

7 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Astronomy Club (Year 9)

We are excited to offer all Year 9 pupils the opportunity to join our Astronomy Club, with a view to taking a GCSE in the subject. The club is scheduled to run after school every Thursday, however, if your child cannot attend on Thursdays but still wishes to join please let me know as I may be able to run a second group or change the day. In the winter months, there may be occasional extended sessions to allow for night-sky observations. Pupils who choose to pursue the GCSE will also complete two pieces of coursework 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 are a limited number of places so if you would like your child to take part please email me at j.evans@priory.lancs.sch.uk to express interest, and to indicate that you would be happy for them to stay after school, 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, 15 September** and it will run from **3:10pm to 4:10pm** every Tuesday during school time up until the end of Year 10.

Yours faithfully



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