

# Penwortham Priory Post



## European Day of Languages at Priory

Ooh La La! Priory teachers were kitted out in French, Greek, Spanish, Austrian (and more!) attire for the 20th anniversary of European Day of Languages.

Year 7 went off-timetable on Tuesday to celebrate the important day in the MFL calendar and highlight the importance of learning a language across Europe.

There were numerous activities including Greek dancing, constructing a European landmark using straws, a café and quiz and a music special, led by Mr Taylor.

Head of Languages Mrs Scully said: "This day is so important and everyone, from staff to pupils, have been so enthusiastic about it.

"Days like this are vital to highlight the importance of learning a different language, and culture, which are on our doorstep and all the school have embraced it.

"It raises the profile of languages and it was great to see all the teachers and office staff dressed up and the pupils have got a lot from the day."

Food Technology teacher Mrs Cowell, whose dad is Greek, taught Year 7s Greek dancing, a few Greek words and they tried some Greek specialities including Feta cheese, Tzatziki, Greek yoghurt, olives and flat bread.

Pupils embraced building a European monument out of straws, with the Eiffel Tower and the Leaning Tower of Pisa proving popular, under the watchful eye of Mrs Bailey.

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## Key Dates



Did you know that the term dates for this academic year, as well as the following year, are available to view and download from our website?

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates)

**Tues, 4 & Thurs 6 October**  
Year 10 (plus some Year 11) GCSE Geography Wycoller Field Trip

**Weds, 5 October 5.15pm**  
Year 11 Revision Event 5.15pm-6pm

**Weds, 12 October**  
Year 7 Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm (in person)

**Thurs, 13 October**  
Year 9 Creative Cookery Workshop after school until 4.30pm (booking essential)

**Thurs, 18 October**  
Year 10 Parents Evening 4pm-8pm

**24-28 October**  
Half term

**Fri, 4 November**  
STEAM Careers Event (in school)

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Mrs Bailey said: "The pupils have been so enthusiastic, they have had a great time and it's got them thinking about European countries."

Bradley and Thomas were working on theirs and had set themselves a challenge: "We want to build the tallest Eiffel Tower!"

Mr Taylor's music class had maracas, drums, cymbals and more as they played and danced to European songs.

Meanwhile the MaBaL (music at lunch and break) across school was European themed – from Italian Late Renaissance Monteverdi through to modern French Daft Punk.

But it wasn't just the Year 7s who got to engage with the theme; Mrs Gidden made sure that English lessons got in on the act as teachers discussed famous authors whose works were translated into English from another language.

The Head of English said, "We're so lucky to have so many great writers writing in English, but there are writers and poets who wrote their famous works in another language first - Alexandre Dumas (The Three Musketeers), Jules Verne (Around the World in 80 Days) and Hans Christian Anderson, for example.

And then there's the words we've borrowed!

We're also grateful for words we've borrowed!

- I'd struggle to say the following without the help of the French language!
- I am in the habit of reading both modern and historic literature. My advice would be that great literature can add zest to any holiday even if the hotel is dire! So, grab your money and make a detour to your local library or bookshop – in all honesty, it's money well spent!

Many pupils brought in cakes and a bake sale was organised by Mrs Scully which raised £70. This will be donated to the children's hospice, Derian House.





# Have you seen the new mural outside the Harris?



"The Links of the Chain are of Equal Strength" is decorating the Harris while transformative works go ahead for the #HarrisYourPlace project.

## WATCH THE VIDEO



The hoarding's mural was designed with the help of Year 10 pupils from Priory.

Take a look at the unveiling ceremony and see if you can spot Megan and Zofia.

<https://youtu.be/3VhtqftLPJg>



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## Year 11 Science Intervention Sessions

A reminder to all Year 11 pupils and parents that science intervention takes place after school on Mondays from 3:15pm until approximately 4:00pm.

There are posters around the Science department advertising the relevant rooms and members of staff.

Last year our Year 11 students achieved an excellent set of results, and it was no surprise that those who most frequently attended intervention tended to outperform their peers.

By starting revision with us, this Monday and every Monday after school, pupils will build up an additional 20+ hours of learning for the summer exams.



Mr Bedford  
Head of Science

### Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip

The Wycoller Beck trip is going out next week. Don't forget to make your payments via SCOPay and return your reply slips to Mr Watters.

Pupils will study a river landscape and develop their skills in measuring, observing and recording how features change along the profile of a river.

A copy of the letter can be downloaded from the school website at>>

**Field Trip!**



[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters)

## Eco Club Launches Next Week



Its first project is 'upcycling clothes' which will coincide with Recycling Week (17-23 October) and by the end of the year the club has ambitions to achieve a gold standard award for the school.

**OUR MISSION:** To be a school that cares about the local and wider environment and takes action to improve it.

**Come along and, together, let's see what a difference we can make. Open to all year groups.**

More information will be presented in Learning for Life lessons next week, when the date will be confirmed.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please see Mrs Massey or Mrs Roberts in SC1/SC2 or message via Teams Chat.

## Eco Committee



**We are looking for pupils who are interested in the natural world and making a positive impact on the school and local environment.**

- We will meet regularly to discuss issues concerning the school environment
- Run initiatives eg, competitions, art projects, community projects.
- We will look to appoint a chair, secretary. Along with other roles such as communication director and primary/community liaison.
- Pupils from all year groups welcome.



**See Mrs Massey (Sc1) for more details or message on Teams.**



# From Primary to Priory at Open Evening

Our doors opened last Thursday evening to over 400 families as they began their search for a secondary school for their children.

Our Principal and Vice Principal, Mr Eastham and Mrs Cowell, were the first to greet families at the door before pupils from all year groups could share their experiences of Priory across the different subject areas. Prefects and Year 10 Peer Mentors welcomed our visitors and were eager to show Priory off to prospective families as they stood by ready to guide them around their school. Year 7 pupils chatted with former primary school peers who were keen to hear all about their first month at Priory - showing such confidence that many parents were fathomed they had only been with us three weeks!

Interactive activities were set up across the school for children to enjoy whilst parents questioned teachers and pupils. Showcase explosions in Science, puzzles in Maths (whilst trying not to gobble too many midget gems!), bon appetit in Languages, trampolining and badminton in PE and so much more. The ICT & Computer Science department took the opportunity to show off their newest gadgets, the robots, where children attempted to win a game of Jenga with them and 'guess the computer parts'.

Meanwhile, the Humanities department was a hub of activity with Mr Watters' voyage around the world and his display of fossils, rocks and dinosaurs matched by History where visitors were challenged to team up the date with the historic photo in the fastest time before having a giggle at themselves trying on the WWII gas masks.

Art was an immediate attraction full of bright colours, GCSE artwork and 'have a go' colouring where there was some impressive attempts to redesign the Priory logo.

## Oh what a night!

The Auditorio was alight with music and drama with show pieces from the Summer Arts Festival and Year 9 Agnes, tinkling the ivories on the piano. In Technology our young guests took home keyrings which they coloured and then assembled laser-cut perspex letters spelling out their name - the perfect keepsake of the evening.

*The event was a great success but we couldn't do it without the support of our pupil volunteers. We've received many, many compliments from prospective families who named and thanked individuals for their maturity, manners and guidance during their visit. You were an absolute credit, pleasant, engaging and confident. Parents - you should be proud!*

Mr Eastham thanked everyone for their efforts on the night, but also for the hard work beforehand that goes into making these events such a success. We hope the event inspired our visitors and look forward to meeting them again should they choose Priory as their first choice school.



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## Just some of the feedback we have received:

"I was pleasantly surprised. A wonderful school with a vibrant atmosphere!"

"Overall, the evening was very useful, informative and well run, thank you."

"Please pass on our thanks to the students who helped give demonstrations. The Year 7s who helped with the Chemistry and Biology were phenomenal and so confident given their short period of time in school."

"We had a tour of the school from one of your prefects, she was a lovely, helpful and confident girl, an absolute credit to the school."

"All the prefects and teachers were amazing and very welcoming. We had one prefect in particular who showed us around, lovely young lady with impeccable manners. She made our son feel at ease and he is now feeling so much better about high school and can't wait for the next chapter"

"The open evening was very well planned with plenty of helpful and informative staff. The classrooms were well presented and the pupils we spoke to were keen to share their positive experiences of life at Penwortham Priory Academy"

"The students in each department were outstanding friendly, knowledgeable and happy which shows how Priory is."

"We had a tour by Eliza who was exceptional, a credit to your school, so enthusiastic, thank you!"



## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY SOUTH

Do you have a child starting secondary school in September 2023 and living in Lancashire?

# APPLY NOW!

[WWW.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS](http://WWW.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS)  
or give us a call on 01772 532109

**CLOSING DATE: 31 OCTOBER 2022**

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](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk) and search 'School Admission Policies'.

**Lancashire**  
County Council

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)



Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!

# Parents Evenings Year 7 & 10

To facilitate these events we use a web-based program called 'SchoolCloud Parents Evening'.

This year, Year 7 parents are invited into school to meet their child's form tutor in person, whilst the Year 10 parents evening will take place online.

**Year 7**                    **Weds, 12 October 2022**

**Year 10**                   **Tues, 18 October 2022**

Copies of the letters to Year 7 and Year 10 parents, along with full instructions on how to book and attend appointments, can be downloaded from the school website [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters). In addition, a tutorial video can be viewed by clicking on the link <https://vimeo.com/473882995>

The link for parents to book their slot is now open.

**The link to access the event is the same link you use to book your appointments, as follows:**

<https://penworthampriory.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

To enable teachers to meet with as many parents/carers as possible, the appointment slot will be seven minutes for Year 7 parents to meet the form tutor, and 5 minutes for each appointment with Year 10 teachers. For online appointments, they will automatically stop after this time and teachers cannot extend the call.

If you wish to meet with your child's teacher for further discussion after this, please arrange this with them during the session or via email at a later point. If you would like to speak to another member of staff, please feel free to contact them direct. A full email list can be found via the link below.

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list)

Mr Gee  
Assistant Principal

Mr Taylor  
Lead Teacher of Music



## MABAL (music at break and lunch)

### Bringing music to your ears at break and lunch

We play music through the school's tannoy system during break and lunch. Chosen by Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music, this is designed to offer exposure to the curriculum in different ways, and support pupils' appreciation of music across the school.

We will focus on one theme each week across a genre, a country or from history. The theme could also link to the season or an event in school. Next week it's...

#### Power Ballads

Those emotionally-charged, agonising, tormented pieces of music which ebb and flow gently, and then suddenly – when you least expect it – erupt with the gush of a tsunami.

The lyrics are over-the-top and sung in a pleading, heart-wrenching manner, with exaggerated statements about plummeting to the ground on broken wings, doing it for the glory of love or holding on and never saying goodbye etc.



In a musical sense, they are often performed at a slow tempo, with a big sound wall of a backing with rock elements, like distorted guitars, loud, heavy drums and belting vocals. The lyrics are usually romantic - either a celebration of a great love, a lost love or sometimes equally painful, an unrequited love.

Theme suggestions are welcomed - pupils should see Mr Taylor or email [a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

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# Year 7 Are In A Buzz About Books!



**Year 7 pupils admit they will feel a buzz when they get their hands on a brand new book!**

Bookbuzz, from the Book Trust, is a project that the school buys into so all Year 7 pupils each receive a free new book! They can select from a wide variety of titles, from non-fiction reads for curious minds to fast-paced page turners. It's the UK's largest children's reading charity dedicated to getting children reading.

Each Bookbuzz pupil chooses a title to take and keep, while the school receives two copies of every book to boost their library.

English teacher Mrs Elliott, who co-ordinates the project in school, said: *"It's our favourite time when the buzz of choosing their freebie new book spreads like wild-fire through our Year 7s!"*

"With authors from Horowitz to Hitchcock and titles from 'Bad Panda' to 'Star Cat', there's something to cater for all tastes in this year's book choice.

"The selection also includes the inspiring debut from Marcus Rashford 'You Are A Champion' and the acclaimed 'When the Sky Falls' from Phil Earle.

"Seeing the pupils making their choices and discussing the merits or otherwise of the titles on offer is great fun. It's all about building excitement around reading and Bookbuzz definitely delivers!"

**The Year 8s said they remember the feeling of getting their hands on a nice new book last year:**

**Sehr A** said: "I chose 'When Life Gives You Mangoes' last year which was quite a traumatic book but I enjoyed it. I loved it when I got the new book and, at first, I took my time to read it but then I picked up the pace."

**Shiven N** selected 'Slick'. "It was about a robot. I liked it and it was nice having a new book rather than one someone else had already read."

**Junior's** book was 'Fire Boy.' "This was about a boy who ate magic sweets and it gave him fire powers – the downside was it burnt his clothes! It was a good book and I still have it at home."



**Year 7s are thrilled with their choice – and the group we selected all chose a different book which shows the variety on offer!**

**Eliza G** selected 'The House of Clouds' by Lisa Thompson. "It's a human interest story which appealed to me. I love getting a new book so I am excited."

**Zara W** chose a historical novel 'Tragedy at Sea: The Sinking of the Titanic. "It's something I am interested in, the Titanic, how it all happened."

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**Adam B**'s book was 'Bad Panda': "It's basically about a bad panda in a zoo! I will be honest, I chose this as it was last on the list and it was the one I remembered but I will read it. My favourite author is Roald Dahl."

**Connor S** chose 'My Big Mouth' described as a 'funny and entertaining cautionary tale.' "I like funny books. We had a good choice to select from."

**Alfie C** went for 'Factopia' – the perfect book for any fact lovers. "It has 400 different facts so I am hoping I can learn something," said Alfie.

**Jessica J** chose 'The Girl in Wooden Armour.' "It sounds a good book; I like fantasy books so I will give this a go!"



Year 7 will receive their books after the half term break. To find out about the 17 books on offer, read their blurbs and meet the author, go to >>>

[www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/)

Mrs Elliott

English Teacher & Chief Librarian

## Who Wants Their Voice Heard?

The Rotary Club have once again launched their nationwide speaking competition. For the first time since the school's outing in the heats of 2019, we have been invited to enter the competition.

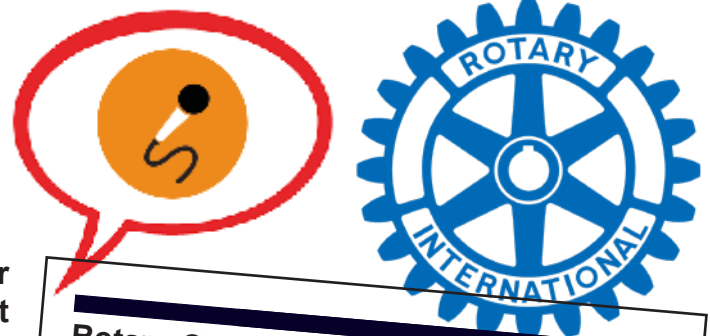
Head of English, Mrs Gidden, announced, "*The whole competition has taken a hiatus because of Covid but this year it's back and so we're looking to put some teams into the district heats at Balshaw's in November this year.*"

Our meeting day will be Fridays at lunch with Mrs Gidden and Mrs Robinson Ali and will take place in EN3.

Teams are welcome from Years 9 & 10 and the best thing about the competition is that young people can speak about ANY topic they choose as long as they follow public speaking etiquette.

The first meet was today (30 September) however we're happy to accept new members for the first two weeks in October as we prepare for the heats.

*So, who wants their voice heard?*



### Rotary Club 'Speaks' to Year 9 Pupils at Competition

Priory pupils gave a passionate speech at the district heats of the annual Rotary Speaks competition at Walton-le-Dale High School.

Jacob, Erin and Darcy were Priory's Key Stage 3 team who chose to speak about gender and sexuality at last Thursday evening's competition.

Chairperson Erin said: "I got involved because I am extremely passionate about the subject, I have friends and family in the LGBT community and it's something I am keen to speak out about."

Jacob, the proposer for the vote of thanks, said: "I got involved with the Rotary Speaks competition because it's outside my comfort zone and I wanted to push myself."

Darcy was the main speaker and said: "I had to speak for six minutes which is quite nerve-racking but I love talking in front of people. I do drama and have a role in the school show 'We Will Rock You' so I like performing in front of an audience."

The group, along with their Year 9 English class, had a two-hour workshop delivered by Richard Lea from the Rotary Club to prepare for the competition.

Head of English Mrs Gidden said: "The pupils worked almost entirely independently to create their group speech. Even as a teacher, I found the workshop session fascinating and learned lots about tips for public speaking as well as the rules and etiquette surrounding a competition of this nature."

"The students were rehearsed and ready and on the night, I knew they'd be good but they were even better than I'd hoped and delivered an engaging and inspiring speech."

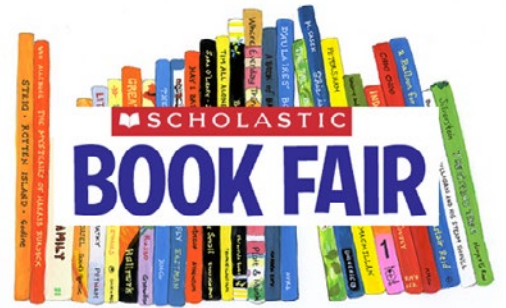
"We're all keen to take part again next year - they just blew my socks off!"

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# A Day At The 'Book' Fair!

On Thursday we took a trip down to the library to see what was happening at the book fair.



The buzz of excitement could be felt from the corridors as pupils from all year groups were found to be browsing the stands which had arrived the day before. From stationery to books of all genres, there was something for everyone and the atmosphere was delightful to see. Mrs Elliott was directing the crowds and the librarians embraced their duties at the 'tills' as they filled up with cash and card/online payments.

Everyone that buys a book also gets their name put into a daily prize draw to win a £5 voucher to spend on more books! Now there's a reason to keep going back!

The fair is still with us next week so make sure you get down there - miss it, miss out!

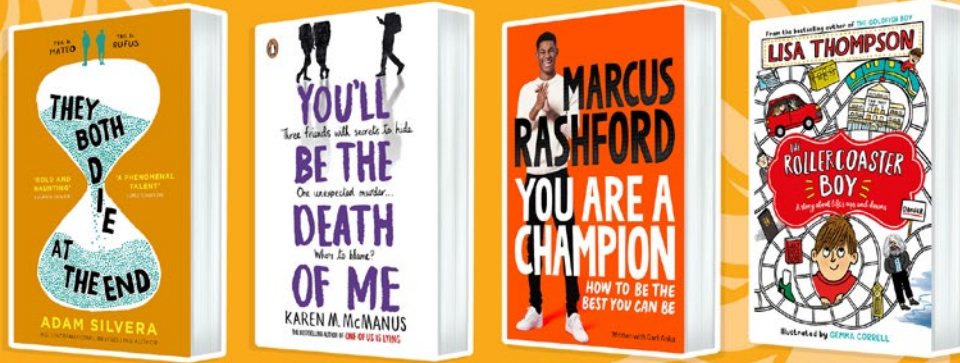


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# COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

and earn FREE BOOKS for our school



## The Book Fair is Back at Priory From 28 September

It's with us in the library until 5 October so make sure you join us for this celebration of reading!

Over the years our annual Book Fair has proven a huge hit with the students of Priory. From pens and posters to a variety of books from different genres, there really is something for everyone. The fair will be with us, in the library, for just one week so please ensure you purchase what you want before the fair leaves!

The easiest way to buy books is with cash although parents can also go to the Scholastic website to pay online for books from your child's 'wish list' at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1214617> and they can then collect their order from the library the next day quoting your payment reference.

**Wish Lists:** While students are browsing the book fair, they can use the wish list (pick a copy up at the library) to write down the books that catch their eye! These are especially handy if parents want to pay online and avoid sending cash.



The more the students spend, the more books we can earn for our school library so it really is a win, win!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Elliott  
English Teacher &  
Chief Librarian

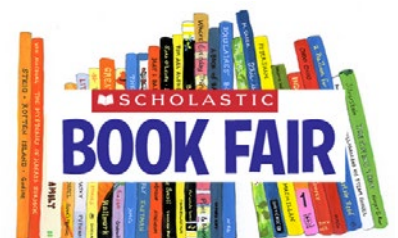
Browse the titles that are coming to Priory...

Take a closer look!



Browse the range of gripping, moving and thought-provoking novels from the very best authors, ideal for young adult readers. Click on the link below...

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases/tt>



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# English Scholars of the Week

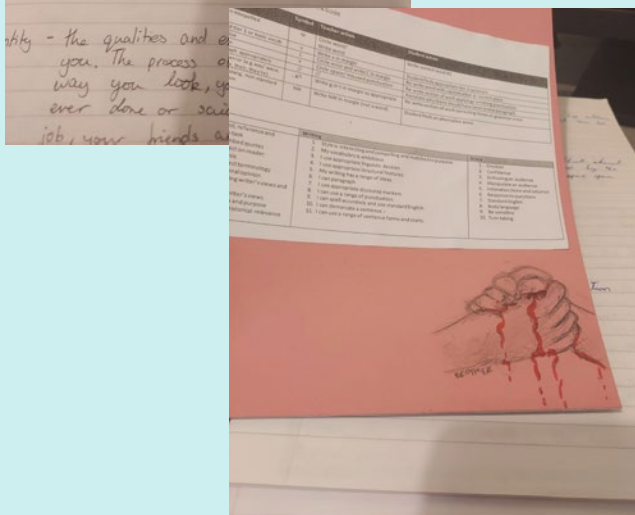
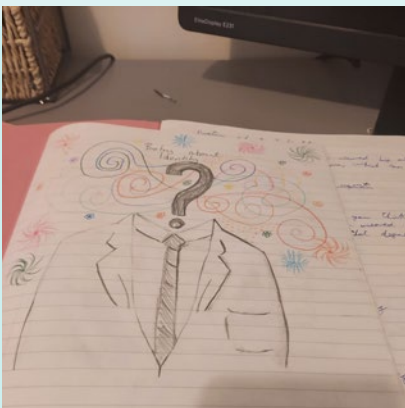
Every week, the English department looks for its 'Scholar of the Week'. To get nominated by a staff member is pretty prestigious given we see everyone in school for 5 hours a week!

Pupils who stand out in their effort, attitude to learning or presentation will make the cut. Then, the team choose the very best piece of work and photograph it.

## Lily McM (Year 10)

The English scholar of the week this week is Lily. She has created little designs on her English book relating to the texts studied across that unit to help with her revision- well done Lily- you're so creative!

These pupils will receive achievement points as well as department recognition.



# Year 9: Creative Cookery is Back!



## Only 15 Places Available

Mrs Cowell will be running her next **Creative Cookery workshop for Year 9** pupils on **Thurs, 13 October** from 3.05pm to 4.30pm

where you'll be making Shakshuka and flatbreads.



Shakshuka means 'mix-up' in Arabic and is found on many breakfast menus. It uses mostly store cupboard ingredients such as tinned tomatoes, chilli and eggs.

The session is free but there are only 15 places up for grabs which will be given to the first Year 9 pupils who contact Mrs Cowell via Teams Chat.

If you've got a slot, just head to the Food Tech room after school finishes. Please let Mrs Cowell know in advance if you have any allergies or dietary requirements, and make sure you have organised your safe travel home for 4.30pm.

Mrs Cowell  
Food Technology Teacher  
and Vice Principal



# Year 11 Pupil Scales To The Top For Charity Fundraiser



**Year 11 pupil, Chloe, scaled the summit of Mount Snowdon to raise money for the British Heart Foundation.**

Chloe hiked up the 1,085 metre mountain with her dad, Kevin – and it took them around six hours to complete the ten-mile climb.

Chloe said: “I have never climbed anything as high before and it was an achievement when we reached the top, although it is harder coming down hill!

“It took us about three hours each way and it was nice to be able to do this and raise money for charity.

“My dad wanted to do it for his friend Brian who suffered a heart attack and passed away suddenly earlier this year, I had known him since I was a baby.

“That’s why we did it for the British Heart Foundation.”

Here is the link to their JustGiving page for the climb if you'd like to support Chloe's fundraising:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/britneysbeers](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/britneysbeers)



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## Class of 2021: Cerys Shanks

### Cerys Wins Writers Award in National Competition

The 2021 leaver, Cerys, has recently won the Orwell Youth Prize with a climate-themed story about Blackpool.

Cerys is now a second year student at Runshaw College studying A Level English and Classical Civilisation. She wrote a short story based on the concept of the Fylde Coast going underwater due to climate change, and won a prestigious national award for political fiction.

The theme for the writing competition was 'Coming up for air: Writing the climate crisis' and her short story was highly praised by the judges. A judge for the Orwell Youth Prize, said: "the writer shares sadness and foreboding, regret at childhood lost, and ends with a warning that, like coastal towns everywhere, it will be lost to the sea."

Congratulations Cerys! You can read the full story by the Blackpool Gazette here>>

[www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/education/a-level-student-wins-orwell-youth-prize-with-a-climate-themed-story-about-blackpool-3827172](http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/education/a-level-student-wins-orwell-youth-prize-with-a-climate-themed-story-about-blackpool-3827172)



## What's the best thing you've learnt this week?

Every week, teaching staff, venture out of the classroom to chat with our pupils and find out what they've really enjoyed the most about their learning this week.

**Last week we asked pupils to talk about their favourite lesson. Here's what they said:**

*"So far this term it has been a Maths lesson with Mr Henshaw, I like all of my Maths lessons but particularly enjoyed the puzzles we did when completing work on multiplying fractions."* Geetha, Year 9

*"I enjoyed my intervention sessions during Learning for Life with Mr Bedford; he walks the class through their questions step by step and it really helps"* Abby, Year 11

*"I've been enjoying all of my History lessons with Mr Eccles. I like doing the reading task because we read together and discuss the topic in lots of detail."* Millie, Year 11



Miss Nouraghaei  
Assistant Head  
of Science

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**EXTRA! EXTRA!**

Activity	When?	Where	Who	Term
Creative cookery	Various days after school (TBC)	T5	Varies	All terms
Heritage and Culture	Lunchtimes Thursday and Friday	Tech Centre	All years	All terms
History club	Wednesday lunchtimes	HU1	All years	All terms
Culture Hub / EAL Club	Wednesday lunchtimes	MFL1	All years	All terms
Christmas Carols in Rest Homes	As required	MU1	All years	December
Equality and Diversity	Monday lunchtimes	EN1	All years	All terms
Geography Eco Club	Wednesday	The Gallery / HU7	All years	All terms
Public Speaking Club	Monday lunchtimes	EN3	Yr 9 & 10	Autumn Term
Badminton and table tennis	After school Tuesday	Sports Hall	All years	All terms
Basketball for all	Lunchtimes everyday	Sports Hall	All years	All terms
Boys football	After school Monday	3G	All years	All terms
Dance	After school Thursday	Assembly Hall	All years	All terms
Girl's football	After school Tuesday	3G	All years	All terms
Mindful Colouring	Lunchtimes except Tuesdays	Art1	All years	All terms
Netball	After school Monday	MUGA	All years	All terms
Origami workshops	Lunchtimes except Tuesdays	Art1	All years	All terms
Rugby	After school Thursday	Field	All years	All terms
Chess Club	Friday lunchtimes	LEAP	All years	All terms
Choir/Vocal Ensemble	TBC	MU1	All years	Spring and Summer
Christmas Full School Assembly rehearsals	As required	MU1	All years	December
Computing Club	Monday lunchtimes	HEX 1	All years	All terms
Debate Club	Thursday lunchtimes	HU6	All years	All terms
Engineering	After school Tuesday	T3	Yr 10 & 11	All terms
Librarians/Book Worm Club	Lunchtimes	Library	All years	All terms
New Pupil and Parents' Evening singing	As required	Assembly Hall	All years	June
Open Art Studio	Lunchtimes except Tuesdays	Art1	All years	All terms
Open Evening music performance rehearsals	As required	Auditorio	All years	September
School Production rehearsals	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday after school	Auditorio	All years	Autumn Term
Science Club	Wednesday lunchtimes	5C1	All years	All terms
Sparx Maths Club	Monday, Thursday and Fridays after school	IT2	All years	All terms
Summer Arts Evening	As required	Auditorio	All years	May to July
Technology	Thursday lunchtimes	T3	All years	All terms
Bright Futures	Lunchtimes Monday and Wednesday	Tech Centre	All years	All terms

# Homework CLUB



## BEFORE SCHOOL

Come and join us:  
Every Morning in LEAP 2  
Time: 8.00am- 8.35am

## AFTER SCHOOL

Come and join us:  
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
in LEAP 2  
Time: 3.10pm-4.15pm

Just turn up!

All year groups welcome  
Use of the computers  
Support available

Also open every  
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# Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers Club

## Here's what our Cool Readers Club is all about...

These are our reading stars put forward by their English teacher. We interview them about their current book, what they like reading about and what they like to do when they're not reading.

## Introducing, Harriet...

We interviewed Harriet before the end of the summer term when she was in Year 7.

Harriet's mum bought her a series of books and once she started reading them, she was hooked although admits she loves all kinds of books:



"I like adventure and I like funny books," she said.

"My mum bought me the Alex Rider series, there are 13 books about a teenage spy called Alex Rider, and they were sitting in my bedroom.

"I decided to start them and I am on the third 'The Skeleton Key' and I am hooked, it's really gripping and interesting and once you pick it up, you can't put it down!"

Harriet's favourite subjects are sport and humanities and she is a member of the school football and rounders teams.

"I also go to First New Longton scouts once a week and enjoy all the activities - inside and out!"

"I also play football for Lancon Girls on the left wing."

**Harriet's English teacher, Mr Owen added,** "Harriet is a positive and kind pupil who always tries her utmost in everything she does. She enters every competition we run and brings an infectious enthusiasm to the English classroom. Her natural curiosity makes her a bonafide scholar; she is definitely a Cool Reader!"

Mrs Gidden  
Head of English



# Compost Corner

## Autumn Update

Priory's gardens are our pride and joy and award-winning gardener Mr Farron wants to let parents and pupils know what to expect each month as the landscape changes.



Mr Farron has almost finished Phase 2 in the Priory Gardens and, now we are in Autumn, he is pleased with how it has taken shape.

"We have new signage and Phase 2 was all about the blank wall - creating shadows made by the trees and the roses, which we have planted this year.

"The Bay Trees will cast shadows on the wall, which will change during the day as the sun comes over. The roses are various kinds and are all gold Royal Horticultural Society winners. There are also lots of herbs in this garden."

### Autumn leaves cascade & the season begins

Shrubs and small trees are the permanent features that give a garden its framework and less durable plants such as herbaceous perennials annuals and bi-annuals can be planted around them.

So, as the garden that produces such a wonderful display starts its well deserved rest, it is time to reward them with good maintenance and help them prepare for the winter to come, making sure they are secure and protected. The fall of leaves provide an excellent source of compost that enable healthy growth for the new seasons ahead, collected and mixed with nettles and stored in black bags adding a little water will in spring provide a rich abundance of nutrients. This provides a high level of nitrogen - it smells revolting but its good stuff!



It is also time to replant trees and shrubs before first frost so get a move on and pack them well.

Here at Priory we do our utmost to provide a safe haven for all and that includes wildlife. I have mentioned in the past we have a family of wild rabbits, squirrels, moles and ducks and although they are not particularly good for gardens, they do provide entertainment from time to time. They have recently been named as Cyril the Squirrel, Molly the Mole, Rupert The Rabbit, Robin the Robin and Doris the Duck, however each species keeps me on my toes.

I wish you all a really happy autumn and enjoy the splendour and colour this season brings. Keep digging!

*Mr C Farron, Gardener*

*Honorary Member of the RHS*

*Winner of North West Britain in Bloom,*

*South Ribble in Bloom,*

*Penwortham in Bloom*

*Judge for South Ribble and Penwortham in Bloom competitions*



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# For our pupils with curious minds and ambitions:



There is a fabulous website called [www.explore.org](http://www.explore.org) which is a superb source of big and deep questions about the world:

- Does the truth exist?
- Is time travel actually possible?
- Would you want to live forever?

Hosted by Oxford University, it is full of huge discussion topics for in and out of your lessons, so have an explore of Oxplore...

**Check out Oxplore!**

As the 'Home of Big Questions', it aims to challenge pupils from 11 to 18 years with debates and ideas that go beyond what is covered in the classroom.

<https://explore.org>

## B:M2022

DIG DEEP, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

October is Black History Month, a month to share, celebrate and understand black heritage and culture, as well as celebrating the historical significance and achievements of black people. Check out Miss Makinson's competition below - you could earn yourself a prize!

**Celebrating  
the lives of  
Black people.**



## Black History Month October 2022



This year will be the 35th UK Black History Month and during October the contributions made by Black people over the years are celebrated.

Here at Priory, we are running a competition for all pupils to enter. We want you to create a piece of work that illustrates what equality, diversity and inclusion means to you.

Your entry can be in the form of a poster, a piece of art, a poem, a song or however you wish to portray it.

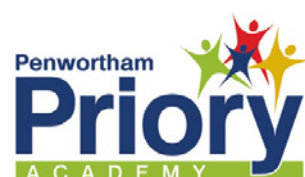
**Entries should be submitted to Miss Makinson, Teacher of History, no later than Thursday, 20 October 2022.**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £15 Voucher | 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £10 Voucher | 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 Voucher

All pieces will be displayed.

Good luck!

Miss Makinson  
Teacher of History



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# Revision Event

**reminder**

Next Wednesday, 5 October we invite Year 11 pupils and their parents to join us at a 'Revision Event' in school, an evening dedicated to getting those hints and tips for success in their mock exams and next summer's final exams.

Subjects that have an exam will be represented on the night, and subject leaders will be available to talk to.

At the event pupils will be able to take away a free copy of the CGP Guide 'How To Revise for GCSEs'. Some subjects will also have revision guides on sale too (card payment facilities available).

There's no need to book, just come along between 5.15pm and 6pm.

If pupils are attending the Preston College Open Evening that night, they should see Mrs Ham in advance

**REVISION**

*An Evening Event*  
for Year 11 pupils and their parents/carers.

**Wednesday, 5 October**  
from 5.15pm-6.00pm

Subject leaders will be on hand to offer subject specific revision advice and guidance. They'll be talking about the specifics of exams within their subjects and what to revise when. Pupils can also pick up a free copy of the CGP Guide 'How To Revise for GCSEs'.

No need to book, simply turn up!

Enquiries to Mrs L Cowell, Vice Principal  
l.cowell@priory.lancs.sch.uk

## Physical Education Department Extra-Curricular Timetable (Autumn Term 1)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunch – Sports Hall 13.15 – 13.50</b>	Badminton	Basketball	Badminton	Table Tennis	Basketball
<b>After-School 15.15 – 16.15</b>	Year 7 & 8 Football Practice (dependent on fixtures) Year 7 – 11 Netball	Badminton Club Girls Football Practice Year 11 VCert Intervention	Staff Meetings	Cricket Basketball Club Rugby Club Primary School – Young Leaders	

**NB** In addition, school teams will have fixtures through the half-term. These may result in some clubs being moved locations or cancelled.

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# Digital Healthy Schools



I am delighted to inform you that our school continues to take part in the 'Digital Healthy Schools', an initiative designed to educate our pupils on responsibly using mobile technology to help them manage their health.



As you know, our country is facing big challenges to the healthcare system. Yet, many of the long-term illnesses that impact so many lives and cost so much to treat are entirely preventable.

It has been shown by healthcare professionals that mobile technology is an effective way for patients to manage their conditions and for people to maintain and improve their health. Despite this, mobile Health (mHealth), which can include everything from step counters and stress busting apps to personal diabetes monitoring and skin cancer diagnosis tools, is a relatively unknown area for many people. It requires more awareness, and we need more help navigating the options available.

The Digitally Healthy Schools platform provides an unmatched education in mHealth. Your child has been made aware of the platform via Teams and email and how the mHealth platform can be used for the benefit of themselves, their friends and their families. It will help them find the best and, importantly, safest apps available to them.

<https://penworthamprioryacademy-lancs.digitalhealthyschools.co.uk/>

In the next few weeks, we hope your child will use the platform, using the link they have been given to download any app. You too can benefit from what they are learning!

Mrs Hopes  
Head of Personal Development

## SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY

Go to the school's lottery page to buy your tickets - only £1 each  
[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/penwortham-priory-academy](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/penwortham-priory-academy)



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# Winter Warmers Appeal and Pop Up Shop



South Ribble Borough Council is launching its new recycling initiative in conjunction with TippyToes Babybank for South Ribble children age 0-16.

Donation points in Leyland and Penwortham. Pop up shop opens 8 & 9 October at Leyland Civic Centre. All items free to South Ribble families.

## TIPPYTOES WINTER WARMER APPEAL 2022



Supported by South Ribble Borough Council



Have you got baby & children's winter coats, hats, scarves & gloves that are in wearable condition which we can offer out to families?

We also want clean, useable blankets for babies and families to keep warm this winter.

\*\*As we are looking for items for children age 0 -16 years - some small adults may be suitable

### Clean & laundered donations gratefully received at:

SRBC, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH  
10am - 4pm Tuesday 20th Sept - Friday 23rd September

Penwortham Community Centre, Kingsfold Drive, PR1 9EQ  
10am - 4pm Tuesday 20th Sept - Thursday 22nd September

\*\*As these will be immediately distributed to families, all donated items MUST be cleaned and washed or we cannot accept it, nor can we accept ripped or damaged coats/blankets. Thank you for your understanding.

For all queries contact: [sam.jones@southribble.gov.uk](mailto:sam.jones@southribble.gov.uk)

## TIPPYTOES WINTER WARMER POP UP SHOP



Supported by South Ribble Borough Council



Our first Winter Warmer Pop Up Shop is here to support families & recycle & reuse as many winter warmers as possible

Stock includes coats, hats, scarves & gloves and blankets for ages 0-16 years

### POP UP SHOP

SRBC, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland

Saturday 8th October 2022 10am-5pm

Sunday 9th October 2022 10am-3pm

All stock will be free. All families are welcome to visit and take advantage of this great recycling initiative

For all queries contact: [sam.jones@southribble.gov.uk](mailto:sam.jones@southribble.gov.uk)



At Penwortham Priory Academy the Learning for Life curriculum is designed to support the promotion of excellence for pupils and do all it can to improve their life chances.

Pupils have two 20 minute Learning for Life lessons each week where they will participate in the curriculum shown opposite.

Where you will learn things you will need and will use, now and in the future

On the curriculum w/c 3 October

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' What are organised acts of kindness?
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' The cycle - Thoughts, words, deeds
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Helping each other to grow
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' What organisational skills do I need at school?
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Presenting organised arguments



# Can you help at our careers fair?

We're looking for parents and friends of the school from a wide range of **STEAM\*** careers to inspire the next generation.

Would you be willing to come to Priory to represent your business or speak to our pupils about your occupation?

The fair takes place in school on Friday, 4 November from 8.50am-1.15pm.

Whatever your profession, knowledge of your career pathway and experience of the world of work, you will be most valued and welcomed. This is a great opportunity not only for the students but also for local employers to promote career opportunities and engage with the young people who may be their future workforce. Some employers, therefore, allow their staff to attend these events as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

By taking part you will help to:

- Raise pupils' career aspirations
- Educate and enthuse pupils about the wide range of career opportunities there are in STEAM.
- Enable pupils to engage with people in employment

**The Details:** The event crosses four lessons with a break in between. Volunteer visitors will be allocated a table to set up whatever information they wish to bring ie, literature, models, interactive activities and demonstrations. Pupils from Years 7 - 11 will be escorted to the sports hall by staff and encouraged to interact at stands, pick up information and ask questions.

If you are able to get involved or have any questions, please contact Mrs Massey, Science teacher, at [c.massey@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:c.massey@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

**\*Science, Technology,  
Engineering, Arts &  
Maths (STEAM)**



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## TEACHING AND LEARNING GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

Welcome to the first parent learning newsletter of the academic year 2022-2023 where we seek to share some of the initiatives and strategies we use in school so you might best support your child in their education.

### Curriculum

'The curriculum' is broadly defined as the totality of student experiences that occur in the educational process. This includes the planned sequence of instruction in each subject and the extra breadth added through trips and visits, external speakers, etc.

All subjects plan their curriculum to map out a learning journey for your child and these are shared with children at appropriate points throughout their course of study.

You might find it useful to look at the topics being studied and the order they're delivered in so you can engage your child in discussion about their learning.



You can find the full details of each subject's curriculum intent and how they implement that on our website at:

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum)

### Teams for homework

We use Microsoft Teams for communication in school, with pupils, for online learning and to set homework.

 Office 365

Homework is set via Teams 'Assignments' and children are expected to check their Teams accounts regularly for communication about their homework assignments.



Microsoft Teams

Teachers can add attachments and pupils are able to upload and 'hand in' their work to teachers in the same system.

Pupils are given guidance about this during their lessons.

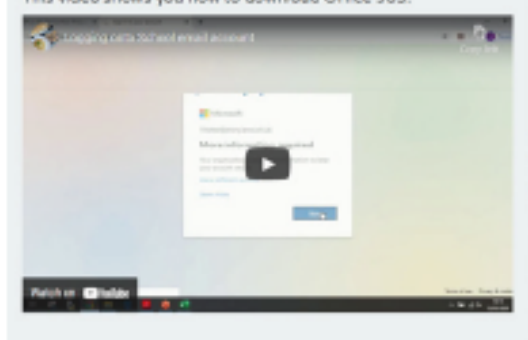
You can read our homework policy here:

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/homework](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/homework)

If your child hasn't yet set up their Office 365 Teams account, there are help guides on the website at:

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/office-365](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/office-365)

This video shows you how to download Office 365:



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Issue Focus: The Curriculum

email: [l.cowell@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:l.cowell@priory.lancs.sch.uk)  
if you wish to discuss anything  
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