

Penwortham Post



July 2018



Penwortham Girls' High School

We are delighted to inform you that Penwortham Girls' High School has been awarded an Artsmark Gold Award.

The panel read with interest of the strong arts offer and leadership the school provides. Strengths are apparent in embedding positive pedagogy and practice beyond the arts subjects, and the school's role in sharing its expertise externally. The Excellent Teaching work and resource is a highlight, as is the authentic role of pupils in developing and delivering arts activities to partner schools. The development of the school's Arts Council is excellent. The panel look forward to seeing increased evidence of the impact of the arts within equality and diversity as you progress your Artsmark journey.

Congratulations on your Artsmark Gold Award!

As a Gold Artsmark school, Arts Council England celebrates our commitment to arts and cultural education at a leadership level and the opportunities embedded across our provision. Our students have equal opportunity to plan, experience, participate in, and evaluate a diverse range of high-quality arts and cultural activities and we recognise the importance of development opportunities delivered by specialists for our staff in these areas. Penwortham Girls' High School engages with a range of arts and cultural organisations and we can evidence the positive impact of these partnerships. Our students have an opportunity to further develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of arts and culture and Arts Council England are working to share the expertise our school has established.

Mrs Cattanaach
Head of Music



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Penwortham Post



As I write, staff and pupils are in the throes of the final rehearsals of our school production, *Beauty and the Beast*.

A tremendous amount of time, effort and energy has gone into the production and I am really looking forward to the opening night tomorrow. I do hope you can join us!

As always, there are a number of projects planned over the summer which will further improve the school's premises and facilities. This includes redecorating a number of the science laboratories and the complete refurbishment of the computing and art rooms. Work will also commence on our sports facilities. For far too long, our PE staff and our pupils have achieved great outcomes with some very mediocre facilities so, as a school, we are committed to investing as much funding as we can in the existing facilities to improve them. Work will commence in the summer and, by the end of Easter next year, both the changing rooms and gym will have been completely refurbished.

In the meantime, I hope you have an enjoyable and restful summer holidays – and that this wonderful sunny weather continues!

Mrs Karen Pomeroy, Headteacher



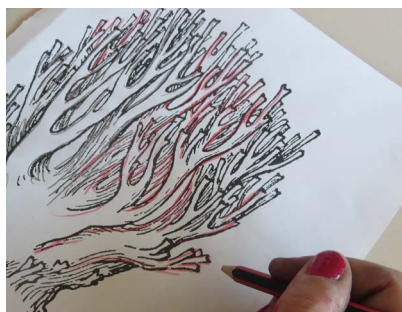
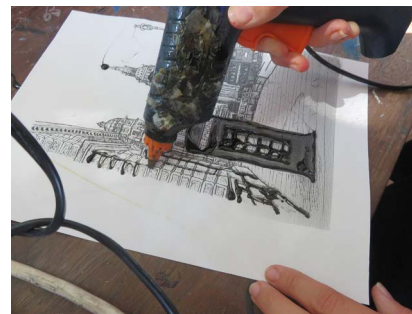
Year 10 Art Workshop Extravaganza

This year, for the Year 10 Art mocks, we have done things slightly different! Instead of traditionally being in the same room, we invited girls to an Art Workshop Experience Day where they could experiment and explore a variety of Art disciplines.

As students rotated round the two rooms, they built their creative skills using printmaking, textiles, glue textures, batik, mod rock and clay. It was a super day and our students readily met the challenge, producing a beautiful range of art samples to be used in their A01/A02 Media Development Sheets.

I would like to say a massive thankyou to Miss Jennings for helping on the event and to all our Year 10 students.

Miss Morris, Head of Art



Feature Artist: Felix Semper

As part of the Year 5 Art Primary Liaison Day, we covered the work of Felix Semper, a self-taught artist who creates stretchable paper sculptures.

Felix's sculptures are inspired by everyday items, classical busts and pop culture. They are made from glued layers of paper, sliced wood, books, and recycled materials.

Examples of some of his paper sculptures can be found on the link below:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqnMoqZk_pM

Miss Morris, Head of Art



Year 5 Art & Sculpture

On Tuesday 10th July a group of Year 5 students from Broad Oak Primary School visited PGHS for a Kirigami (切り紙) Art and sculpture workshop.



Pupils learnt that Kirigami is a variation of origami that includes cutting paper, rather than solely folding the paper as is the case with origami.

During the day, the Year 5s produced a beautiful selection of Art sculptures and looked at how many artists are redefining this medium with 3D and 2D installations.

Miss Morris, Head of Art



CAT Faculty

This year has seen the first year of the CAT Faculty which encompasses Computing, Art and Technology.

It's been a very busy year with the Faculty establishing itself and ensuring that all the students enjoy the subjects with the faculty. This has proven to be a hit with the girls, as the pupil voice surveys have all been positive in the enjoyment and engagement of the subjects within the faculty. This is down to the dedication and hard work of the faculty members ensuring an engaging curriculum whilst taking into account the climate of change within the subject areas.

September welcomes a new member of the faculty, Mrs Freer, who will be teaching full time in Technology. We are all looking forward to the changes that this will bring. We will be working with a variety of different materials and equipment within Technology, including the introduction of Fashion and Textiles.

Key Stage 3 Computing

This year has seen a change in Computing with the girls all having one lesson of computing a week.

This has proven to be a success and the girls have learnt a variety of skills ranging from Online Safety to simple programming language in Year 7. In Year 8 the girls have looked at stop frame animation skills and further developed their programming skills by using python and the Micro:bits. Finally, in Year 9 they have looked at developing future technologies to developing python programming language and website creation. All the girls have been successful with all units studied and made good progress throughout the year.



Year 4 Online Safety

This term the PGHS Computing department welcomed 32 Year 4 pupils from Middleforth Primary school to spend a Monday morning looking at online safety.

This workshop started with the pupils discussing online safety and what they already knew and what they wanted to find out.

The Year 4s then went onto watching some videos to make them aware of the dangers on being online and taking selfies. There were lots of discussions around the taking of selfies and making sure that the pupils are aware of what is around them to ensure all private information is kept private and not shared with the world!

To end the session the pupils created an online safety poster explaining the rules around online safety and they printed these to take back to school to create a display.

A big thank you Middleforth Year 4 pupils who were keen to take part in all activities and had fun along the way!



GCSE Computer Science

Year 10 have had a productive first year of their GCSE Computer Science course.

It's been challenging at times with the theory content but the girls have risen to these challenges with enthusiasm and should be proud of their achievements this year! GCSE Computer Science has proved to be a popular option with the current Year 9 and there has been a significant increase in the number of pupils taking it next year. Here's hoping Penwortham Girls' is hiding the future Bill Gates or Steve Jobs! Looking forward to September with a new cohort of Computer Scientists.

Mrs Smith, Head of CAT Faculty

Year 4 Visit to the Technology Department

A class of Year 4 children from New Longton Primary school learnt how to be “design engineers” for the day with us in our Design Technology Department, learning many aspects of computer aided design.

The pupils were set a task on the computers to design a personalised door hanger and prepare the file for the laser cutter. The designs were cut out in ply wood and then decorated with brusho inks. It was a fun packed day in which the children said they were “very inspired and proud” of what they had made.



Miss Morris & Mrs Jennings



School App

Our school app is now available to download from your iOS or Android device from Apple's App Store or Google Play.

Just search for 'School Alerts' and once downloaded type 'Penwortham Girls' High School'.

You'll get 'at a glance' updates for news stories, forthcoming events, important reminders as well as a whole host of other content.

We hope you find this app useful. Please let us know if there is anything else you would like to see on the app.

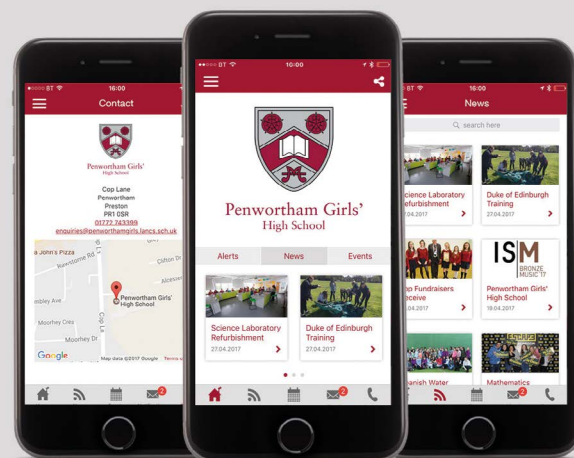
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Year 10 Mocks

Year 10 performed exceptionally well for their mock - non-exam assessment task, at the end of this term. Despite the heat they were highly organised and motivated producing a Masterchef-style finale to a very successful year in Food preparation and Nutrition.

Time plans were produced for three products. Under extreme pressure to meet tight time slots and the pressure of problem solving and improvisation, an atmosphere of resilience and integrity was evident. Mrs Pomeroy made a guest appearance and could not believe the high standard of work produced by the girls. The presentation and creativity was overwhelming and reminded me of the following:

"CREATIVE people
are **CURIOUS, (flexible),**
PERSISTENT,
and **independent** with a
TREMENDOUS SPIRIT
of **adventure**
& a love of play."
HENRI MATISSE

Well done Year 10, for a year full of promise and incredible achievements!
Mrs Khan



Food Technology

This year's Food Technology assessment saw Year 11 completing a 3 hour practical to showcase their skills by either creating 3 European dishes or a children's school meal promoting the importance of '5 a day'.

To achieve the highest marks in their assessment our pupils had to develop complex skills, whilst also showing a high level of flair and creativity. These skills were honed during the course of Year 10/11 through focussed practical sessions.

Mrs Khan
Food Technology Co-ordinator





Lancashire Book of the Year – Book Review: Traitor to the Throne by Alwyn Hamilton

Being part of LBOY has been one amazing experience. It has opened doors to new genres of books I would never have considered reading before this

Every book had its positives and downfalls, but none really stood out to me as 'wow' until I came across 'Traitor to the Throne' - a fantasy sequel.

Being the second book in a series my peers found it hard to grasp the storyline. However, I was familiar with the series already. One of the book's strengths was definitely the unique setting and plot which meant you were thoroughly engaged and couldn't predict the ending. I loved the main character, a female sharpshooter called Amani because she wasn't at all perfect and really went against the stereotype. Seeing her dramatically develop throughout the series was quite inspiring.

As the setting was quite new, a bit more context and explaining of a few key words here and there would have made the book flawless.

I cannot recommend this book enough to teenagers 13+, especially, those who are into fantasy novels-you will absolutely adore this book.

Written by Misbah B – Year 9



Cell 7 and Haunt Me

Cell 7 (by Kerry Drewery) is incredible, because of how utterly morbid and terrifying it is, and yet is still peaceful and a story of romance and peace and trust and going against all rules of society.

I loved the fact that they were given such a short amount of time, and the way that Kerry allowed every piece of the story and every clue to fall into place – she completely finished the story, but left room for it to continue. She answered every question, bar one, and made sure you wanted to read on.

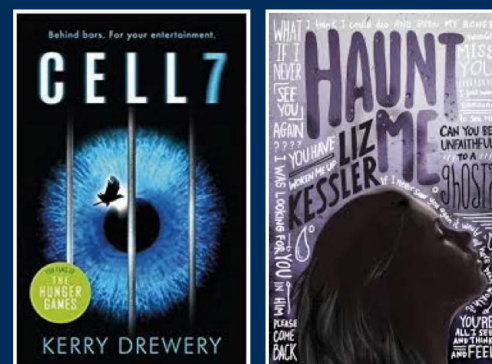
I also absolutely adored Haunt Me (by Liz Kessler). I read the entire 388 page book in one sitting, and barely looked up from it!

There was not a single boring moment in it and every word added to the atmosphere. It showed a really fascinating view on how such strong connections can be made between people, but also showed the pain of it. My favourite part of this book is how the author created fear and panic within the reader as the main characters, Joe in particular, suffer by using such vivid description.

I also loved the mystery element within it, in that you still wait to find out Joe's story and don't do so until right at the end, as well as learning about the present story.

It's also sweet how the love story between two people isn't the true love story and that it shows how love should mean letting go...

reviewed by Rebecca T



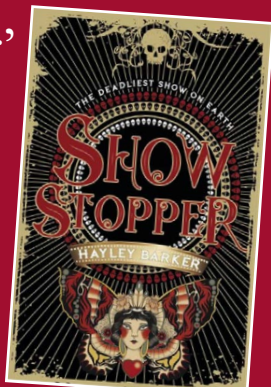
'Showstopper'

My favourite book from the LBOY short list was "Showstopper" by Hayley Barker.

With its unique story line and exciting plot twists, it is a book that keeps you on the edge of your seat. The characters were in no way cliché and the book was a breath of fresh air from most generic older teen books. "Showstopper" incorporates many different book genres, with it being not only a thriller, but also a romance novel. Barker creates villains and heroes like most books do, but gives the characters layers so you can make your own decision how you feel about the characters. Not only this, but the book carries a very important message, which is that all around us is propaganda and you cannot believe everything the news headlines tell us.

I've picked Fir as my favourite book from the shortlist as I loved the way that the author (Sharon Gosling) did not inform the reader of the narrator's name or even gender. This gets the reader to interpret it in the way they would like.

Furthermore I enjoyed the fact that she had researched Swedish myths and folk stories of the forests which led to her story; I found this interesting. My only criticism of the book is that it started very slowly and it took me a while to get into it.



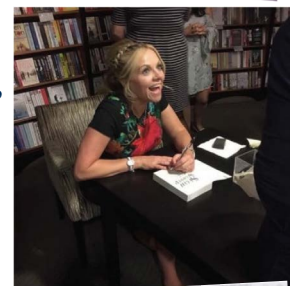
Lancashire Book of the Year Award

I enjoyed going to the final ceremony because it was interesting to meet the authors and see what they had the say about their books, after I had read them.

I also liked seeing all the other people who had taken part as I had not realised, how big LBOY really is. My favourite author to listen to was Jeremy de Quidt as he was funny and gave many good writing tips. He is also the author of my favourite book from the shortlist: The Wrong Train.

I love this book as it has eight spooky short stories with a creepy narrative; the ending is also very clever. I liked listening to Hayley Barker, author of Show Stopper, as she gave an inspirational speech on standing up to inequalities and discrimination in the world.

By Lauren P



Lancashire Book of the Year Award 2018

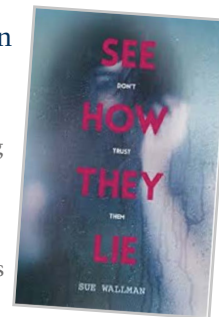
We have been one of the judging schools for Lancashire Book of the Year Award again this year and the experience gets better and better.

A large number of pupils from Year 9 have had the experience of reviewing books from a range of diverse genres and meeting highly acclaimed authors. The event culminated in a superb celebration event at UCLAN where 'See how they Lie' by Sue Wallman was chosen as the winning book.

Enjoy reading our reviews of some of the shortlist; these books will be available to borrow from the school library from September. If you can't wait until then, try Borrowbox – the online loans facility from Lancashire libraries.



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Your library in one app.





We have had yet another fast paced and Geography-packed year at PGHS.

In this most recent term students have studied Environmental Issues (Year 7), The Geography of Crime (Year 8) and Travel & Tourism (Year 9).

Hopefully, some students will have been inspired to book next year's family holiday, draw up a plan to reduce the carbon footprint of the family or create a home security plan depending on which year group they are in!

We also said goodbye to our Year 11 Geographers this term, many of whom are going off to do A-level Geography. We wish them well and can't wait to see them with huge smiles on their faces on Results Day!

This term the department has run a number of trips out of school. We took Mrs Cardoe's class from New Longton C of E Primary School for a woodland day at Roddlesworth, near Abbey Village. Their knowledge, enthusiasm and creativity were fantastic!



We've also taken the Year 9 GCSE Geography option cohort to Ingleton waterfall trail. Although the long dry spell of weather meant the falls were not up to their usual spectacular standard we had an excellent day, nonetheless, with the scenery of the area at its glorious best in the sunshine. Mr Bowles, Head of Geography

Remember, you are always a Geographer, both in the classroom and away from it so try to spread your wings a little and see some of our local countryside if you can. If you are going further afield, have fun and be a respectful and interested tourist, and regardless of where you are off to don't forget to send us a postcard from your travels.

Have a great summer!



Where's Earthy?



Last time round Earthy was in Mr Bowles' home town of Lancaster, checking out the castle.

Four students all emailed in exceptionally quickly and received OS maps from the department: Eliya D and Holly B (Year 7), Lori R (Year 8) and Molly K (Year 9).

This time round it's an easy one! (Clue – "It's coming home from here"). Email your answer to g.bowles@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk. You must be as specific as possible with your answer.

Mr Bowles, Head of Geography



Skipton Castle

This term every student in Year 7 visited Skipton Castle in North Yorkshire.

The students were given guided tours around the castle by experienced guides and were provided with a superb experience of life inside a medieval castle. There has been a castle on this site in Skipton for over 900 years and it is an excellent example of how and why castles changed over time; the theme of an important Year 7 assessment in history. Students were given the opportunity to learn more about the key features of castles such as the gatehouse, battlements, courtyard, and banqueting hall, which supplemented their learning about castles and castle life in the classroom. Although it was a very cold day, the students thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Emily in 7P said about the trip: "I really enjoyed the Skipton Castle trip because it brought all of the year together. I even enjoyed the coach as well because it was so warm. There were loads of fun facts about the castle which was really intriguing. The castle was extremely cold which made it more realistic. My favourite part of the trip was being with my friends and enjoying the time together. I would definitely recommend this trip for other high schools because it was a trip I will never forget. Can't wait to go on other trips like this!"

The students were fully engaged throughout the visit and were a real credit to the school. Thank you to the staff members that volunteered to supervise the students during the trip and for ensuring that they got the most out of the visit.

Mr Herbert
Head of
History



War Horse

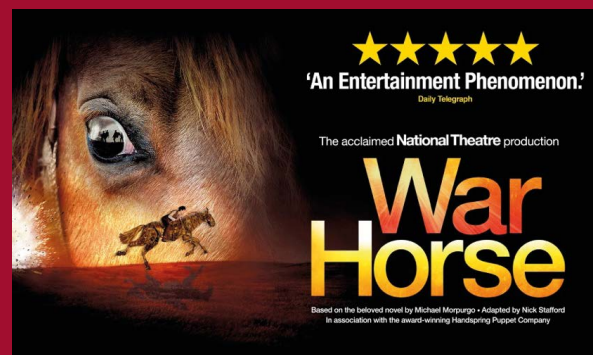
On Wednesday 20th June 50 Year 9 students attended an outstanding performance of War Horse at the Lowry Theatre in Manchester.

The cast of the show put on an unforgettable performance which engrossed the students and staff in the story of a boy and his horse separated at the outbreak of the First World War. The pair are eventually reunited at the end of the war after both fully experiencing the horrors of trench warfare.

The students could use their expert knowledge of the First World War to understand the complex context of the play and they were all in agreement that it was an enthralling 2 ½ hour show. As usual, the students were superb ambassadors for the school, gaining many complements on their conduct and behaviour from the Lowry staff as well as members of the public.

Thank you to Mr Ramsdale and Mrs Thomas for their help in supervising the visit. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to see War Horse, the play will run until the end of June. Highly recommended!

Mr Herbert
Head of History



Music Department News

Beauty and the Beast

Students at Penwortham Girls' have exceeded all expectations in their ability to work together to produce an amazing production of Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast'.

The girls have worked extremely hard since January on learning the lines, vocal melodies, dance moves and the band parts and this culminated in a mesmerizing production on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th July. Those of you who were lucky enough to join us will have seen firsthand the talent of the girls involved both on the stage, in the band and not forgetting our backstage crew. Girls from Year 7 - 10 took part and have been an absolute pleasure to work with and we sincerely hope that this experience has provided many lifelong memories for them all. Well done, one and all!



"I have really enjoyed performing as 'Le Fou' in 'Beauty and the Beast'. It has been a great experience to get involved and meet new people. It has been a fantastic show that I will always remember being part of and I thank everyone who put their time and effort into it, because without their help it wouldn't have been an inspirational performance."

Hannah





Longton Primary Arts Week

Just before half term we were invited to perform at Longton Primary's Arts Week.

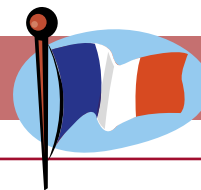
Both Brass and Woodwind group boarded the minibus and we set off with Mr Crane and Mrs Maddocks (our brass and woodwind peripatetic teachers) to entertain the pupils and staff at Longton. A number of the girls Rose C, Chloe H, Cara R and returning Longton pupil Ellie G gave fantastic solo performances as well as playing in the ensembles which had the pupils tapping, clapping and even singing along. All our musicians were excellent ambassadors for our school as always. Well done, girls!

Mrs Cattnach, Head of Music



"I enjoyed being a part of Beauty and the Beast because it really put me out of my comfort zone. I also met some great friends I wouldn't have spoken to otherwise. Overall, it was a great experience."

Niamh.



Our Year 7 and 8 beginners of German have been learning about German music and have had the opportunity to sing along as well as to work on their written work.

Favourite groups of our department include: Münchener Freiheit; Helene Fischer; Tokio Hotel ; Rammstein and Die Toten Hosen.

The girls can have a look over the Summer to see which other German bands or singers can become their favourite whilst here at PGHS as well as aiding comprehension and pronunciation generally.

Goodbye Miss Brown

We said goodbye to Miss Brown who has now completed her training here with us.

She has worked with all year groups and in particular has made a big impression on our Year 10 and 11 students as she worked with them for all aspects of their examinations including speaking, listening, reading and writing.

She has also inspired some of the girls to want to take A-level French. The MFL department would like to thank her for all her work in both French and German.

We will miss her!



Corridor Displays.

Thank you to our Year 10 subject prefects who are creating new MFL corridor displays.

R. Fowler and J. Ward have chosen to display vocabulary such as question words and connectives. This enables students to see them on the corridor as well as on the classroom learning walls. Students also have copies in their exercise books so that they can refer to them to make their sentences more interesting e.g. using different connectives, opinion phrases, negative structures etc..

Year 8 students have been completing a project researching the tourist attractions in Paris. They have written postcards in French and created tourist brochures.



A-Level/Core Maths conference – The “Mathemagic Tour”

On Monday 9th July, Liverpool University welcomed a group of keen Year 10 mathematicians for an insight into what maths is like beyond GCSE.

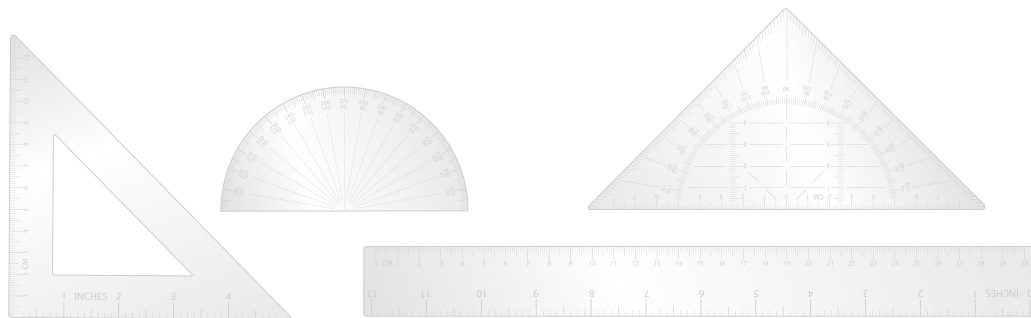
Our first lecture was game theory, which provided an insight into the mathematics of finding a partner including investigating decision making with a group.

Next, we enjoyed a lecture about trigonometric graphs, introducing us to further transformations beyond those we have already learned at GCSE. We used various trigonometric graph transformations to model the relationship between height and time travelled on the London Eye. After successfully demolishing more than our fair share of biscuits during the break, Colin (who we shall never forget) introduced us to/gave a comedic performance about ‘the world of topology’. We spent the hour cutting, sticking and ‘smooshing’ pieces of paper to create möbius loops and shapes with minus one hole, and failing to create the coveted joined heart shape (except Mrs McGuire). Colin left us fascinated and in hysterics once again after lunch, as his impressive juggling skills led us to generate patterns and make predictions.

The final part of the day was a maths challenge, splitting us into two groups where we ran up on stage, built a dragon, and also did some maths. A lovely day was brought to a victorious end as the group with Katherine T, Imogen H, Emma F, and two others from a different school that were confused about their names, came first out of eighteen teams. We are now the proud owners of a beautiful red further maths mug, which is also our trophy!

Thanks to Mrs McGuire and Mr Cheal for their support, encouragement and arranging another memorable visit for the Mathematics department.

The Mathematics Department



It is with great sadness that my time at PGHS has come to an end as I will be leaving to start my new job as an Aspiring Leader of Maths at Worden Academy.

It has been a pleasure to have had the opportunity to start my teaching career here. I have always been impressed with our pupils, who are hardworking and motivated.

There have been some challenging times, but seeing the pupils achieving outstanding grades year after year and knowing that I have had some part to play in this has made it all worthwhile.

My personal highlight has to be that after 5 years I finally achieved an award from the pupils of funniest teacher!

Working with the staff at PGHS has been a real privilege. With their encouragement, I have developed my teaching and have lots of ideas for teaching in the future. The staff have also added to my enjoyment of working at PGHS.

I have enjoyed every minute of my time at PGHS and will truly miss working here, I wish everyone continued success for the future.

Mr Cafferkey.

The summer term has seen plenty of activity in PE!

Our Sports Leaders have helped our local Primary Schools run their Sports Days and have organised and hosted an Old Fashioned Sports Day for years 4 & 5. Our newly trained Cricket Leaders have also officiated at the Primary Competitions.

The U'15 and U'13 Cricket teams both won the South Ribble outdoor competitions and went on to compete in the Lancashire Country Round, both only narrowly missing out on a place in the North West finals.

The U'13 cricket team were nominated for the Sports Achievement Award at the Lancashire Post Education Awards, which took place at the Charter Theatre.

The team really enjoyed their evening, celebrating achievements in education across Lancashire. The icing on the cake was not the speciality cup cakes but that we came away as winners! A well deserved accolade for a team who have worked so hard and have really built up an amazing team spirit and competitive ethic.

Our rounders team have also had considerable success:-

Year 7 – result pending at time of writing

Year 8 – winners of the South Ribble Competition

Year 9 – Runners Up of the South Ribble Competition and went on to represent South Ribble in the Lancashire Youth Games.

Year 10 – 3rd place.

The South Ribble Athletics Championships were held at Robin Park Arena on Friday 20th June. Again we achieved great success!

Year 7 – 1st

Year 8 -1st

Year 9 – 4th

Sports presentation evening



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U'14 South Ribble Team Winners (Girls)

The end of the summer term is always a celebration of achievements and a thank you to all the girls who take part in sport in some way over the school year. Our Sports Presentation Evening saw over 200 pupils and parents celebrate in the School Hall and review the sporting year at PGHS.

The School Hall was transformed in to a gala dinner setting and the girls made every effort to dress up for a formal occasion. This year, we were very privileged to have Jenny Meadows as our guest speaker. Jenny is a British athlete who is the 4th fastest British woman over 800m. Amongst her many successes, she

Captained the GB team at the European Indoor Championships 2013 and won Bronze at the Commonwealth Games 2014.

Our last event of the summer term is the 'festival' Sports Day. Every pupil was involved in one way or another, as a competitor, running the charity stalls, taking part in the Record Breaker events and cheering on their form group's competitors. It was such a lovely, fun, way to end the term and a fitting way to celebrate the end of another successful year.

Thank you to all the girls who have given their time to PE and sport at PGHS!

Mrs Burns, Head of PE

Goodbye to Miss Lawson

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Miss Lawson who has been with us since Easter. We wish her the very best for the future.

Sports Day



Cricket Awards



Religious Education and Community Studies Department News

Primary Enrichment Day with the RE Department

The RE department ran an exciting Primary Enrichment day with Year 5 pupils from Little Hoole Primary School on Wednesday 27th June.

We had the lovely Mrs Singleton from Doterra running the session, looking at resilience and mindfulness.

The pupils discussed what makes them feel worried or stressed and began the morning session with some breathing exercises and enjoyed a guided meditation session. Aromas of lavender, lemon, frankincense, peppermint and seville orange were used. Pupils were asked to visualise different colours and the scents they associate them with.

Pupils explored how their own lives compare to those less fortunate and made a gratitude list. They learned techniques to help them to cope with stress, worry and other negative emotions that they could use every day to help them to feel calm and confident. The sessions helped pupils to understand different areas of their life that could contribute to stress and examined ways of managing it (through good diet and exercise, getting enough sleep, relaxation activities and a positive mind-set).

The pupils were fantastic and joined in the activities throughout the day. They enjoyed the aroma session and loved the Zentangle art they took home with them. We finished the day with a Celebration Ceremony. Each pupil got a Certificate and participated in a final breathing exercise.

A huge thankyou to Mrs Singleton for making the day so special! Namaste!

Miss Davies

Zoolab

This term students in Years 8, 9 and 10 had the opportunity to get involved in a workshop called “Zoolab”.

The aim of this session was to try and get the girls to understand complex biological, social or engineering concepts.

During the session they explored the world of habitats, adaptations and classification. They also had the chance to interact with a variety of living organisms.

Students enjoyed a great session and we are looking forward to seeing “Zoolab” again in the future.

Make sure you don't miss out next time!

Mrs Honeyman, Head of Science



School's Physicist of the Year – Sarah A (Year 10)

On 12th June some of the county's most talented young scientists attended a special awards evening at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) to celebrate their abilities and achievements in physics.

It is the ninth time UCLan has hosted the Lancashire Schools' Physicist of the Year Awards which is sponsored by the Ogden Trust, a charitable trust that aims to promote the teaching and learning of physics. Schools from around the region are invited to select their highest achieving Years 10 and 12 pupils to be recognised at the prestigious event. Sarah was selected as one of only 18 pupils across all of Lancashire.

Recipients of the award receive a book token and a certificate from the Ogden Trust but more importantly, are given access to a wide range of benefits including undergraduate scholarships and travel grants to undertake independent travel for voluntary work, studying abroad and taking part in research trips over the next few years.

Well done, Sarah!

Mrs Honeyman, Head of Science



Science Department News

Year 7 Science

This year Year 7 have been learning about is Ecosystems.

This includes the habitats that animals live in, what they eat and how important they are to us. As part of this topic they spent the day at Chester Zoo. The girls enjoyed their time learning about animals such as the elephant, rhino, penguin, flamingos and many others. The girls were impeccably behaved and enjoyed the day.

The Science department were impressed with the knowledge that the girls already had about the importance of zoos and this is being followed up in lessons with a project on the conservation work being carried out in zoos and around the world. The girls that didn't go on the trip spent some time looking at zoos and the work carried out there. They looked at the advantages and disadvantage and produced some excellent presentations on some of the animals. They also designed a wildlife garden for the school to demonstrate the importance of protecting our wildlife in our own community.

Mrs Cahill



Sophie Ward

Sophie Ward, science technician, science TA, ukelele playing wonder...where do the talents of this woman end ?



She is moving onto a bright future and who knows where we see her next (search youtube: sophsnotes if you miss her too much !).

She has gone above and beyond her role and will be truly missed by staff and pupils alike. Good luck with everything Sophie, you are a true "legend" !!

The Science Department

Valedictory Dinner 2018

On the evening of Thursday 28th June it was time to say our goodbyes to our current Year 11 at their Valedictory Dinner at the Marriott Hotel in Broughton.

This was a much-anticipated finale to their time at Penwortham Girls' and more than well-deserved following all their hard work.

They looked extremely glamorous, of course, and very grown-up and sophisticated as they carefully negotiated the red carpet, expertly pausing for photographs along the way. Staff and students then enjoyed a delicious three course meal, after which everyone danced the night away, stopping, of course, for more photos and the occasional visit to the chocolate fountain.

They have been a fantastic Year 11 and we would like to wish them every success for the future. They now deserve a well-earned rest and we look forward to seeing them all on Results Day on August 23rd.

Mr Bowles, Year 11 RAC



Inclusion Unit

September 2017 saw the opening of our new Inclusion Unit at PGHS, offering respite and a supported work space for students who need a quiet place to work, or who cannot access a classroom due to physical injury.

As part of our collaborative engagement we have created a garden just outside the Annexe; we have put a lot of effort into creating a beautiful and tranquil place, planting colourful borders and tubs. We have even gone as far as restoring the old bench!

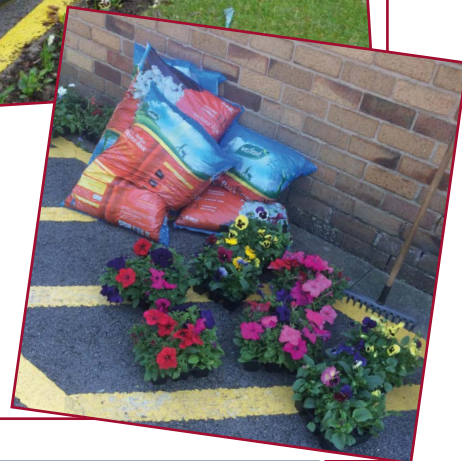
We hope to expand the garden next year by growing not only flowers, but also edibles.

Our thanks to all who donated equipment, plants and time. We're sure you will agree the result is amazing!

The Inclusion Team



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In the very short time since their inception, our Soroptimisses have been involved in a wide range of worthwhile projects.

More recently, their fundraising efforts, along with monies raised by our Head Girl, Kate L and Jess T, Deputy Head Girl, have enabled us to sponsor the education of a second young lady from Swaziland, Sinthemba Ncongwane.

Sinthemba is 16 years old and attends school at Mater Dolorosa High School, which is the same school where Zomba, the other student we sponsor, attends. Sinthemba's father used to work as a kombi driver but he became permanently disabled after he suffered a major stroke, which resulted in him losing his job. Sinthemba's mother abandoned her after her father became disabled. Currently, she is staying with her grandmother. Sinthemba is a hard worker at school and she is determined to do well. Thanks to the money raised by our pupils, she will now have three years at school fully funded and will be able to complete her education.

Karen Rainford, a member of the Preston Soroptimisses, has worked closely with our soroptimisses and has nothing but praise for what they have achieved during the past year:

On behalf of all members of all clubs in Soroptimist International, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I would like to thank all the students who have become 'Soroptimisses'.

This is the first ever school club in the organisation and has proved to be a great success. The girls have worked tirelessly collecting items for Mary's Meals and to fill handbags for Syrian Refugee women. They have helped 'twin' ten toilets and sponsored a young girl in Swaziland through her first year in high school. They have been enthusiastic, friendly and conscientious and are very keen to support their older 'sisters'.

I am so proud to have been involved in this initiative from the outset and have received messages from clubs in all corners of the UK acknowledging and praising the girls on their work. I want to thank all the girls for their support in enhancing the lives of women and girls worldwide. I look forward to further success in future years.

Mrs Pomeroy, Headteacher



Learning Support Department News

Annual Tea Party

Wednesday 11th July saw the Learning Support Department host yet another roaring tea party – the most hotly anticipated event in the Learning Support calendar!

This year, with the weather on our side, we were able to hold the event in our outdoor learning area which made for a joyful atmosphere. Tea and coffee flowed freely but I think a number of our guests were quite grateful of the cooler drinks that we had on offer too!

Recent school leaver, Eleanor returned with one of her signature cakes and it was lovely to reminisce with her mum about the happy years Eleanor has spent at PGHS. Eleanor also got roped into helping out with her friend Lizzie so huge thanks to them for contributing to the afternoon's success.

Ruth, Chloe and Hannah did a fantastic job at ushering guests to the tea party and were rewarded with some hearty helpings of cake!

The afternoon could not have run as smoothly as it did without the help of our amazing TAs who never fail to step up to the challenge and make our tea party better and better each year. Whether it's roping in family to bake cakes; sourcing tablecloths and paper cups or creating beautiful flower arrangements from the bare minimum, these ladies never fail to impress.

I hope all of our guests had as much fun as we did; we're already looking forward to next year's party!

Mrs K McGibbon, SENDCo



Governors News

Governing Body Summer 2018 Update

The summer term always seems to fly by and we always appear to experience some sun during the exam period!

This year, the girls had to suffer the heat also! I am confident, though, that everyone's consistent hard work and thorough preparation (staff, parents and students), will mean a successful results' day in August. I look forward to seeing many of you in school that day.

Governors have spent much of this summer term preparing for the new school year. We have approved the school's budget and spent a productive Saturday morning off-site considering how to continue to support and challenge in the most effective way. We have continued to assist the leadership of the school in making key staff appointments and have also welcomed some new governors to our team. What seems like constant change also invigorates us all!

In my role as National leader of Governance, I develop governing bodies throughout Lancashire whilst highlighting the strengths of our own school, in the same way as our own staff as Specialist Leaders in Education and our own Head teacher as National Leader of Education all do with teaching staff and leaders across many schools. PGHS continues to be held in high esteem across the county and beyond. At the end of another successful year at school, I would like to thank all staff, students, parents and governors for continuing to work hard to maintain our high standards. Have a safe and enjoyable summer break!

L Russell-Hayes B.Ed (Hons), NPQH
(National Leader of Governance)
Chair of the Governing Body

Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl

Hello, my name is Emma, and it is with great excitement that I introduce myself as your new Head Girl.

It is a great privilege to take the position as I move into my final year at PGHS - a place I have truly loved being part of over the past four years. PGHS has brought out the confidence in me that did not exist when I first joined, making me want to push myself into being part of the 'VEX Robotics', 'BAE MakeIt Challenge' and 'Talent 2030 Engineering Competition'. Within school, I enjoy maths most of all, but also hold a keen interest in science, notably chemistry and physics, giving me future aspirations to become an engineer. Outside of school, my favourite hobby is horse-riding. However I enjoy dancing and playing badminton too. I am thoroughly looking forward to being Head Girl, and wish everyone all the best for the coming year.

Hi, my name is Aysha and I'm your Deputy Head Girl. Here at Penwortham Girls' High School we strive to ensure that everyone is happy and confident doing what they love!

In my years at Penwortham Girls' I have had the opportunity to take part in many different activities such as sports day, charity events and much, much, more. During my role as Deputy Head Girl I have already organised and managed an entire glitter stall with the help of pupils in my year. We raised a staggering £246.00 and intend to donate the proceeds to charity. PGHS has inspired me and made me a better person with a greater understanding of different people with different cultures. If you ever need anyone to talk to, just know that I am here.



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