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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **The Darts Academy at Penwortham Priory Academy**

We are delighted to announce the launch of The Darts Academy at Penwortham Priory Academy, an exciting new opportunity that not only introduces pupils to a rapidly growing sport, but also strengthens a wide range of mathematical skills essential to their education.

Through darts, pupils naturally develop core numeracy competencies, including mental arithmetic, strategic calculation, probability awareness, and pattern recognition. Scoring in darts requires pupils to work quickly and accurately with addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and multistep calculations — all of which align closely with the mathematical curriculum and support improved classroom performance.

Our Academy has recently become affiliated with the Junior Darts Corporation (JDC). This affiliation gives pupils access to a structured scoring and progression system that further enhances their analytical and mathematical thinking. Moving through the JDC levels requires pupils to calculate scores, track averages, compare data over time, and set numerical performance targets — skills that build confidence and fluency in real-world maths.

Alongside the mathematical benefits, pupils will also gain opportunities to compete against some of the best young darts players nationally and internationally, representing both the school and the JDC.

To join The Darts Academy:

- £15 registration fee
- £2 per week for each submission of JDC routine scores

As the Academy relies heavily on accurate weekly scoring, this system provides pupils with excellent opportunities to practise arithmetic and performance tracking.

To help with administration, we ask that the registration fee plus the first 10 weeks of scoring fees (up to the Easter half term) are paid upfront. This payment £35 can be made via SCOPay.

In order to set up your child with our Darts Academy, you will need to register them at <https://www.godartspro.com/register/>

Once you have registered, please email myself at [m.bullock@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:m.bullock@priory.lancs.sch.uk) and provide the email address that you have used to register your child. I can then link them with the school's Darts Academy.

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Upon registration, each pupil will receive a £50 Red Dragon voucher, allowing them to select darts equipment that suits their developing skill level.

In line with our school Risk Assessment:

- Pupils may bring their own/new darts to school.
- These must be handed in to the PE office at the start of the day.
- Darts are stored securely and must be collected after school to take home.

This ensures equipment remains safe and appropriately managed throughout the day.

The Darts Academy is an excellent opportunity for pupils to improve not only their sporting ability but also their mathematical confidence, speed, accuracy, and strategic thinking. These are valuable skills that can support progress across all subjects.

We hope your child will consider joining this exciting new initiative. Should you have any questions, please contact the PE Department.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Bullock".

**Mr M Bullock**  
**Head of PE & Sport**