

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Priory's New Hex Block Officially Opened

A pioneering former student opened Priory's new £1.4m purpose-built ICT & Computer Science building on Wednesday.

The new facility, named 'The Hex', was officially opened by Dr Claire Burke who has won awards for her work using heat seeking drones to differentiate and track rare and endangered species.

The astro-ecologist attended Priory from 1998-2003 and returned to the school to open the new ICT innovation centre, which has been built on the old ROSLA building.

"It's a privilege to be here, it's 16 years since I came here and I loved my time at Priory and was grateful for the education and support I received here," said Claire.

"When I was at Priory I did history and RE in the ROSLA block and it was old then so it's great to see the transformation at Priory over the years. It's hardly recognisable from when I was here.

"The HEX block is an impressive facility for the students. I studied ICT and computing to A-Level standard and computers are everywhere nowadays. I have to write programmes myself or work with software engineers to solve problems and we know they are vital, whether you are interested in science, art or history."

Headteacher Matt Eastham said: "It was great to have Claire here, she has had a wonderful career and we are so proud she has opened our new building.

"The Hex block is a fantastic facility which has been completely transformed from the old ROSLA block. It's an important facility for pupils at Priory and our partner primary schools to access and benefit from. It's another step forward for Priory."

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## Attendance Winning Forms

Each week the attendance officer calculates the winning form for 'Year 11s' and 'The 'Rest' of the school. As the Year 11 form groups are smaller than the others, they are more likely to achieve full attendance. Therefore to ensure fairness, results have been separated out.

This week's winners are:

**Year 11 -  
D8 (100%)  
Rest -  
R7 (99.07%)**

Well done Mrs Elliott's, and Miss Beesley's forms. Pupils in these forms will receive passport reward points.

## Immunisations Year 8 & 9 girls Mon 8th October

Year 8 - HPV 1st dose  
Year 9 - HPV 2nd dose\*

Progress tutors will advise the time of your child's appointment on Monday. The timetable will also be posted outside the school office.

If your child has not yet returned their consent form\* then they can bring this with them to the appointment. All vaccinations will take place in school within the normal school hours.

\*Year 9 consent was given at Year 8 as this is a follow up dose.

## KEY DATES

### South Ribble Schools Cross Country Championships

The morning of Sat, 6  
October at Hutton Grammar  
School (by qualifying time)

### Year 7 Settle Factor Evening

Weds, 10 October 2018  
3.40pm-6pm

### Mid Term Closure

22-26 October 2018

### Year 10 Parents Evening

Thurs, 1 November 2018  
3.30pm-7pm

### Celebration Evening - Class of 2018

(Year 11 Leavers)  
Weds, 7 November 6.30pm

### PSHEE Day

Mon, 12 Nov 2018  
(Early lunch followed by  
early closure at 1:30pm)

### Year 11 Parents Evening

Weds, 28 November 2018  
4pm-7pm

### KS4 Theatre Production

(in school)  
A Christmas Carol  
Mon, 17 December 2018

## Parent Governor Vacancy

The Governing Body of Penwortham Priory Academy currently has a vacancy for a parent governor to serve for a period of up to four years. He or she is elected to office by the parents/guardians of pupils currently attending the academy, and must be the parent/guardian of a pupil.

Joining the Governing Body as a parent governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of Priory. Governors play a key role in the strategic leadership of the academy and raising of standards, including the appointment of key staff, overseeing the budget and monitoring progress in the curriculum. Being a governor can be very rewarding and will provide you with the opportunity to work as part of a team and gain new skills. Experience is not necessary as training and support is available.

If you wish to nominate yourself as a parent governor please complete the nomination form, after referring to the criteria to ensure you are eligible. Both documents are available on the school's website at:

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/governors](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/governors)

Please return the form via email to Mrs S Spencer, Clerk to Governors ([s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk)), or in an envelope marked 'Parent Governor Nomination' via the school office, no later than 12 noon on 18 October 2018. If there is more than one nomination, a ballot will be held and further details will be sent in due course.

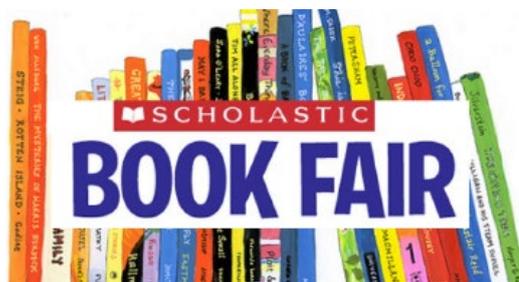


## MacMillan's Coffee Morning

Following last Friday's coffee morning in aid of MacMillan's Cancer support, the school raised an amazing £393.86.

Well done and thank you to everyone for your support, in particular, the pupils that organised the event: Olivia T, Brook H-F, Leah G, Danielle S and Robyn M.

## Scholastic Book Fair Update



Thank you for all pupils that visited the book fair when it came to Priory last month.

The £350 of sales generated £88 worth of free books for the school library for all pupils to benefit from.

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# The Hex Officially Opened

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Pupils from feeder primary schools with a gift or an interest in ICT were invited to spend the day in the new building to take part in various computer science challenges.

At the end of the day, parents joined the young children as they were presented with certificates and awards for their attendance and efforts, knowing that they had the honour of being the very first pupils to use the facilities.

The Hex's official opening ceremony followed, attended by staff, governors, councillors and contractors that worked on the building. Year 7 pupils (see front page image) assisted Mrs Cowell to produce mouth-watering canapés and provide impeccable hospitality.

Head of Computer Science, Mrs Qadri said: "There are 32 computers in three classrooms and they are excellent facilities for our students. It will help them enjoy their learning even more."

Nobel Construction's Andy Doyle said: "There are solar panels on the roof so as well as being about education, it's built for energy recovery as well as energy saving."

Thank you to pupils that supported the day:

ICT Support - Faith T, Connor S, Alfie D, Ruby E, Numair A, Freddie S and Matthew H.

Catering & Hospitality Support - Josh T, Stephen P-N, Sara T, Chloe Q, Elihnila A, Katie R-K, Kelsie K, Harrison F, Uzair B, Freya B, Aimee W.

*Photo below: Pupils from Penwortham County Primary School with their certificates.*



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**EXTRA! EXTRA!**

# Extra Curricular Clubs

The extra-curricular clubs booklet is now available and gives a concise picture of Priory's clubs and activities provision.

Breakfast, lunch and after-school clubs include languages, graphics, sports, drama, literature, music and much, much more as well as sessions for homework and revision. There is something for everyone! The extra curricular leaflet will be emailed to all pupils and parents today (Friday) and is also available on the school's website at: [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/what-s-on](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/what-s-on)

Below: Pupils enjoying Science club - every Tuesday lunchtime at 1:30pm in SC2.



Homework Club    Chess Club  
**Computing**    Drama  
Art Freestyle    Comic Club  
Young Engineers    **History**  
**Music**    Astronomy

Extra Curricular Clubs  
2018-19

Dance    Science    STEM  
**ICT**    **Revision**  
Cryptology    **Film**    Graphics  
**Girls Football**  
Fiction Addition    Penwortham  
Puzzle Club    **Priory**  
**Netball**    ACADEMY

The Learning Support Team can offer help with homework / revision and provide computer access in the LEAP room:  
  
8:00-8:35am | Break |  
Lunch | After School  
3:20pm-4:30pm

**Homework Club** 

**BEFORE SCHOOL**  
Come and join us every Morning  
Time: 8:00am- 8.25am    Location: LEAP

**AFTER SCHOOL**  
COME AND JOIN US  
MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY  
TIME: 3.20-4.25    LOCATION: LEAP 2

Penwortham **Priory** ACADEMY 

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# Word of THE Week

Each week form tutors will be introducing a new word to pupils in their AM or PM form time.

Pupils will be encouraged to use the 'Word of the Week' in their work and to check through their written pieces to ensure they apply the 'tip of the week'.

If pupils fancy a challenge and the chance to win a treat, they should write a sentence which includes the Word of the Week on a slip of paper and hand it to Mrs Robinson-Ali in Room En2.

Word of the Week:

## coherent

*adjective*  
Logically consistent and orderly, easy to understand  
Eg. *When she calmed down, she was more coherent*



### Literacy tip of the week...

#### Apostrophes

#### Possession

We use an apostrophe to show somebody owns something.

E.g. Sam's shop

It comes BEFORE the 's'

To replace letters to shorten words  
Do not = Don't  
It is/ it has = it's  
Can not = Can't

#### Plural situations

What if the person's name already ends in 's'?

E.g. James

If something belonged to James, we place the apostrophe after the 's' and leave it there.

E.g. James' shop



If there was one cat who owned a mat, it would be...

The cat's mat.



If the cat had a boyfriend, both of them would own the mat. Then it would be...

The cats' mat.



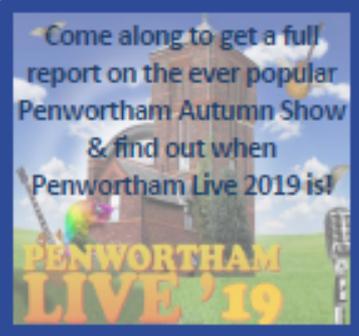
**Tuesday 23 October 2018 7 - 8pm** **Penwortham Neighbourhood Forum**  
Penwortham Community Centre, Kingsfold Drive, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 9EQ

Your neighbourhood forum gives you the opportunity to have a say in your community, share ideas for local improvements & be a part of making things better.

Check out some of the amazing exhibits that were entered into Penwortham Autumn Show



Come along to get a full report on the ever popular Penwortham Autumn Show & find out when Penwortham Live 2019 is!





Collect your FREE copies of our popular Heritage Trails.

Find out who won in 'Penwortham in Bloom' 2018



[www.facebook.com/penworthamforum](https://www.facebook.com/penworthamforum)  
For more information contact Suzanne Simpson on 01772 625908 or email: [art@ed@southribble.gov.uk](mailto:art@ed@southribble.gov.uk)



## Lockers

If your child would like to rent a locker in school fees are:

Year 7	£20
Year 8	£17
Year 9	£14
Year 10	£11
Year 11	£8



This is a one-off charge which includes a deposit of £5 which will be refunded when the key is returned when the pupil leaves school or no longer requires the locker.

Pupils who take Free School Meals qualify for a 50% discount on the above fees, however no key refund is offered.

Please send money in an envelope with the pupils name, form, year group and amount enclosed to the school office for a locker key will be issued.

# Colin Has Science Paper Published



Multi-talented Penwortham Priory Academy student Colin has had his work published in 'The Young Scientist.'

Year 10 Colin has already taken his Astronomy GCSE as well as being a top class pianist - he recently completed his Grade 8, the highest grade, with distinction.

Now he has just had his work on hydra, which is a genus of tiny freshwater organisms, published.

"It took me a few weeks to write the paper," said Colin. "It's rewarding to see it published. I want to go into the science industry in the future."

Colin has also just had his application to become a Lead Learner accepted by the school's Science department. As a Lead Learner he will share his knowledge and enthusiasm for all aspects of Science with other pupils whilst developing his leadership skills.

Anyone who wants to read Colin's work should visit: <https://ysjournal.com/the-humble-immortal-hydra/>

## Brothers Dillon and Zach are Hoping to Take the BMX World by Storm

Year 10 Dillon has just finished second in the HSBC UK BMX National Series 13-14 category, missing out on the top spot by 1.5 points.

It was a tense final event in Leicester with Dillon finishing first and second in his two races to clinch the runners-up place but narrowly missing out on being crowned champion. And Year 8 pupil, Zach, finished eighth in the 9-12 category.

"We both compete for Preston Pirates," said Dillon, with the rounds taking him and his family all over the UK.



"I got into it around five years ago, I used to do cycling and mountain biking and then I had a go at BMX with my mates and took to it.

"I love the thrill and the adrenaline of it, knowing one mistake can be costly and trying to avoid that and then the thrill of getting through."

They both train a couple of times a week and have high hopes for the future.

"You do have to be brave," said Zach. "Both of us have had wrist injuries with coming off our bikes but we enjoy competing."

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# What is an alumni?

An alumni refers to the graduates of an educational establishment.

## Prory is setting up its own alumni association so we can keep in touch with former pupils.

This is an opportunity for leavers to stay in contact with the school from when it opened in 1953. Staff and pupils who have walked through our doors since then are welcome to join.

Since a post was put on Facebook last week, over 100 former pupils have asked to join already.

If you would like to become a member of Penwortham Priory Academy's alumni association, just provide us with your name and email address so we can keep in touch. You can also go to the school's Facebook page and request to join the alumni group.

Email [alumni@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:alumni@priory.lancs.sch.uk) with your name, email and year you left school (if known).  
Facebook group - [www.facebook.com/groups/penworthamprioryalumni/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/penworthamprioryalumni/)

Where are  
they now?

Join the alumni association at  
Penwortham Priory Academy



## Jermaine Pilkington (Priory 2012-2016)

Jermaine is a proven case of what doesn't break you makes you stronger. His mum told us, "If he can inspire anyone with his story then it will be a positive in his eyes."

When leaving high school the first thing Jermaine did was sign up to college on an electrician course, he also got himself a job at McDonald's even though his friends made fun of him for this, he still carried on, as his goal in life was to join the army.

After completing his level one in electronics, he went to the army careers office and signed all the documentation that was needed, however, Jermaine was told he was overweight and that he should return in a year's time as he had a lot of weight to lose. Jermaine decided that he was not going to wait a year and he said he would be back in a few months ...from this he came home and said to his mum: "I am coming Slimming World with you!! "

He went to the group every single week, sat with a bunch of ladies and smashed his weight goal every session. Again he was called names and ridiculed from his friends for doing this but Jermaine carried on as his goal was the thing he was focusing on. He lost in total nearly five stone and received the 'Man of the Year' award and was in the Lancashire Evening Post.

Eight weeks after entering the army careers office and was told he was overweight Jermaine walked back in and shocked everybody! He then travelled to Edinburgh to do his medical, and passed.

He was stationed at the army training centre in Pirbright doing his Phase 1 and passed out this summer.

Jermaine said, "Getting up at 5am every day for training is hard, however I have travelled more in the last few months than ever". Jermaine has travelled to Belgium to visit the war memorials and marched in front of veterans, he placed down poppies in front of over 400 people, he has been to watch motor-biking rallies, he has learnt to shoot a rifle and spent a week in the field. He is currently in Wales canoeing, caving and rock climbing and generally living life to the full. He is also enjoying his wage packet which is a big incentive!

Jermaine recently returned to Priory to meet with Assistant Headteacher, Mr Gee. It is wonderful to hear how this inspiring young man has fulfilled his dreams.



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# Careers Event We Need You!

Once again, we will be holding a Next Steps careers event for all Priory pupils. The event will take place in school in December and we need your help.

Do you work in any of the professions listed below and would be willing to attend and speak to our pupils at the event about your career?

- Sport
- Legal Profession
- Specialised Business
- IT & Digital
- Engineering & Technology
- English & Journalism
- Maths-Accountancy & Finance
- Science & Research



If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact the school's careers advisor, Mr Ficorilli, by email at [v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk) or via mobile on 07582 710324. Some employers allow staff to attend events such as these under their corporate social responsibility duty.

**Date of the event: Thursday, 13th December 9.30am-2pm.**



## LONDON RESIDENTIAL TRIP LAST FEW PLACES REMAINING

The English Department has organised a residential trip to London for all year groups.

Pupils will learn about the background of Shakespeare's life and works and, whilst in the city, they will also the opportunity to enjoy tourist attractions of London. The trip is for 2 nights and 3 days from Thursday, 9 May to

Saturday, 11 May 2019.

The trip includes return coach travel, 'Bed & Breakfast' accommodation, group insurance, a West End show, a flight on the London Eye, time at the Globe Theatre (including show, exhibition and tour), visit to the Natural History Museum, entry to the London Dungeons and packed lunches for two days. **The last few places are available.**

Parents can download a letter from our website at: [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters) or email: [a.gidden@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.gidden@priory.lancs.sch.uk).

Pupils can see Mrs Gidden for further information or a letter.



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# Community



## Penwortham Town FC Girls

**Want to  
play  
football?**

**We're recruiting  
players in school  
years reception to  
year 11**

**Want to  
make new  
friends &  
have fun?**

### Come and join us!

We train locally every  
Thursday from 6pm

New & experienced players welcome

For more details contact:

**Ian Winston:**  
07709931777

**Jayne Billington:**  
07951597777

[www.penworthamtownfc.com](http://www.penworthamtownfc.com)

Twitter: @ptfcgirls

Instagram: penworthamtownfcgirls

Penwortham Town FC is one of the biggest and oldest amateur Football Clubs in Preston. They have grown to their present day size of 15 teams covering all age groups from Under 7s to adults, providing football for approximately 300 players.

They provide an opportunity for children from the local area to play football in an organised and safe environment.

In addition to their club-school link with Penwortham Priory Academy, they are based in the heart of the community at the Vernon Carus Sports Ground, Factory Lane, Penwortham.

They are currently recruiting girls from all age groups to increase female participation in football in line with FA directives.

**All pupils are invited to join them; all abilities are welcome. Please contact the club in advance. Contact numbers are included on the recruitment advertisement above.**

## Winter Training on the 3G pitches at Penwortham Priory Academy

Tues	17.30 – 18.30	1 Pitch	25/9 – 30/3	U14 boys
Weds	18 – 19	1 Pitch	26/9 – 27/3	U11 boys
Thursday	18 – 19	2 Pitches	27/9 – 28/3	U14 Girls and U10s boys
Sat	9 – 10	2 Pitches	29/9 – 30/3	U13 boys
Sat	9 – 10	1 Pitch	13/10 – 30/3	U6 boys
Sat	10 – 11	2 Pitches	1/12 – 26/1	U7 boys
Sat	11 – 12	1 Pitch	1/12 – 26/1	U8 boys

## League/Cup and friendly games on grass pitches

### Saturdays

U7 and u8 girls 9-11                      Friendlies only

### Sundays

U9	girls	10 – 11	Pitch 5	All home games
U12	girls	10.-11	Pitch 3	All home games
U14	girls	10-11	Pitch 4	All home games
U10	girls	11-12	Pitch 5	All home games
U11	boys	11-12	Pitch 3	All home games
U12	boys	11-12	Pitch 4	All home games
U14	boys	11-12	Pitch 2	All home games
U13	boys	12-13	Pitch 2	All home games

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