

ASHTON HIGHLIGHTS

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INTRODUCING OUR LIBRARY TEAM!



Every successful library requires a fantastic library team, and at Ashton Community Science College we are certainly blessed with dedicated student librarians.

Year 11 students, Ciaron, our Head Librarian, Beth and David have worn their badges with pride for two years. Recently they were joined by Jessica and Amber from year 9, Cameron and Martha from year 8, and Finley who waited patiently for his appointment. Not only do these students keep the library in good order, but ensure that our rules for study are followed.

The library is open each day from 8am to 8.30am, break and lunch and also for Homework Club which takes place between 3pm and 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 3pm and 4pm on Fridays.

The library is the centre for our Accelerated Reader programme, which includes all students in years 7, 8 and 9. Last year was our pilot year for the programme with year 7 taking part for the first time. In year 7 130 students out of 160 increased their reading age by over a year, and 10 students ended the school year with a reading age of over 16 years.

Read more inside to find out how we are supporting all students to develop a love of reading.

Upcoming Events:



4TH DECEMBER
Year 8 Reports
available on Insight

5TH DECEMBER
Year 10 Parents' Evening

11TH DECEMBER
Year 9 Data Capture
available on Insight

12TH DECEMBER
Year 9 Parents' Evening

13TH DECEMBER
Christmas Jumper day &
Christmas Lunch

W/C 16TH DECEMBER
Wellbeing Week

20TH DECEMBER
School finishes for
Christmas at 1pm



DROP EVERYTHING AND READ!



Every day, students in years 7-9 take part in DEAR time (Drop Everything and Read).

Time is set aside for students to read a book of their choice from the Accelerated Reader Programme for 15 minutes. Staff join in too, bringing in their current read from home.

It is said that everything you read fills your head with new bits of information, and you never know when it might come in handy.

It is well known that students' reading habits are changing. We are not necessarily reading less; we are just reading differently. For example, people are exchanging traditional books for electronic books. As teachers, we have observed that many students lack the ability to carry out sustained reading which is so important with the increased demands of GCSE's.

This goes hand-in-hand with the expansion of vocabulary. Exposure to published, well-written work has a noted effect on student's own writing. The more words they have exposure to, the more words will inevitably make their way into their everyday vocabulary.

Please encourage your children to read at home and take an interest in the books that they are borrowing from the library.



Accelerated Reader
is used by children
in almost 4,000
schools across the
UK and Ireland

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ASHTON SPORTS LEADERS SUPPORT OVER 550 PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN



Over 550 local school children put their sporting skills to the test at the annual Primary School Indoor Athletics Finals. The event was hosted by the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) and organised by UCLan lecturer in Sport and Wellbeing Chris Gunn and Harriet Ascroft, Ashton Community Science College, to coordinate the event said “This is the third year the University has hosted the event and the number of schools being represented is growing each year.”

Years 5 & 6 pupils from more than 30 Preston primary schools challenged each other in various track and field events at UCLan’s Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre before Broughton C of E Primary school was crowned the winner.



The competition is a key fixture in the Preston primary school sports calendar and staff and students from UCLan’s School of Sport and Wellbeing teamed up with volunteers from Preston Harriers and Ashton Community Science College Sports Leaders to deliver the athletics programme for the third consecutive year.

Each of the schools took part in events such as hurdles, javelin, long jump and relay racing, with children from Preston Harriers providing demonstrations of some of the sports.

St Andrews Primary School Pupil Harvey Forbes, 10 said” “kids should have a passion for sport and maybe try activities that they haven’t done before. I love the competitive edge that comes with the games and the fact that it encourages you to try your hardest”



UCLan staff and students work closely with a number of local schools to promote sport, health and fitness and this is a great way of highlighting that message in a fun way to the many hundreds of pupils who have attended the event.

Inclusivity and enjoyment are key and we hope that many pupils will be inspired by the event to make sport and physical activity a really important part of their lives.



INTRODUCING OUR STAFF ...



Mr McMillan

What did you do before you started working at Ashton?

Whilst studying for my degree at Lancaster University, I worked part time as a Sales Consultant for Next, which gave me the opportunity to gain skills within a challenging and fast-paced industry.

What's your job role in school?

Teacher of English

What are your hobbies / interests?

I enjoy walking and hiking. I'm particularly proud of my climb to Mount Snowdon's summit; the smallest of the Three Peaks, but an enjoyable experience. Living close to the Lake District, I am often biking around the lakes or planning trips to historic sites and cities with family and friends.

Describe Ashton in 3 words.

Impassioned, determined and proud.

What book are you currently reading?

Siegfried Sassoon's 'Memoirs of an Infantry Officer'.

Favourite moment of your first half term?

Arriving at school on a particularly frosty and piercing morning, I was greeted with a 3D model of the Titanic, a bound and laminated revision book and an immense display which focused on the Great Depression.



Mr Martin

What are your hobbies / interests?

I have many hobbies but my great love is Blackpool Football Club, which I consider to be character building, with more lows than highs!

I am also a historian and list Oliver Cromwell and Niccolo Machiavelli as my historical heroes.

What book are you currently reading?

I've just finished reading 'The Truth' by Professor Phil Scrutton, who uncovered the real story about Hillsborough.

What's your job role in school?

I am the Librarian and Leader of the Accelerated Reader Programme.

What did you do before you started working at Ashton?

For 28 years I was the manager and later company director of a business involved in sport.

Describe Ashton in 3 words.

Firm but fair.

Favourite moment so far at Ashton?

I was very proud when a Librarian was chosen to be our Head Boy.

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WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY



A bumper wonderful Wednesday this week with students being nominated for their efforts in fundraising, for taking part in the Faraday challenge, for showing enthusiasm and dedication in lessons and for achieving much higher grades through hard work and determination. Well done everyone!



RECYCLING INITIATIVE

Three year 9 students Ashton, Aaron and Leo have been busy promoting the school's plastic recycling initiative. As part of the school's geography club, the students are collecting plastic bottles and aluminium drinks cans that students and staff have chosen to recycle which have been placed in the yellow recycling tubs available in every classroom. The amount of bottles and cans now being placed in the general waste bins has been dramatically reduced whilst helping the environment.

The recycling initiative has been well received on the back of the work all students did in school during the summer term as part of challenge week which was themed 'what a load of rubbish'. The activities during challenge week raised awareness of the problems associated with single use plastic and the consequences that plastic waste has on our oceans.



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PAIRED READING

This week some of our year 7 students began reading their library book aloud to an older student or member of staff during form time and their accelerated reader lessons. The aim is to support our students in understanding what they read using the 4 key reading skills: predicting, questioning, clarifying and summarising. Improving these skills will help students develop a greater love of reading.



How can you help at home?

- Make sure the atmosphere is happy and relaxed as well as quiet.
- Sit together so that you can both see the book.
- Give lots of praise for effort.
- Do not make your child read when they really want to do something else.
- Each session should take place for approximately 10-15 minutes every day. However, you may need to judge your own child's attention span and not push them beyond what is comfortable for them.
- Make a comment in your child's reading record to let us know how they have done.



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STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Over recent weeks year 9 students have been given the opportunity to become a 'Subject Ambassador.' The role will involve working closely with department staff to carry out a wide range of activities including, preparing wall displays, designing and displaying posters for subject related events, organising and making resources, supporting students in years 7 and 8 that need help with homework and presenting rewards to other students in assemblies.

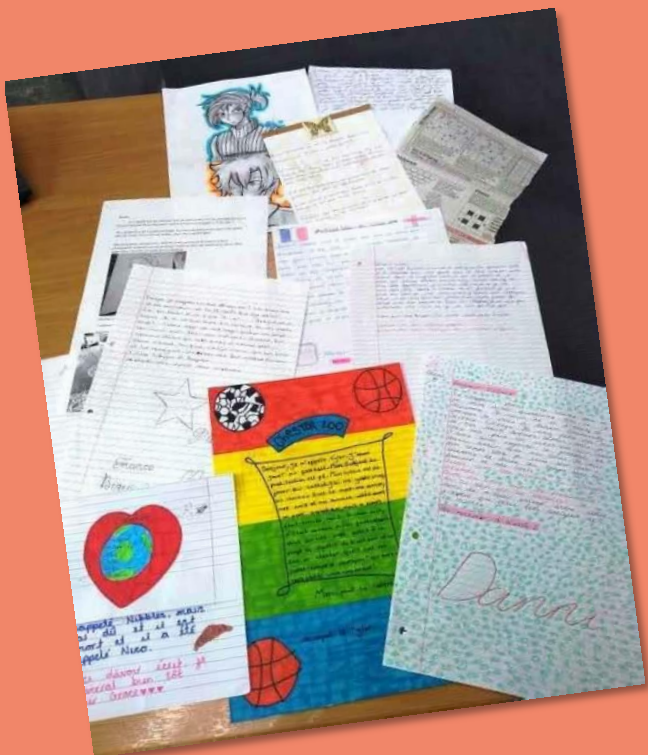


The application process was rigorous. Students submitted a written form which was then reviewed by the Heads of Department. Successful students have been given a lanyard to wear around school which allows them access to departmental areas throughout the day. Staff will find their help invaluable throughout the year and it will give the students involved an insight in to the responsibilities and skills required in the 'world of work'.



MISS BRICHORY BRINGS A LITTLE OF HER HOME TO ASHTON!

Sometimes it can be difficult for students to see the real value of learning a language when the only time they use their new skills is inside the classroom or once a year on their holidays.



Miss Brichory, one of our French teachers, contacted her good friend, an English teacher in Gasny (not far from Miss Brichory's home town, in Normandy, close to Paris) to set up a pen friend exchange so students in both schools could have the opportunity to practise their skills with a native speaker.

Two year 8 classes and two year 9 classes are participating. They have already received their first pen pal letters with great enthusiasm, and have just finished writing their replies. They are looking forward to receiving another letter and some of them would even like to meet their French penpal in person! Watch this space to see how their friendships develop!

REWARDING SUCCESS AT ASHTON!

Termly rewards are a token of the school's appreciation of those students who have made the school proud through their academic success, attitude, effort to learning and positive behaviour.

Students can purchase a rewards activity by accessing the 'smiley store' through the pupil intranet by redeeming their smileys to take part in a range of activities (see page 9).



There are limited spaces for the activities so they are assigned on a first come first served basis.





The activities will take place on Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th December.

For more information on the reward activities visit the dining hall where the powerpoint will be shown daily during break and lunch. Form teachers will also run through the reward activities on offer.

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CHRISTMAS SMILEY REWARD SESSIONS

Period \ Day	Wednesday 18 th December	Thursday 19 th December
Period 1		Rock Music through the ages CWS Rm 1 40 😊
Period 2	French Karaoke SBY Rm 31 40 😊	Christmas Karaoke & brew SBS Hive 40 😊
		Card Games SFN Rm 27 40 😊
Period 3	The Bear Grylls Experience NWY, RUN Diggery 40 😊	Walking Winston the Whippet CMY, JMY Rm 36 40 😊
	2019 Football Quiz of the Year DES Rm 10 40 😊	
Period 4	Air Track BML Sports Hall 40 😊	Chill & Tunes EDP, LVT Sports Hall 40 😊
		Christmas Cracker ABW Rm 34 40 😊
		Retro Gaming MAH Rm 23 40 😊
Period 4 & Lunch	Film - Home Alone & snacks CPR Hive 40 😊	
	Film - Elf & snacks EHD Rm 24 40 😊	
Period 5	Relax KPE Hive 40 😊	Ice Cream Sundae Making SBK Rm 8 40 😊
	Darts DWK Rm 2 40 😊	Christmas Craft JWN Rm 13 40 😊
	Mr Martin's Christmas Quiz BMN Library 40 😊	

ARE YOU READY FOR OUR READING CHALLENGE?

Each week we will showcase a more challenging read that is stocked in our library. Are you up to the challenge?

The Gone series is centered on the fictional Southern Californian town of Perdido Beach, in which every human aged 15 and older vanishes. The town and surrounding areas become encased within an impenetrable barrier that burns to the touch, with many of its inhabitants developing supernatural powers.

Visit our library to borrow this great read!



WORD OF THE WEEK

PRINCIPLE (noun)

Definition = A fundamental truth or proposition that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or behaviour or for a chain of reasoning.

Examples:

"The basic principles of justice"

"He was a man of principle and good to his word."

"All internal combustion engines work on the same principles."

"The ambassador refused on principle to agree to the terms of the accord."

"There exist certain fundamental principles of human rights."



MATHS CHALLENGE

Two salesmen Peter and John hire a taxi to take them from their office to visit their customers. Peter's customer lives 10km away from their office and John's customer lives 20km away.

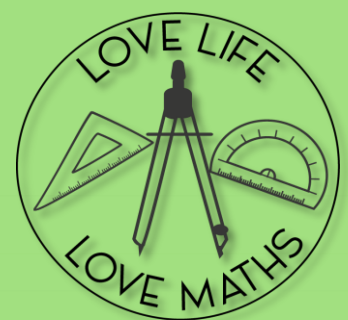
The road to John's customer goes directly past Peter's customer.
The total cost of the trip is £20.

What portion of the bill would it be fair for each salesman to pay?

Take your answer to Mr Fern in Room 25 for a smiley.

We will share the answer in next week's newsletter.

The solution to last week's puzzle – 108 minutes
Well done if you got it right!



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STUDY SUPPORT CLUBS - SCAMPs - WINTER 2019 (Mon-Wed)

MONDAY
<u>Before School (8am - 8.30am)</u> Library Inspire building BMN Breakfast Club Dining Hall
<u>Lunchtime (1pm)</u> Fitness Club Boys Fitness Room TTR Netball Girls - Yr7 Sports Hall LVT, EDP Library & Homework Club Inspire Building BMN, SRS Careers Guidance Careers Office JLG Taskmaster Updates outside Rm 33 SFN, SBK Art Rm 14 SBL English Revision Grade 5 Rm 40 SKR Maths Rm 24 EHD Meditation and Relaxation Rm 31 SBY
<u>After School (3pm)</u> Library & Homework Club Inspire Building 3pm-4.30pm BMN, SRS BTEC Performing Arts & Child Development Support Hive SBS

TUESDAY
<u>Before School (8am - 8.30am)</u> Library Inspire building BMN Breakfast Club Dining Hall
<u>Lunchtime (1pm)</u> House Competitions Sports Hall LVT, EDE, TWG, TTR Ashton Geographical Society Rm 13 DES, PWE Library & Homework Club Inspire Building BMN, SRS Careers Guidance Careers Office JLG Taskmaster Updates outside Rm 33 SFN, SBK Art Rm 14 SBL English Revision Grade 7 Rm 40 SKR Chemistry Revision Lab 4 SCN
<u>After School (3pm)</u> Library & Homework Club Inspire Building 3pm-4.30pm BMN, SRS Football Boys - Yr 7 & 8 3G TWG, TTR Netball Girls - Yr 8-11 Sports Hall LVT, EDP Science Club - Yr 7-9 Rm 3 NCO History Revision Rm 30 MPS Rm 9 JPH Food Catch up - Yr 10-11 Rm 8 SBN

WEDNESDAY
<u>Before School (8am - 8.30am)</u> Library Inspire building BMN Breakfast Club Dining Hall
<u>Lunchtime (1pm)</u> Badminton Girls Sports Hall LVT Fitness Club Girls Yr 7-11 Fitness Room EDP Library & Homework Club Inspire Building BMN, SRS Careers Guidance Careers Office JLG Taskmaster Updates outside Rm 33 SFN, SBK Art Rm 14 SBL English Revision Grade 6 Rm 40 SKR Reading Club Library MPN Skittles group ABH EAL Catch up Hive BSS
<u>After School (3pm)</u> Library & Homework Club Inspire Building 3pm-4.30pm BMN, SRS Rugby Boys Field TTR Netball Girls Fixtures LVT, EDP History Revision Rm 30 MPS Rm 9 JPH English Revision - All Grades Rm 40 SKR

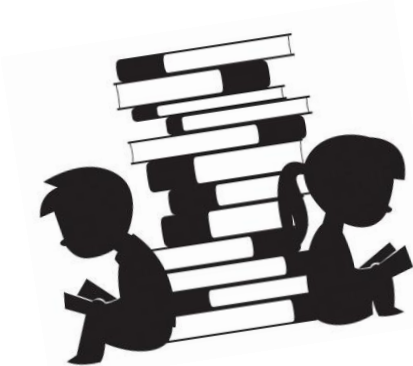
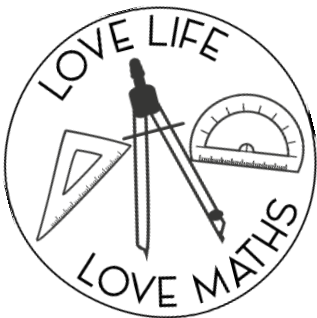
Sport
Communication
Academic
Music
Pleasure

STUDY SUPPORT CLUBS - SCAMPs - WINTER 2019 (Thur-Fri)

THURSDAY
<u>Before School (8am - 8.30am)</u> Library Inspire building BMN Breakfast Club Dining Hall
<u>Lunchtime (1pm)</u> Basketball - Boys - Yr 7-9 Sports Hall TWG Maths Rm 26 CLY Library & Homework Club Inspire Building BMN, SRS Careers Guidance Careers Office JLG Taskmaster Updates outside Rm 33 SFN, SBK Art Rm 14 SBL
<u>After School (3pm)</u> Library & Homework Club Inspire Building 3pm-4.30pm BMN, SRS Football Girls 3G EDP, LVT BTEC Performing Arts & Child Development Support Hive SBS Creative iMedia Room 22 GLS



FRIDAY
<u>Before School (8am - 8.30am)</u> Library Inspire building BMN Breakfast Club Dining Hall
<u>Lunchtime (1pm)</u> Dodgeball - Yr 7-9 Sports Hall TWG, TTR Dance - Yr 7 & 8 Rm 15 Year 11 Board Games - Yr 7-11 Rm 33 SBK Library & Homework Club Inspire Building BMN, SRS Careers Guidance Careers Office JLG Taskmaster Updates outside Rm 33 SFN, SBK Arts & Crafts Yr 7-9 Rm 14 Yr 11 Heroes
<u>After School (3pm)</u> Library & Homework Club Inspire Building 3pm-4.30pm BMN, SRS Running Club Door 4 - 3.15pm Students & Staff ABW



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WHAT'S YOUR CHILD EATING AT LUNCHTIME?



Week 1

02/12/19
-
06/12/19

Traditional Meal Deal

Monday Brunch, Pork Sausages, Free Range Omelette, Hash Browns & Baked Beans
Tuesday Steak & Onion Pie with Chunky Diced Potatoes, Broccoli & Sliced Beetroot
Wednesday Roast of the Day with Baby Baked & Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables
Thursday Spaghetti Bolognese with Homemade Garlic Bread
Friday Crispy Battered Fish & Chips with Mushy Peas

Traditional Meal Deal

Monday Crispy Bacon, Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Garlic Bread
Tuesday Chicken & Vegetable Biryani with Coriander Naan Bread
Wednesday Ham & Tomato Quiche with Baby Baked Potatoes, Coleslaw & Mixed Salad
Thursday BBQ Chicken Melt Flat Bread with Paprika Potatoes & Mixed Salad
Friday Sweet Chilli Chicken & Crunchy Vegetables with Soft Egg Noodles

Vegetarian Meal Deal

Monday Spicy Bean & Vegetable Burrito with Baked Potato Wedges & Mixed Salad
Tuesday Macaroni & Cheddar Cheese Bake with Broccoli
Wednesday Sweet Potato, Spinach & Red Pepper Curry with Mixed Rice & Coriander Naan Bread
Thursday Cheddar Cheese & Onion Loaded Potato Skins with Coleslaw & Mixed Salad
Friday Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips & Mixed Salad

Dessert of the Day

Monday Coconut Rice Pudding with Strawberry Jam, Chocolate Muffin, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice
Tuesday Seasonal Berry Eton Mess, Fruity Flapjack, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice
Wednesday Toffee Apple Sponge with Custard, Berry Muffin, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice
Thursday Lemon & Courgette Cup Cake, Chocolate Cookie, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice
Friday Warm Chocolate Brownie & Ice Cream, Jam & Cream Scone, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice

A Choice of Hot Filled Sandwich Meal Deal or Filled Jacket Potatoes are also available on a daily basis.

Catering at Ashton Community Science College is provided by Lancashire County Council School and Residential Care Catering. We care about the food your child eats at lunchtime and constantly seek improvements to ingredients and menus.

All the fresh, baked potatoes are grown in Lancashire.

There are no Genetically Modified (GM) ingredients in any of the lunches.

The milk, pasta, rice and flour are Organic.



Week 2

09/12/19
-
12/12/19

Traditional Meal Deal

Monday Pork Meatballs in a Spicy Arrabiata Sauce with Pasta & Homemade Garlic Bread
Tuesday Chicken & Leek Pie with Baked Baby Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy
Wednesday Roast of the Day with Roast & Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables
Thursday Honey Glazed Gammon & Pineapple with Garlic & Herb Potatoes & Garden Peas
Friday Crispy Battered Fish & Chips with Mushy Peas

Traditional Meal Deal

Monday Crispy Chicken Goujon & Tomato Salsa Wrap with Paprika Potatoes & Mixed Salad
Tuesday Beef & Sweet Potato Curry with Mixed Rice & Coriander Naan Bread
Wednesday Sticky Chicken in Honey, Ginger and Soy with Soft Egg Noodles
Thursday Beef Chilli Tortilla Basket with Baked Potato Wedges & Mixed Salad
Friday Thai Chicken & Vegetable Curry with Mixed Rice

Vegetarian Meal Deal

Monday Vegetarian Sausages & Onion Gravy with Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans & Carrots
Tuesday Cheddar Cheese Quiche with Baby Baked Potatoes & Mixed Salad
Wednesday Veggie Spring Roll with Sweet Chilli Vegetables & Soft Egg Noodles
Thursday Garlic, Mushroom, Spinach & Mascarpone Pasta with Garlic Bread
Friday Homemade Chilli Cheese & Red Onion Pizza with Chips & Mixed Salad

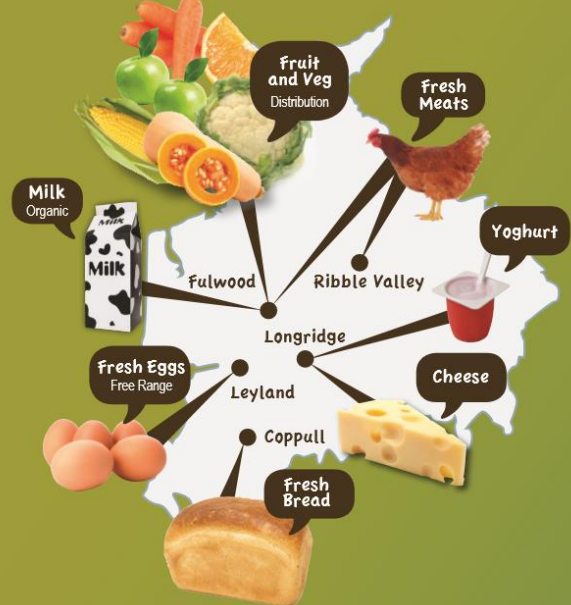
Dessert of the day

Monday Apple & Berry Crumble with Ice Cream, Chocolate Cookie, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice
Tuesday Peach Melba, Lemon & Ginger Shortbread, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice
Wednesday Chocolate & Mandarin Sponge with Custard, Ginger Cookie, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice
Thursday Mixed Berry Fool with Biscuit Crunch, Chocolate Muffin, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice
Friday Jam Sponge with Custard, Raspberry Bun, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice

A Choice of Hot Filled Sandwich Meal Deal or Filled Jacket Potatoes are also available on a daily basis.

Please note - Christmas lunch will be taking place on 13/12/19. Menu options on this day will be limited.

Locally Sourced Food



We buy local produce to support local businesses and reduce food miles.

100% of our food suppliers are classed as local and 75% of our food purchases are produced in the UK. Our service recognises the value and importance of sustainable and responsible food sourcing.

Our aim is to positively influence the diet of our children and young people, and always consider where the food we put on the plates comes from and how it was produced.

Special Diets and Allergies

It is our policy to provide a menu for those pupils with medically diagnosed food allergies, food intolerances or a medical condition which affects eating requirements.

Special diets are diets for pupils with a medically diagnosed requirement, not just a dislike of certain foods or food groups.

For further information regarding allergies and special diets, please visit www.servinglancashire.org.uk



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SPORTS RESULTS – LAST WEEK

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Our Player of the Match</u>
Football - Boys	7	Lost	Longridge	-
Football - Boys	7	Draw	Broughton	-
Football - Boys	7	Won	Christ the King	-
Football - Boys	11	Lost	St. Matthew's, Manchester	-
Football - Boys	7	Draw	Broughton	-
Rugby - Boys	9	Won	Archbishop	Henry Robinson
Rugby - Boys	9	Won	Our Lady's	Will Sumner



<u>Sport</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Our Player of the Match</u>
Football - Girls	7	Draw	Our Lady's	Poppy Salisbury
Football - Girls	8 & 9	Draw	Christ the King	Amelia Ball
Football - Girls	8 & 9	Won	Our Lady's	Hilary Moses
Netball - Girls	9	Lost	Archbishop	Mia Cottam
Netball - Girls	10	Draw	Archbishop	Ellie Faith

This Week's Fixtures - Boys

Rugby



No fixtures
this week!

Football



Wed 4th Dec - Yr 7
7 a-side
tournament

This Week's Fixtures - Girls

Football



Thurs 5th Dec
U12 Girls vs
Moor Park

Netball



No fixtures
this week!

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