

Newsletter

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Important Dates:



26th – 30th October
HALF TERM

19th November
Year 11 Parents Evening

10th December
Year 9 Parent Evening

PGHS hits the mark



Picture from left: Scott Riley Enterprise Adviser, DXC Technology
John Ramsdale, Senior Assistant Headteacher
Shaheen Gul Enterprise Coordinator, Inspira

Penwortham Girls' High School was delighted to receive official recognition from the Lancashire Careers Hub for recently achieving all eight of the Gatsby Benchmarks. The benchmarks recognise the work of schools in providing effective careers guidance to their students and form part of the Ofsted criteria for inspecting schools. 'Hitting all eight benchmarks has required a real team effort', said John Ramsdale, Senior Assistant Headteacher and Careers Leader at the school. 'I get fantastic support from my Enterprise Coordinator and we are building exciting partnerships with local employers, including DXC Technology.'

The school also employs a Careers Adviser who provides one-to-one guidance and support with college and apprenticeship applications. Despite the current restrictions, ambitious plans are already in place to keep improving Careers provision, including mock Zoom interviews and virtual work experience.

Mr Ramsdale
Senior Assistant Headteacher



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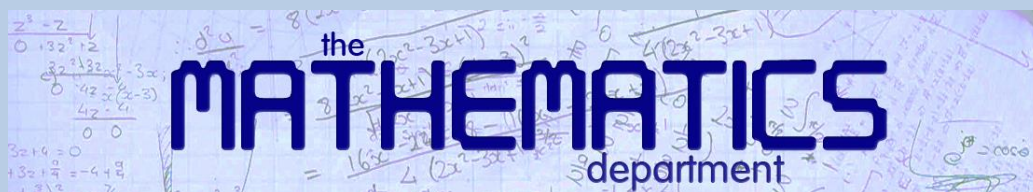
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Maths Enrichment 2020

During Lockdown, we were consistently impressed with how effectively students were able to motivate themselves outside of the classroom environment. The resilience that many students showed when completing their home learning tasks was exemplary. This commitment to developing their own understanding in maths has inspired us to develop further opportunities to stretch and challenge our fantastic students outside using online platforms.

On the 21st September, we launched our Maths Enrichment Online site. Every week, students are given a new mathematical problem or puzzle to solve. Many of the tasks are open ended; encouraging students to explore different mathematical concepts and work with resilience to independently discover patterns and processes within real life contexts.

Every week, one student from each year group will be awarded a Head's Commendation for demonstrating resilience with the given task. In addition to this, merits will be awarded for logical thinkers and rigorous researchers.

Students can take photos of their work and email them to mathsenrichment@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk
Below is a picture of the first task with some exemplary work from students in Year 7 and 8.

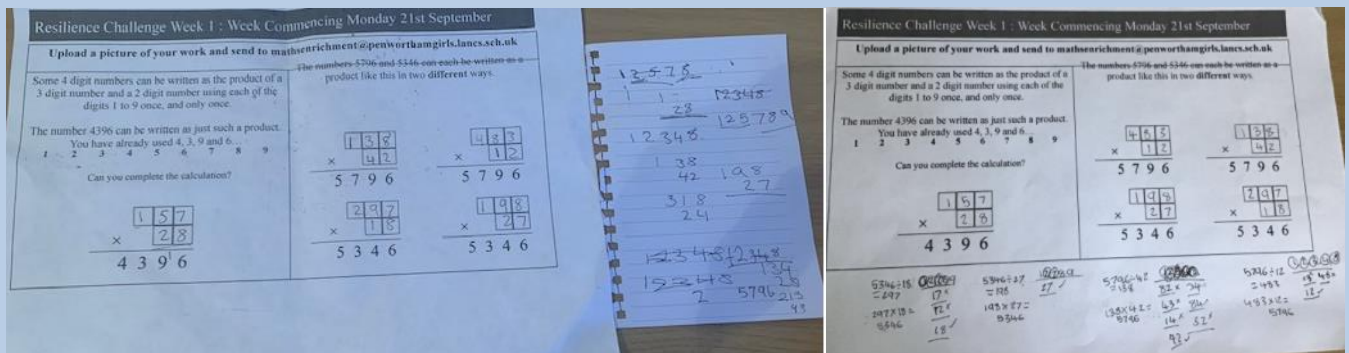
Resilience Challenge Week 1 : Week Commencing Monday 21 st September	
Upload a picture of your work and send to mathsenrichment@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk	
<p>Some 4 digit numbers can be written as the product of a 3 digit number and a 2 digit number using each of the digits 1 to 9 once, and only once.</p> <p>The number 4396 can be written as just such a product. You have already used 4, 3, 9 and 6...</p> <p>1 2 ✕ ✕ 5 ✕ 7 8 ✕</p> <p>Can you complete the calculation?</p> $\begin{array}{r} \square \square \square \\ \times \quad \square \square \\ \hline 4 \ 3 \ 9 \ 6 \end{array}$	<p>The numbers 5796 and 5346 can each be written as a product like this in two different ways.</p> $\begin{array}{r} \square \square \square \\ \times \quad \square \square \\ \hline 5 \ 7 \ 9 \ 6 \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r} \square \square \square \\ \times \quad \square \square \\ \hline 5 \ 3 \ 4 \ 6 \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r} \square \square \square \\ \times \quad \square \square \\ \hline 5 \ 7 \ 9 \ 6 \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r} \square \square \square \\ \times \quad \square \square \\ \hline 5 \ 3 \ 4 \ 6 \end{array}$

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To access all future weekly enrichment tasks, please visit the school website and type 'Maths Enrichment' into the search bar.

Mrs Walsh
Curriculum Leader for Mathematics

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

We are delighted to announce the launch of our PGHS Maths newspaper, 'The Sum'.

Every half term, a set of form groups from across all Key Stage 3 groups will be selected to take on the role of mathematical journalists. They will be given the opportunity to write newspaper articles which explore mathematics in real life applications and contexts.

The article headlines are fixed, with guidance and ideas provided on the school website on our Maths Enrichment page.

<http://www.penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk/mathematics-enrichment/6392365.html>

Students can choose to write articles from any of the following headlines :

Fashion and Finance
Careers that Count
Sustainable Sums
Food for Thought
Puzzle Page



The first form groups selected are 7P, 8P and 9P. The classroom teacher of these groups will spend some time in their upcoming lessons exploring some of the key themes and reminding students of the academic vocabulary that should be used when writing from a mathematical viewpoint.

On completion of an article, students should email their work to thesum@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk.

We look forward to reading the fantastic work and creative ideas submitted.

Be sure to look out for our premiere issue which will be emailed out in the week commencing 19th October.

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Year 7 students have already been impressing us this term with their enthusiasm for History and eagerness to learn more about the Medieval period. Here is a selection of Year 7 opinions about what they have enjoyed about History so far!

"I have enjoyed learning about the old school uniform that Penwortham Girls' used to wear including berets, skirts, scarves and big gym knickers! We learnt about the different subjects and buildings that there used to be."
Hayley R

"I have learnt all about the old school uniform. They used to wear these berets and wore these knickers for PE. I found it very interesting to learn about it and History is my new favourite subject (other than PE)!"
Tess S

"In History so far, I have enjoyed learning about the various tactics used at the Battle of Fulford and the Battle of Stamford Bridge. It was interesting to learn about the motives of all the claimants."
Abigail K

"I liked learning about Harald Hardrada and how he fought off the Anglo-Saxons and used their corpses to cross the River Ouse."
Grace D



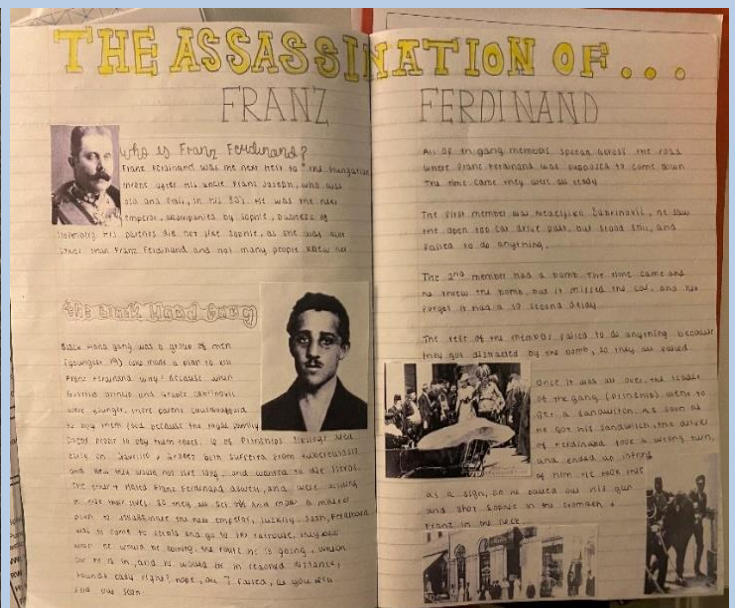
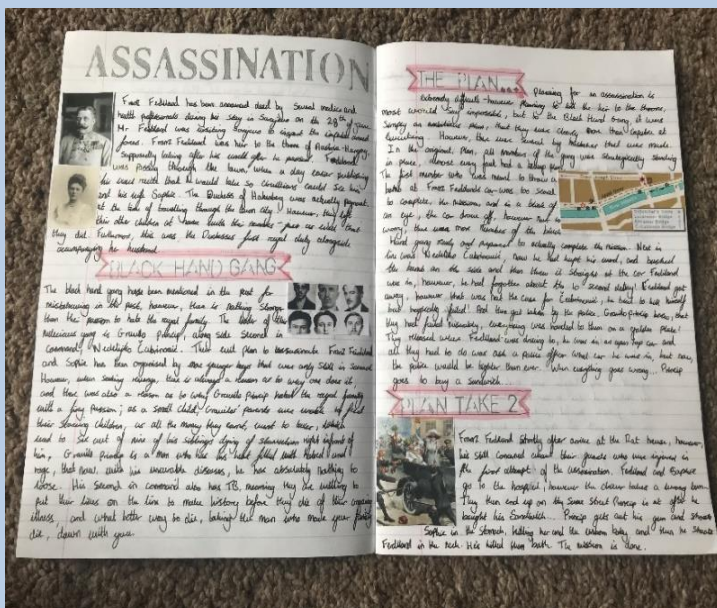
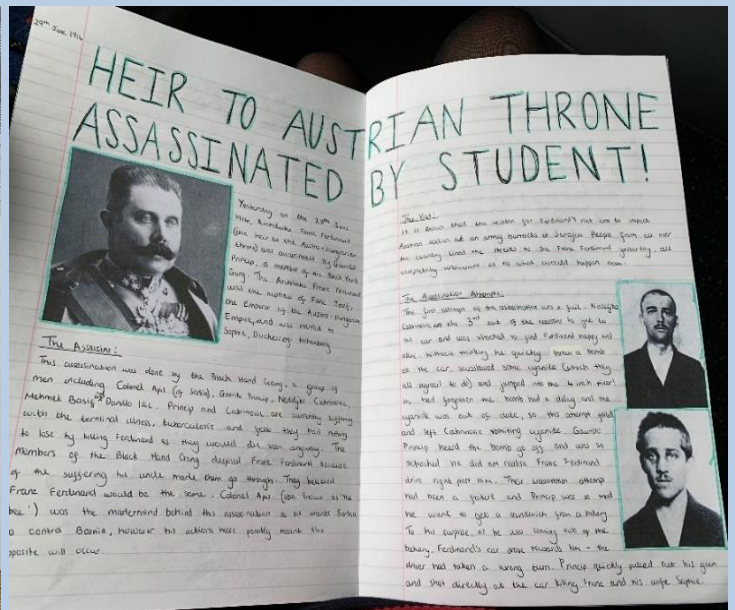
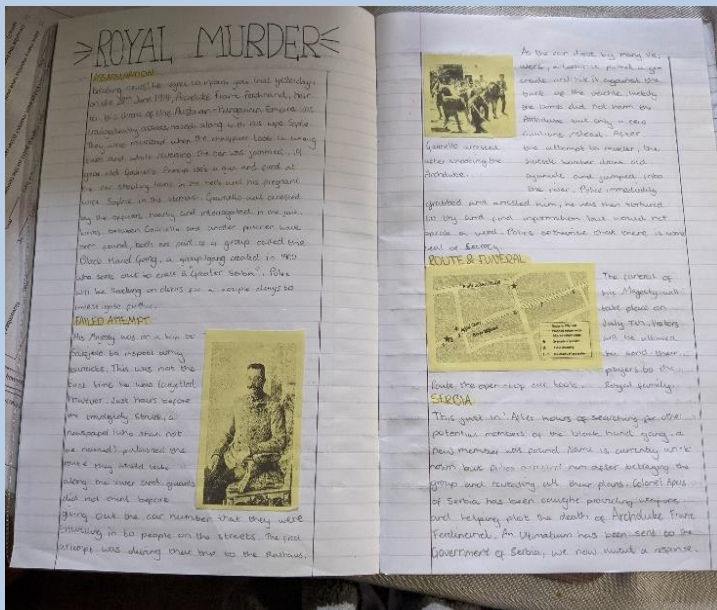
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Year 9 students have recently been studying the causes and events of the First World War 1914-18. As part of their study of the period, students have investigated the events of the 28th June 1914 when Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne was assassinated by a terrorist organisation, 'the Black Hand Gang'. Students demonstrated their learning by creating a newspaper article outlining the key events from this crucial turning point in 20th century history. Here are some examples of their hard work!



Mr Herbert,
Curriculum Leader for History

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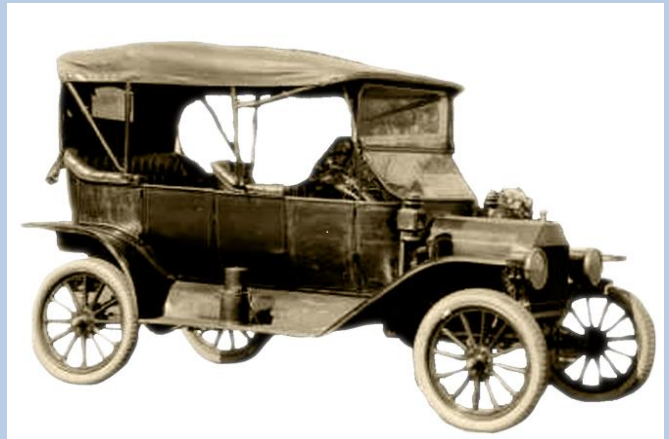
Important October anniversaries for GCSE Historians!

The following important events from our study of Elizabethan England, the USA 1910-29 and Germany 1919-1991, all took place in October. Why not revise each topic on their anniversary?

October 1, 1908 - Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

October 1, 1938 - Hitler's troops occupied the Sudetenland – a part of Czechoslovakia. In an effort to avoid war, the leaders of Britain and France had agreed to give this German-speaking area to Hitler, who later broke the agreement and occupied all of Czechoslovakia.

October 3, 1990 - After 45 years of Cold War division, East and West Germany were reunited as the Federal Republic of Germany.



October 6, 1927 - The first "talkie" opened in New York. 'The Jazz Singer' starring Al Jolson was the first full-length feature film using spoken dialogue.

October 10, 1562 – Elizabeth I nearly dies of smallpox!

October 19, 1987 - "Black Monday" occurred on Wall Street as stocks plunged a record 22.6%, the largest one-day drop in stock market history.

October 24, 1929 - "Black Thursday" occurred on Wall Street as nearly 13 million shares were sold in panic selling. Five days later "Black Tuesday" saw 16 million shares sold.



October 24, 1931 - Chicago gangster "Scarface" Al Capone was sentenced to 11 years in jail for Federal income tax evasion.

October 26, 1586 - Mary Queen of Scots was found guilty of her involvement in the Babington plot.

October 28, 1918 - At the end of the First World War, a mutiny broke out in the German navy at Kiel. The uprising spread to Hamburg, Bremen and Lubeck, resulting in a general strike in Berlin which brought down Kaiser Wilhelm II, who abdicated the following month.

October 28, 1919 - Prohibition began in the U.S. with the passage of the National Prohibition (Volstead) Act by Congress. Sales of drinks containing more than one half of one percent of alcohol became illegal.



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Head's Commendations

Alexa L (Year 9) - Superb newspaper article on the assassination of Franz Ferdinand. (History)
Olivia Si (Year 9) - Superb newspaper article on the assassination of Franz Ferdinand. (History)
Elyse F (Year 9) - Superb newspaper article on the assassination of Franz Ferdinand. (History)
Isabella W (Year 9) – Superb newspaper article on the assassination of Franz Ferdinand. (History)

Olivia S (Year 9)

Outstanding piece of homework on the wettest place on Earth – Mawsynram, India (research task). (Geography)

Jessica S (Year 10)

Jess has been going above and beyond in her quest to improve her spelling and vocabulary. In particular, she 'smashed' Bedrock Learning last week! (English)

Tilly P (Year 9)

Tilly submitted the first correctly completed enrichment task in Year 9! Her work demonstrates an excellent level of resilience and hard work. (Maths)

Amber R (Year 9)

Amber's poster about Spain, which she is entering for the European Day of Languages Poster competition, is evocative of Spain and well researched. Bravo, Amber!

Isla W (Year 9)

Isla's poster on Tahiti for the European Day of Languages competition is outstanding. Full of colour and information (even a grass skirt at the bottom of the poster)! It captures how I would imagine Tahiti to be. Well done, Isla! (MFL)

Maryam Z (Year 8)

Fantastic work and resilience from Maryam. She was the first to correctly complete the enrichment task in Year 8 so she has been awarded a Head's Commendation! (Maths)

Aysha M (Year 7)

Fantastic work and resilience from Aysha! She was the first to submit a correctly completed enrichment task in Year 7 so Aysha has been awarded a Head's Commendation! (Maths)

Kaitlyn C (Year 7)

I love the 3D relief map of the British Isles! The first time I have had a 3D printed version - very cool. Well done!

Natalie U (Year 7)

What an amazing 3D relief map of the UK - the best I have had in years! Well done, Natalie! (Geography)

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Covid Response

Please note, our 'September 2020' webpage has now been re-named as 'Covid Response'. This can be found from the main navigation bar on our website. A tab within this page is 'useful home learning information'.



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

Book a test

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

Please visit our Attendance Policy Appendix on our school '**Covid Response**' webpage for Attendance information.

<http://www.penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk/september-2020-opening/6093207.html>

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**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY**

SOUTH

Do you have a child starting secondary school
in September 2021 and living in Lancashire?

APPLY NOW!

WWW.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS

or give us a call on 01772 532109

CLOSING DATE: 31 OCTOBER 2020

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk and search 'School Admission Policies'.

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OPEN EVENTS

DATES & TIMES

Wednesday 7th October 2020 (Virtual)
4.00pm – 7.00pm



Thursday 8th October 2020 (Virtual)
4.00pm – 7.00pm

Saturday 7th November 2020
10.00am – 2.00pm

Thursday 28th January 2021
4.00pm – 7.00pm

Wednesday 24th March 2021
4.00pm – 7.00pm

APPLY NOW
preston.ac.uk/apply

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It's an easy, convenient way to
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You can:

- ✓ Receive messages on your computer, tablet or mobile
- ✓ See all your messages in one handy, uncluttered feed
- ✓ Link to other schools or clubs that also use ParentMail
- ✓ Keep up to date with your school calendar
- ✓ Authorise trips or permissions online



Registering is really easy...

Ask your school office to send you a registration message



Attention all parents!

Download the ParentMail App for the best way to pick up school messages

FREE
DOWNLOAD



"Nice simple little App but such a great, effective way of accessing important school information"



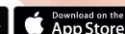
"Great communications tool - makes life a bit more organised"



"Brilliant! I don't have to go back to all my emails to check up what's going on at my children's school, 10 out of 10"



Search "ParentMail" in your App store...



ParentMail



Please note: If you are not already registered, you will need to register online on the ParentMail website before trying to access the App. Please ask the school office to send you a registration message.

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news and updates. @
<https://twitter.com/PenworthamGH>



Virtual Open Evening

Our Virtual Open Event went live at 6pm Thursday 1st October. This will be available to view all October.

Whilst you may not have a daughter currently in years 5 or 6 at this time, I would encourage you to have a look at this event on our website if you can spare the time. As well as the usual features of an Open Evening, such as the headteacher's presentation, both staff and students have been working really hard on presentations that give an insight into life at PGHS. Enjoy!

<https://penworthamgirls.theschooltour.co.uk/>

Bus Stops



Please ask your daughter to be careful whilst waiting at the bus stops near to school due to the narrow pavement.

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Virtual Rainbow Run 2020!



**Get your rainbow colours on and run, walk,
cycle or scoot in support of our hospital
charity, any day & distance between**

Monday 5th and Sunday 25th October!

Whether it be a 1k Rainbow Toddle for families with young children to
a full marathon, the distance is completely up to you, so you can set
your own personal challenge!

For more information and to sign up visit:

www.lthcharity.org.uk

Or call us on: **01772 528500**

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