

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Pupils Come Together With One Voice

Penwortham Priory Academy pupils were in good voice at their gospel choir workshop and sell-out concert on Wednesday.

Priory was visited by Tyndale Thomas MBE, one of the leading gospel musicians in the UK. Tyndale has worked as a professional musician nationwide but is based in the North West and has extensive experience at performing and conducting at major venues around the country, such as Westminster Abbey.

Tyndale worked with Priory pupils and pupils from feeder primary schools during the day then both groups joined together with the 'One Voice Community Choir' for a concert in the evening.

Tyndale, who has also lead the One Voice Community Choir in Preston for a number of years, said: "It's my seventh time working with Priory students and it's inspirational. The students embrace it and the concert at night is uplifting."

Ms Clementson who is Pastoral Manager at Priory and in the One Voice Choir, was happy as her work and passion combined. "The One Voice Choir is like a big family and it's superb that they are supporting the school and the primary school children. It's great to see the passion from the children through music."

Priory's Head of Music, Mr Taylor added: "This is always a special day, it's a lovely experience for everyone involved and it's a great chance for everyone to sing together. When there are around 100 people on stage at night it is so powerful."

### ATTENDANCE WINNING FORMS

**1<sup>st</sup> Place -**  
C1 - 99.13%

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place -**  
H7 - 98.18%

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place -**  
R4 - 98%

Well done to Mrs Burn's class!

### OLD £10 NOTES



From 1 March we will no longer be able to accept the old £10 note.

This is in line with the Bank of England's withdrawal of the paper £10. From 1 March, businesses and the public no longer have to accept the £10 note as payment or in change.

Further information can be found at:

[www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/paper-10-pound-note](http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/paper-10-pound-note)

## KEY DATES

### Year 11 Parents Evening

Weds, 21 February 2018  
4pm-7:30pm

### PHSE Day

Fri, 23 February 2018  
(Early lunch followed by early closure at 1:30pm)

### Wycoller Geography Field Trip Year 9 & 10

Dates from 9 -19 March

### 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



Parents  
Evening

# Year 11 Parents Evening

4pm-7.30pm Weds, 21 February

We would encourage parents of Year 11 pupils to attend this evening to discuss their child's recent pre-public examinations (mocks), progress towards coursework deadlines, coursework quality and study ethic. Subject teachers will be there to provide advice regarding how best to support your child as they enter their final months with us and as they approach their exams and coursework submissions.

Your child has also been given an appointment sheet to book discussion time with their teachers and we would ask that you monitor its completion.

## Touring Theatre Visit

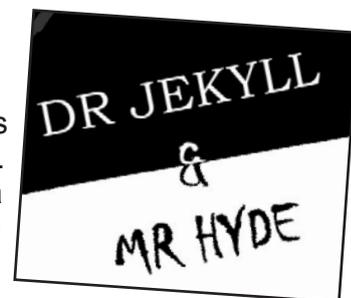
This morning, GCSE English Literature pupils enjoyed a performance of 'Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde'. The visiting theatre group, Ginificent, delivered a stage production and Q&A workshop to Year 10 and 11 pupils who are studying the Stevenson classic.

Ginificent commented that the questions put forward by Priory pupils were the most intelligent and challenging of all the questions they have been asked through their tour so far.

The touring company was chosen for their production being true to the book and has been specifically produced to support GCSE English.

Their visit follows on from a performance in December of 'A Christmas Carol'.

Mrs Elliott, English Teacher who organised the productions, said: "The theatre performance will help the texts come to life for the pupils; watching a play helps to remember the key character traits, plots summary and discover other things they may have missed when reading the book".



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# GCSE Geography Goes Underground!

Last Sunday the Geography 'Gifted & Talented' GCSE pupils took time out of their weekend to join Mr Watters and teacher trainee, Mr Kelly, on a day long intervention visit.

The group travelled by school minibus over to Ingleton to explore the National Heritage show cave system. The limestone cave system is the longest and largest underground formation in the United Kingdom. The pupils really enjoyed their visit and learnt much from the two hour long personalised clamber. The snow on the ground meant the cave system's underground river was fantastic and filled the passageways under their feet.

Pupils wondered at the waterfalls, avons, battlefield cavern and amazing calcite formations. A hot chocolate or two were most welcome as the air temperature in the cave system never altered from just 8 degrees throughout the visit.

Thank you to our excellent pupils; the cave leader was very impressed by their enthusiasm and great knowledge when asked questions.

No one lost their helmets despite the low crawl through several prolonged scrambles!

Well done to our Geography pupils.

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# SPORTS REPORT

## South Ribble C2Compete Indoor Cricket Tournament



After smashing the first round of the South Ribble indoor cricket competition, winning all their matches, the girls earned their place in the regional finals on Monday.

The girls came third overall playing some amazing cricket and showing a real team spirit.

Miss Mainey, PE Teacher, said: "There was some incredible batting from Scarlett Clark, Alicia Rutter and Tilly McNaught and bowling from Freya Duckworth and Jodi Emberton. A big well done must go to the Year 7s on the team for their overall sporting performance; Jazmin Attwood, Leah Hamasaleh and Leah Cox.

## Inter-School Hand Ball

Monday night saw an inter-school handball tournament with All Hallows Catholic High School at Priory.

With five teams entered from the two schools, it was an opportunity for pupils to put the skills learnt in the curriculum into a competitive setting.



The games were all played at a fast pace and plenty of goals scored by both schools.

It was a case of joint winners at the end of the night, with one team from both schools having won two, drawn one and lost one game.

Mr Bullock, Head of PE & Sport at Priory, commented: "After the success of the evening, we are looking to have a second tournament, this time at All Hallows' after half term.

Well done to all involved.

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## Finley is making a name for himself ...

...so much so he has already got his photograph on Penwortham Priory Academy's Hall of Fame.

Year 10 pupil Finley Beard, 15, is a motocross champion and already has a list of titles to his name including the Big Wheel 85cc crown in 2016 and last year he won the 125cc British title, where he was up against boys aged up to 17. He also competed for a world title last summer, in the FIM World Youth Motocross Championships, but a ligament injury ended his hopes.

This year he will defend his title in the 125cc event, he will compete against riders on a 250cc bike in the Maxxis British Motocross Championships and he will also compete in the European Championships on his 125cc bike, travelling to the Netherlands, France and Germany from March onwards. Only 80 riders qualify for the Euro event.

It means every weekend will be taken up – and his prowess in the motocross field has now been recognised in the Dirt Bike Rider Magazine.

“They had a picture of me in the magazine, we bought it and have got the picture framed,” said Finley, who is part of the Putoline Husqvarna Planet Racing Scotland team. “We decided to donate it to the school and I am going to sign it.

“There are various signed football shirts as well as other people who have donated signed items for Priory's walls so I am proud if my photo will be up there as well.

“It's a big year for me. I am also studying for my GCSEs where my targets are high grades so all my time is about studying and motocross. I don't have time for anything else.”

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**CAREERS ADVISER  
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)

**NATIONAL  
CITIZEN SERVICE**

This week NCS visited Year 11 pupils during their assembly to present their summer programme.

This is an excellent programme that builds confidence, new friendships and CVs.

Early sign-up via school has now closed however pupils can still apply online at

[ncsthechallenge.org](http://ncsthechallenge.org)

# Careers Corner

Mr Ficorilli has produced templates of CVs and personal statements to support Year 11s with their employment and college applications. He also has an excellent resource explaining the apprenticeship process. Copies can be collected from the Exams Office on Mondays.

The Careers Adviser also has a list of local employers who are looking for Year 11 pupils as their next apprentice in industries including engineering, technology, IT and automotive. Please see Mr Ficorilli at break or lunchtime on Mondays.

On Monday, 19 February there will be a careers assembly for Year 10 pupils.

**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  
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Thursday  
1 March  
2018  
7-8 pm

## Penwortham Neighbourhood Forum

Hurst Grange Park Coach House  
Hurst Grange Park, Penwortham

Your neighbourhood forum gives you the opportunity to have a say in your community, share ideas for local improvement and be a part of making things better. The forum this time will be promoting **Penwortham Live** which is on **Friday 18 May and Saturday 19 May**. Find out more about this year's music festival and join us after the forum for some live music. **All who attend will be entered into a free prize draw!**

Between 7-8 pm McCarthy & Stone will be available to discuss their proposal to develop land off Cop Lane with high quality Retirement Living Accommodation. They will also be joined by **TESCO** who will be available to chat about their new store opening at the junction of Liverpool Road and Cop Lane.

**Live Music!**  
**8-9 pm**

Provided by the  
Friends of Hurst Grange Park & the  
Coach House Restoration Project Team

**Win two free wristbands  
for Penwortham Live!**

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# Penwortham Neighbourhood Forum 7-8pm - Thurs, 1 March

The neighbourhood forum gives local residents the opportunity to have a say in the community, share ideas for local improvement and be a part of making things better. McCarthy & Stone will be available to discuss their proposal to develop land off Cop Lane with high quality retirement living accommodation. They will also be joined by Tesco who will be available to chat about their new store opening at the junction of Liverpool Road and Cop Lane.

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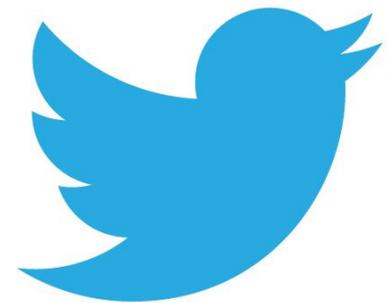
Those that attend will have the chance to win two free wristbands for Penwortham Live.



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HALF TERM**

We close  
today for  
half term.

School  
reopens on  
Mon, 19  
February.



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