

Penwortham Priory Post



Ms Young 'Waves' Goodbye to Priory

Priory will say goodbye to Assistant Head Teacher & Head of Science, Ms Young, after nearly 20 years in the science department.

Ms Young came to Priory in 2001 after firstly being at Highfield in Blackpool and then Head of Science at Tulketh. The Headteacher at the time, Mr Young, gave Ms Young the role of Head of Science and she says she has loved every minute of it.

"It's been fantastic. It's strange to think that my first tutor group in 1987 will now be in their 50s! I think the best thing has been seeing the careers former students have gone onto, seeing the lives they have had. I bump into many, I saw a student who has become a successful plumber the other day, and it's great to catch up. It's also been rewarding seeing trainee teachers' progress, one ended up as my son's Head of Year.

"The ethos of Priory has remained the same in those 20 years, it's always been a caring school and there has always been the drive to be more academic.

"Teaching has changed massively though. We were in the old science labs, which dated back to the 1950s, when I started and I was standing in front of a class. Now we have the Nucleus, we have whiteboards and it's a lot more about participating and being active in class, which is what is needed for 21st century students."

Ms Young says one of the highlights was overseeing student Jamie Edwards as he became the youngest person in the world age 13 to create nuclear fusion in school.

"Writing the risk assessment for that was interesting! We had to go to Manchester for high voltage training and that was an eye-opener. That was a memorable part of being here.

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Attendance Winning Forms

Each week the attendance officer calculates the form with the best attendance for 'Year 11s' and 'The Rest' of the school.

Pupils have now moved up a year group in preparation for the new academic year so even though our Year 11s have now left, the Year 10's attendance is now calculated as Year 11.

This week's winners are:

Year 11 (Year 10) -
R1 - 97.08%

The Rest (Years 7-9) -
C7 - 98.1%

Well done to Mr Henshaw's and Mr Bullock's forms.

Summer Arts Evening

Congratulations to the Arts team for Wednesday night's performances.

Pupils put on a very entertaining evening of music, drama and dance in the Auditorio. There was also the opportunity for guests to view Year 11 GCSE artwork.

Drama Teacher Mrs Howells, would like to thank everyone for their support.

"The pupils were a credit to Priory and it was lovely to see so many involved. Bring on the production!"

KEY DATES

GCSE Results Day
Thurs, 22 August 2019
9.30am-11.30am

Start of Autumn Term
Tues, 3 September 2019

Tempest Photography
Years 7, 9 & 11
Tues, 3 September 2019

**Class of 1989
30 Year Reunion**
Sat, 14 September
2.30-5.00pm

**Year 11 Aim & Ambition
Evening**
Weds, 18 Sept 2019
5:30pm-6:30pm

PSHEE Day
Weds, 25 Sept 2019
(Early lunch followed by
early closure at 1:30pm)

INSET Day
School closed
Thurs, 26 Sept 2019

Open Evening
26 Sept 4:30pm - 9pm

Diary Dates

Weds, 18 September
5.30pm-6.30pm

Aim & Ambition Evening (Year 11)



Year 10 pupils (going into Year 11) and their parents are invited to attend the 'Aim and Ambition' night on Weds, 18 September from 5:30pm to 6:30pm where we will share expectations for the year ahead as pupils enter Year 11.

The evening will be vital for Year 11 pupils and parents as we will:

- Share the structure i.e. coursework deadlines, exam dates, parents evening dates, etc.
- Demonstrate and give you experience of accessing all the online resources we use e.g. GCSEPod, MathsWatch, Doodle, etc.
- Remind everyone (pupils and parents) of the passwords for the latter so that parents can help pupils at home.
- Explain what PiXL Independence resources are and how to use them.
- Share our expectations of pupils' attendance at lesson 7 and/or intervention when necessary.
- Issue 'how to revise' advice for pupils and parents.
- Provide further education and careers advice.

Please put this date in your diaries now - 18 September, 5.30pm-6.30pm

Site Maintenance Over The Summer

Priory will look different in September after a successful bid to improve the fencing around the school.

The school has been granted £177,000 from the Education & Skills Funding Agency to have more secure fencing put up around the perimeter of the site.

"We are pleased to have been granted a significant amount of money which is part of our plans for safeguarding," said Headteacher, Mr Eastham.

"The safety of pupils is paramount and this is another step into ensuring Priory is a secure and safe site. From September, there will be automated gates so cars and buses just can't come onto the site and communication about this will be sent out before September about the new ways of accessing the school."

Priory has also been granted £79,000 for their domestic hot and cold water pipes.

"It means we can remove water tanks we don't use, clear ducts under the ground and the general water system will be updated making it healthier and more economic," said Business Manager, Mrs Barker.

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School Photography

Tues, 3 September - Years 7, 9 and 11



We have invited Tempest Photography, specialists in academic photographs, to take official school portraits of pupils who will be in Years 7, 9 and 11 from September.

In addition to a single pose, pupils in these year groups with siblings at Penwortham Priory Academy will have the opportunity to have their photograph taken as a family. The image captured on this day will also be used as your child's identification photograph on the school's information management system.



Procedures for the day: Year 7 period 2, Year 9 period 3, Year 11 period 4 and siblings period 5 into 6.

Photos will subsequently be available for you to view and order direct through Tempest Photography, with a variety of product packs to choose from. All purchases must be done online (details to follow). Once pupils receive a printed order form, parents can order online. Tempest usually give one week to order with free delivery. Any orders placed after this date will incur a delivery charge. Please note that there is no obligation to purchase. Once you have ordered the photos and they arrive at school, your child will sign for them on collection.

For further information, please visit <https://www.htempest.co.uk/our-photography-services/school-photography>

We would like take this opportunity to remind pupils of the importance of maintaining high standards of uniform and presentation.

SCHOOL SYNERGY Coming in September 2019

School Synergy is a solution to help manage communication between home and Priory.

Within School Synergy, school news and information specific to your child is shared in real time. In September, we will launching School Synergy to ensure that as a parent you have as much information as you need at your fingertips.

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is a single place where you can view Priory information for one or more children. With a Parent Portal Code provided by us, you can register and view attendance, behaviour, achievements, parent letters, school calendar, parent communication and much, much more.

During the first week back in September, your son / daughter will bring home a letter with all of the details regarding how to activate your parent portal.

Student Portal

Pupils will also be able to access their own portal where they can see their current attendance, achievements, briefing notes and much, much more.

There will be an app coming very soon, which will also make the portal easy to access on various devices.

If you have questions regarding School Synergy then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Crank d.crank@priory.lancs.sch.uk or Mr Shipton g.shipton@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

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"I also remember taking ten Year 7 students to America which was awesome as we went behind the scenes at NASA and the Kennedy Space Centre as well as Seaworld. I have been to Westminster Abbey to Professor Hawking's interment, been to CERN and had some great experiences."

Ms Young will be 57 when she retires and she may come into school in other roles as she is not leaving STEM behind.

She started the Astronomy GCSE as Priory, taking it herself, and said: "I will continue to be a member of PADAS (Preston and District Astronomy Society) and I was voted onto the Institute of Physics Women in Physics Committee so I will be continuing to promote physics to girls."

For her leaving present, Ms Young will be getting a solar telescope.

"I am really excited about that. I will also run more and relax!"

Headteacher Mr Eastham said: "Ms Young has been a valued and instrumental member of my Senior Leadership Team ever since I became Headteacher five years ago. Before that, both myself and Ms Young were Head of Departments, me in Sport and Ms Young in Science, and so I worked closely with her."

"Ms Young, throughout her 20 years here, has always put Priory first. She will be missed and we wish her all the best in her retirement. We may see her back in school in her other roles."



Gymnastics & Trampoline Summer Camp

12, 13, 14 August 2019 (min age 5)

Morning 10.30am – 12.30pm | Afternoon 1pm – 3pm
All Day 10.30am – 3pm (packed lunch needed)

SESSION CONTENT: All will be able to participate in both gymnastics and trampoline. Beginners and already proficient performers will be catered for under the guidance of the Jump UK team of coaching staff - gymnasts should note their current level on the enrolment form (if a current BG member please also give BG membership number). Participants may choose gymnastics, trampoline or both. However gymnastics will be by limited numbers.

COSTS: Half Day= £10 Full Day= £18 Two Days= £34 Three Days= £50

Contact Jump UK to enrol or for enrolment form.

Jump UK Centre for Gymnastics & Trampoline | 01772 457772 | www.jumpuk.org.uk
Unit 8D Hurstwood Court, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland PR25 3UQ |

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Gymnastics and Trampolining



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Goodbye and Good Luck To Teachers Leaving Us

We have a few teachers leaving us for pastures new today with many going off to teach away from Lancashire and even overseas!

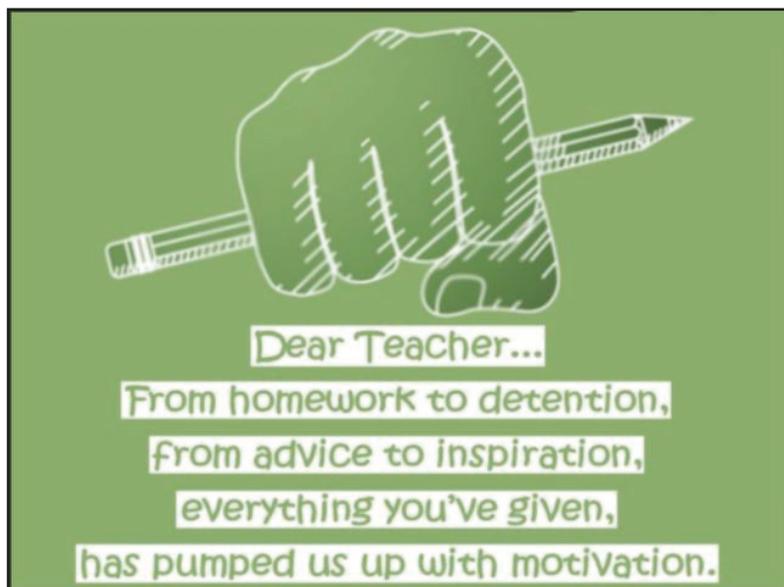
We wish them the best of luck, especially to Ms Young and Miss Lewis-Lavender, who after a combined tenure of 57 years, will be missed the most on their retirement. There have been some lovely, warm messages from former pupils and parents posted on the ladies' Facebook articles over the past few days. Please take a look >> <https://www.facebook.com/PriorySTC/>

Goodbye and Farewell

Ms Young - Head of Science
Mrs Burn - Science
Miss Conyngham - Science
Mr Baker - Maths
Miss Simpkin - English
Miss Lewis-Lavender - Food Technology

Hello and Welcome

Mr Bedford - Head of Science
Mr Barron - Science
Mr Wade - Science
Mr Scott - Maths
Mrs Webster - English
Miss Ackers - Humanities
Miss Makinson - Humanities



CBBC Footballer Talent Search

If you LOVE football and know a trick or two, then you might like to read this. CBBC is looking for a young, talented person who is passionate about football. They want someone to be the face of an exciting new digital project - someone who can take them into their world and show them how to play the game they love. They're looking for someone between 13-19 years old and want you to send them a short video with the following:

- Give us an introduction, and tell us why you love all things football
- Perform a creative football skill or challenge
- Keep it short, around 1-2mins.

The deadline is midnight on Sunday, 28 July. Please look at the full rules of submission before applying.

For further information > <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/cbbc-influencer-talent-search>



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Priory Pupils Earn Words of Praise

Priory students earned words of praise from their employers after the Year 10s spent a week on work experience.

Ethan went back to his former school Howick CE Primary School where he helped out in lessons and with administrative work.

Deputy Headteacher Mr Hunt said: "Ethan is mature, works hard and has been very keen to learn new things. He is a credit to Priory."

Robyn went back to her former nursery, Marylands, and impressed so much she was invited back for the children's graduation.

"I really enjoyed it, I like working with children so it was ideal," said Robyn.

"Robyn has a great positive attitude," said Marylands Nursery Owner Jenny Turner. "She has made a great impact during her week here."

Kiera attended Principle Signs & Graphics and was so good, they have invited her back for summer work!

"It was exciting and I designed my own sign with my friends on!" said Kiera.

"Kiera demonstrated a great 'can do' attitude, got stuck into a variety of jobs and completed them to a high standard," said MD John Valentine.

Liam went to GOS Heating where his brother, ex Priory student Daniel, works.

"It was really interesting and I want to work there in the future. I got stuck in with plumbing and generally made myself useful."

Ben attended James Hall & Co in their IT department. "I learned that there is a lot more than just sending fresh food to suppliers! It's not so straight-forward."

Max's mum is a manager at Pizza Express and he enjoyed his week there. "I got to make a pizza and hope to get a part-time job there when I can."

Assistant Headteacher Mr Gee said: "Priory has always encouraged work experience. You see a massive difference in the students when they come back to school, especially in their confidence and their thoughts on future careers."



SPORTS DAY

Long-held records tumbled at this year's Sports Day.

It was another hot day for it. Both pupils and staff donned their team colours and stretched out the banners to cheer their houses through the day's track and field events. Excellent team spirit accompanied the lively atmosphere on one of the most looked forward to events of the year.

Mr Hardcastle and Mr Taylor were on the microphones directing order, presenting certificates and generally keeping everyone going whilst a crack team of timekeepers, referees, recorders and photographers worked behind the scenes to ensure that everything ran smoothly.

The whole school was out on the field; pupils from Years 7 - 10 competed in track and field events with teachers getting involved in the 4 x 100m relays. **Calder come out on top overall.** Well done to Mrs Eastham's House!

WINNER



Year 7 Girls 300m

E Hiscock (2013)

Year 7 Girls Javelin

S Harrison (2015)

Year 7 Boys 800m

A Wilkes (2003)

Year 8 Boys 800m

S Cowell (2002)

Year 8 Boys 200m

S Cowell (2004)

Year 8 Boys Javelin

S Cowell (2006)

Year 8 Boys Shot

W Jones (2002)

Year 8 Boys Discus

L McAulay (2006)

Year 9 Boys 800m

D MacPherson (2003)

Year 9 Boys Discus

M Catterall (2013)

The year in brackets indicates the date of fallen record.

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Netball World Cup

On Monday, a group of Priory girls set off to Liverpool's M&S Bank Arena to watch the Netball World Cup.



Accompanied by PE Teacher Mrs Bullock, the 24 pupils were lucky enough to watch England play in their Preliminaries Stage Two (PS2) group on Court 1 against South Africa and Jamaica, who also played in the session.

It was a thrilling end to end game. The Priory girls thoroughly enjoyed watching the matches and getting involved in all the activities taking place in the piazza

before the matches.

Mrs Bullock is hoping the trip will inspire the girls to continue to come to netball practice every Monday and Tuesday starting back in September and get involved in clubs outside of school so they can excel just like the England Netball team.

#ThisIsNetball

#NWC2019



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Priory's Physicist of the Year



Year 10 student Colin was praised as 'outstanding' by Ms Young after winning the UCLan Ogden Trust Award for Physics for Priory.

The Ogden Trust aims to increase the uptake of physics for all at post-16, particularly for those from under-represented groups.

Assistant Headteacher Ms Young nominated Colin and said: "Colin is an outstanding Physics student.

"He has already taken his GCSE in Astronomy and will assist with tutoring other students in Astronomy as one of our Science Ambassadors next school year.

"Being a member of the Ogden Trust means Colin may have access to grants and internships which can help him in the future."

Twenty-seven pupils have been nominated by their schools as they have demonstrated a scientific curiosity which has enhanced their enthusiasm and resulted in high levels of achievement – often sharing this passion with their fellow pupils. Colin was presented with the award at UCLAN and, while he admits he enjoys Physics, he does lean towards other sciences.

"Biology is my strongest subject and I think I want to be a researcher in Biology in the future. I was surprised but honoured to win the Ogden Trust Award from UCLAN. I was given gift vouchers which I have already spent on books!"



Picture shows winners from other Lancashire schools being awarded their certificates.

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Breaking News:

Colin was appointed Head Boy in today's end of term assembly.

Congratulations Colin!

Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers Club

Priory's Head of English, Mrs Gidden, has been really impressed with many of our multi-talented pupils lately and wanted to highlight their love of reading while excelling at other pursuits.

This week we interviewed Year 7 pupil, Harry.

Harry admits he is football mad – in life and with his books.

Harry is currently reading 'Kick Off' by Jamie Johnson.

"It's about a kid of about 11 or 12 years old who, when he starts high school, is trying to get into the 'A' team, the best team, at school.

"He thought the trials didn't go very well but he got asked to play with an older age group – and that's where I am up to! I think it's going to be a rags to riches story.

"I support Carlisle United as my dad is from there and go and watch them quite a lot. My friends do think it's a strange team to support but I can get there quite easily and I enjoy following them.

"I play football myself for Penwortham St Theresa's, I am a defender."

Away from football, Harry said: "My favourite author is Roald Dahl, his books are child-friendly. I think my favourite is James and the Giant Peach.

"I also play the guitar, I am just learning it at the moment. It's just for fun."



Age = 66 years old

Answer to Maths Challenge:

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Word **of** THE Week

Each week Progress Leaders will be introducing a new word to pupils in their AM Prep time.

Progress Leaders will clearly explain the literacy tip of the week in Prep time and teachers will be challenging pupils in curriculum time and awarding achievement points for correct use of Word of the Week.

Pupils: Make sure you have checked through your work to ensure you have applied the literacy tip correctly.

If you fancy a challenge and the chance to win a treat, write a sentence which includes the 'Word of the Week' on an entry slip and pass it to Mrs Gidden (via your form tutor or directly). Synonym of the Week entries can be written on the back of the slip.

Disappointingly, there were less than 20 entries last week and Mrs Gidden might have to eat the winners' prizes herself at this rate! The winner with the correct definition and sentence using the word, 'Judicious' was Hollie H (C7).

Who will this week's winners be?

The Maths Department

Like a challenge?

The Head of Maths, Mr Kenrick, will be testing our brain power each week with one of his puzzles.

Here you will find a puzzle or a problem solving task - these can help to build students' perseverance, mathematical reasoning, ability to apply knowledge creatively in unfamiliar contexts, and confidence in tackling new challenges. Why not have a try yourself!

Word of the Week:

EUPHORIC

word
week

Adj: A feeling of intense joy and happiness.

'With a euphoric cheer, the children were dismissed from school for the holidays'

Literacy tip of the week...

OF/OFF

The word 'off' meaning from or away from is dying out because people think the word 'of' will do.

BUT they're separate words with separate meanings.

OF- A relationship between a part and whole. (a piece of cheese)
OFF- Away from or taken away. (I took a day off work)

Do not get these mixed up- they're different words- listen for the distinct 'fff' in the 'off' spelling and a 'v' sound with 'of'

Synonym of the week...

What is a synonym?

A synonym is a word that has a very similar or the same meaning as another word.

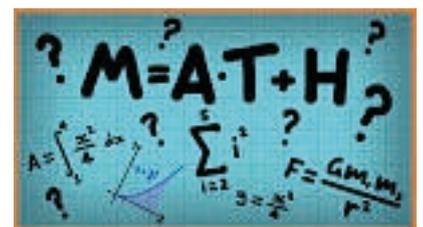
So synonyms for 'tired' include 'depleted' and 'weary'

TASK:

Find me a super synonym for the word: 'glad'

Each student may only enter with **ONE** word.

The best synonym will WIN!



The following is a puzzle based on algebra. Although you do not need algebra to solve it, if you can use it then algebra will be the most efficient method.

"If to my age there added be,
One half, One third, and three times three
Six score and ten the sum you'll see
Pray find out what my age may be..."

Note: 'One half' and 'One third' in the poem mean 'One half of my age' and 'One third of my age'.

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We're Recruiting!

Welfare Assistant

Due to increased pupil numbers, the school is looking to take on an additional Welfare Assistant for lunchtime duties.

For enquiries please contact Mrs Spencer, Headteacher's PA. To apply, send a letter of application by post or email to s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk, stating why you think you would be suitable for this role and what qualities you will bring.

Full details can be found on the school website at >> <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies>

Please note that there is no closing date for this vacancy. Email and post will be checked from w/c 19 August.



Welfare Assistant

We are seeking a Welfare Assistant 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 pt 1 Gross salary £17,364 per annum Pro-rata £1,975



Experience not essential however candidates must have an understanding of working with children. Candidates must have good use of initiative and work as part of a team.

The successful candidate may be offered additional hours to support with delivery of hospitality at school events.

Please contact Mrs Spencer, Headteacher's PA, for enquiries or call in to Reception during school hours.

To apply please send a letter of application to Mrs Spencer, by email, post or in person, stating why you think you would be suitable for this role and what qualities you will bring.

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

Penwortham Community Library
OPEN ALL SUMMER!



If you are looking to entertain the children this summer please do pop along to the Community Library at Priory Lane Community Centre, Penwortham.

Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am-4pm

Its completely FREE to join and no cost to borrow books or DVDs!

We also have a fun reading competition for children of all ages to join in



KEEP CALM SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER



School closes today for the summer break.
We're back on Tues, 3 September

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