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## WONDERFUL STUDENTS EXCEL AGAIN

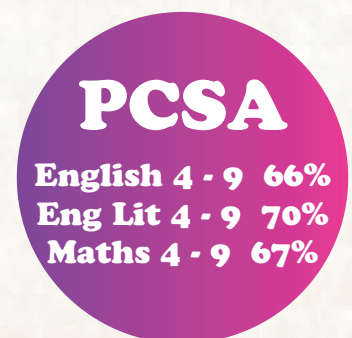
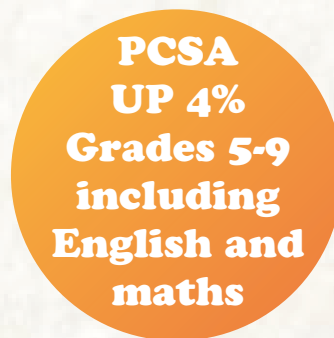
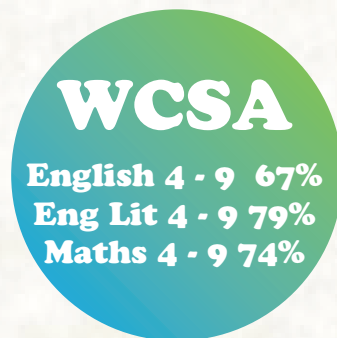
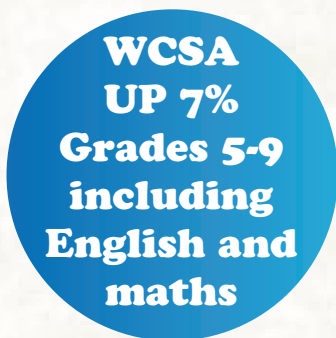
**PRIORY and Worle students are once again on top of the world.**  
PCSA yet again continued their excellent sustained GCSE results and WCSA became one of the most improved schools in the South West.

By **OLIVIA FINCH, 13,**  
and **JACK BRANTON, 13,**  
Editors at the Jill Dando News Centre



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Executive Principal Neville Coles with students from Priory, Worle and The King Alfred School.



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# Welcome to The Post

By **JACK BRANTON**, 13.  
Editor at the Jill Dando News Centre (JDNC)

**We are delighted to welcome you to the first ever edition of The Post.**

Students at schools from The Priory Learning Trust are full of stories of success, achievement and inspiration. That's what our schools are all about. In fact, there is a good news story in every person.

We hope you enjoy this issue. If you know of a brilliant story yourself, let us know at [editor@theplt.org.uk](mailto:editor@theplt.org.uk).

## THE POST IS THE FIRST NEWSPAPER OUT OF THE JILL DANDO NEWS CENTRES

By **OLIVIA FINCH**, 13.  
Editor at the Jill Dando News Centre (JDNC)

**Our theme is taking 'Worle to the World', based around the fact that the world needs more good news than ever before.**

Students themselves find and write inspirational and positive stories.

They are trained by professional journalists and editors such as ex BBC radio reporter Nigel Dando and reporters from the Weston Mercury.

And then they are 'posted' up to our Facebook or Twitter accounts, in the Press, and via The Post.

Jill was a former resident of Worle and a student of WCSA, who rose to be one of the best journalists in the world. Now our amazing centres are catapulting great stories across the globe in her name. We are also giving all our students the encouragement and aspiration to achieve incredible things.

**The Post is for parents, carers, grandparents and the whole community to enjoy the inspirational good news of our young people.**



Jack pictured with Olivia and Percy PLT at the launch of a JDNC.

### **Did you know?**

Students in Malawi, Africa are currently setting up a JDNC (see Page 6).

## Well done again to our simply brilliant students

By **NEVILLE COLES**  
Executive Principal of The Priory Learning Trust

**Not only do they excel in their GCSEs but they are demonstrating kindness, community and charity.**

The Post contains a snapshot of some of the thousand upon thousand of inspirational stories that go on in our schools week in week out.

Take a look at the story of Jacob, a student who is rising the ranks of table tennis in Britain despite only having played the game for less than two years.



Neville Coles with Jacob and Principal Jane McBride.

We celebrate all our successes and 'heroes'. This year PCSA and WCSA raised a combined £15,073 for charity. Now our 3000+ students at The Priory Learning Trust will be going for some sort of record to help Weston Hospicecare in its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

We place a huge emphasis on putting students first, making happy children with high aspirations.

We have a wide-ranging curriculum and extra curricular activities to inspire. Performing Art, Sports, music and the arts and much much more.



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# WESTON PRINCIPAL WINS PRESTIGIOUS HEADTEACHER OF THE YEAR PRIZE

By JOSHUA KEYES, 12.



TPLT delivers brilliant facilities to make the very best learning environment for their students, fit for the 21st Century.

**Jacqui Scott, Principal of Worle Community School, scooped first prize as Headteacher of the Year in the Bristol Post Education Awards.**

It came after two years of incredible success at WCSA. Neville Coles, Executive Principal of The Priory Learning Trust, said: "Jacqui's leadership to help make WCSA a vibrant learning community again has been truly inspirational. Her daily walking of the site has made a huge impact on the aspirations and outcomes at Worle in just two years. There is much more work still to do but very, very well done."

### Did you know?

TPLTs winning methods include extensive encouragement, and 'tracking' of every single student so no one is missed, rigorous standards of discipline, behaviour, attendance and respect.

## Accolades for Worle and Priory special educational needs provision

**THE innovative Sir Richard Branson Centre at PCSA is also thriving at the nearby WCSA.**

The Sir Richard Branson Centre was launched in 2010 in the Ofsted Outstanding PCSA to help students with a range of conditions including dyslexia.

It has proved such a success that headteachers across England and Wales have looked to install such a system in their schools. Now the Sir Richard Branson Centre is also thriving at WCSA.

Executive Principal Neville Coles said: "Our Sir Richard Branson Centre has been a tremendous success and we are delighted that Sir Richard has been such an inspiration

behind students achieving great things."

Priory named its new £1.4 million 'support to learn' centre after Sir Richard Branson to draw on his inspiration as one of the world's best entrepreneurs despite having dyslexia as a child.



### Did you know?

When Priory achieved Ofsted outstanding status - the first in Weston-super-Mare in Ofsted's 22 years history, Sir Richard said: "I am very pleased with the pioneering work that Priory Community School and the Sir Richard Branson Centre has achieved".

## STUDENTS RID THE SCHOOLS OF DEADLY PLASTICS

**Thousands of students from TPLT became among the first in Britain to lead the way in getting rid of lethal disposable plastics.**

The inspiring students of PCSA, WCSA, St Anne's and Castle Batch joined staff in taking to their schools with litter pickers to blitz plastics into bins, and to rid disposable plastic from the restaurant.

The new school teams are already relentless in making their environments and community litter free.

Partnering with Pabulum which provides the restaurant and catering facilities at PCSA and WCSA, they will now get rid of plastics in the school restaurant, classrooms and offices.

Principal Jane McBride said: "Our students are fantastic. They recognise we all have a duty to leave the world a better place for everyone."

### Did you know?

TPLT schools are passionate about helping the community and the planet.



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# WELL DONE TO OUR BRILLIANT STUDENTS

By AIMEE BRAITHWAITE, 12.

**Once again our students have produced some stunning GCSE results.**

PCSA and WCSA are passionate to give all students a tremendous springboard for life success.

Priory continued their sustained excellent GCSE results and WCSA have seen some of the best improvements in England in the last two years.

But it is also the brilliant opportunities for sports, music, media, drama and The Arts that stand out at both schools.

**Don't miss two fantastic opportunities to meet students and staff at Worle and Priory**

By OLIVIA FINCH, 13.

**Parents, carers and grandparents have two fantastic opportunities to meet students and staff at WCSA and PCSA over the next few weeks.**

There is a WCSA Open Evening at 4.30pm on Thursday 20 September for Year 6s and families. There will be talks by the Principal Jacqui Scott at 5pm and 6pm.

There is a PCSA Family Breakfast at 9.30am on Saturday 29 September for Year 5s and 6s and their families. There will be fun activities, free breakfasts, and a chance to meet students and staff.

Executive Principal Neville Coles said: "We really look forward to meeting the children, their parents, carers and grandparents at both our secondary schools this month."



They strive to make every single student thrive and happy.

Executive Principal Neville Coles said: "Simply brilliant sums our students up. We want to be academies with high performance and producing well balanced ambitious school leavers. Well done to them all."

WCSA  
74%  
Maths  
4-9

PCSA  
67%  
English  
4-9

31  
Grade 9s  
awarded to  
Priory  
students

### Did you know?

For over 10 years GCSE results at Priory have been strong and WCSA have seen huge increases in performance since joining TPLT.



## Nothing but the best

**Many say you can tell the vision of a school by the state of its toilets.**

For some years, PCSA has had Splashworld - their £250,000 state-of-the-art bathrooms.

Now WCSA students will get the same quality toilets, called Worle Water World.

It is another example of the innovative and excellent way TPLT provide world-class facilities for their students.

They have Dyson hand dryers, relaxing classical music and maths revision reminders and tips on the walls and doors.

Principal Jacqui Scott said: "We want nothing but the best for our students."



Schools in TPLT believe in making learning and the whole school experience fun.

## Meet popular pup Jeffrey

By AIMEE BRAITHWAITE, 12.

**Meet our latest staff member.**

Jeffrey PLT the King Charles Spaniel visits schools as part of the Jill Dando News Centre.

He is already proving extremely popular, just like Percy PLT the 7 foot Hedgehog mascot.



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# High-flying Priory student attends world's best flying academy in Florida

By JACK BRANTON, 13.

**A Priory student won a competition to attend the world's best flying academy in Florida.**

Lunar Yamamoto, aged 13, attended a National Flying Academy in Florida after winning a scholarship - the latest achievement on his dream to becoming a pilot.

The opportunity gave the Priory Community School student the skills to learn flying through the state of art simulators and STEM concept at the

FAA approved flying academy. Principal Jane McBride said: "Lunar is showing incredible enthusiasm to achieve his dream to become a pilot. This is a tremendous achievement." PCSA has a long history helping students to achieve their ambitions and also has thriving STEM-based studies and an incredible £2.4 million new science centre.

Former Priory student Josh Fortune rose to be the chief engineer of the world famous Red Arrows.



**WCSA students joined Ashcombe Primary School pupils to interview Marvin Muoneke who made the live finals of BGT and who wowed TV audiences, Simon Cowell and Robbie Williams.**

Marvin answered questions from the children, congratulated them, gave singing tips and even sang a few songs. WCSA and PCSA launched their Jill Dando News Centres to unearth writing talent, boost literacy and to cover good news stories across Weston and Worle.

Principal Jacqui Scott of WCSA said: "It was a privilege to meet the winners of Ashcombe's Got Talent and Marvin who went down so well with the pupils."

# Worle students interview Britain's Got Talent finalist who wowed millions

By JOSHUA, 12, ETHAN, 12, and LEAH, 12.



# INSPIRATIONAL ROLE MODEL

By LORENZO BARANELLO, 13.

**PRIORY students are following in the footsteps of a former student who has one of the world's most prestigious roles in performing arts.**

Michelle Terry, the Olivier-award-winning English actress and writer, is now artistic director at Shakespeare's Globe after being inspired to acting by

her Priory tutor in the 1990s. Priory student Aimee Braithwaite, 12, is one of those to be inspired. She is playing a key part in the Playhouse productions and wants to be an actress.

Michelle Terry said: "The only reason I'm doing what I'm doing in life is because of my Priory tutor. When I told her I wanted to be an actress, she told me not only that I could be, but if I wanted to be, then I must."

**Did you know?** Michelle is one of many ex Priory and Worle students achieving remarkable things in performing arts. Jake Fisher has just appeared in the Bristol Hippodrome in the *Adam's Family* and Corinne Priest and Jack Evison are also doing amazing things in the West End.



# GOOD NEWS FROM WORLE TO THE WORLD

By AIMEE BRAITHWAITE, 12.

## Our Jill Dando News Centre teams are finding stories out of Worle and across the world.

Over the last few weeks Priory English teacher Sarah O' Gorman has been setting up a JDNC in Malawi, Africa.

Now the students of Weston and Worle will be linking up with their partner students in Africa to find and publish inspirational students.

As you can see from the photos, PCSA students helped box up computers to send to Malawi so their students can get writing. Now local journalists are helping them to train in newspaper reporting - just like is happening at WCSA and PCSA.

Worle and Priory are now opening up their centres for primary school children across the town to use and enjoy with day visits, journalist training and joint story working. Nigel Dando said: "This scheme is absolutely mind bogglingly brilliant. Well done to all the students involved."

## Lucky Yasmine jubilant after winning iPad Mini

### Lucky Yasmine won a free iPad Mini after visiting WCSAs Open Morning.

The Ashcombe Primary School pupil is a budding writer and is already writing lots of stories.

This year Yasmine and her fellow pupils will be partnering with our Jill Dando News Centre students and real-life journalists.



### Open Days

WCSA has its open evening at 4.30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September and PCSA has its own Family Breakfast at 9.30am on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September.



## Big-hearted George raises £250 for charity by Braving the Shave

### PCSA student George Ford did 'Brave the Shave' for charity, raising over £250.

It is the latest example of students who go the extra mile to help others.



As you can see in the photos, George was interviewed by UK award-winning journalist Sarah Robinson of the Weston Mercury for the newspaper before completing the charity feat in front of his friends.



## Would you like to be an Academy Council Governor?

**You could now help children across Weston, Worle and Burnham to have a fantastic future by becoming an Academy Councillor using you special skills, knowledge or passion.**

TPLT is a high performing Multi-Academy-Trust and is looking for new recruits for about 20 hours a year.

Chairman John Richardson, who has been in education since 1966, said: "We already have one of the most successful Trusts in Britain, right out of this part of the country.

Academy Councillors make a big difference. Let's make our part of the world a better place.

"We want people who want to ensure success of their community by making these schools successful."

Email [tricia.brabham@theplt.org.uk](mailto:tricia.brabham@theplt.org.uk) for more details.

*(Editor note) TPLT is a high-achieving, ambitious Trust that aims to inspire every child to dream big dreams. The Trust's innovative and inspirational teaching and cultural methods have produced good results over many years and we look forward to this developing even more in the future.*



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# Students attempt world record in Weston Hospicecare's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday year

By JACK BRANTON, 13.

**Up to 5,000 students and staff are to attempt a world-record to raise money for their charity of the year Weston Hospicecare.**

TPLT schools will look to raise tens of thousands for the amazing charity. Over Easter they will simultaneously sing 'heads, shoulders, knees and toes' across their five schools for charity, which will mean a world record will be broken.

The previous record was 4,700 people. TPLT students and staff will also join in with the Mendip

Challenge on 2nd June. Simon Angear of Weston Hospicecare said: "We are delighted to partner with TPLT on all of this and to try to beat a world record at the same time."

Weston Hospicecare provides palliative care for people living with a life-limiting illness in Weston-super-Mare and the surrounding areas as far afield as Highbridge, Burnham-on-Sea, Cheddar, Draycott, Yatton, Wedmore, Congresbury, Blagdon and Wrington.

**WCSA and PCSA have raised more than £100,000 for charities over the last six years. This year they are supporting Weston Hospicecare.**

## Jake is a smash hit at table tennis



By LACEY MADGE, 11.

A Priory Community School student has been awarded most improved table tennis player in Weston after an incredible season.

Jake Tucker, aged 13, has been beating ranked players all season. He just also finished runner up in an Under 15s and Under 18s boys competition.

Jake's team won the Division 1 Junior title and also won the Best Boy award after only losing one game in the juniors.

He has only been playing the game for two years but has shot up the rankings to 256 in Britain.

PE teacher Tina Delaney said: "This is incredible. It gets better and better for Jake."

### Did you know?

PCSA and WCSA have a tremendous record of producing and encouraging talent across a wide range of sports including rugby, football, netball and athletics.

For example, brothers Josh and Jake Caulfield both represented England in rugby.

## New Inspirational e-magazine

By JOSHUA KEYES, 12.

**Worle students are driving through a new inspirational e-magazine for all secondary students in Weston after being elected onto a youth council.**

Joshua Keyes, Jacob Brown, Olivia Finch and Stanley Burton from Worle Community School are on Weston's Youth Council which aims to help teens across the town.

Now they are creating an e-magazine to email to all secondary school students in Weston-super-Mare, which contains jokes, competitions, how to prevent bullying and much more.

Assistant Principal Angelos Markoutsas said: "There is so much enthusiasm from these students for the Youth Council and we are excited to see the first edition of the e-magazine."



## Inspirational Worle grandma and teacher raises charity money

By JOSHUA KEYES, 12.

**A WCSA teacher has run a race inspired by Mo Farah in her bid to raise thousands to help prevent Prostate Cancer.**

Head of DT Tina Burrows, an ex student of Worle Community School ran the Great North Run this month. The 57 year, who also was a student at WCSA, is raising money for Prostate Cancer and to show to others that anyone can achieve such feats.

Tina said: "I wanted to prove that anyone can do this. Prostate Cancer is taking lives and it is a really bad thing. I would like to help and raise awareness at the same time.

"I have some much-loved men in my life and I would like there to be a day when Prostate Cancer is eradicated."

**Donate here [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tinaburrows](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tinaburrows)**





## Chloe sets sights on Olympics

By JACK BRANTON, 13.

Priory Community School student Chloe Soverral has set her sights on Team Bath and competing in the Olympics after impressing in races and time trials all year.

She recently was only 1.5 seconds away from qualifying for the English Championships this summer and will now compete at the Welsh Nationals at the end of the month.

PE teacher Tina Delaney said:

“It would be wonderful if Chloe could achieve her ambition of being in the Olympics. Everyone at Priory is right behind her.”



## Local girls' team finish 9<sup>th</sup> in Britain

By JACK BRANTON, 13.

**Worle students have finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the whole of Britain to cap off a wonderful football season.**

The amazing students from Priory and Worle Community Schools performed brilliantly as Team Mendip Yellow Socks against Britain's best in the ACES National Finals in front of 1000 spectators. They had previously won the Bristol Under 12 league for Mendip FC with five games in hand including an 11 - 0 win.

Ruby Johnson, aged 12, of WCSA joined PCSA students Ellis Boyce, Lilly Potter, Isabel Mullins, Isabel Powell, Katie Pavey, Jess Hughes, Kelly Jones, and Holly Gray in the achievement.

Four of the current team also play for Academy sides at County level. Head of PE at WCSA Callum Thompson said: “Wow what a wonderful performance by these girls. England did us all proud in the World Cup and we have seen an inspirational achievement by our very own students.”

### Did you know?

Priory and Worle love developing links with ex-students to inspire current students

## Owen is a world champion

By JACK BRANTON, 13.

Priory Community School student Owen Lockyer has achieved his goal of being a World Champion in Tae Kwan Do.

The ambitious youngster also trains at the same club as Priory teacher James White who is also a black belt. Principal Jane McBride said: “What an incredible achievement. We are so proud and excited for you Owen.”

### Did you know?

Priory and Worle place a massive emphasis on encouraging students into a wide range of sports including football, athletics, rugby, cricket, gymnastic and hockey.

**PS...Don't forget these two excellent events this month...**

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