Penworthan Privy Post

A Message From The Headteacher

Dear All

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the very large number of you who completed the Parent

View questionnaire as part of our recent Ofsted inspection. The responses were overwhelmingly positive and supportive, as were those from the pupils themselves from their questionnaires.

I can look back over our recent OfSTED inspection visit and continue to feel proud to be the Headteacher of Priory. Proud to be the headteacher of a firmly GOOD school in ALL areas of the inspection framework.

- Good for Quality of Education
- Good for Behaviour and Attitudes
- Good for Personal Development
- Good for Leadership and Management
- So GOOD Overall.

Of course, we will not be complacent following this positive inspection, with Priory continuing to be 'a rapidly improving school' as we move forward from here.

Once again, your sons and daughters were an absolute credit to yourselves and the school over the two days. I am very pleased, for example, that inspectors recognised that our pupils are typically happy and feel safe at school. That they saw pupils behaving sensibly in lessons and around the school, that pupils are polite and considerate towards others and that pupils get on well with each other and their teachers.

I am equally pleased that inspectors recognised our pupil's 'wider personal development', their character development, as being very important to us as a school too, as well as their academic progress. Our culture of care and respect in the school therefore continues to be strong, with pupils feeling safe and well supported and staff in school having the safety and welfare of pupils at their heart.

So, we continue to have a great deal to be proud of, a pride that has been reflected by OfSTED in their visit to us.

Attendance Winning Forms



Each week the attendance officer calculates the form with the best attendance for 'Year 11s' and 'The 'Rest' of the school. As the Year 11 form groups are smaller than the others, they are more likely to achieve full attendance. Therefore to ensure fairness, results have been separated out.

This week's winners are:

Years 7-10 H6 (98.15%)

Year 11-D8 (98.93%)

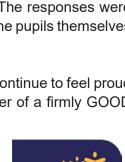
Well done to Mr Eccles' and Mrs Elliott's forms for their best attendance. Pupils in these forms will receive 10 achievement points.



Valentine's Bake Sale

Following the bake sale on Valentine's day, we can confirm that a grand total of £66.10 has now been donated to Young Minds, the leading charity supporting children and young people's mental health.

Thank you to everyone who made cakes - and everyone that bought them!



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KEY DATES

Year 11 Mock Exams 28 February - 18 March

Year 11 GCSE PE Intervention Sat, 14 March 2020 9.30am-12.30pm

Blood Brothers Theatre Trip The Grand, Wolverhampton Thurs, 26 March 2020 (KS4 by invitation)

Year 10 Careers Workshop Fri, 27 March 2020 (in school)

Learning for Life Day 3 Fri, 27 March 2020 Early lunch followed by early school closure at 1.20pm

Year 10 Work Experience W/c 30 March 2020

Dance for the Heart Primary school rehearsals Tues, 31 March 2020 12.30-3pm (in school / by invitation)

Year 11 Parents Evening Tues, 31 March 2020

Great British Spring Clean Penwortham Community Tues, 31 March 2020 Year 8 Period 2 PE Class

Last Day of Spring Term Fri, 3 April 2020 Early lunch followed by early school closure at 1.20pm

First Day of Summer Term Mon, 20 April 2020

Music To Your Ears At Break and Lunch

Continuing on from last term, music will be played 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, and appreciation of, music to the wider school.

W/c 16/03/20 - Latin

Latin Music - the music of Central and South America and the Caribbean -Samba, Tango, Bossa Nova, Salsa, Reggae etc.



Year 11 PE Intervention - This Saturday

Due to the rolling situation with regards to the Coronavirus, we would like all Year 11 pupils studying PE to attend an

intervention session in school this Saturday, 14 March from 9.30am-12.30pm. This will allow pupils to complete their coursework before the deadline the following Friday, 20 March.



Attendance of all pupils is expected as the

coursework makes up 60% of the final grade. Transport can be available if required.

If your son/daughter is unable to attend, please contact Mr Bullock via email at <u>m.bullock@priory.lancs.sch.uk</u> so that alternative arrangements can be made.



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Year 11 Parents Evening Tues, 31 March

We have pleasure in inviting parents of Year 11 pupils to a second parents evening on Tues, 31 March from 4pm to 7pm.



This will be an opportunity to discuss the results of the recent mock exams and speak with teachers to talk about how best to support your child as they enter their final months with us and as they approach their final exams. It is imperative that your child attends with you.

Letters and appointment sheets will be issued next week.



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Being a Headteacher in any school continues to be a demanding role and a great responsibility, but you can be assured that I will continue to carry out this role with professionalism and a quiet, confident determination to ensure Priory remains a great school and the right school for your son or daughter.

We all remain firmly committed, as always, to providing a quality education for every one of our pupils, and whilst remaining caring, we will continue to be progressive with high academic standards, to ensure we continue being a firmly good school where individual pupils learn to succeed.

I would therefore also like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, students, parents and members of our local community for their continued dedication, commitment and hard work in ensuring that our pupils have rich and meaningful experiences whilst at Priory that are guaranteed to help them in their futures.

In the meantime, I hope that you will continue to support us in our endeavours to provide your son or daughter with the best education we possibly can so that they can achieve the success they are capable of.

Yours,

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Mr M Eastham, Headteacher



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British Science Week, run by the British Science Association is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths, featuring entertaining and engaging events and activities across the UK for people of all ages.

British Science Week provides a platform to stimulate and support teachers, STEM professionals, science communicators and the general public to produce and participate in STEM events and activities.

The theme for 2020 is 'Our diverse planet' with activities focussing on anything from biological diversity and social diversity, to the diversity of knowledge and STEM careers.

As usual, there were activities across the Science department as we celebrated British Science Week, including fun experiment shows, STEM challenges for primary school visitors and a reward trip for some Year 7 pupils to the Museum of Science & Industry. Science even took over the Friday challenge quiz (see below) with pupils competing to win house points.

On Wednesday, Year 8 pupils were invited to watch and even take part in a spectacular science show where experiments beyond what could be carried out in normal lessons were demonstrated. Goggles were swiftly pulled on to watch the screaming jelly baby trick where a test tube of potassium chloride was melted in order to release the energy from the unfortunate jellied sweet. Next up was Science teacher, Mr Barron, who was brave enough to have hand-held soap bubbles filled with methane gas set a light to create a billow of fire. Finally, Mr Wade created a thermal decomposition reaction (thermite) by mixing iron oxide and aluminium powder with other chemicals to create heat of up to 2000 degrees.



The Friday Challenge

These challenges are added to Doddle each week for pupils to have a think about. Pupils should then revise these during the week in preparation for a test during their Friday Learning for Life session. The content of these quizzes will enhance learning in all subjects and widen Tier 2 vocabulary. This week it's all about Science!

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Here is today's challenge. Parents - How would you get on?

- 1. How many more bones do babies have compared 6. to adults?
- 2. Due to thermal expansion how much taller is the Eiffel tower in summer?
- 3. To the closest second how long does it take for light from the sun to reach the earth?
- 4. What is the only planet in our solar system to rotate anti clockwise?
- 5. True or false: Brazil nuts are so radioactive that walking into a nuclear powerplant with a handful of them will set off the radiation leak alarm?
- What part of the world does the majority of the oxygen on earth come from?
- 7. What colour is liquid oxygen?
- 8. What is the only letter not to appear in the periodic table?
- 9. The eye is 100 megapixels. True or false?
- 10. Where is the smallest bone in your body?

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From Primary to Priory: Science

Yesterday we welcomed pupils from our feeder schools for a Gifted & Talented Day with a focus on Science. Led by Assistant Head of Science, Mrs Massey, the primary pupils were set to task with the Faraday Challenge:

Ease of communication is part of our life, we pick up the phone, turn on the TV or internet to get information. But when all of these are knocked out by natural events - how do we communicate?

Task: Students are the engineer rescue team based in the town of Alpha which has been relatively unaffected by the extreme weather. As the engineer rescue team in town Alpha, students must design and build a prototype device to send coded messages to town Beta, and create a code to send a message from Alpha across the mountains for decoding in Beta. There is little time to lose, with a helicopter arriving in a matter of hours to transport half of the rescue team to town Beta to set up the system for testing.

The five teams competed against one another to see who could design, create and demonstrate the best solution to this real-life engineering problem. Mrs Massey was very impressed with the visiting pupils, saying this was "an opportunity to research, design and create solutions to genuinely tough engineering problems. The activity is adapted from a challenge aimed at Year 8 pupils so they did remarkably well".

The activity draws upon science, maths and design and technology with students demonstrating creativity, innovation, team working, presentation skills and more!

The children had some wonderful ideas to communiate their messages but it was Cop Lane Primary School that transmitted their message perfectly.









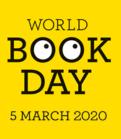
Well done to Year 4 & 5 pupils of: New Longton, Cop Lane, Little Hoole, Whitefield and Walton Le Dale Primary Schools.

Thank you to our pupil helpers: Erin M, Will M, Jake B, Oskar C, Estelle S, Alexis B

Answer to Maths Challenge:

The numbers are 1, 4, 5 and 10





Following a week of activities and events to celebrate World Book day, we are delighted to announce the winners of our competitions.

BOOKFACE: The quiz where pupils had to guess which teacher was hiding behind the book.

The winners were: C3. Miss Hardwick's form win the choccies!

BOOK COVER COMPETITION: Design an alternative cover for a most treasured book.

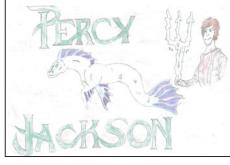
Runner up: Jack J (C4) - Percy Jackson | Winner: Jake H (C7) - Skullduggery Pleasant. If not already done so, please see Mrs Gidden to collect your Amazon gift vouchers.

BOOK DOORS: Decorate a classroom door all about a favourite book.

3rd Place: R7 Miss Beesley's Wizard of Oz (stunning!) 2nd Place: C6 Miss Nouraghaeii's Lord of the Flies (fantastic!)



Winner: Mrs Isherwood's D5 with The Cat in the Hat - chocs on their way!



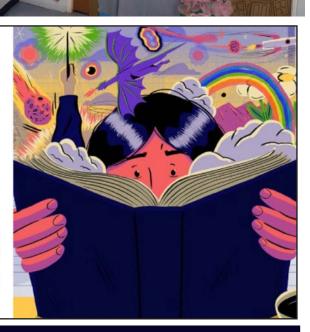


Reading challenging books that excite you is an excellent way to improve your vocabulary, literacy and understanding of the world around you.

The school library is open every day, from 8AM for pupils and staff.

Ask a librarian for a recommendation!

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Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers Club

Priory's Head of English, Mrs Gidden, has been really impressed with many of our multi-talented pupils and wanted to highlight their love of reading while excelling at other pursuits.

This week we interviewed Year 7 pupil, Ryan.

Ryan does like modern books but he prefers the classics and his favourite author is Rudyard Kipling.

Year 7 Ryan is currently reading 'The Jungle Book.'

"I have seen both the animated films – the old one and the new one, I think I prefer the book though.

"Rudyard Kipling is my favourite author as I like all the descriptions, I like the older style of writing."

Ryan admits he wants to go right back in time for his job in the future.

"I want to be a palaeontologist, I enjoy Geography and Science at school and I hope to go to the National History Museum soon."



Ryan also likes to get behind the camera. "I go to the Photography Club every Monday after school which I enjoy and I also attend the Youth Club on Thursdays when you can play on different consoles."



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 three 20 minute Learning for Life lessons each week.

On the curriculum w/c 16 March:

Year 7	Spring Term - Theme: 'Expressing myself effectively' Dealing with confrontation
Year 8	Spring Term - Theme: 'Thinking with a clear head' Clarifying and summarising
Year 9	Spring Term - Theme: 'Adapting my voice' Content
Year 10	Spring Term - Theme: 'Owning my actions' What do I find effective?
Year 11	Spring Term - Theme: 'Charting the course' Mental toughness - part 1



Year 7 Poetry Competition Winners

Poetry competition winner Harry felt his point needed making – that spectators shouldn't 'moan, boo or hiss' when watching children's sport.

Year 7 have been studying poetry as part of their English lessons and, for the second year running, they were given their chance to display their creative flair with a poem on any topic they wished.

Harry's poem talks about children playing football and 'when someone misses, there's moans from the crowd, some boos, some hisses'.

He continues: "If you are ever

tempted to shout or moan, remember it's a child who stands out there alone."

Harry, who plays local football as a centre half, said: "It is an issue as, at our age, we just want to play and have fun. It is competitive but all we want as a team is to be encouraged and we don't want any negativity. There are 'Respect Barriers' now that people have to stand behind so it is improving."

Head of English, Mrs Gidden, was the judge and she admitted she was impressed by the number of entries and the standard of the writing.

"We had more than 100 entries and they were all of a high standard, they are getting better every year," said Mrs Gidden.

"I chose Harry's as the winner because it's a topic not many people talk about. Children appreciate the support off the spectators when playing sport but Harry makes it clear that, from the child's point of view, it's about enjoyment and they don't want pressure. It was a brave topic for Harry to write about."

Runner-up in the competition was Jessica whose poem was about Anne Frank, the young girl who wrote a diary during the Holocaust before she died in a concentration camp.

"Since primary school when we studied World War 2, I have been fascinated by Anne Frank. In fact my teacher there let me keep her diary to read. I just find it interesting and, with the recent Anne Frank exhibition in school, I decided to write about that."

Josh put pen to paper on the Australian wildfires which recently swept the country. "It was a big problem at the time when I wrote my poem and you could see the devastation it caused."

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They stand on a field, their hearts heating fast

their hearts beating fast, the whistle has blown, the die has been cast.

Mum and dad can't help, they stand all alone. A goal at this moment, would send their team home.

The ball nears their feet, they kick and it misses. There's moans from the crowd, some boos and some hisses

> The home fans in agony, especially my mum. A caring voice cries out, "unlucky, my son".

If you're ever tempted to shout or moan, remember, it's a child who stands out there alone.

> So, open your heart and give them a break. It's moments like this, a player you make.

Keep this in mind when others forget; They're only young children, not adults yet!

A Monster Calls for Year 9 Pupils

English teacher & Head of Year 11, Mr Faulkner, along with Assistant Head, Mr Gee, had the recent pleasure of being able to take a party of Year 9 Priory pupils to the Lowry Theatre, Salford, to see the play A Monster Calls.

The production was adapted from the popular novel written by Patrick Ness. The story is about Conor, a young boy who is trying desperately to come to terms with his mother's terminal illness, whilst at the same time being bullied at school.

Miss Smith of the English Department had been kind enough to organise the event, but was unable to attend.

As always the pupils conducted themselves

perfectly at the performance that was a full house due to many schools attending from the region.

The group had studied the novel the year previous as part of their Year 8 English literature curriculum and this was a real opportunity to see the award-winning production brought to life.



The Maths Department

Like a challenge?

The Head of Maths, Mr Kenrick, will be testing our brain power each week with one of his puzzles.

Here you will find a puzzle or a problem solving task - these can help to build students' perseverance, mathematical reasoning, ability to apply knowledge creatively in unfamiliar contexts, and confidence in tackling new challenges.

Why not have a try yourself!



I am thinking of 4 numbers...

- They are all different
- They add up to 20
- The sum of any 3 of them is always divisible by the 4th

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What are the numbers I'm thinking of?

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Food Tech Pupils Enjoy a Taste of Runshaw

Report by Mrs Willis.

Last Thursday, a small group of incredibly talented GCSE Food Technology & Nutrition pupils ventured to Runshaw College to sample the delights of its Catering & Hospitality and Travel & Tourism departments.

On arrival pupils were split into two groups and were tasked with providing lunch for three other schools alongside attending lectures. Pupils were shown how to fillet chicken breasts and pipe their own Duchess potatoes.

Year 10 pupil, Jack, said, "I particularly enjoyed the catering. First off, we cut chicken breasts. Next, we sliced the mini fillet off the breast. After this we dipped the breasts in yolk so that the flour and breadcrumbs could stick onto the chicken. Then we did the same with the mini fillet. We filled the breast with shredded Lancashire cheese. For the other part of the meal, we cracked an egg and used only the yolk to stir into mash potato. This was then piped onto a baking tray. This is called Duchess potatoes. I really enjoyed my trip to Runshaw College and enjoyed seeing students and staff enjoy the food we'd cooked."

The meals were greatly appreciated by students and staff a-like and Priory students were commended on their professional and polite manners whilst in the busy kitchen.

Mrs Willis, learning support, who accompanied the group said, "I was so proud of how hard our students worked. They took on every task that was thrown at them and rose to the challenge. The meal was simply divine."

After lunch pupils had the opportunity to participate in activities provided by the Travel & Tourism department. On entering the classroom, the students were

confronted with a full Boeing 747 with seats and overhead lockers. Whilst belted into their seats the students were shown how to complete an emergency landing procedure.

Completing the exciting day, each student was taught how to perform the cabin crew's safety demonstration. A chorus of 'sit down, heads down, brace, brace' could be heard throughout the campus!

Pupil, Liv said: "The tourism lesson was really good. The teacher started off by getting to know us individually by asking us what our dream holiday destination would be. Then we did some tasks on tourism. In the classroom there was a pretend plane which we could sit in where we learnt the 'brace' commands. After, we learnt the flight safety demonstration which was really good fun. Finally, we were asked to plan our own events, such as, weddings, parties and proms. I really enjoyed my day."













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Priory Pupil 'breaks' for Lancashire at Pool

Year 9 pupil, David, has made his debut for Lancashire's pool team – and now dreams of playing for England.

The 14-year-old represented Lancashire Under 18s in the Inter-County Pool Championships in Great Yarmouth earlier this month.

"It was a great experience, it was amazing as it was very professional. There were cameras everywhere and some of it was on YouTube," said David.

David won matches against Nottinghamshire and Essex and got through to the semi-final but lost to Kent.

He has been playing pool for around 10 years and got into it almost accidentally.

"We went on holiday to Spain and there was a pool table there. My mum could play a bit so she got me playing and I have taken it from there."

He is a member of the Stephen Hendry Snooker & Pool Club in Preston.

"I don't have a pool table at home so I play at weekends there. I probably practise around five hours every week.

"Playing for your county is based on your

performances in competitions and I must admit I was happy for a week when I heard I had been picked for Lancashire."

It was even better as he is following in the footsteps of another Priory pupil, Class of 2018, Josh Traynor, who represents England.

"He was my captain for Lancashire and he is someone I admire. I

want to follow in his footsteps and play for England."

Image right : Former Priory pupil Josh Traynor with Headteacher, Mr Eastham, when he returned to Priory March 2019.



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Priory's Under 13s girls cricket team travelled to Bolton Arena on Thursday to compete in the Lancashire Cricket Foundation's county finals.



Priory's U13 team are the current South Ribble champions and went on to become South West Lancashire finalists which gualified them for this week's county tournament.

Matches were against seven other schools who had previously won their respective regional events - Haslingdon, Stonyhurst, Ormskirk, Alder Grange, Urmston. St Peters. Bellerive.

PE teacher, Mrs Bullock, commented proudly, "Although the girls didn't win this time, they achieved a lot from the experience and even gained an invitation to play at Stonyhurst in June!"

You did an amazing job girls: Kyra M, Bryanny A-W, Emilia S, Destiny A, Macie T, Abbie B, Paige H, Martha McA, Grace D.



From Primary to Priory >> Year 6 to Year 7 Transition

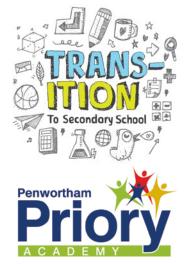
Transition Manager, Mrs Bullock, has now made a start visiting primary schools to meet Year 6 pupils who will be joining us from September.

As there are a few schools with only one pupil moving up to Priory, an additional date* has been planned specifically for these pupils to allow them to meet others in the same situation. This date is also open to those with special needs and disabilities (SEND).

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*Thurs, 25 June Thurs, 2 July

Single pupils and SEND taster day Weds, 1 July 6.00-7.00pm New Parents and Pupil Evening Induction Day



Introductory letters have now gone out to all new parents and welcome packs with details about buses, uniform and term dates etc will go out in the Summer term. If you would like your Year 6 child to attend the 25 June session or have any queries in the meantime, please contact Mrs Bullock via email r.bullock@priory.lancs.sch. uk.



RUNSHAW COLLEGE

We encourage all Year 11 pupils who are interested in an apprenticeship to attend this upcoming apprenticeship open evening on Weds, 18 March.

Runshaw College's apprenticeships team have actual vacancies, starting this summer, that pupils can now begin to apply for.





We're Recruiting! Welfare Assistants

Due to increasing pupil numbers, the school is looking to take on additional Welfare Assistants for lunchtime duties.

To apply please send a letter of application to Mrs J Cookson, <u>j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk</u> by post or email, stating why you think you would be suitable for this role and what qualities you will bring.

Full details can be found on the school website at>> https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies





Welfare Assistants

We are seeking two Welfare Assistants to ensure the safety, well-being and good conduct of pupils at lunchtime.

- Days Monday to Friday term time only
- Hours 5 hours per week* 1pm to 2pm
 - (occasional earlier lunches from 12 noon 1pm)
- Pay Grade 1 pt 1 Gross salary £17,364 per annum Pro-rata £2,630





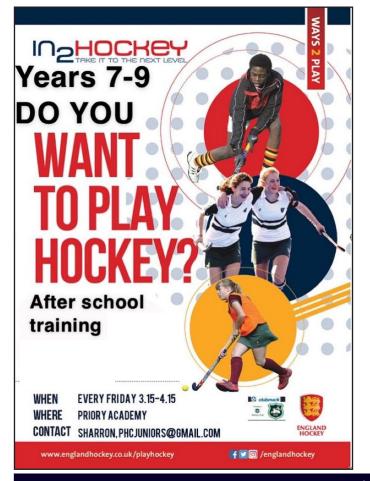
Experience not essential however candidates must have an understanding of working with children. Candidates must have good use of initiative and work as part of a team. The successful candidates may be offered additional hours to support with delivery of hospitality at school events. Please contact Mrs Cookson, Finance & HR Officer for enquiries or call in to Reception during school hours. To apply please send a letter of application to Mrs Cookson, by email or post, stating why you think you would be suitable for this role and what qualities you will bring. j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk | 01772 320270 | Crow Hills Road, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0JE or visit our website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/job-vacancies

plus additional time to attend staff meetings, skills training and participate in personal development as required.



Answers to the Friday challenge...

- 1. They have 100 more bones, adults have 206 babies have 306. The reason we have less is they fuse as we grow!
- 2. In summer the Eiffel Tower is 15cm taller than it is in the winter! This may not seem like much but imagine trying to design a building so it can grow!
- 3. It takes light 8 minutes and 20 seconds to reach the earth so technically when you see the sun you are looking into the past by 8 minutes and 20 seconds!
- 4. Venus is the only plant in our solar system to rotate anti-clockwise, the rest all go clockwise.
- 5. True! Bananas are also radioactive.
- 6. Most of the oxygen on the earth comes from the oceans not rainforests like you would think!
- 7. Whilst the gas is completely colourless liquid, oxygen is actually bright blue!
- 8. The letter J.
- 9. False. To create a camera to match a human eye you would need it to be 576 megapixels!
- 10. It is in your inner ear! It is called the staples of stirrups and is only 2.8mm long, around the size of a grain of rice!





W/C 16 March 2020

Monday

Sausage and mash served with beans or peas Tomato pasta served with garlic bread*

Tuesday

Spaghetti Bolognese served with garlic bread* Creamy vegetable slice served with sautee potatoes and beans or peas

Wednesday

Cheese | Cheese & Ham | Cheese & Pepperoni Ciabatta pizza Chicken tikka pasty

Both served with potato wedges and beans or sweetcorn

Thursday

Roast dinner* Tomato pasta served with garlic bread*

Friday

Battered Fish | Cheese & Tomato Pizza | Hot Dog All served with chips and peas or beans

Available Every Day

Southern fried chicken wrap

Cheese | Cheese & Ham | Cheese & Pepperoni Panini Jacket potato with tuna, cheese or beans*

*Gluten-free option available If you would like a gluten-free option pupils must order in advance with the kitchen staff, the day prior preferably. Thank you.

