

# Penwortham Priory Post

## Priory Governor Special

**As you may or may not be aware, we recently advertised some Parent Governor vacancies and we are delighted to say we have filled all three positions.**

In light of this fantastic news, we would like to welcome all three governors to the panel and would like to share their applying statements for you to read.

The governors play a particularly important role in school, meeting regularly to scrutinise the work of Priory in order for the best outcomes for students at this school.

Their terms will commence at the next Full Governors Meeting on 28 March, 2017 and will last for four years.

Our previous Parent Governors, Michelle Beare and Louise Gaffing, whose terms are due to expire, will be staying with us as Community Governors meaning we can welcome three new governors.

So with that in mind, we would like to extend the warmest of welcomes to Gina Herd, Michaela Catherine Turner and Atiquah Vohra to the Penwortham Priory Academy Governors Board!

**Gina Herd:** I work full time as a Business Support Leader for an Engineering Consultancy Company. This role means I manage a team of Document Controllers, Business Administrators and Business Analysts. I am interested in becoming a school governor as I have acquired a wide variety of skills and knowledge which I hope will be an asset to the governing team and support to the school's hard working staff and management team.

I am currently doing a degree in Leadership and Management through the Open University.

I have no previous experience, nor have I worked within education, if I am chosen to become a parent governor, I feel that I can bring a fresh perspective to the work of the existing governors/ In the past I have been on a parochial church council and held the post of secretary.

If I am chosen, I would play my part in the team, attend regular meetings and hopefully bring my experience from my current business working environment and play a supportive role for our school.

**Michaela Catherine Turner:** I would like to put myself forward for the role of Parent Governor. I am dedicated to ensuring my child receives a good, well-rounded education and I know that with support from me; my husband and school, she will thrive.

I believe in an education which provides positive reinforcement and encouragement to its pupils and would like to have the opportunity to be part of a governing body which can ensure the pupils who attend Priory receive the best education and support the school has to offer.

I am an honest, reliable and motivated person with excellent organisational skills. I can comfortably communicate with people of all ages and walks of life. I have worked for BAE Systems for over 25 years in many roles and I feel the skills I have learned over these years would be of great benefit to the governing body. I believe children today need to take as many opportunities as they can to be able to learn and grow into responsible adults, ready to face the world of work. Priory, in my opinion, is the first step on the ladder to ensure all their pupils achieve their goals.

**Meet the  
Governors:  
Alexis  
Taylor**



**I joined the Governing Body as a Teacher Governor at Priory in 2010, having originally joined the school as a teacher in 2000.**

It provides me with a fascinating insight to the running of the school outside of my teaching role.

In my spare time, I like to travel around Europe, particularly to France and Portugal. I also enjoy both playing and watching Football.

**Join us at  
Priory!**

**The opportunity has arisen to join the staff here at Priory.**

The role is that of a Permanent Welfare Assistant, working 1pm—2pm, term time only with some flexibility needed.

Should you be interested in applying or more information, please email:

s.howarth@priory.lancs.sch.uk

## Winning Forms

We had joint winners last week with Miss Lewis-Lavender's C3 and Mr Wall's H1 both achieving 99.47% attendance and no lates.

Well done to all!

## Parking Notice

May we please remind parents in being considerate where they park when picking up their children at the end of the school day.

We have had a spike of complaints about inconsiderate parking recently and we must remind you that Crow Hills Road is a residential street.

Can we also remind you that we have a strict 5mph speed limit within the school gates and that Crow Hills Road is a 20mph limit zone.

There are many pedestrian students, as well as cycling students, at the beginning and the end of the school day and these speed limits are in place for the safety of everybody.

May we also ask parents not to park by the silver railings as this stops the school buses getting on site.

Thank you to all for your co-operation.

**Atiquah Vohra:** I am a legal, governance and compliance specialist with a huge passion for governance of public and private companies, for the benefit of the future generation. I feel a sense of satisfaction through knowing children will benefit from my efforts.

It would also grant me the opportunity to develop new skills and to strengthen existing ones whilst working with a wide range of people from a variety of social, cultural and religious backgrounds.

The opportunity to utilise my skills and experience in key areas such as compliance, finance and HR, personnel, target setting and strategic planning would also benefit the school. Moreover, the opportunity to gain an awareness of the education system as a whole would

be a great addition to what is already gained in the corporate sector.

There is also a very real sense of adding value and giving children the best possible opportunities in life. The additional opportunity for personal and career development which cannot be underestimated.

I believe in leading the path to those of the next generation in order to flourish as best as possible; and in order to do so, it is incumbent that a solid structure and a multi-skilled board is in place to help make this happen. I am also a human rights and policy governance research master at UCLan, which I hope will show the dedication I hold towards the rights of a brighter future for all.



## A Flipping Good Time in Tech!

**We wouldn't expect any less as Miss Lewis-Lavender put on a Pancake master class in Food Technology this week.**

Shrove Tuesday crepe'd up on us all this year and Year 9 pupils enjoyed making pancakes in lesson, although it was a toss up between what the best

kind of pancake was—French style Crepes or American style breakfast pancakes.

We would usually reach out to some of the students in the class to let us know which they thought were best, but the pancakes were eaten as quickly as they were cooked!