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# YES PRIME MINISTER



*"I am bowled over by the professionalism of the Jill Dando News Centre."*  
Boris Johnson

## The Post reporters became the first journalists in Britain to interview the new Prime Minister in Downing Street

By Jill Dando News Team

During a spectacular visit to Number 10, Weston students quizzed Boris Johnson watched by tens of millions of viewers across the world. Find out what happened on page 5.

- The Post now has 10,000 copies going to families across the community.
- It also goes into schools, community centres, cafés, pubs, leisure centres, fast food outlets and churches.
- It is also digital and online to thousands of subscribers on Facebook, websites, Twitter and displayed on TV screens across Priory and Worle.
- It is written by students aged from 9 to 18. They have been given tips from newspaper journalists and even editors and journalists from the BBC, Sky TV and ITV.
- It promotes Weston Hospicecare, charities, kindness and a better Weston, Worle and World - just like Jill Dando did.

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## STUDENT TEAM

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# Charity and kindness

## Acts of generosity, kindness, inspiration - celebrating every single one of our amazing students



We believe in praising the positive achievements of our students. That is what The Post is all about.

As you can see though we also celebrate amazing people in the community such as 87-year-old Grace Isaacs, who has met the Queen twice after swimming in the Olympics. We just honoured her and others with a cream tea! Only last month she was swimming in the world Masters in South Korea. Incredible.

I'm very proud of our students and staff who have helped to raise an amazing £20,000 plus for Weston Hospicecare. This year we will aim to beat that record by helping the children's mental health charity In Charley's Memory. We are passionate about physical and mental wellbeing.

I will be taking part in more walks and events with our students and staff for this charity this year.

I'm very excited about our new 'Reading For All' programme. For three mornings a week, all secondary aged students in Years 7-10 will be taking part in a reading session led by tutors at tutor time. We want reading to become a love and pleasure for all students. It is vital for vocabulary, communication and a lifetime of success.

Big hearted students, staff and families have helped to raise a staggering £20,000 for Weston Hospicecare in their 30th year



By Lewis Martin-Edwards, 12

Schools from The Priory Learning Trust raised the amount after a year of fundraising. The figure is much higher with donations from the Mendip Challenge that was completed by over 120 staff.

Neville Coles, TPLT's Executive Principal, is an ambassador for the charity.

He said: "We are delighted to raise so much this year for an incredible charity in their 30th anniversary. Our partnership will continue. We are now very excited to see if we can break the record to raise money for a brilliant mental health charity."

The hospice's event manager Simon Angear said: "We cannot thank The Priory Learning Trust enough for this amazing amount. Every single penny will go to a great cause."

TPLT has also donated to Children in Need and various other charities.

This year all six schools will help to raise money for In Charley's Memory, helping young people with mental health.

## Great grandmother Grace wins two gold medals in South Korea – aged 87 - some 67 years after finishing 8th in the Olympics



By Reuben, 10

Remarkable Grace Isaacs has just won two gold medals, two bronze and a fourth place in the World Masters in South Korea after 80 years of swimming.

She fought off a heavy cold and soaring temperatures to achieve the feat. She said: "I had a cold but persevered through it. I had a great time."

She has three children, seven grandchildren and five great children. She told our Jill Dando reporters: "I was born with a gift to swim." She showed our reporters her medals and newspaper cuttings of when she met the Queen.

She finished eighth in the world after getting to the semifinals of the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, and finishing second in the whole of Europe and was third fastest in the world. Afterwards she met the Queen on two occasions who passed on her congratulations.

Our inspirational charity this year is **IN CHARLEY'S MEMORY** helping the mental health of young people.

Worle and Priory are passionate about student and staff mental wellbeing. This charity trains student ambassadors to spot and support other students on mental wellbeing.

ICM was set up 4 years ago by the mum of a former student at The King Alfred School Academy, who sadly took his own life after mental health issues.

Now the fast-expanding ICM helps to turn lives around in the local area by offering their support to anyone who may not have someone to talk to.

The charity caters to people aged 11-25 and offers affordable care to people that need it.

For more information on the charity call **01278 557490** or see [www.incharleymemory.co.uk/](http://www.incharleymemory.co.uk/)



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# Wonderful Worle duo top the nation as academy celebrates another excellent set of GCSE results

Special GCSE Report by **Aimee Braithwaite**, 13, and **Olivia Finch**, 14

Iris Mayne and Jessica Loveridge of Worle Community School Academy both achieved stunning, incredibly rare nine Grade 9s and eight Grade 9s, making the academy one of the only British state secondaries to have two such students with the accolade.

Their amazing success came as WCSA students again celebrate another set of brilliant GCSE results.

Some 13% of students achieved grades 9-7, while 44% scored grades 9-5, and 67% had grades 9-4.

The results follow a brilliant three years for WCSA since being led by The Priory Learning Trust and Principal Jacqui Scott.

Jacqui said: "We are so thrilled for every single one of our students who have worked so hard particularly over the last two years. We want to celebrate every success.

"Jessica and Iris have done amazing and we are thrilled for them and their hard work.

"We want to thank the students, parents and carers, community and governors for all their support."



**Don't Miss WCSA's Open Evening  
Thursday 19th September at 4.30pm**

## Fantastic Priory students jubilant after great set of GCSE results

**Priory Community School Academy (PCSA) students are celebrating after achieving very good GCSE results.**

Some 12% of students achieved grades 9-7, while 41% scored grades 9-5, and 67% had grades 9-4.

Chloe Trowbridge had an outstanding set of results with six 9s, three 8s and two 7s.

Equally impressive, Elena Tucker achieved four 9s, three 8s and three 7s.

Principal Angelos Markoutsas said: "These results are a tremendous cause for celebration for all of our amazing students.

"Well done to each and every one. Such achievements are a partnership between students, teachers, parents, carers and the community and I want to thank them all."



**Don't miss Priory's Family Breakfast  
Saturday 28th September at 9.30am**



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## Reading revolution with £30,000 of new books



By Aimee Braithwaite, 13

**Priory and Worle started their new term with £30,000 of new books to further the reading revolution across every student and class.**

They are producing the exact literacy recipe the new Children's Laureate calls for in her Charter for Reading for every child and school.

Students across both schools are reading an excellent range of literature. Now every student in every class will start the day reading and teachers and those on the

leadership team will read books to the students.

Worle Principal Jacqui Scott said: "By engaging students in reading each morning, we aim to saturate our students with as wide a vocabulary as possible, to help them to flourish as confident readers, both in school and in the wider world."

Priory Principal Angelos Markoutsas said: "We are passionate about reading and want to develop the love of reading in every single student."

## Weston Scout joins Bear Grylls in USA for World Scout Jamboree



**Zoe Bacon, 14, of Priory Community School Academy has taken part in an international gathering of 45,000 Scouts in West Virginia, USA.**

Zoe went through a rigorous selection process to get to the event and fundraised for 18 months, creating a tuck shop, cake sales, sausage sizzles, bag packs, quiz nights, numerous sponsored events in addition to some very kind donations from friends, family, local community and businesses. Zoe said "This has been an amazing adventure and I want to thank everyone who helped and supported me to get to the Jamboree." The event was opened by UK Chief Scout Bear Grylls.

## Twins read staggering 5.5 MILLION words



By Joshua Keyes, 13

**WCSA Twin brothers Noah and Kian Samsam have read 5,439,276 words between them this year alone.**

Noah and Kian have been reading since they were five and first became reading millionaires at their primary school when they were in Year 5.

They were among dozens of Worle students who were rewarded with certificates, gifts and a slap up lunch for their reading achievements. Noah said: "Our favourite authors are Anthony Horowitz and Chris Ryan. We are both REALLY happy and surprised to get the certificate. We enjoy getting into a book."

## High-flying Ryan given a fantastic start by Worle

By Joshua Keyes, 13

**WCSA is producing amazing students with highflying careers and excellent character. One such student is Ryan Scott who is now starting a job as a chartered accountant in London.**

Five years ago he left Worle Community School Academy with 10 top grades.

He then became Britain's youngest teacher by helping out in Priory's Evening School.

Now he has just graduated from Bristol University with a 2:1 in Economics and Finance.

He also completed an advanced corporate finance summer school programme with London School of Economics (LSE), and is also a fully fledged pilot.

In his spare time he became the Winner of UKMT National Maths Challenge and achieved 3 A-levels A\*, A, A in Business and Mathematics.

Ryan said: "I Will never forget my brilliant time at Worle and also as a teacher at Priory which helped to build my skills and confidence."



*Ryan at Priory's Evening School in 2015 and graduating*



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# The Post Reporters Quiz Boris at Number 10

## Jill Dando would be proud

By Dawson Panter-Wray, 12

Students aged 10 and 11 from Weston, Worle and Burnham became the first journalists in Britain to interview Boris Johnson in Downing Street.

They had a tour of Number 10 and sat at The Cabinet table, wearing their Jill Dando jackets and holding a copy of The Post. Boris was announcing £14 billion of funding for schools in front of our Jill Dando reporters and TV outlets Sky TV, BBC, ITV and more.

Amazingly, this was the second interview that the Jill Dando News Centre students had carried out on Boris in less than two months. In July, he made a visit to The King Alfred School Academy in Highbridge. Over both interviews they asked him about a range of topics including cycling, seagulls and mental health. He also met ambassadors from our charity In Charley's Memory.

Elijah Maxwell, 10, said: "We were all so excited and we will never forget our day at Number 10."



## Two days after my 10th birthday I interviewed the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street!

By Jill Dando reporter **Elijah, 10**

**I had the amazing opportunity to interview Boris Johnson at The King Alfred School Academy in July. But here I was again! I was shocked.**

We nearly missed by seconds the 5.52am train from Worle after my dad's alarm didn't go off. At Downing Street, me along with the other Jill Dando reporters were met by around 13 security guards who had machine guns, pistols and tasers. It was scary and exciting.

Inside we climbed the huge staircase where all the prime ministers of the past have their picture hung up. Then the White Room where they host foreign leaders.

The Cabinet Room was particularly exciting. I sat in the main chair where every Prime Minister has sat - it's the only one with arms on it. People like Winston Churchill sat here.

In another room, the 'special' guest Boris was introduced. From nowhere Boris jumped out, he shook everyone's hands and then welcomed everyone - he looked down

at me and said "You're Elijah, I remember you," which made me feel very proud.

He was with us for over an hour and a half, letting us watch the interviews he did for TV with Sky, BBC and other channels and even signed autographs - I got two, one for my sister. I gave him the latest copy of The Post and he said goodbye.

We were shown out and allowed to take loads of photos outside Number 10.

I felt so cool as hardly any people get to experience what I did; I vowed walking out of Downing Street that I would be back!



## Thank you

to all the students, staff and families of The Priory Learning Trust who have supported Weston Hospicecare during our 30th anniversary year



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## INVESTIGATION INTO MISSING 7 FOOT HEDGEHOG MASCOT as budding Einstein's from across Weston enjoyed an exciting and fun learning day

By **Aimee Braithwaite, Olivia Finch, Lacey Madge and Abi Congram.**  
Additional reporting and photos by **Joshua Keyes.**



Year five pupils were involved in a STEM day at Priory Community School Academy. The STEM activities promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

The challenge was to find out who kidnapped The Priory Learning Trust 'mascot', hedgehog Percy PLT by completing three activities.

The investigative students analysed finger prints and foot prints as well as observing mud samples, with their suspicions changing throughout the day.

Principal Angelos Markoutsas said "The day was a wonderful experience for the students and now they will have even more knowledge and look for learning of these vital subjects."

*It was revealed later in the day that Percy had just gone for a walk during an assembly.*



## Ex Priory student Lele Nairne is one of the best in the world at Judo

Lele, aged 21, is full time in the sport in Birmingham at the British Judo Centre of Excellence and trains five days a week.

As we went to Press, she was competing in the World Championships in Tokyo, Japan.

She was competing along with the world's best in judo including World Championship silver medallist Nekoda Smythe-Davis and Rio Olympic Games bronze medallist Sally Conway.

Lele said: "I have great memories of Priory and I'm now living my dream in judo and have big ambitions."



## Weston student 'over the moon' after meeting up with world superstar astronaut Tim Peake during her work placement

It is not every day that students get to mingle with the legends of their dream profession.



Yet Year 10 Priory Community School Academy student Amelia Wright met astronaut Tim Peake during her work experience week with the European Space Agency.

Tim took part in the first spacewalk outside the International Space Station by a British astronaut in 2016.

Head of Careers James Wilmot said "Amelia has a wonderful experience and it was an added bonus to meet Tim Peake. Over 250 students worked with employers from Ardman animation to the YMCA."

## Teacher runs incredible 100k Jurassic Coast for a children's mental health charity



By **Lacey Madge, 13**  
and **Aimee Braithwaite, 13**

**Richard Uffendell, Vice Principal at Priory Community School Academy, raised hundreds for In Charley's Memory (ICM) by running from Weymouth to Exmouth.**

The amazing teacher left Weymouth at 9pm and arrived at Exmouth at 7pm the following night. The race is so gruelling and sees runners climb hills to reach 6,500ft, and out of 101 competitors 25 did not finish.

ICM caters to people aged 11-25 and offers affordable care to people that need it. ICM has also been chosen as The Priory Learning Trust charity of 2019/2020.

Richard said "It was tough going throughout. I will be completing further ultra marathons and trail marathons this year to raise support and awareness of this charity and its work. Anyone can do this - it's all about mindset."

## PCSA students win collection of gold and silver medals in world gymnastics Championships in Liverpool



Principal Angelos Markoutsas was there to cheer the amazing students on.

**Molly Brown - Silver**  
**Freya Grafton - Gold**  
**Charlie Baker - Bronze**  
**Toby Baker - Silver**  
**Devon Howell - Gold**

Angelos said: "The students were tremendous - well done to all."



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# “Jill would be a BBC superstar and the most popular woman on television”

Britain's number one TV woman Fiona Bruce talks to our Jill Dando reporters about Jill, journalism and her life tips for kids.

By Olivia Finch, 13, Lacey Madge, 13, Sophie Palmer, 9, Jacob Kemp and more



### How important is positive news at this time? Do you think people want to hear more good news rather than bad?

People probably do want to hear more good news than bad some of the time, the news can be a depressing litany of political division, cruelty and war. But journalists have a responsibility to tell the unvarnished truth about what is happening and much of the time it's not good. The difficulty is trying to strike the right balance.

### How was Jill Dando an influence on your life and future career?

Jill was someone I looked up to and admired very much. She blazed a trail for presenters to be themselves (is not overly formal) and to work across serious and lighter types of programmes.

### What was it about Jill Dando that was so special?

Jill had a unique warmth and genuine way with the camera. She seemed utterly herself and at ease and that's not an easy thing to be when you're surrounded by a camera crew. It might be the fifth time you've tried to get your words right, it's been a long day and

your shoes are giving you blisters - you get the general idea. And she came across as someone you'd like to be your friend- I never met anyone who had a bad word to say about her.

### What is the best story you have ever done?

I don't think I could name just one. But I'd say that in news, the most exciting stories for me are when you have access to big events. Being at number 10 when a new prime minister is announced, being at the Olympic stadium for the 2012 Olympics, being at Dunkirk for the anniversary of the World War Two evacuation, being outside Buckingham Palace for the Golden Jubilee - and many more.

### If you were 13 years old again, would you choose journalism again and would you do anything differently?

I would definitely choose journalism as it's a job where no day is ever the same but every day is interesting. And no, I don't think I would do anything differently.

### What do you think Jill would be doing today in journalism?

I'm sure she would be a BBC1 superstar and the most popular woman on television.

### Do you have any life tips for children growing up in today's world?

I hesitate to suggest life tips as life is so different for children today. I would only say; believe in yourself, always try your hardest (it will become a habit that pays off in the long run!) and read books, newspapers, anything - just read. Your articulacy, your ability to write, construct an argument, fight your corner will all be improved by it!

Our Jill Dando reporters aged 9 to 15 are getting an insight into Fiona Bruce's world with interviews of world figures. Here they are during Boris' visit to Somerset in July.



## Jill Dando's Garden is exploding in size right across Somerset - helped by her friend Alan Titchmarsh

Some 49 apple trees will be planted in primary schools across Weston, Worle and beyond with more than 10,000 children involved, in memory to the TV star.

Sanders Garden Centre are donating the trees while TV Gardener Alan Titchmarsh is helping green-fingered students with advice on how to plant them and see them flourish.

Alan helped create Jill's Garden in Weston Town Centre in 2000, a year after her death.



## OLYMPIC HOPES FOR HIGH-FLYING WESTON STUDENT

Priory Community School Academy student Talia Macrides aged 12, is aiming to become an Olympic trampolinist, winning around 50 medals already. She wants to follow in the footsteps of Bryony Page who won a Silver medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Talia has been performing in trampolining since she was five, and harnesses her skills every day. She said: "Trampolining is great fun because I get to meet new people every time I enter a competition." Tutor Jane Griffiths said: "Ambition is enthusiasm with a purpose and Talia is showing all of these attributes."





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## Priory hosts Oscars-style sports stars celebration

Story and photos by Lacey Madge, 13, and Aimee Braithwaite, 13, of the Jill Dando News Centre

Students at Priory Community School Academy have been honoured with a variety of sporting awards in a glittering red-carpet ceremony.

Students at PCSA were rewarded for their sporting achievements throughout the year on a night of celebrations.

There were awards for student stars of sports including Netball, Hockey, Gymnastics, Basketball, Rounders, Cricket, Rugby, Football and Athletics.

To finish the evening there were and sports person of the year for male and female categories, teams of the year, sports personalities and Victor and Victrix Ludroum.

Principal Angelos Markoutsas said: "This was a tremendous night of entertainment and celebration for the students. We love sport at PCSA and believe in rewarding achievement and hard work. Many thanks to Miss Gadd for organising the evening."



Pictured is Athlete of the Year Stephanie Brooks

## Wonderful Worle students perform with world famous composer

By Archie Matthews, 12

The Worle Community School Academy youth choir got a chance to show off their talent alongside English classical composer and pianist Will Todd.

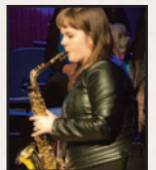
The WCSA students were magnificent as solo items were performed by Martha McLorinan and Year 9 student, Tessa Ratcliffe, who wowed the audience with two saxophone pieces.

Tessa has had a fantastic year having passed her Grade 8 Saxophone with Distinction, played with the Marines, and joined the National Youth Concert Band.

Ruby Currel, who performs in the WCSA youth choir, said "It was a great experience and it was amazing to meet Will Todd."

WCSA have one of the best school music departments in the south west.

Principal Jacqui Scott said, "Our students excelled and it was a memorable life-experience for them to play alongside one of the world's best musicians."



## Amazing Aimee raises £600 after 26 mile Jurassic Coast walk

Inspirational Worle student walks marathon journey along one of the world's greatest locations to raise £600 for charity.

Year 10 student Aimee Veale of Worle Community School Academy, has walked the stunning Jurassic Coast path in Dorset for charity Macmillan Cancer Support. The 26-mile Jurassic Coast path walk helped her to raise the excellent amount of £600. Head of Year 10 Rachel Brace said, "Aimee is a real credit to the school and we are very proud of her achievements."

WCSA is a brilliant school has donated tens of thousands of pounds to charities in recent years.





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