

# Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
2020



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High School

## Important Dates:



**1st October**  
**VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING**

**26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October**  
**HALF TERM**

**19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Year 11 Parents Evening**

**10<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 9 Parent Evening**

## GCSE Results Day



This year's GCSE Results Day was a celebration like no other but no less enjoyable. It was lovely to re-unite with the 'Class of 2020' and to see that they got the grades they truly deserved. Once again, Penwortham Girls' High School can reflect upon another year of outstanding academic achievement. Most importantly, every girl can now look forward to the next stage of their journey and we wish them every success for the future.

Looking back, we may only have had half a normal school year, however PGHS achieved so much in that time. The school was delighted to be awarded the 'UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award' at Bronze level - a result of an impressive collaboration between teachers and students. The school council will now work towards achieving the Silver level, by working on a 'school learning charter' and developing students' awareness of a range of global issues, including fair trade and equal access to education. We were equally pleased to add the Socio-Economic equality strand of the Equality Charter, recognising our efforts to give every student, regardless of their background, the opportunity to be successful and thrive.

Another hard-earned accolade came later in the year when we managed to achieve all 8 of the 'Gatsby Benchmarks'. This recognises the considerable time, energy and financial investment that the school has made in recent years, to ensure that every student at PGHS gets outstanding careers guidance, as well as opportunities to learn about the world of work and prepare for their future.

A real highlight was our annual celebration of International Women's Day. A range of high profile, successful women, including Detective Chief Superintendent Sue Clarke and our former headteacher, Joan Fitzgibbon came into school and through talks and Q&A sessions, inspired our girls to pursue their ambitions.

Like all schools in recent times, although we may have had far fewer students coming in every day, the work continued apace. Staff from the Creative Arts and



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Technology Faculty, along with several of our students, worked tirelessly during the lockdown period to produce much-needed PPE, including visors made from recycled coursework folders. Over 1000 visors were eventually made and delivered to local hospitals and care homes. In recognition of this amazing effort, we received official thanks from the Speaker of the House of Commons and MP for Chorley, Sir Lindsay Hoyle, as well as MP for South Ribble, Katherine Fletcher.

We also have to pay tribute to the dedication and unstinting efforts of our Premises team, who during this period have overseen the extensive refurbishment of an entire block and its seven classrooms, ready for our students when they return in September. Moreover, our Technology rooms have undergone further modernisation, ensuring that our students enjoy superb facilities that support first-class teaching and learning.

Regardless of the circumstances, we remain as excited as ever about the future. As an over-subscribed school about to welcome our Year 7 students, we will shortly be adding new classrooms to our fantastic facilities, providing airy, well-equipped learning environments for our newly recruited specialist teachers.

## BBC News North West



Yesterday you may have seen us on BBC North West News!

Ian Haslam from BBC News North West came to look at the re-opening of our school and to find out about some of the work, planning and changes that have taken place in order to get the school ready for opening.



## Nut Allergies

In line with guidance from the anaphylaxis campaign and to support our students who have nut allergies, we kindly ask that you avoid providing your daughter with snacks or lunches that may contain nut products. This is even more important at the moment as more students are bringing in snacks and packed lunches.

Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.

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## COVID 19 Government Guidance



GOV.UK

Do not send your child to school if:

- they are showing coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- someone in their household is showing symptoms

Arrange a test if you or your child develops symptoms. Inform your nursery, childminder, school or college of the results.

If the test is positive, follow guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

It is really important that you help nurseries, childminders, schools and colleges to implement these actions by following the advice set out here and wider public health advice and guidance.

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

### Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

### What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

Get a test to check if you have coronavirus

Please visit our Attendance Policy Appendix on our school 'September 2020' webpage for further Attendance information. <http://www.penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk/september-2020-opening/6093207.html>

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## Attention all parents!



## ParentMail

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- ✓ Receive messages on your computer, tablet or mobile
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- ✓ Link to other schools or clubs that also use ParentMail
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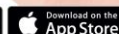
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You'll get 'at a glance' updates for news stories, forthcoming events and important reminders, as well as a whole host of other content.

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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