

Penwortham Priory Post

CORONAVIRUS

School Communications

School Communications During Coronavirus Outbreak

As a nation, we are seeing the official advice alter and amend on a daily basis and we are endeavouring to keep up with this advice and adapt to it. Through these uncertain times, please ensure that you check the school's communication channels for school updates on the dynamic situation we find ourselves in.

All whole-school information will be posted to the school website via the **News** page.

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news

Letters and other updates will also be emailed to parents so please ensure we have your most up to date **email** address.



Are you following our social media channels?

Twitter @PriorySTC and **Facebook** /priorystc

A new page has been set up to support and direct pupils and parents to **remote learning**. Teachers have designed, and will continue to upload, lessons and activities that follow the curriculum plans. Students are advised to spend the same amount of allocated hours on each subject at home as they would if they were in school.

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/remote-learning

Please be assured that we continue to collaborate with, and act upon the advice of, the relevant organisations as we take the necessary steps to plan for the future.

As ever, we will let you know how any national decisions might impact us specifically here at Priory as well as update you on our own specific circumstances.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

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
D2 (99.23%)

Year 11-
D8 (98.93%)

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

*Please note, figures run one week behind so this is the data from w/e 13 March.

Music At Break and Lunch

As you may know, music is played through the school's tannoy system during break and lunch. Usually chosen by Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music, this is designed to offer exposure to, and appreciation of, music to the wider school.

This week was a 'Latin' theme however, it was swapped on Thursday and today to the choice of the Head Girl, Sasha, whose selection was scheduled to be later in the year.

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It's Official!

We are pleased to announce that we are now recognised as a 'Good' school on the official OfSTED website:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/23/138948>

Headteacher, Mr Eastham, confirmed, "We will not be complacent following this positive inspection, with Priory continuing to be 'a rapidly improving school' as we move forward from here.

"We 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."

Ofsted

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URN: 138948
Crow Hills Road, Penwortham, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 0JE

Inadequate	Requires Improvement	Good	Outstanding
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► How long until the next inspection?

Activity, reports and ratings

✉ Get email alerts when we publish a new report

03 March 2020
📄 School inspection: **Good**
PDF – Published 18 March 2020



The South Ribble West Children & Families school nurse services team will still be available for support should families want to access this.

The school nursing team will continue to operate whilst schools are closed.

Should your child need to access the school nurse then please telephone 0300 247 0040. The confidential chat health text service is available to students Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm. The text number is 07507 330510.

Year 10 Work Experience

In addition to the range of whole school measures we will additionally, unfortunately have to postpone the planned Year 10 work experience programme which was due to take place this month.

A growing number of companies have withdrawn places for our pupils and we expect these cancellations to increase significantly as we approach the end of March.

We will keep all pupils work experience information in school so that if at some point in the future we are able to reintroduce the programme it should be a relatively easy process.

At this moment in time I am sure you will understand we are unable to provide any alternative dates.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.



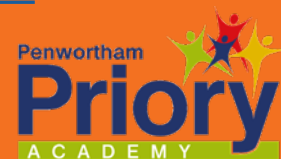
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If any parent or pupil has any welfare, pastoral or safeguarding issues during whole-school closure, please contact:

Ms S Clementson - Pastoral Manager
Mrs A Holland - SENCo

s.clementson@priory.lancs.sch.uk
a.holland@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Please contact via email in the first instance and then they will call you back if necessary.



Year 11 Pupils

Refunds for lockers, the prom, hoodies, dinner account balances, bus overpayments etc will be given in due course when we have a better idea of how long schools are closed and what has to be cancelled.

Department for Education coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday), 10am to 4pm (Saturday to Sunday)

Please note, we are currently experiencing high volumes of calls. We appreciate your patience at this time and apologise for any wait that you may experience. To ensure that we answer your calls as quickly as possible, we have now extended our opening hours to cover weekends and are increasing the number of call handlers available to answer your calls.



RECOGNISING CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS

SYMPTOMS	CORONAVIRUS Symptoms range from mild to severe	COLD Gradual onset of symptoms	FLU Rapid onset of symptoms	HAYFEVER	ASTHMA
Fever ($\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Common	Rare	Common	No	No
Cough	Common (usually dry & continuous)	Mild	Common (usually dry)	Sometimes (usually dry)	Sometimes (wheeze & cough)
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No	No	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Rare	Common	Sometimes	No
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes	'Itchy' throat	No
Runny / stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common	No
Sneezing	No	Common	No	Common	Rare
Aches & pains	Sometimes	Common	Common	No	No
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes	No
Diarrhoea	Rare	No	Sometimes (for children)	No	No

Adapted from: World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Remote Learning

It is essential that pupils continue with their learning at home wherever possible. Further information on this has now been posted on the school's website. Please click on the 'New Page – Pupil Remote Learning' banner at the top of our home page www.priory.lancs.sch.uk to access the information and instructions for this.

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/doodle | www.doddlelearn.co.uk/app/login

The work pupils will be expected to continue with whilst at home will be populated via Doodle by staff. There are some trouble shooting solutions below if you have any access issues and we appreciate that Flash may not work on some devices however we are looking into a solution to this.

Parents/pupils who have issues with the application should contact Mrs L Cowell, Deputy Headteacher, via email l.cowell@priory.lancs.sch.uk. Login reminders, password resets and parent keys can also be issued by contacting Mrs Yates, Communications Supervisor at j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

Please note that usernames are in the format of Firstname/Lastname/Year of starting secondary school ie JoeBloggs19. The initial password given to all pupils is 'penwortham' however some children may have changed this since.

Teaching staff will be available to answer email queries within the usual parameters of the school day and we will endeavour to respond within 24 to 48 hours of receipt of a request for information, either from parents or pupils. Please note, however, that individual members of staff may themselves be ill with the virus and so may be unable to set work and/or respond to requests if they are too unwell to do so.

The staff email address list is available from our website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list.

Those without internet access have been given printed packs of resources.

Still not working? Try changing your setup:



Try a different
browser



Try a different
device



Try a different
connection

Still stuck? Get in touch!

Click the 'Feedback' button on the right of the Doodle webpage. Fill in the description of the problem you are having, as well as your name, school name and email address, choose the categories 'I have a problem' and 'I need a response', and we will get back to you.

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English Literature Support for Key Stage 4 Pupils

English teacher, Miss Smith, has put together a list of useful resources that pupils in Year 10 and 11 can use to support their revision.

Jekyll & Hyde:

AUDIOBOOK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcczA9Cwbow>

YOUTUBE:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KJH71J5q0w>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfSDt_FZYRU

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkKS7paMyxo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8B-FGrYL0o>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMTznZxHtwl&list=PLz_ZtyOWL9BQy00Z6HsFldJ-4Gk6BdcZ7

WEBSITES:

<https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/jekyll/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8642p3>



Romeo & Juliet:

YOUTUBE:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4kz-C7GryY&list=PL8dPuualjXtOeEc9ME62zTfq0h6Pe8vb>

WEBSITES:

<https://www.sparknotes.com/nofear/shakespeare/romeojuliet/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zykncwx>

https://www.yorknotes.com/gcse/english-literature/romeo-and-juliet-gcse-2017/revision-cards/02_context

ONLINE REVISION BOOKLETS

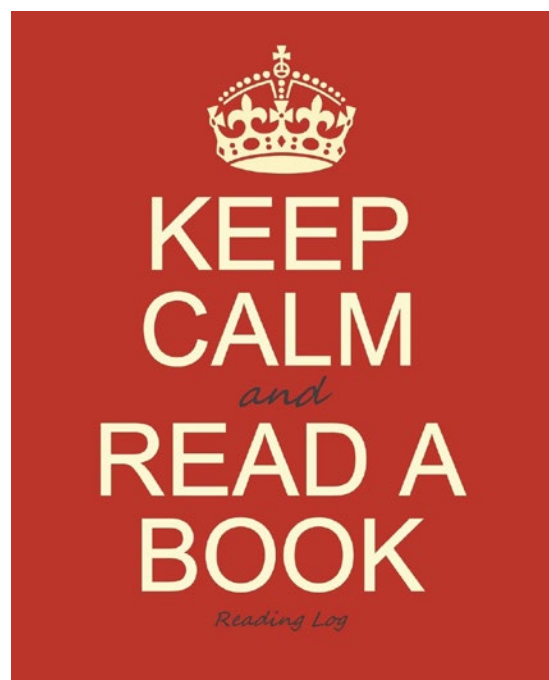
http://www.dccacademy.org.uk/english_revision/english_literature_paper1/English_Literature_Paper-1_Literature-Quick-Notes-Romeo-and-Juliet.pdf



When you can't have
your adventures
outside, have them
in the comfort of
your own home with
a book.

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Keep Calm and Keep
Mrs Gidden Happy!



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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, Abbi.

Abbi loves reading so much she has two books on the go!

Year 7 Abbi and is currently juggling two very different books.

"I am reading Lemony Snicket's 'A Series of Unfortunate Events.' I have watched the film with my sister and enjoyed it. I like the book so far as well. I do like mysteries.

"I am also reading 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett about Mary who finds a secret garden and introduces it to her new friends Dickon and Colin through the help of a robin."

Abbi is a keen animal lover and wants to be a vet when she gets older.

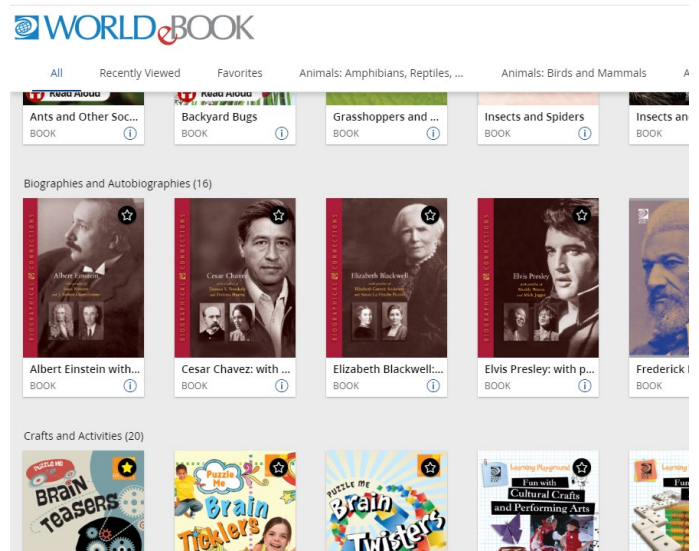
"I have two dogs, four cats, a hamster and a rabbit at home. I love animals.

"As well as reading, I also like watching YouTube and colouring and drawing."



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https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3640872822621518&id=1254807181228106



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GCSE English Literature Visit Jekyll & Hyde

Last Friday evening, a group of Year 10 and 11 pupils travelled to Edge Hill University's Arts Centre for a performance of Jekyll & Hyde.

Before the performance pupils enjoyed a tailored workshop, an evening meal and a short tour of the university's library.

Big Brum's production of 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde' is a powerful drama, rich in imagery that illuminates the themes at the heart of Stevenson's complex text.

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote his story in 1886 but it has continued to resonate profoundly for readers to this day, taking hold of our imaginations.

English teacher, Miss Smith, who organised the visit said, "The trip was a huge success, the student guides commented on the manners, friendliness and academic ability of our pupils. The pupils were fantastic throughout the entire visit!"



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!



Rich rob went to the cashpoint and withdrew the same amount as he already had in his pocket. He then went to the clothes shop and spent £40 on clothes. Then he went back to the cashpoint and withdrew the same amount as he now had in his pocket. This time he went to a music shop and spent £40 on CDs. Then he went to the cashpoint again and withdrew the same amount he now had in his pocket. He finally went to a bookshop and spent £40 on books. Now he had no money left in his pocket.

How much money did he have to start with?

Answer - £35

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Math Masterclass For Year 11 Pupil

Ryan has been taking a maths masterclass while also studying a GCSE in Further Maths as Priory look to build on their recent successes in the subject.

The Year 11 was nominated by Head of Maths, Mr Kenrick, to attend a Royal Mathematics Masterclass at Lancaster University as he wanted to push himself further.

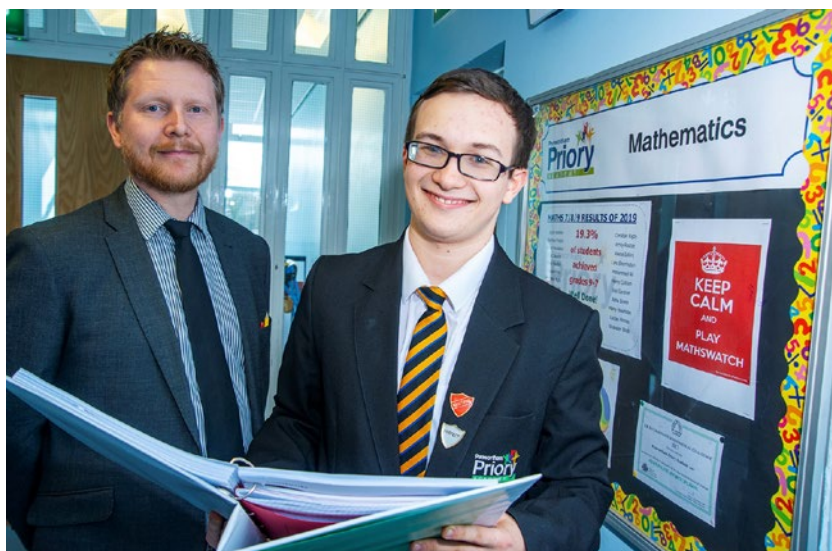
"It's over six weeks and it's two-and-half hours every time," said Ryan. "It's to A-Level and degree level and I have learnt a lot from it."

"I found my interest in maths at primary school as I was quite good at it and my mum is a primary school teacher and she helped me with it. I began to enjoy it."

Ryan is expected to get a high grade in his Maths GCSE and wants to do Maths and Further Maths at A-Level as well as a degree in Maths.

"I would like to be a Maths teacher," he added.

Last year the Maths Department introduced the Further Maths qualification into Priory and there are more than 20 pupils studying the extra subject.



"Last year our Year 11s were record breakers in terms of achieving Grades 7-9 in Maths because they are also sitting the Further Maths qualification," said Mr Kenrick.

"Studying a Further Maths qualification has boosted the grades in maths and we hope for even better results this year."

Notice from the Widening Participation Team at Chorley & South Ribble Hospitals:

The careers event of 5 May has been cancelled due to the current pandemic situation.

Further communication will be issued with regards to a new planned date as soon as possible. Please be assured this will be re-arranged to a more suitable time of the year.

Apologies if this causes any inconvenience to any staff, pupils and parents that were looking forward to the event.

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The Online Payments System at Priory

In light of Coronavirus and to enable us to take as many precautions as we can, we are encouraging parents to make payments online. Any reduction in the handling of cash can help to combat the spread of the virus going forward.

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

- Dinner money
- Trips and events
- Books and equipment

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. If you have not yet registered to make online payments, please let us know and an access code will be issued to you.

To find out more or to login go to <https://www.scopay.com/priory>

To register contact:

Mrs J Cookson, Finance Officer

j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Cash and cheques are also accepted however online payments are a much more secure way to make payments.

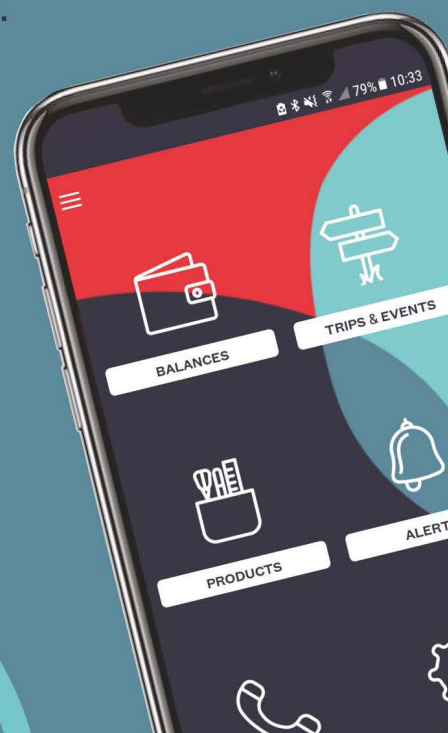
SCOPAY, A MORE CONVENIENT WAY TO PAY

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](https://www.scopay.com) or download the SCOPAY app and pay anytime, anywhere.

Pay for their lunch,
on your lunch!



SCOPAY

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Kooth.com - Online Support for Young People

We would like to remind pupils of this online service which supports the wellbeing and resilience of young pupils.

Kooth is a web based confidential support service available to young people. Kooth provides a safe and secure means of accessing mental health and wellbeing support designed specifically for young people.

Kooth offers young people the opportunity to have a text-based conversation with a qualified counsellor. Counsellors are available from 12noon to 10pm on weekdays and 6pm to 10pm at weekends, every day of the year on a drop-in basis. Young people can access regular booked online counselling sessions as needed. Outside counselling hours' young people can message the team and get support by the next day.

When students register with **Kooth** they will have support available to them now and in the future. Support can be gained not only through counselling but articles, forums and discussion boards. All content is age appropriate, clinically approved and fully moderated.

To find out more visit www.Kooth.com where young people can register and others can find out more about the service.

You can also view a short video about the service at: <https://vimeo.com/318731977/a9f32c87de>.

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Click on the **Join Kooth** button

located in the centre of the home page of the Kooth website



We're still here

Children and young people can access free, online mental health support 365 days a year

 Chat with a professional counsellor

 Read self-help articles

 Join peer-to-peer forums

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Want someone to understand or advice to help a friend?

We're here for you.

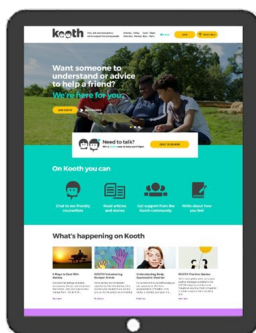
Kooth.com is a free, online counselling and emotional wellbeing platform for young people in Lancashire* aged 11 to 16.

The Kooth website allows young people to gain anonymous access to advice, support and guidance on any issue that is affecting their wellbeing. From friendship or relationship issues, family disagreements or difficult home lives, to concerns around eating, anxiety, stress, depression, self harm, suicidal thoughts etc.

Our qualified counsellors are here to give young people the support they need, when they need it. Kooth.com's live chat service is available from Monday to Friday 12 noon - 10pm, Saturdays and Sundays 6pm - 10pm and is accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop, completely free of charge.

"Thank you so much for supporting me and messaging me. It really does mean a lot because you are the first person really who has actually made me feel like someone cares and someone will always be there. Thanks"

Kooth user



As well as being able to talk to our counsellors, at **Kooth.com** you can also connect with other young people in monitored forums or get self-help through our online magazine. The large variety of forum categories allows young people to anonymously share their issues and receive positive messages of advice and support from young people across the country. As our forum posts are all checked before they go live on the site we can guarantee every young person a safe and helpful experience.

For more information go to **Kooth.com**

"You have helped me so much. Thank you. I can never thank you enough. I am happier than I have been in months maybe years."

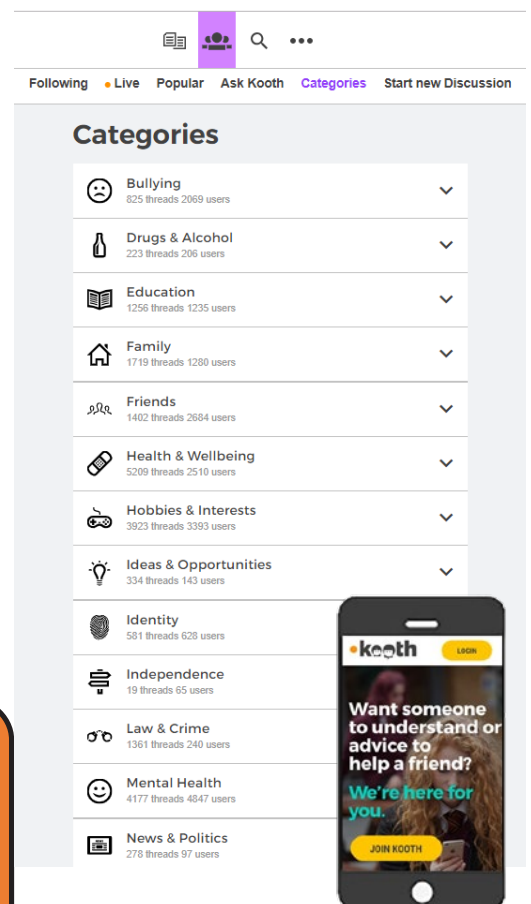
Kooth user

"You have turned my life around, you have no idea of the difference you make"

Kooth user

"It was so easy to talk about things. I feel like I can completely be myself and be true without being judged."

Kooth user



*Kooth.com is available in other areas in the UK

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