

# Penwortham Priory Post



## The Catering Team is Cooking on Gas After Successful Bid for Kitchen Refit

Penwortham Priory Academy's catering staff will be cooking up more healthy treats – after receiving a grant to refurbish their kitchens.

The school applied for a grant to knock down its current catering facilities, which have been here since Priory opened in 1953, and install a new state-of-the-art canteen.

Priory will receive £320,000 from the Education and Skills Funding Agency, from the new funding pot which comes from sugar tax and focuses on healthy eating and sport.

“We are delighted,” said Business Manager, Mrs Barker. “We are developing Priory every year, from the Technology Block five years ago, through to the Science Department, the Humanities and Languages Building, the new gym and the B-Block is currently being turned into an IT Suite and flexible learning space.

“The kitchens needed overhauling and we are delighted we can update them. We already focus on healthy eating but this takes it one step further.

“The school is also expanding so we need a larger kitchen space to accommodate the extra students and it will speed up service. It will be built over summer with no disruption to school life and we are excited about it.”

## Attendance Winning Forms

This term we have revised how we award the winning form for attendance.

The eight forms that only take Year 11 pupils are much smaller than the other 24 forms. This has meant that the Year 11 forms are more likely to achieve full attendance.

Therefore, each week, the attendance officer will calculate the winning form for 'Year 11s' and the 'Rest' of the school.

This week's winners with 100% attendance are:

**Year 11 - R3**

**Rest - R7 and D1**

Well done to Mr Raynor's, Miss Mainey's and Miss Conyngham's forms.



**Lost Property**

### Final Call For Collection

All unclaimed items received prior to the Easter break will be disposed of on Friday, 27 April.

We particularly have a large collection of winter coats. Pupils should check the lost property trolley outside the school office.

## KEY DATES

**Cryptography Visit to University of Manchester** (By invitation)  
Weds, 25 April 2018

**Strive For 5 Conference**  
Thurs, 26 April (Year 11 by invitation)

**Next Steps Careers Event** (At school)  
Thurs, 26 April 2018

**GCSE Drama Theatre Trips** (Evening)  
Wed, 2 May 2018

**May Day Closure**  
Mon, 7 May 2018

**INSET Day** (Closed)  
Tues, 8 May 2018

**Mid Term Closure**  
28 May - 1 June 2018

**Year 10 Parents Evening**  
Wed, 6 June 2018

**PSHE Day**  
Thurs, 21 June 2018  
(Early lunch followed by early closure at 1:30pm)

**Year 10 Work Experience Day**  
Mon, 25 June 2018

**Year 11 Prom**  
Wed, 27 June 2018

**Mini Masters Ormskirk**  
Thurs, 28 June 2018  
(Year 9 by invitation)

**Year 7 Parents Evening**  
Wed, 11 July 2018



Following the catering team's introduction of their occasional themed menus, next week they take on the Mexicans.

The aim of these specials is to encourage pupils to take up a hot meal or to try different foods from around the world that they may not have at home.

For those pupils that 'don't like spicy things' there is a plain burger alternative.

Pupils have taken part in a quick survey this week to identify which menus they prefer and would like to see more of.

## Special Menu Mexican Day Fri, 27 April

**Southern Fried Chicken Wraps**  
served with fries and BBQ sauce on the side

**1/4lb Mexican Chilli Burger or  
1/4lb Plain Beef Burger**  
served with fries and coleslaw

**Quorn Southern Fried Chicken Wraps**  
served with fries and BBQ sauce on the side

**Chilli Con Carne**  
served with rice and tortilla chips

**Quorn Chilli Con Carne**  
served with rice and tortilla chips



## Paris Trip - April 2019

Year 7-10 pupils have been given the opportunity to visit Paris with school next year. The trip, which includes Disneyland, sight-seeing and a river cruise, has been arranged for 23 April to 26 April next year.

There are only 40 places available which will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Letters were given to pupils yesterday. Any pupil who missed picking up a letter can ask for a copy at the school office or see Mr Watters.

Deposits should be paid via cash or cheque and further instalments can be paid on-line through ScoPay.

Please bear in mind that pupils who wish to go to Paris must have a passport valid up to November 2019. Acceptance on the trip is also subject to pupils' behaviour, attendance and attitude record in school.

Any queries can be directed to Mr Watters, Lead Teacher for Geography:  
a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk

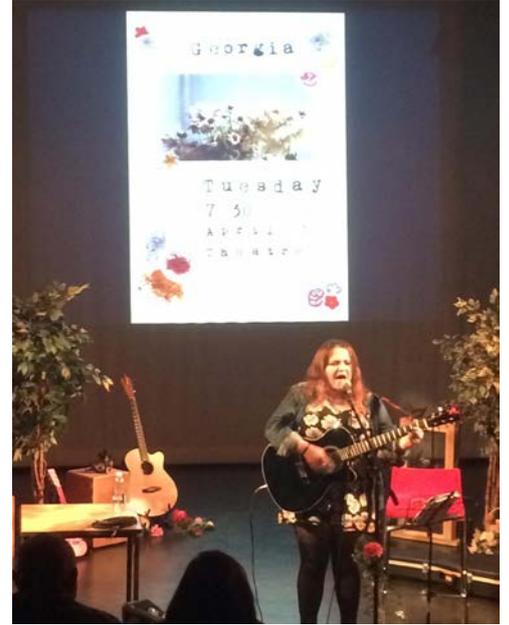
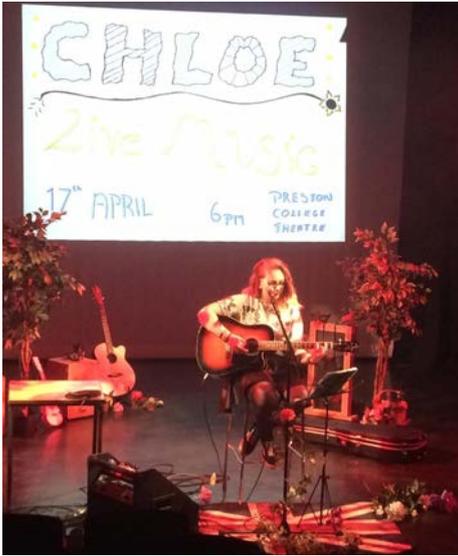


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# Young Musicians' Attend Preston's College Concert

On Tuesday evening Year 9 musicians were treated to a gig of live music at Preston's College. The concert consisted of several acoustic sets by solo singers with guitar, ukulele and keyboard.

Mr Taylor, Head of Music, who accompanied Priory's music pupils, commented, "It was quite an experience to be at such close quarters to the musicians in an intimate theatre and our pupils will have gained a great deal from the event. They also received a tour of the excellent facilities of the Creative Arts department at the college".



## New Family Enrol at Priory

Priory had the pleasure of enrolling a new family this week.

Mrs Duck and her brood of 12 ducklings arrived on Monday after hearing about our excellent facilities from previous feathered visitors.

Head Gardener, Mr Farron, has provided transition support by helping them to settle into the sensory garden and specially built hut.

The ducklings have enjoyed their swimming lessons and will move on to flying classes next week.

The ducklings will graduate to the meadows when they've passed their exams.

Pupils and staff have enjoyed observing their progress as they walk along the Creative Arts corridor.



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# Astrophysicist Claire Becomes A Star!



A former Penwortham Priory student is spearheading a pioneering project to track and save endangered animals.

Award-winning Dr Claire Burke attended Priory between 1998-2003 and left with three A\*s and seven As – along with a love of physics inspired by former teacher, Mrs Gough.

The 31-year-old has been awarded the silver prize for physical sciences in Parliament at STEM for BRITAIN recently and will be awarded a British Science Association Prize for Digital Innovation in September for her work with drones and animals.

Astrophysicist Claire is the lead in a Liverpool John Moores University project which is using heat seeking drones to differentiate and track rare and endangered species using their heat patterns. The idea was adapted from using heat to investigate the age and size of stars and planets but now it is being used on the ground and is being hailed a success.

Claire has appeared on the BBC, in the New York Times, on the Discovery Channel and on the National Geographic Channel taking about her groundbreaking work.

“It’s a dream job really,” said Claire, who hails from Longton with her dad still a governor at Priory. “I was definitely inspired by my physics teacher, Mrs Gough, at Priory. She encouraged us to look at the life cycle of stars as well as space and she inspired me to go into physics. I still keep in touch with her now.”

After studying for her PhD in Astrophysics Liverpool John Moores University, Claire then got a research job in South Africa before returning to England to be a Climate Scientist with the Met Office.

Then she saw her dream job advertised – ‘Applying techniques from Astronomy to help save endangered species’ back at Liverpool John Moores University. “I saw that advertised, I love animals, and it sounded great. Luckily I got the job.



“It’s adapting heat detecting drones to track and record rare or endangered animals. We have spent time at Knowsley Safari Park testing our equipment with the animals, it was great getting involved with the rhinos there, and we are off to Malaysia soon to test them with orang-utans. It’s so rewarding to make an impact in real life and make a difference.

“I don’t know whether I could go back to looking at space now after the excitement of solving problems on earth and seeing the rewards.

“We presented our findings to the Astronomy Conference at the European Week of Astronomy and Space Science in Liverpool and it’s taken off since then as the national media has become interested, which is fantastic, in highlighting our work.

**“I think back to my Priory days and they inspired me. It hasn’t always been easy, I didn’t get the top marks at university and I had to work really hard but if you put your mind to it, you can achieve what you want. I went back to give a talk recently to the Astronomy Club at Priory and it was a bit strange talking to teachers who used to teach me as an adult but I owe Priory a lot.”**

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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 career advice, college applications, 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)

The careers adviser is based in the exams office on the pastoral corridor.

# Careers Day

Priory's first annual whole school careers event is taking place next Thursday (see advert below). Pupils will attend the event with their year groups where they will receive age appropriate guidance.

Mr Ficorilli, Priory's Independent Careers Adviser, is really excited to be planning this event and it should be a great success for both the school and pupils.

There are over 25 confirmed attendees from a wide range of employers and job sectors, colleges and universities on the day.

Pupils will have a list of proposed questions to ask the attendees, linked to their school curriculum.

In the afternoon we will welcome secondary schools from the South Ribble area.

Thank you to Year 11 pupils who have offered to be ambassadors at the event, looking after visitors and escorting pupils.



### Early Career Success for Head Girl

*Written by Jack S, Head Boy.*

Lauryn P, D3, is delighted to be offered a place at BAE Systems to complete a two year apprenticeship in Business Management.

Two thousand people applied for the role which then lead to 93 candidates entering the interview stage. From there, Lauryn confirmed 20 candidates were chosen to undertake the course.

To complete the interview, Lauryn had to complete a set of group based challenges to prove she worked well in a team and then had to present her own project, discussing the pros and cons of each. She decided to use the school prom as her choice as she had a part to play in its planning phase and found she could easily explain and talk to the interviewers about this.

Lauryn said, "I chose BAE as I had always wanted to work with a global company for several reasons, one of which was the chance to travel around the world and another to become a much more 'independent' and 'refined' individual".

The course teaches a variety of skills such as managing projects, and buying and selling products. A group activity named Outward Bound enables the candidates to get to know one another and compete in multiple activities before starting the course, all of which were based in the great outdoors.

Lauryn said that she was very excited for the course due to the "number of opportunities available" to her and said her goal is to try and stay with the company and support it throughout her life. Lauryn said that she couldn't wait to start the course and although she told us she'd miss school, was excited to see what the future would bring.

An inspirational careers event for young people in  
the Preston/South Ribble areas



Thursday 26 April, 2018

9.30am—2.30pm

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# Community: Ribble Riverbank Litter Pick

This Saturday, 21 April 2018  
10:00am to 12:30pm

Meet at the bottom of Howick Cross Lane,  
Penwortham, PR1 0NT, close to the river.

Pupils and their families have been invited to take part in a litter pick this Saturday. As this is a community event, not a school activity, pupils taking part must be accompanied by an adult.



The Ribble Rivers Trust in conjunction with South Ribble Borough Council, are organising the litter pick along the southern bank of the river. Bags will be provided, but gloves and litter picking equipment will be limited, so please bring these if possible along with suitable footwear as it could be wet on the bank. The Ribble Rivers Trust look forward to seeing as many people as possible, so the area can be cleaned for the benefit of both wildlife and the local community who visit the river.

This event will count as a PiXL Edge activity and pupils will be credited. Pupils should take a photo of themselves with the team leader as evidence of their attendance.

Further information at Ribble Rivers Trust [www.ribbonriverstrust.org.uk](http://www.ribbonriverstrust.org.uk)

The PiXL  
Edge



## Penwortham Live is back – bigger and better!!

On Friday 18 & Saturday 19 May, Penwortham will be transformed into a bustling town full of live music that will get everyone's toes tapping and hands clapping.

Penwortham Live 2018 is back!

Penwortham Live community music festival will once again be returning in May for its sixth year with an array of top quality local & North West artists to suit all ages and tastes.

From blues to jazz, pop to rock, bands to choirs these artists will be appearing at over 20 venues across the town, including coffee shops, churches, pubs, restaurants, even an estate agents.

Wristbands are required to attend the event and they can be bought from participating venues for £5 each (primary school age children are free if accompanied by an adult).

Once purchased you are free to wander in and out of any of the venues and enjoy the music.



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[www.creatives-network.co.uk](http://www.creatives-network.co.uk)



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# A Premiership Day For Priory's Footballers

# SPORTS REPORT

Everton Football Club invited Priory's young footballers to take part in their school's tournament on Wednesday.



The Year 7 pupils who had shown skill and enthusiasm were given the privilege of taking part in 8-A-Side matches at their Finch Farm training ground.

The team came third place overall.

Well done to Tyler D, Jake B, Will M, Jazmin A, Rhys K, Leon W, Will J, Jack S, Tom P, and Alex P.

## A Flying Chance for Owen

Last week Owen C, was given special leave of absence to attend RAF College Cranwell for their annual camp.

RAF College Cranwell is the home of the Royal Air Force and Owen said, to spend a week on annual camp there was just incredible!

Throughout the week, the recruits were very busy, visiting over four active RAF stations to observe squadrons such as number 9 bomber squadron where they were given the opportunity to sit in a typhoon. At number 45 Gotham squadron they got to see tornados in action.

Owen said, "I was given a tour round an E-3D (Boeing 707 used for radar) and was lucky enough to sit in the cockpit which made a cool picture!"

Owen has recently been promoted to Corporal so was given a more responsibility whilst on the camp. Summing up his experience, Owen commented, "The week was long and in some places, tough, but overall it was an amazing experience that offered once in a lifetime opportunities."



Article and photo provided by Owen C, C1

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