

5 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Astronomy Club (Year 9)**

Your child has expressed an interest in joining the Astronomy Club, with a view to taking a GCSE in the subject. The club runs after school every Tuesday for Year 9 during term time until 4.10pm. There may also be one or two occasions in winter when your child will have the option to stay a bit longer to carry out observations. For the GCSE they will also have to complete two pieces of coursework which they will complete at home.

Pupils will study a range of topics including:

Cosmology	Stellar evolution
Exploring starlight	Planetary motion and gravity

For those who wish to study for the GCSE, the exams are 2 x 1 hour 45 minute papers, which will be taken at the end of Year 10. The examinations contain a variety of different question types, covering 16 different topics.

There is only a limited number of places so if you would like your child to take part please email me at [j.evans@prioory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.evans@prioory.lancs.sch.uk) to express interest, and to indicate that you would be happy for your child to stay after school on Tuesdays, and that they would have safe passage home after each session.

I will confirm via email if your child has been successful in securing a place in either case. I intend on starting the club on Tuesday, 17 September and it will run every week during school time up until the end of Year 10.

Yours faithfully



**Mr J Evans**  
**Science Technician**

