

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Heads-Up for Priory's New Prefects

The new academic year brings extra roles for many of Priory's Year 11 pupils. Hustings and elections at the end of the summer term culminated in Lauryn Parker and Jack Sadler being elected as Head Girl and Head Boy respectively.

The appointment of prefects, house and sports captains is an important aspect of Priory's reward system. Year 11s are given this responsibility to show they can represent the school in a positive and mature manner. They will have had good attendance and discipline and are expected to take part in school events and extra-curricular activities.

Head Boy, Jack, said of his appointment, "I feel honoured and proud to have received the role of Head Boy and will ensure I carry out my job to the best of my ability. I feel this year will go very well for everyone, and I will be there for anyone who may be struggling. I am very grateful for the opportunity and am glad to have such a great community behind me."

Lauryn has a special message for our youngest pupils, "A warm welcome back to all, and a special word of welcome to the Year 7s; you will feel right at home in no time and I will do my very best to help you along the amazing journey ahead of you. I am passionate about helping to create a positive learning environment and I look forward to hearing your ideas or concerns. As your Head Girl, I am very excited about the forthcoming challenges and I know that we will all have a great year."

Lauryn and Jack's first big role will be to welcome prospective pupils and parents at Priory's Open Day on the 28<sup>th</sup> September when they will also be speaking at the headteacher's presentation.

## WINNING FORM

Pupils were keen to start the new year with an excellent attendance record as seven forms achieved top marks last week.

**100% attendance -**  
D1, D3, H2 and R7

**100% attendance and one late -**  
D2, H1 and H4

Homework Club

Homework club will be open every morning in LEAP between 8:00am and 8:40am

Pupils will have access to computers and have the opportunity to prepare for tests and complete homework.

All pupils welcome.

## £1 COIN WITHDRAWAL

In preparation for the old £1 coin being withdrawn from circulation next month, the school will no longer be able to accept them after 29<sup>th</sup> September.

## Lost Property

Already we have a lot of lost property building up.

We have a trolley of lost property outside the school office. Please check there to claim your items.

Valuables are locked in the office so please speak to a member of staff about these.

## Lockers Update (Year 7s)



Apologies for the delay; lockers will be available shortly. If pupils have not yet paid, they should bring their money to the school office in an envelope with their name and form marked on it.

## Busy Bees Return To Their Hive For STEM Competition



These Priory girls have been busy bees this week as they returned to Broad Oaks Primary School for filming following their Leyland Trucks competition success.

Lauren Eccles and Emily Bonney, both Year 7, were invited back to their former school after their 'Truck of the Future' design beat those from schools across Lancashire.

The all-female team of six (four of the girls have now moved on to a different high school) were crowned winners, with a model of their truck design powered by honey, unveiled at the annual Leyland festival. Their idea came after the girls began to think about habitats which need protecting.

The competition was set up by South Ribble Borough Council, in partnership with Leyland Trucks and Educational Consultancy STEMFirst. It seeks to promote links between schools and businesses, encouraging engagement in science, technology, engineering and maths subjects (STEM).

Students were asked to design either a futuristic delivery truck to transport smaller packages to multiple locations, or a long-distance bulk vehicle to carry larger or heavy loads across long distances. Pupils were asked to consider a lot of details, including the cost, look, safety factors, emissions, noise, adaptability, maintenance and size and weight – a big ask. The STEM Ambassador judges marked each group on teamwork, research, ideas and creativeness, and design, allowing them to show us a broad range of their skills.

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# Year 11 Careers Advice and Guidance

Our Independent Careers Adviser is available in school this coming term every Monday to arrange individual career appointments with Year 11 pupils in the first instance. Pupils may want to talk about: the world of colleges, employers and apprenticeships, other training opportunities, voluntary options and higher education.

Local colleges and 6th forms have also been invited to deliver assemblies so pupils will have an awareness of all post-16 options and have access to prospectuses. Priory also has a Careers Library based in the English Department with lots of information and resources.

Mr Ficorilli, Independent Careers Adviser, is also offering lunchtime drop-in sessions in the meeting room on the pastoral corridor.

He will also be in attendance at parents evenings should you have any questions.

Careers advice is available on the following dates this term: Mondays - 18th, 25th September, 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd October.

We encourage pupils to access the service.



## **DODDLE** [www.doddlelearn.co.uk](http://www.doddlelearn.co.uk)

Doddle Parent, Priory's online homework application, 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.

A letter containing a unique parent key code has been sent home with your child this week. The letter gives a little detail about what DODDLE is and also includes details of how to access your child's account to monitor what homework is being set and done. There is also an accompanying parent guide leaflet.

Pupils will have the responsibility to engage with the resources that their teachers set them and to press 'SUBMIT' when they have either done the online task or completed their homework and handed it in.

Parents that are having difficulty using the link in the letter can also create an account or log in by typing 'doddle parent create an account' in to the Google search bar and clicking on the search results.

Downloading the latest Puffin web browser will support the Flash/interactive sections on an iPad.

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## BOOK FAIR

The book fair will be arriving at school next Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September.

There will be books, stationery and posters to buy as well as the opportunity to spend time having a bit of fun.

The fair will be at school for one week.

## MEYMAC TRIP

22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May 2018

An adventure holiday has been planned to the resort of Meymac in France next year.

There are only 40 places available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Interested pupils should collect a letter giving further information from the House Progress Leaders' office.

# The Fabulo

Over the summer three of Priory's pupils took part



## Finley Beard

Finley's debut on the world stage was cut short by a ligament injury.

The 14-year-old qualified for the FIM World Youth Motocross Championships in Estonia over the summer holidays.

Finley, who won the British 85cc Big Wheel Champion in 2016, travelled there after finishing in the top three in the British 125cc Championships, competing against boys aged up to 17.

"I qualified for the finals after I finished 28th out of 60 competitors but, in the first ride, I misjudged a jump and I landed badly and

tore the ligaments in my ankle.

"I was gutted, I had an MRI scan straight away so I knew I couldn't really carry on competing. It's one of the hazards of motocross."

It hasn't put Finley, who is part of the Putoline Husqvarna Planet Racing Scotland team, off. He aims to move up a category to the 250cc championships and conquer the world next year.

"I want to qualify for the World Championships in Australia next year."



## Jay Fairbank

Jay competed in America over the summer too – but a broken hand ended his world championship chances.

"It was my first time in America so I was excited," said Jay, 15, who rides for Preston Pirates BMX Club.

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# us Biker Boys!

in biking championships across the world. Here's how they got on...

## Leon Parker-Livesey

Leon said he hit top gear when he competed abroad for the first time this summer.

Leon travelled to America to take part in the UCI World BMX Championships in South Carolina. The 12-year-old secured the coveted spot after a successful year of racing in the National Series where he qualified to represent GB. At the end of this year he finished number one in the National Male BMX rider rankings for his age group, he was number two in the National Series 12 BMX rankings and was runner-up in the British Championships for his age group.

“It was quite scary competing abroad as there were a lot of people watching on the course and my BMX friends could watch it live on YouTube so I did feel the pressure more than I would in a normal event,” said Leon, who rides for Preston Pirates BMX Club.



Leon, who was asked to join Factory Team Bikes (FTB), the best BMX team in the country, finished an impressive 15th out of 109 riders from three countries at the Rockhill course in South Carolina. “There were six races over a day. I had to finish in the top three in the first three races to get through to the next round and then I finished fourth in the fourth race to get through to the semi-final. I finished eighth in the semi-final which made me 15th overall. I enjoyed the challenge and it was good fun competing in America.”

Leon's focus next year is the European BMX Championships a bit closer to home in France. “There isn't anything I don't like about BMX. I love the freedom of riding around on the track and doing manuals and jumps. I am always the last one to leave the track. I love it.”

“The course was low and smooth and, while I didn't mind the smooth, I wasn't so keen on the low. I crashed into New Zealand rider on the corner in my second round. I did manage to finish and then I took part in the third round where I finished fourth but I didn't qualify for the final round. It was only when I got back to England that I was diagnosed with a broken hand and I was gutted as I felt it did affect my chances.”

Jay isn't deterred though as he aims to go to Azerbaijan next year to compete in the World Championships again – and avoid an injury this time. “I will move up an age group to the male 16 category and take part in the British BMX series next year and I hope to qualify for the worlds again.”

The sport of BMX Racing was introduced into the Beijing Olympics and Jay has a dream. “My dream is to become a BMX Olympic Champion,” he added.

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## Do you have a child starting primary or secondary school in Sept 2018?

If you have a child due to start primary or secondary school in September 2018 then you can apply for a place online at:

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 and/or if your child is in his or her last year of primary school from 4th September 2017.

Please apply even if an older brother or sister is already attending your preferred school. (non-Lancashire residents must approach their home Local Authority)

Closing date for applications are 31st October 2017 for secondary and 15th January 2018 for primary.

# OPEN EVENING - 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER



## Open Evening

**Thurs, 28th September  
4pm to 9pm**

**Headteacher's speech at  
4:30pm & 7pm**

## Open Days

**Thurs, 5th October and  
Fri, 6th October  
Anytime between 9am-3pm**

**No appointment necessary**

## Pupil Volunteers at Open Evening

Pupils with a good attitude, attendance and behaviour record will be invited to become pupil ambassadors at the Open Evening on 28<sup>th</sup> September. Letters will be given out by subject leaders early next week.

Please note that on that date school will not be open during the day due to staff INSET. With this in mind, your child will not need to be in school until 3.30pm.

All pupils who have volunteered must be in full school uniform. Volunteers will be advised to bring a packed meal with them, although light refreshments will be available. Secure arrangements must be made for your child to be collected from school at 9.00pm in order to ensure their safe passage home.

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