cancelled.

Due to the recent weather, the water table is too high and therefore not safe for the pupils to visit.

Pupils have been informed and the trip will be rearranged.

## Year 9 & 10 Immunisations

Deadline for return of consent forms for the DTP and Meningitis immunisations was Friday, 9th March.

Any outstanding forms should be brought to the school office by break time latest on Monday morning.

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## KEY DATES

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

**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

**Mid Term Closure**  
28 May - 1 June 2018

**Year 10 Parents  
Evening**  
Wed, 6 June 2018

# Year 11 Leaver's Prom

## Save the date! Weds, 27 June

The date they've all been waiting for! This year's prom will be held at the Charnock Farm, Wigan Road, Leyland.



Letters with full details will be issued to Year 11 pupils early next week.

Arrivals on the night will be from 6pm, with the formal meal served at 6.30pm, followed by a disco until 11pm. The finer details regarding the meal choice are yet to be confirmed.

We have also arranged for a photographer to attend the evening to capture this special event.

We must take this opportunity to remind everyone that attendance to the prom is subject to pupil's behaviour, attitude and attendance at school, and the school will make the final decision regarding this.

## Year 11 Leaver's Hoodies

Hoodies this year will be navy blue with 'Leavers 18' on the back.

Sizes available are small, medium, large and extra large. Senior prefects will have samples available for Year 11 pupils to try for size before placing their order.



Hoodies are priced at £15 each.

Order forms will be sent out with the school prom letter early next week.

Forms must be returned by Wednesday, 21 March 2018 at the absolute latest in order for us to meet the supplier's deadline for delivery. Please note there can be no extras added to the order after this date.

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# Priory's Young Engineers Attend BAE Systems for Robot Challenge Regional Finals

Pupils from Priory's Lego Club were invited to attend BAE Systems on Wednesday after they had reached the regional finals of the Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge.

Mr Sneddon and Mr Hunter, who run The Lego Club every Tuesday lunchtime, worked with pupils on their entry and as the competition neared, it's keenest members continued to attend after school on a Thursday.

Pupils - Rhianne Leach, Connor Speirs, Zack Lamb, Liam Cooley and Ethan Taylor - worked on a challenge which was put together by Tomorrow's Engineers, in partnership with BAE Systems, Rolls Royce and the RAF to name but a few.

The team had to build a Lego robot programmed to go as fast as possible over a 4 metre long track. The team placed third with a time of 2.86 seconds on the day losing out by just one hundredth of a second to first place.

Pupils then showcased their robot's skills on the challenge mat where they were tasked to collect two engines; open a barrier; retrieve an aeroplane; close the barrier and collect humanitarian aid, finally taking on a ramp set at a 50 degree incline. Unfortunately the team had a few issues after the robot fell off the table in practice, ultimately rendering some of the challenges impossible in the short time they were given.

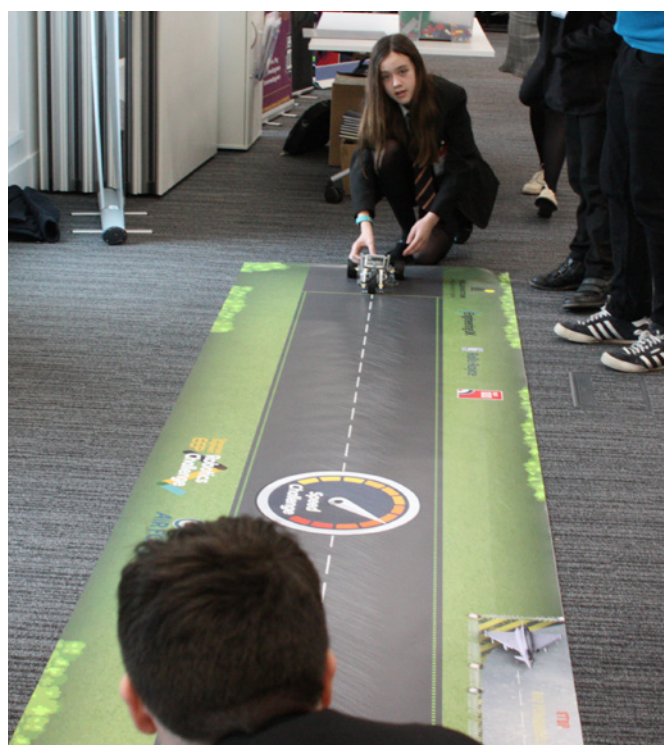
Mr Sneddon, who accompanied the pupils said, "The panel of BAE engineers were really enthused by the pupils' project presentation and particularly the video which Rhianne had worked hard on. The team fielded the questions thrown at them in a calm and collected thorough way - the judges were very impressed."

The robot design session proved to be an excellent team display and was judged to be the best on the day. Mr Sneddon commented, "The pupils described how they had built the robot and any problems they had to overcome in order for it to work."

The team came away from the day with a 'Best in Robot Design'. Rhianne Leach was singled out for her performance and contribution to the whole day, and received a goody bag.

There were engineers from several high profile organisations supporting activities during the day and pupils were encouraged to find out what they do.

Mr Sneddon ended by saying, "Although the team may not have won overall, they gained skills in presenting, public speaking and problem solving which will stand them in good stead in the future. All the team should be very proud of what they have achieved."



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# Basketballers slam dunk again

## SPORTS REPORT



An outstanding performance saw Priory's Year 10 Basketballers beat a strong team from Balshaws High School at Wednesday night's South Ribble Schools League match.

Some fantastic screens from Michael Westworth opened the way for numerous baskets from Ryan Waring and Eddan Avila.

The final score was an impressive 45 - 30.

Mr Bullock, Head of PE & Sport at Priory said, "This was another excellent performance, continuing the boys' unbeaten start to the season".

Well done to Eddan Avila, Thomas Cottam, Ryan Waring, Lucian Florea, Peter Sofokleous, Michael Westworth and Sulayman Randall.

## Lancashire Indoor Athletics Competition

Following success at the district indoor athletics competition, Priory's Year 8 boys were invited to take part in the Lancashire stage on Wednesday evening at Blackpool Sports Centre.

The boys teamed up with Penwortham Girls High School to represent the South Ribble district. Taking part in both track and field events, together they finished in 7th place out of the 14 contingents.

PE Teacher, Mr Faulkner, who accompanied the team said, "It was a fantastic team effort with some doing events that were not their strength but they did their best for their team. They were a credit and represented the school superbly"

Well done to Connor Shacklady, Hayden Middleton, Adam Wallace, Leon Parker-Livesey, Daniel Shuttleworth, David Macpherson.



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# New IT Block On The Way Up!

Despite the atrocious weather over the past few weeks, the building of Priory's new IT Suite continues to make good progress.

Photos taken over the week show the erection of the initial steel frame which will be followed by the cladding rails ready for the roof installation. The modern design includes a front angled fascia which you can begin to see on the later pictures.

The 1.4M IT suite and community space replaces the ROSLA block or 'B Block' as it was also known. The facility will house an IT suite upstairs with a room downstairs which, in evening and weekends, can be used by the community for classes, parties or as meeting rooms.

The new building, expected to be ready for the next intake in September, will be energy efficient with a heat recovery system, air conditioning and plans for solar panels.



A reminder that whilst on site, the vehicle speed limit is 5 miles per hour. Recently there has been near-miss incidents as pedestrians are approaching the school buildings.

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# Careers Advice 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' Library

Mr Ficorilli has set up a careers library in the English Department between rooms English 3 & 4 for all pupils to access.

There are college prospectuses available as well as other careers literature, particularly useful for lower school pupils.

## Lancashire Apprenticeship Expo

Mr Ficorilli and Mr Gee will be taking Year 11 pupils to the Apprenticeship Expo on Tuesday at Preston Guild Hall (see below). The event is open until 7pm if parents and younger children would like to visit.

**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](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)

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

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals   
NHS Foundation Trust

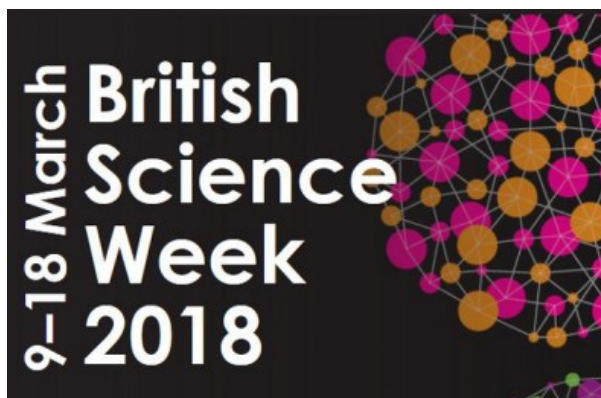
**BAE SYSTEMS**

and many more

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# We're taking part in the UK's biggest celebration of science!

**British Science Week**, run by the British Science Association is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths, featuring entertaining and engaging events and activities across the UK for people of all ages.

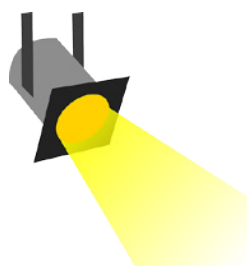
This year's theme is 'exploration and discovery', encouraging young people to think about everyday discoveries and how they affect their lives by exploring science in the world all around us.

- Monday** Experiments in SC5 (Mrs Eastham's Lab) and on The Quad (weather depending)
- Tuesday** We welcome local primary schools to conduct activities with Priory pupils.
- Wednesday** The Big Bang trip, NEC Birmingham  
Over 40 pupils from Years 7-9 have been invited to attend the Big Bang. 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.
- Thursday** Science quiz (great prizes for the winners!)
- Friday** C.S.I (Crime Scene Investigation)



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

There will also be a treasure hunt throughout the week for all pupils to take part in, again a great prize to be won!



## In The Spotlight

Would you like to tell us about your child's achievements whether it's in sport, charity events, public speaking, drama, environmental issues, maths challenges or more? Maybe even someone who has overcome adversity and doesn't mind

talking about it? (we like those stories!)

If this is your child please get in touch with Mrs Yates via email at:

[j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

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