

Penwortham Priory Post

It's been the most unusual term. We take a look back..



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Penwortham Priory Academy Headteacher Mr Eastham has emphasised the team work of pupils, parents and staff which has earned his school praise for its response to the ever-changing world of education during Covid-19.

Mr Eastham has issued a letter to parents every week to keep them informed of the school's progress on remote learning and the latest government advice along with other more 'local' information such as unfortunately postponing the Year 11 prom and refunding a trip to Iceland.

"I am so grateful for the many messages of thanks and support that numerous parents have taken the time to send in to me over this time," said Mr Eastham. "School closures were quick and there was little direction but my job, in terms of decision-making, has been made that much easier knowing we have a staff at Priory who are willing to stand shoulder to shoulder with me in times of challenge and uncertainty."

Mr Eastham admits lockdown has been ever-evolving as the school dealt with the new way of learning and adapted to new situations. As well as his weekly letter and a vibrant fortnightly newsletter, the school have used a variety of online platforms such as Doodle, Seneca, MathsWatch and then introduced Microsoft Teams, which has proved a valuable hit.

"Our staff have endeavoured to find the best platforms to stay in touch with what our pupils are doing and continue to develop our pupils' knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of their learning."

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GCSE Results

Following the text message sent to Year 11 parents/carers on Monday, we are asking you to confirm whether your son/daughter will be coming into school to collect their GCSE results or, alternatively, wish for them to be emailed to your son/daughter.

If you have chosen the email option, you must provide us with a personal email address for your child (not their school email). You can do this by simply replying to the text mentioned above or emailing Mr Gee at n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

If pupils have chosen to collect their results from school, then school will be open from 11.00am.

Full support will be in place for pupils however they choose to receive their results.

Please note social distancing rules in place at all times.

A copy of the letter sent to parents and pupils can be downloaded from>>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/year-11-latest-updates

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As lockdown continued, Priory staff started live and recorded lessons which has been a success for many pupils.

"The levels of engagement have been very high. We have been extremely impressed with the motivation and commitment our pupils are showing to complete their on-line studies."



The pastoral side has been very important to a school like Priory. They made sure children entitled to free school meals were provided with the voucher and emphasised the local foodbank and Community Hub information on their website.

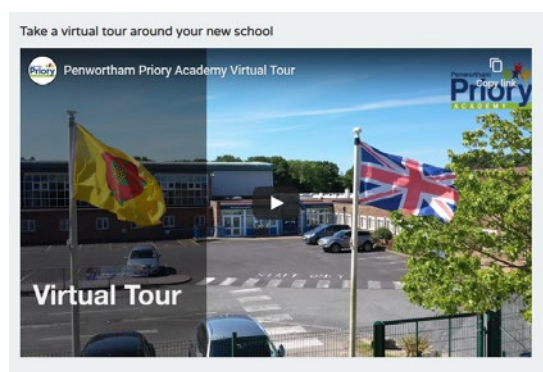
They provided new web pages for Year 11s, once they realised they would not be coming back into school to help them to deal with this, with their next steps such as careers advice and updates from local colleges, while there was also pastoral support for other pupils as well as promoting online help such as Kooth and Young Minds.

Mr Eastham and his staff were also keen to find out what was working and what wasn't and so in May organised a big survey for pupils, both academic and pastoral, and parents. He found the parents survey very informative and from this they were able to streamline their system of remote learning.



"We found out which things were making learning tricky, such as technical issues both on our side and theirs, that parents wanted clear instructions, step-by-step guides, so we made sure teachers provided this. We understand that not all pupils have access to laptops so we didn't want pupils who could only do handwritten work to be put off – it will always come in useful when we return to school. We also found out that Microsoft Teams was an asset so we used this more. We worked with parents and carers to improve our remote learning and it helped from both sides."

The school has also made sure there has been plenty of phone calls home to check on pupils. A survey found that families viewed contact and communication with their school as an important way to support pupil and family wellbeing."



Priory is very strong on the cultural side of learning, their aim is to nurture well-rounded individuals - the school is not just based on academic success. Teachers have organised 'out of lesson' competitions from cookery to photography, history to science. They also held a competition for pupils to submit entries to a time capsule which will be buried in the school grounds.

For Year 7s starting in September, the school organised a video hosted by Mr Eastham which gives them a tour around the school so they can get their bearings before they start.

The school has encouraged Year 10s to attend Virtual College Days, which many colleges have been running. They have made sure they have kept in touch with all their Year 11s and, while prom is postponed, they hope to organise a reunion some time in the near future.

"It has been a case of evolving, adapting but more importantly everyone working together. I'm proud and sincerely blown away by the sense of community that Priory has in times of crisis."

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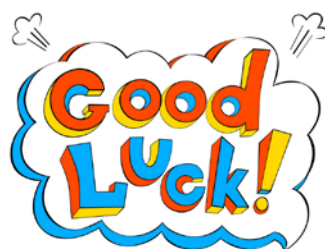
Goodbye and Good Luck To Teachers Leaving Us

We have a few staff leaving us for pastures new today. We wish them much luck and success in their new schools.



Goodbye and Farewell

Mr Wade - Technology
Mr Barron - Science
Mr Wade - Science
Mrs Kehoe - Office Support



Hello and Welcome

Ms Kinsman - Science
Miss Deeley - Science
Mr Owen - English
Mrs Tompson - PE
Mr Bamber - Facilities



Farewell Message from Mr Graham

Dear All

Working at Priory has been the highlight of my teaching career so far, not because of the incredible facilities that the technology department has nor the fantastic team that I had the privilege of working with.

It is because of the pupils - every day that I worked with these young people I felt so proud to be able to make an impact on their lives and help them on their journey to becoming young adults. However, they had a bigger impact on me and have helped me become the teacher that I am today and for that I am forever thankful.



There are so many key moments for me to mention but here are a few, I'll miss the afterschool clubs, the Mario Kart tournaments at lunch times, my Ribble 2 form (the best form at Priory!), my Learning 4 Life group, my Engineering groups and all of the staff who have made me feel so welcome!

Finally, thank you for also voting me as your Teacher of the Year for 2018/19; it's been a blast!

Mr Graham
Technology Teacher

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Farewell from Mr Barron

Hi All

My time at Priory has come to an end. A huge thanks to the amazing support of the Science department who are a wonderful team. Some of the highlights of this year include making balloon rockets with STEM club and putting on a Science magic show for some very enthusiastic year 7 and 8s.

I wish the Priory family all the best and every success for the future.

Mr Barron
Science Teacher



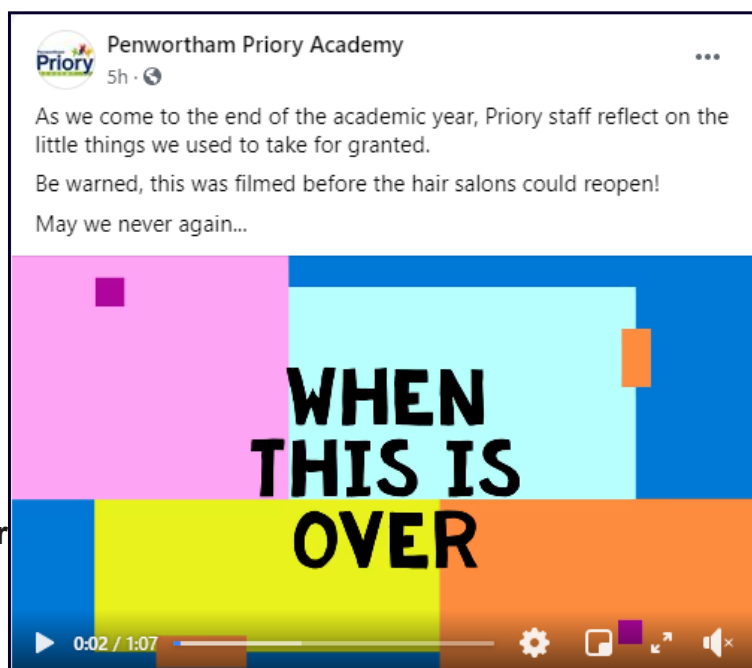
Have you seen our latest video?

Check out our Facebook page to watch the final message from the staff at Priory. As we come to the end of the academic year, Priory staff reflect on the little things we used to take for granted.



Be warned, this was filmed before the hair salons could reopen!

www.facebook.com/PriorySTC/



Last minute notification from Mrs Gidden:



The English department has extended the school year on Accelerated Reader which means pupils can quiz throughout the summer!



The department has also registered for 'MYon' reading which will give Priory pupils free access to a full library of books throughout the holiday too. We are awaiting the login details for pupils. When this comes through we will share it via email and social media. Keep your eyes peeled!

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Hello from the Science Department



As it is the final week of remote learning before the summer holidays, and our full return in September, we thought it would be good to recognise those who have worked to a consistently high standard throughout this period, interacting well with their teacher and responding to the feedback provided. The following students are our **Outstanding Students of the Lock Down!**

Lucas R (Year 7)	Paige H (Year 8)	Amelie C (Year 7)	Grace H (Year 7)
Lucy B (Year 7)	Maya P (Year 8)	Vidhi C (Year 9)	Maisie B (Year 10)
Luke B (Year 7)	Taylor G (Year 8)	Rhianne L (Year 9)	Lucy J (Year 10)
Henry W (Year 7)	Ben M (Year 8)	Violet S (Year 9)	Jack D (Year 10)

Well done to you all for your sustained effort and dedication to learning.

Mr Bedford
Head of Science



Every Wednesday, Science Teacher Mrs Eastham has provided an extract relating to a topic and asked pupils to find an interesting fact about this topic or person. The challenge was open to pupils in Years 7-10 with the winner announced the following week.

Thank you for all the really interesting facts that you've told me over the summer term. Last week was the finale of the challenge and was all about water. Hot and cold water sound different when poured. Water changes viscosity with temperature, the colder the water is the higher the pitch is. Tell me another interesting fact about water?

The science department has voted for the most interesting fact and the winning fact was from...

Fatima H Year 8 (H7) who told us ...

"Eighty percent of the earth's surface is water. Ninety-seven percent of the earth's water is saltwater in oceans and seas."



Mrs Eastham
Science Teacher & Head of year 10

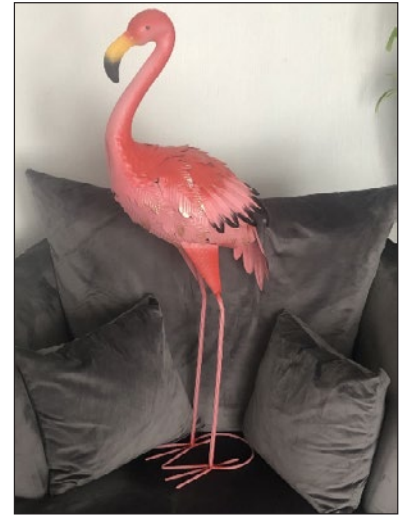
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Hello to our new pink friend!

As many of you know the Glass Room has many friends, especially of the pink kind, that's right - Flamingos. This new academic year will be no different and we have a new addition to our family.

Unfortunately, this Flamingo has no name, so I would like you to get your thinking caps on and think of an amazing name. Think **Drama**, think



Musical Theatre, think **Dance**. It will be head Flamingo so needs a name that stands out. Email me at f.howell@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Hats off to you!

A massive dramatic thank you to you all for keeping up the amazing work. It has been lovely to see the amount of effort that has gone into the work emailed to me. I am so proud of each one of you as these last few months have not been easy. I have missed teaching you all, I have missed all the fun and the chats and have missed watching your passion for the Arts grow. I cannot wait to see you all in September when our excitement, passion and knowledge can develop.



POPCORN Children's Film Festival
SUMMER 2020 CHALLENGES

Entry is open from 10am on Saturday 1st August and closes at 5pm on Sunday 30th August
 Winners will be announced the following week

Get everyone in your bubble involved!
 For the summer challenges there is no age limit.
 But each entry must feature at least
 ★ one child aged between 5-16 in a starring role ★

Enter as many challenges as you like!

- Challenge 1: A SONG - individual performance
- Challenge 2: A SONG - performed by a bubble
 - The song must be from a musical film or theatre show
 - It should be no longer than 5 minutes
- Challenge 3: A DEVISED PIECE an original short film
- Challenge 4: A SCRIPTED PLAY an extract from an existing play
 - Devised pieces and scripted plays should be no longer than 10 minutes
 - For scripted plays you must mention the name of the play & playwright
 - Entries must include at least 2 performers

Please only ever give a child's FIRST NAME

By entering the festival you are giving consent for your child's film to be shared online. Performing arts teachers - please obtain permission before entering.

ENTRY for our summer challenges is FREE

We will award BRONZE, SILVER and GOLD MEDALS to one entry from each category

Be creative!
 Bring your film to life with props, costumes and fun settings

Check out
 our simple editing guide and film tips if you need help

Join the festival at www.facebook.com/groups/PopcornFestival

THE SHOW MUST GO ON

The show must go on!!!

I know some of you have missed the performance side of things and are probably wondering if a production will go ahead. Do not worry 'the show must go on'. It might not be the same format as we are used to but there will be a show of sorts. So, get preparing!!!!

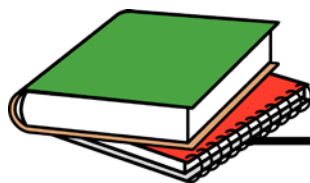
For all of you that need some sort of musical fix over the summer, head to www.youtube.com/channel/UCdmPjhKMaXNNNeCr1FjuMvag for full length musical theatre performances.

I hope you all have a lovely summer and come back feeling raring to go!

Miss Howell
 Lead Teacher for Drama

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Hello Everyone,



English

Mrs Gidden here! Wow - What a year we've had in the English faculty. I'd like to take this opportunity to go over our 'best bits' of the year and mention, again, some of your children (and you, students if you're reading) that make Priory a wonderful place to work, learn and flourish.

The year started with a real bang in the faculty and Mrs Elliott and I reopened our brand new library complete, for the first time ever, with a proper logging in/checking out device and book finding software affectionally dubbed the 'dwinker'. We are so, incredibly proud of how our library has grown and how often and enthusiastically it's used by all pupils in school during AR lessons and beyond. We wouldn't have been able to do any of it without our student librarians and our veteran librarians (who have now left us). It was such an exciting day with party poppers, balloons and cake and it all meant that we could enjoy books and check them in and out safely. The library continues to grow and watch this space for our, new design, moving library coming September 2020 to keep everyone reading but in line with Covid 19 safety guidance.



Book Fair will take a hiatus this year- due to Covid, we can't bring the fair safely into school but as soon as we can, we will!

Then in late September, the Scholastic Book Fair returned to Priory showing and selling exciting new titles and thrilling staff and pupils alike with their- always colourful and intriguing showcase of books. Thanks again to the librarians who made this work. Unfortunately, the



November saw us preparing for the Rotary Youth Speaks public speaking competition. Priory had taken a break from the competition for various reasons but returned in 2020 with an exceptional team who blew the judging panel (and me) away (I didn't cry at all-honest) so well done once again to Erin, Jacob and Darcy who did an amazing job. So much so, we have decided to re-enter this year with as many teams as we can - we already have some Year 11 teams interested so watch this space for the next team of ground breaking public speakers.

Christmas brought our annual Year 7 speech competition and this year, I have to say, was our best yet. To quote their Head of Year, Mrs Farley, "They're really talented my little year group, aren't they?" I replied 'Yes, yes they are!' Some of the speeches just knocked our socks off but I'm not sure who was more competitive - the students - or Mrs Webster! Well done again to our winner, Alex E and our runners up Katie H and Grace D - truly brilliant speeches. It was also lovely that the final of the competitions coincided with our Christmas Jumper Day so many memories were made that day. We can't wait for the Speech Comp 2020, when Mr Taylor will hopefully comper for us again and who know which of our Year 6s will take home the trophy this year?



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The term closed with the Bookmark Competition which saw some charming entries from William C and Uzair B getting the top two spots - these gorgeous designs are still used in school but will be replaced by new designs in the Autumn from our incoming Year 8s (current Year 7- get designing now!)



New Year 2020 saw the launch of the Poetry Competition, and again, the standard was incredibly high from Jessica M and Josh G and who could forget Harry C's masterpiece about pushy parents in football? Lancashire FA had shown interest in the poem and were keen to pass it on to the FA before Covid kicked in - we'll take this up again in the new year.

Also in the New Year, we took three sets of pupils to the theatre. Miss Thornton took Year 11 to see 'An Inspector Calls' at the Lowry; Miss Smith and Miss Thornton took Year 11 to see 'Jekyll & Hyde' at Edge Hill and Mr Faulkner and Miss Smith went to Manchester to watch 'A Monster Calls'. Of course, it goes without saying that all sets of theatre-going children on the trips were an absolute credit to Priory.



Just before closure, our wonderful Miss Howell pulled off the very spectacular 'We Will Rock You' with some absolutely incredible performances from the whole cast and obviously, a chance to go out with a bang for our Year 11 stars, Liam and Miya.

Then of course, sadly, we had to shut the school. But, from our online learning platforms the

English faculty have daily been spellbound and amazed by the work our children have come up with; their attentiveness and adaptability as we rolled out 'live' learning via MS Teams and their diligence and commitment to work have impressed us very much.

All our English scholars have made us exceptionally proud and we have missed you all terribly.



Here are our 'Stars of the Year':

Year 11 **Johnny J** for running Korean Club with Miss Smith and just being a star; Year 11 **May R** for being an absolute delight and giving us our 'Victorian Word of the Week' feature. Year 10 **Aaron B** for consistent over achievement in English; Year 7 **Jack J**, for constantly having a reading book in his hand and being so hard working; **Daniel R** for the same reason! Year 9 **Stephen P** for his incredible 'Spoof News' entry... But wait, there's more... Year 8s **Leo S, Paige H, Eliza W** and **Lydia S**; Year 7 **Megan H, Troy C** and **Jessica M**; Year 10s **Reece S, Jasmine R, Connor F** and **Tom P**; Year 9s **Vidhi C; Alex P; Ciaran R; Emily B; Rhys K, James M** and 'Talfie' (**Tom and Alfie D**) and absolutely tonnes more besides who have striven for excellence in English day in, day out.

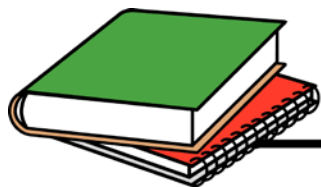


We cannot wait to see you in September and make new memories and soar to new heights.

Thank you for a memorable year, have a great summer.

With love, Mrs Gidden and
The English Department

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English



**STARS OF
THE YEAR**

Bedrock Class of The Year

Well done to Mrs Elliott's Year 9 E5 class who has, by far, made the most progress. They now know words like 'dubious', 'derogatory', 'flippant' and 'cavort' which is sure to make their writing exceptional. Amazing stuff - well done to Mrs Elliott and 9E5!



Bedrocker of The Year

This accolade goes to... **Alex P (Year 9 C7)** for his amazing engagement and progress. Amazon vouchers for you Alex!

Was is Bedrock?

Bedrock is an online platform that teaches students the academic words they need to succeed. A wide vocabulary is essential to both strong academic performance across the curriculum and success beyond formal education. The program immerses students in aspirational, academic 'Tier 2'* vocabulary in a student-friendly way that provides statistically significant progress.

Each lesson introduces students to between three and five new words. New words are shown in multiple contexts and alongside synonyms and antonyms to help students relate new words to ones they already know, embedding understanding.

*Tier two consists of high frequency words that occur across a variety of domains. These words occur often in mature language situations such as adult conversations and literature.

Readers of The Year



These are the pupils who have smashed Accelerated Reader (AR) and have banked the most books and words in the whole school:

Emmi P (Year 7)	1.4m words	Daniel R (Year 8)	2.1 m words
Daisy D (Year 9)	over 2m words	Emily B (Year 9)	1.6 m words
Jack J (Year 7)	2.4 m words	Alfie D (Year 9)	1.5m words
Preston McM (Yr 7)	2.1 m words		

But our **Reader Of The Year**, with an astonishing 4.3m words read, is **Lily McM (Year 7 C7)**. Lily beat everyone in upper Key Stage 3 and will receive Amazon vouchers as her reward.



There are so many 'reading' success stories to list but I am so proud of the progress made this year.

Everyone in Year 6-9 has their licence next year too to carry on their reading journey – keep up the good work!

Mrs Gidden
Head of English

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One not just for our creative arts pupils, Mrs Hopes, recommends 'Home is Where the Art is', a BBC series where amateur artists compete to win a special new commission for one paying homeowner, creating artworks for people they've never met.

Each episode, presenter Nick Knowles challenges three talented artists to create beautiful artwork. The arty trio must try to work out the buyer's style and taste by snooping around their home, but when the two sides finally do meet, who will win the coveted commission?

Mrs Hopes said, "*The programmes demonstrate how art and craft is commissioned and the process artists go through from idea to final creation.*"

The series is aired daily on BBC 1 at 3.45pm and repeated at 6.30am on BBC 2 the next day for the early risers. The 45 minute programmes are also available on BBC iPlayer where you can catch the first series too.

www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00041x2/episodes/guide

Mrs Hopes,
Head of Learning for Life
Lead Teacher of Art



Year 10 Pupils (who will be Year 11 from September)

English Literature

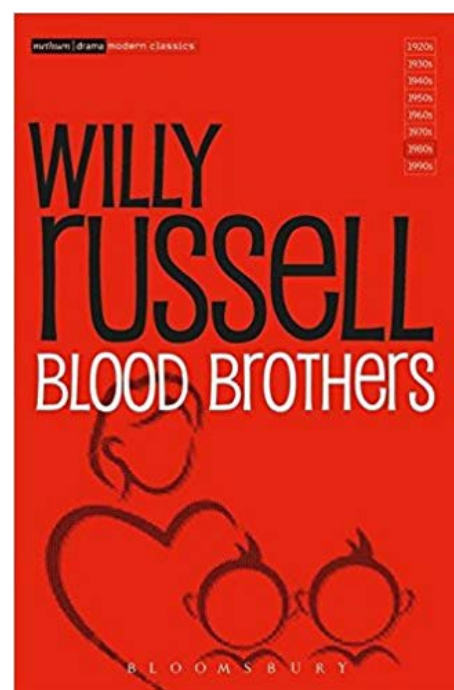
In Year 11 pupils will be starting their study of Willy Russell's Blood Brothers during the Autumn term. This will be their GCSE English Literature set text and one they'll eventually be examined on in their final exams.

All pupils will need their own copy of the book. This will mean that pupils can highlight and annotate the book during the course of study, making it a valuable revision aid for them. Books can be purchased from all major reputable stockists such as Amazon.

Revision guides can be purchased at school from September at only £3 each, for a limited time. Unfortunately, we can't offer copies of the text itself, however due to our partnership with CGP we are able to negotiate the accompanying revision guide at this discounted price.

For further advice, pupils should speak to their English teacher.

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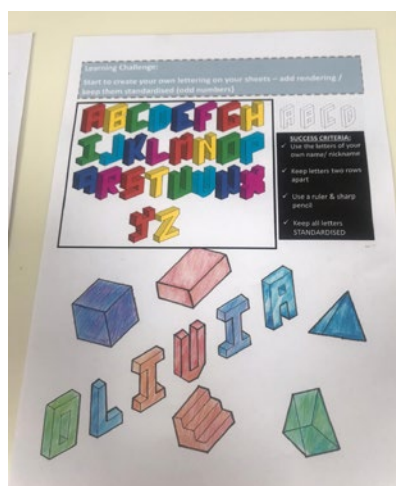
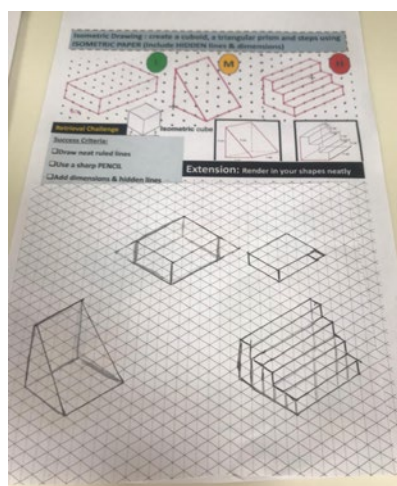
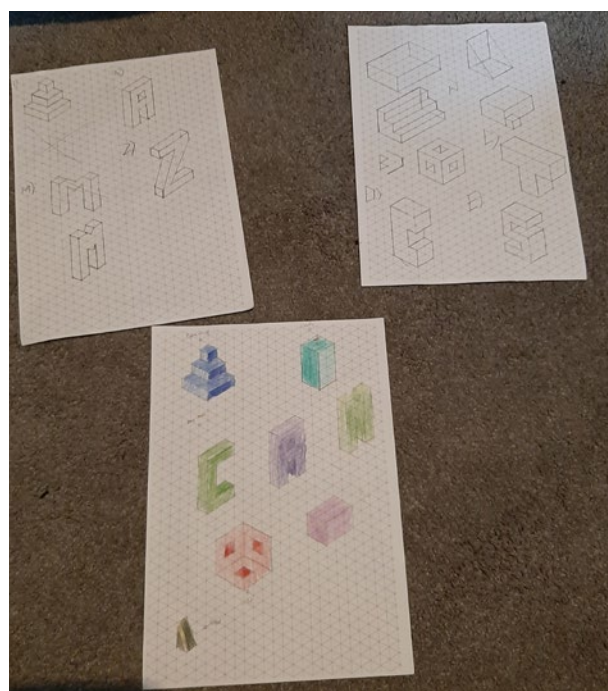
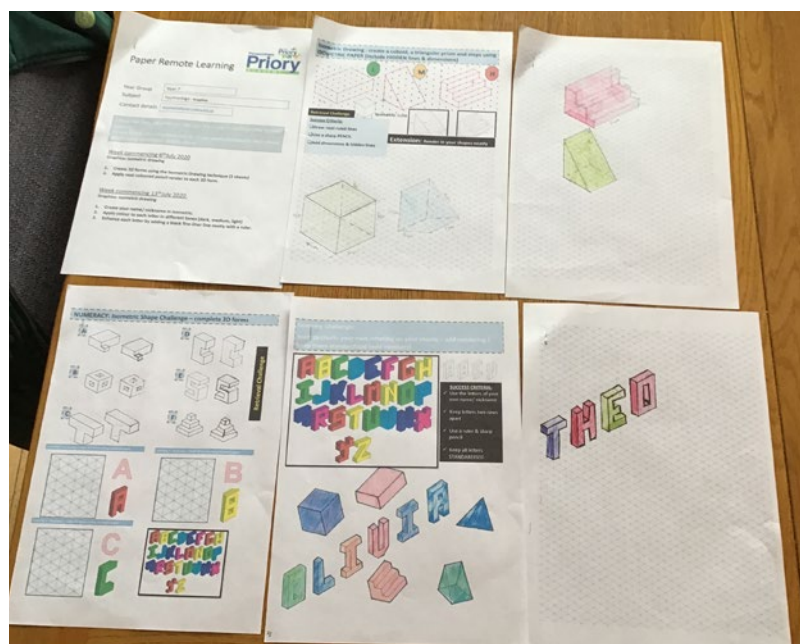
Year 7 Technology



Isometric drawing is a way of visually representing three-dimensional objects in two dimensions, typically used in technical and engineering drawings. In order for a design to appear three dimensional, a 30 degree angle is applied to its sides.

Technology Teacher, Miss Hardwick commented, "The pupils have done amazingly well as isometric drawing is very difficult to get right. Cameron S and Theo C have even asked for some more Tech work over summer!" Good stuff boys!

Well done to Year 7: Cameron S R2, Martha McA C7, Theo C D5 and Jack J C4.



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Penwortham Priory Academy's teachers have spent some time putting together a collection of activities to occupy your child over the summer holidays.

Should you hear them utter those timeless words, "I'm bored!", there are wide ranging tasks and learning opportunities to attempt in each subject.

All the activities are optional; there is no obligation to complete them however, we have found that those pupils doing at least some learning with parental support over holidays, do find the transition back into schooling during term time a little smoother.

The assignments have been selected to supplement the curriculum and home learning that has been taking place, so will be beneficial if completed.

There are sheets specific for each year group and can be downloaded from >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/what-s-on



Returning To School After Lockdown

Although some children have been in school, for many, the new autumn term will be their first time stepping into a classroom since lockdown began. Understandably, this may be a strange or worrying time for some children, parents and carers.

Supporting children's mental wellbeing during the return to school is a key priority. Leading into this, 'Nip in the Bud' have produced a short film with Dr Jess Richardson, principal clinical psychologist (National & Specialist CAMHS), which provides straightforward, important suggestions for parents to deal with any potential apprehension or anxiety children may experience on returning to school.

There is an accompanying comprehensive Fact Sheet they recommend you read along side this, which is accessible via the video link or on the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/pastoral-care/support-during-the-coronavirus

Tips for returning to school video - Nip in the Bud

In this short video, clinical psychologist Dr Jess Richardson shares straightforward suggestions for parents and teachers to deal with any potential apprehension or anxiety children may experience on returning to school. There is also an [accompanying factsheet](#).

To view the video, go to >>

<https://nipinthebud.org/information-films/tips-for-returning-to-school/>

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Top Attendance Tips for Parents

Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. When children have a lot of absences, they have gaps in their knowledge. Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good habits for when young people enter into work and life.



At Priory we encourage parents to ensure their children are in school and on time. If you are struggling with your child's attendance please contact the school's Attendance Officer in the first instance, Mrs Kouser, on 01772 320250 or a.kouser@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Here are some tried and tested tips to ensure good school attendance for your child:

1. Talk to your child about any concerns they have about returning to school.
2. Talk to your child about how important it is to attend school every day.
3. Help your child to get into a good routine, going to bed and getting up at set times. Ensuring uniform is ready and school bag packed and ready to go.
4. Show an interest in what your child has done at school each day and help them by encouraging them to complete homework on the night it is set etc.
5. If you think your child is trying to avoid school, try to find out why? Ask them, ask their friends, ask their teachers.
6. Unless avoidable, please do not arrange medical or dental appointments during school hours.
7. Talk to your child's teachers if you notice sudden changes in behaviour and any concerns you may have.
8. Remember that habits are formed early. It is much more difficult to get your child to school regularly if you have let them stay at home 'just this once'.

Attendance During Covid

School attendance will be mandatory again from September. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply.

If parents of pupils with significant risk factors are concerned about returning to school, please get in touch with us to discuss your concerns. We will hopefully be able to provide reassurance of the measures we are putting in place to reduce the risk in school.

Attendance Winners 2019-20

House winner

Ribble with 94.87%

Form winner

D2 with 97.97%



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The Maths Department's Weekly Challenge

Every Tuesday afternoon the Maths department has published a video challenge on Youtube. Pupils had until the following Monday afternoon to submit their answers. All year groups could take part however higher mathematical standards were expected from the older pupils.

Thank you so much for the fantastic response we received for Challenge #9. Please see the panel below for the answer.

As promised we did a prize draw yesterday and were very pleased to see two very worthy winners drawn out of the hat!

A huge well done to Jack in Year 7 and Stephen in Year 9. Check your school email for your highly deserved Amazon vouchers - they will be with you soon.

There will be no Maths video challenges now until September but that doesn't mean you have nothing to do!

Maths is everywhere! As we have proved throughout our nine video challenges - from Mr Kenrick's vegetable patch to Deepdale Stadium and my Little Miss Sunshine money box!

So now it's over to you...



We want you to spend your summer trying to make up your own challenge ideas. If you think of a great Maths challenge question then send it to mathematics@priory.lancs.sch.uk and one of us will record it for you and give you a shout out when we are back up and running.

Have fantastic summer.

Mr Henshaw
Assistant Head of Maths

Challenge #9 - Deck of Cards

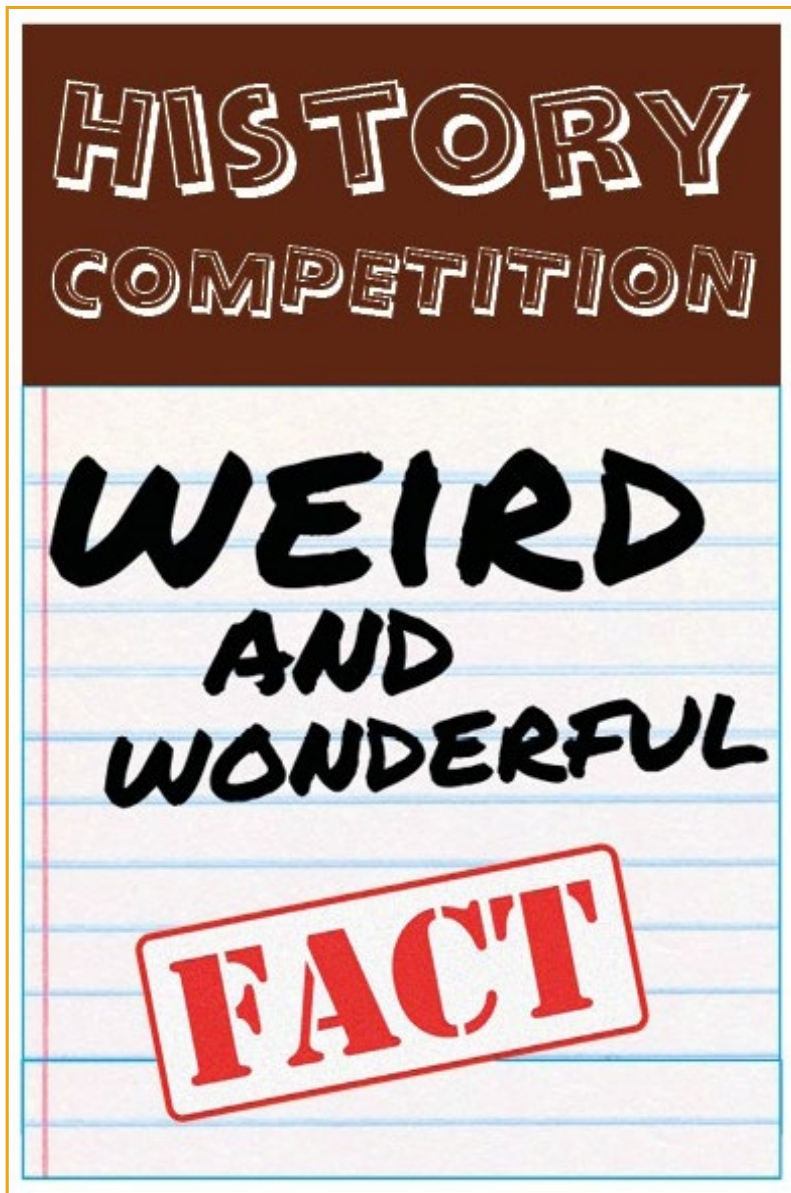
"How many cards are there in Mr Hunter's incomplete deck of cards?"

<https://youtu.be/1tEJrpceHv4>

There was no supporting information for this one - everything you needed to know to work out the challenge was in the video. How did you get on?

Find the answer at >> <https://youtu.be/U0f1hxMdgmc>

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Do you know an historical fact that will make us go 'eww', 'ohh' or 'really!'?

Humanities teacher, Miss Ackers, is challenging pupils to come up with a fact that is funny, bizarre or unbelievable.

Each week the best one will be published here in the Priory Post with a prize awarded for the best over the term.

You can ask your family and friends, search the internet, read or watch Horrible Histories, or divulge something that's just stuck in your memory!

Email your facts to b.ackers@priory.lancs.sch.uk before Thursday, 12 noon each week (term time). All entries must be factually accurate.

This week's winner is: Jorja's W (Yr10 R7).

Jorja's fact can be seen below:

"Adolf Hitler's nephew fought against the Nazis in World War II"

DID YOU KNOW?

William Patrick Hitler was born in Liverpool in 1911, the son of Hitler's older half-brother Alois Hitler Jr (they shared a father) and an Irishwoman. His mum left his dad in 1914, refusing to go to Germany when he went to join their army for WWI. Mother and son eventually moved to London.

In 1929, Alois sent for William, and he met his uncle at a Nazi Party rally. By 1933, Adolf Hitler was dictator in Germany, and William went there to see if he could benefit from his name and connections. He then began threatening his uncle with the public exposure of family secrets and decided it might be a good idea to leave Germany! After moving from the UK to the United States he again tried to join the armed forces, but was denied, just as he had been in England. Finally, in 1944, he wrote to President Roosevelt, stating "I am one of many, but can render service to this great cause." Finally, the FBI cleared him and he joined the US Navy in March 1944. When he reported to his first duty station, the officer in charge asked him his name "Hitler," he replied.

Read it for yourself >> www.thevintagenews.com/2018/12/10/william-patrick-hitler



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Quick Draw Rewards

To reward our pupils who are working hard at home we are posting a £5 voucher as a 'well done' to one lucky pupil per year group, each week. Staff will nominate individuals who are working hard and showing a fantastic attitude to their studies. Winners will then be anonymously drawn out of the lists per year group and contacted by Miss Thornton to see which voucher they would prefer and where to send the reward to.

The replies Miss Thornton receives from proud parents have been great and show just how much these nominations are valued.

The pupils will have a choice of a £5 Amazon or Love2Shop voucher. Both can be spent online so you don't even need to leave your sofa to enjoy your reward. Good luck and keep up the hard work; it could be you!

Teachers will let all pupils know if they have a nomination.

Randomly chosen winners from the list of nominees from w/e 10 July:

- Year 7: Olivia H, nominated by Miss Hardwick for brilliant engagement and excellent content for Inputs and Outputs.
- Year 8: Lydia S, nominated by Miss Smith for fantastic engagement with 'Much Ado About Nothing'.
- Year 9: Josh P, nominated by Mr Eccles for engagement in history.
- Year 10: Nicole C, nominated by Mr Eccles for engagement in history.



Preparing Your Child For the First Day Back in School

As schools begin to open to more children, parents and children may well be feeling anxious. Here's some ideas of how best to prepare.

Be Calm.

Your child will take their lead from you and be reassured if you are steady and matter of fact.

Be Curious.

These are strange times and their imagination may run away with them. Listen, and try not to dismiss or minimise their fears but validate how they are feeling – "It's completely fine to feel like that at the moment" or "I can really understand why you would feel like that"

Be Positive.

Remind them of all the ways they have learnt to keep themselves safe: washing their hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into their elbow, not hugging others and staying in their own space.

Be Supportive

Younger children particularly may struggle with separation anxiety and may become tearful, clingy or act out. Reassure them that you will miss them too and think of them through out the day. It might be helpful to draw a little heart on their wrist and one on yours too. You can call it the hug button and when they find they are missing you they can press the heart and know that you will be doing the same at home. Sometimes having a little object to remind them of you through the day helps but please check this out with your school first.

Be Thankful.

Help your child think of things they are looking forward to: being with their friends, seeing their teacher, favourite activities but be mindful some of these may not be available for them

Be Prepared.

Support your child to be aware of changes that may have happened to their classroom environment since they were there last and rehearse any new routines that school may have shared. Rehearse and practice your 'goodbye' routine and create a 'hello' greeting for the end of the day for them to look forward to.

YOU CAN SAVE ME

KNOW

During lockdown, some children and young people may be being abused and exploited at home. They can be made to believe that they should never tell anyone and that the abuse is their fault. Shut in with their abusers, they have little chance to escape or to tell anyone.



These children need your help! As a neighbour or key worker visiting homes for any reason, you may be the only person able to spot abuse and report it.

LOOK

- Guarded behaviour of a child around particular individuals
- Sudden changes in behaviour
- Children with bruises, burns, bite marks or fractures
- Children appearing withdrawn, anxious or frightened
- Hearing or seeing shouting and violence towards a child
- Children seen carrying or using drugs
- Children being late or arriving home late in different cars
- Unaccompanied children visiting a house where only adults live

ACT

- Stay curious and look beyond the obvious
- If something doesn't feel right, it might not be
- Even if you're unsure, it's better to report your concerns
- Do not attempt to intervene yourself
- If you have a safeguarding manager / lead within your organisation, notify them immediately
- Call the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency
- Call the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000

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Summer Cooking For Families

Here's some summer holiday inspiration from Priory's Food Technology Teacher and Deputy Head, Mrs Cowell.



From easy bakes and mocktails to growing your own herb garden... take a look at the [BBC Good Food](https://www.bbcgoodfood.com) website.

www.bbcgoodfood.com/feature/activities-kids

The 'Food - a fact of life' website is a great tool to add breadth to what pupils have been learning at school.



Food—afactoflife (FFL) is a comprehensive, progressive education programme which communicates up-to-date, evidence-based, consistent and accurate messages around 'food' to all those involved in education.

www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/about-food-a-fact-of-life



Want to know more about sustainable fishing? The [Marine Stewardship Council](https://www.msc.org) is an international non-profit organisation that recognises efforts to protect oceans and safeguard seafood supplies for the future.

www.msc.org



Year 10 & 11 Careers

In place of their work experience week, this year Arcadis are running a series of online 'Insight & Skills' sessions from now until 28 July. There are a range of sessions scheduled over alternative dates and times. For information about each one, or to register, go to <https://careers.arcadis.com/events?from=0&relevance=date> and you'll be sent a link by email to join the event online in advance.



INSIGHTS: During the sessions recent graduates and apprentices give their views into their life and career at Arcadis as well as wider industry key facts and knowledge. They will talk about what made them choose the career they are undertaking and what skills are required for each role.

SKILLS: These sessions will provide hints, tips and guidance on a variety of aspects to help you stand out from your peers by developing essential skills and confidence when applying for roles across a range of sectors. They will talk you through applications and CV writing: how to create a great personal statement, CV and covering letter.



Who are Arcadis? Arcadis is a multi national company with a long history as a leading design and engineering consultancy. Applying their market insights and design, consultancy, engineering, project and management services, they work create sustainable built assets. Find out more at

www.arcadis.com/en/united-kingdom/what-we-do



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For Pupils: Free Babysitting Online Course

If you are looking to gain childcare experience and earn pocket money by babysitting or are considering a career in early years, then take a look at this free online course by Norland.



An Introduction to Babysitting

The course is specifically designed to introduce teenagers to the world of babysitting. It will give pupils interested in working with children, an opportunity to learn from the world leader in early years training and education.

You will cover a variety of topics from how to deal with different behaviours with special emotion coaching techniques, to the laws and rules of babysitting, and how to communicate with parents.

It should take learners 2-3 hours to complete the course at your own pace. Throughout the course there are hints and tips, and a Certificate of Completion available for anyone who achieves over 70% for all course activities.

Norland has been at the forefront of childcare training since 1892. Norland graduates are famous for their best in class standard of training and their iconic uniforms. They are employed worldwide as Norland Nannies and Maternity Nurses.

To take the free course go to >>

https://onlinecourses.norland.ac.uk/courses/course-v1:NorlandCollege+OC0001+2020_Run1/about



NorlandCollege
OC0001

Introduction to Babysitting

Starts: Jul 13, 2020



Who are Our Lancashire?

Our Lancashire is the Lancashire wide initiative to bring groups and communities together to make Lancashire a greater place to live work and play

Are you involved with a local group that offers social activities, support or friendship to the people of Chorley & South Ribble? Or are you looking for new things to do in your local area?

Please visit our website OurLancashire.org.uk where you can sign up and promote your group or you can search to see what groups and activities are available in the area.

If you would like more information please contact your local Engagement Officer Lyanne Craft on 07779 971 978 or via Email Lyanne.Craft@lancashire.police.uk

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The Online Payments System at Priory

For parents not yet using SCOPAY, did you know you can pay online for -

- Dinner money
- Trips and events
- Books and equipment
- Ties
- Lockers

Using SCOPAY allows you to top up your child's account or pay for items anywhere, anytime using a credit or debit card.

The SCOPAY website is easy to use and there is also an option to download a mobile app.

All parents can have access to SCOPAY and, due to the current circumstances, we are no longer accepting cash or cheques*. Therefore we are strongly encouraging all parents to register for the online payments system.

Parents who have not yet registered for SCOPAY have been sent a letter inviting you to set up an account. This letter included your unique access code.

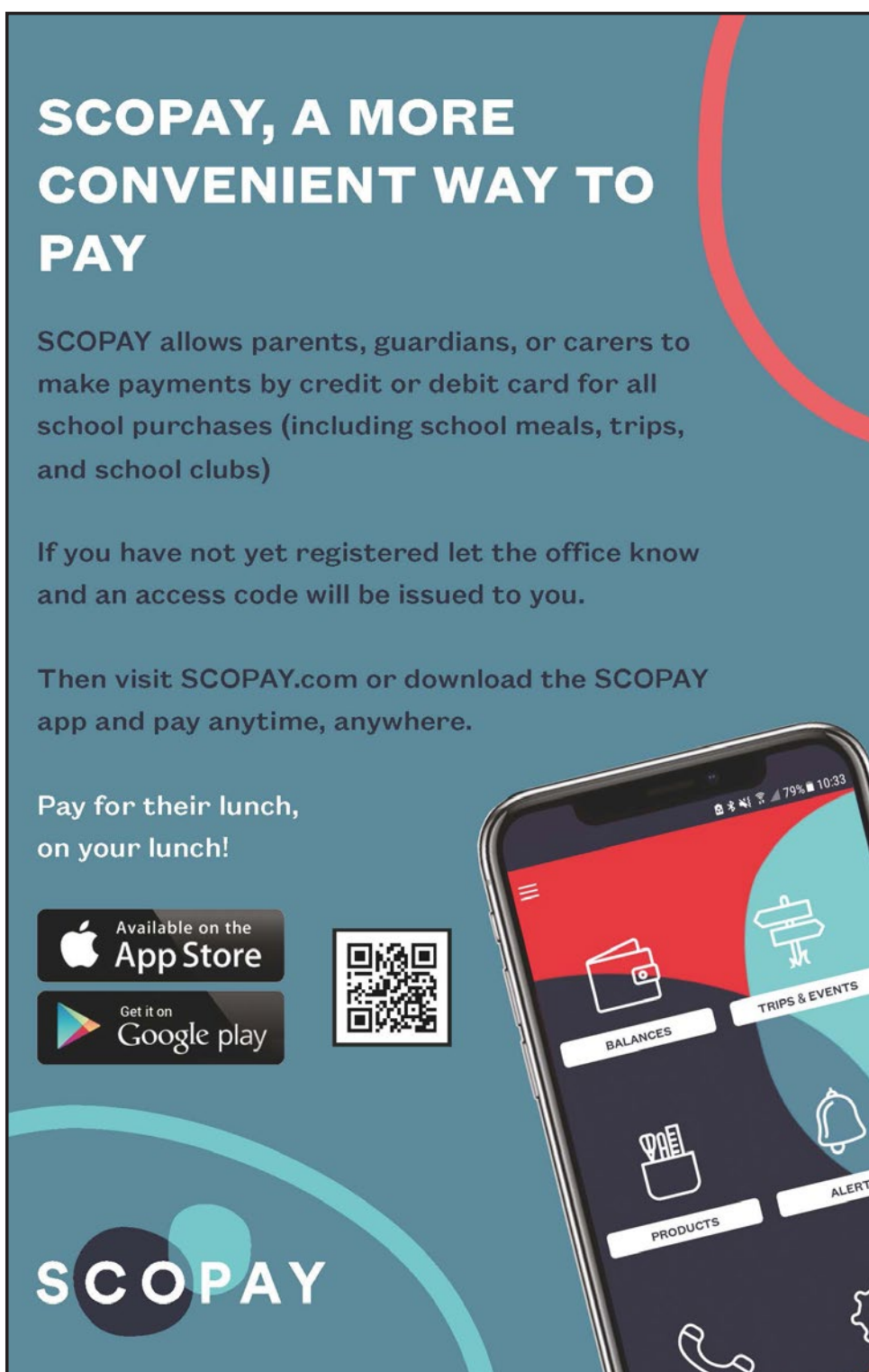
To find out more or to login to your account go to www.scopay.com/priory

For enquiries, please contact:

Mrs J Cookson, Finance Officer

j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk | www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/internet-payments

*New intake should follow payment instructions in correspondence until receipt of your SCOPay registration letter

A promotional graphic for SCOPAY. It features a dark blue background with a large red curved shape on the right. The text 'SCOPAY, A MORE CONVENIENT WAY TO PAY' is prominently displayed in white. Below this, it states that SCOPAY allows payments for school purchases like meals, trips, and clubs. It provides instructions on how to register and use the app. A smartphone is shown displaying the SCOPAY app interface with icons for BALANCES, TRIPS & EVENTS, PRODUCTS, and ALERTS. QR codes for downloading the app from the App Store and Google Play are also included, along with the SCOPAY logo at the bottom.

SCOPAY, A MORE CONVENIENT WAY TO PAY

SCOPAY allows parents, guardians, or carers to make payments by credit or debit card for all school purchases (including school meals, trips, and school clubs)

If you have not yet registered let the office know and an access code will be issued to you.

Then visit SCOPAY.com or download the SCOPAY app and pay anytime, anywhere.

Pay for their lunch, on your lunch!

Available on the App Store

Get it on Google play

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Photo Competition Winners - The Finale!

"A picture paints a thousands words ... Thank you!"

Well, we've made it to the end of term and the ultimate week of the Priory Photo Competition. Well done.

When I first spoke to Mr Eastham about launching a weekly photo competition, I could never have imagined that it would be so rewarding and so fantastic to hear your stories and see the world through your eyes each week. Some weeks we have had over 50 entries!!

I have loved every minute of the competition. From nature to transport, weather to colour and a little bit of everything inbetween, it has been a real pleasure to showcase some of your finest photos and uncover some real talent – and what talent we have here at Priory!!

Some of you have told me you've been photographing for many years, and some only recently. Some of you have been using hi-tech equipment – some of you snapping those chance moments on your phones – either way we have had some wonderful entries.

I wanted to thank you for your kind words and email conversations that have developed over the course of the last four months and getting to know some of you a little better. Some of you I have taught before – others not – but that is what has been so fantastic about this competition. Your pictures really do paint a thousand words, and give all of us an insight into your hobbies and interests.

As we draw the competition to a close, I want to wish you all a safe and happy summer break and reiterate how much we, as a school, are looking forward to welcoming you back in September. Until then, stay safe.

For the final time, your winners this week are (a slightly extended winners podium!!) ...

Louis F (Year 10)	Cursing Cat
Nikos T (Year 11)	Evening Sunset
Emily B (Year 9)	Sydney Scene
Tom F (Year 9)	Driftwood on the Ribble
Hanna-Rae O (Year 10)	Sleeping Dog

Mr Metcalfe
Head of Humanities



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We have relaunched the classic, 'Word of the Week' and 'Literacy Tip'. This will be added to Doodle by Mrs Robinson-Ali for all pupils to familiarise themselves with.

Teachers will reference these when giving feedback to pupils and will aim to include them when teaching live lessons.

Pupils - Remember to check through your work to ensure you have applied the literacy rules.

What is a synonym? A synonym is a word that has a very similar or the same meaning as another word. So synonyms for 'tired' include 'depleted' and 'weary'.

TASK: Find synonyms for the words, 'Cold'.

Word of the Week: Implementation

Noun

Coming from the Latin word 'implementem' meaning "a filling up".

the process of putting a decision or plan into effect

'When we return to school we will see the implementation of new safety measures'

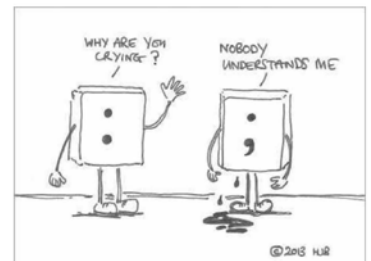
Literacy tip of the week...

One way to use a semicolon...

To replace a conjunction in a sentence.

Call me tomorrow **and** I will give you an answer then.

Call me tomorrow; I will give you an answer then.



What is a conjunction?
Can you remember the acronym
FANBOYS?



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SCHOOL'S OUT
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SUMMER**

BACK TO SCHOOL 

School closes today for the
summer break.
We're back on Weds, 2 September

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