

Penwortham Priory Post

A Message From The Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer

Changes to school hours

I am writing to you as part of a consultation process to make slight changes to the end of the school day.

We propose that from 6 January 2020, following the Christmas break, school will finish at 3.10pm rather than 3.20pm.

To accommodate this change, break and/or lunch will be shortened by 10 minutes. There will be no change to the beginning of the day, timings of lessons or any other aspect of the day.

The need for change comes via our consultation with the Headteacher and Governors at Penwortham County Primary School (PCP) and our shared desire to alleviate the parking and traffic congestion at the top of Crow Hills Road at the end of the school day.

Finishing at 3.10pm rather than 3.20pm will improve the health and safety situation for pupils at both schools, with our school buses and most vehicles being clear from Crow Hills Road before the parents of PCP arrive to pick up their sons and daughters.

Whilst this will have little impact on pupils walking home from school, riding a bike home or catching a school bus, we realise that this may be an inconvenience to some who pick pupils up from school at the end of the school day; however, we believe all will benefit from an improved situation with regards to parking, congestion and the safety of our pupils.

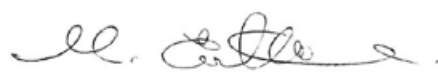
Any pupils who may need to stay in school until 3.20pm can continue to do so by going to our Learning Centre which will be open for them.

If you would like to share your views regarding this proposal, please do so by 12pm on Thursday, 5 December via the following email address:

consultation@priory.lancs.sch.uk

We will then consider the views and inform all stakeholders of the outcome before we break for the Christmas holiday.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.



Mr M Eastham, Headteacher



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:

Year 11 -
D8 (97.17%)
Rest -
D2 (98.34%)

Well done to Mrs Elliott's and Mr Scott's forms once again! Pupils in these forms will receive 10 achievement points.

THEATRE TRIP 'EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE: THE MUSICAL'

Drama teacher, Miss Howell, would like to invite parents of all pupils going on the theatre trip to a meeting in school on Monday, 25 November at 3:30pm.

This meeting is to provide final details for the trip to London on Wednesday.

If you are unable to attend, please email f.howell@priory.lancs.sch.uk to let her know.

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KEY DATES

Year 11 Mock Exams
w/c 18 & 25 November

**Year 11 GCSE Geography
Mock exam revision
session HU4**
Sun, 24 November 2019
9.30am-12.30pm

**Theatre Trip - Everybody's
Talking About Jamie: The
Musical**
Weds, 27 November 2019
(Drama pupils by invitation)

**Newman College Musical
Theatre Performance**
Thurs, 5 December
(in school Period 2 & 3)
(Year 9, 10 & 11 pupils by
invitation)

**Man United Europa
League Match
PE Rewards Trip**
Thurs, 12 December 2019
(by invitation)

**Royal Institute Christmas
Lecture Live Screening**
(by invitation)
Tues, 17 December 2019

Christmas Lunch
Weds, 18 December 2019

**Horrible Histories Theatre
Trip, Blackpool**
Weds, 18 December 2019
5.30pm-10pm
Year 7 pupils

**Theatre Visit - An
Inspector Calls - The
Lowry, Salford**
Weds, 15 January 2020
(Miss Thornton's GCSE
class)

Year 11 Parents Evening

Thurs, 12 December

4pm - 7pm

Parents
Evening

We encourage parents of Year 11 pupils to attend this session to discuss your child's recent pre-public examinations (mocks), attitude and behaviour for learning. It is imperative that your child also attends with you, in full school uniform.

Letters have been emailed to parents with copies given to pupils today. A copy can also be downloaded from the school website at >> <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters>

Attached to the letter is an appointment sheet for your child to book discussion time with all of their teachers and we would ask that you monitor its completion in the forthcoming weeks.

We look forward to seeing you and appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child maximises their potential.

Parking At School: A Polite Notice

Following concerns from our neighbours, we would like to politely remind parents to park sensibly and not to block driveways when dropping pupils off or collecting them at the end of the school day. Pupils should also remain respectful and refrain from walking across gardens.



By parking in a legal and considerate manner, congestion will be reduced and safety increased thereby allowing for the least amount of disruption possible for parents and local residents.

This may mean parking a little further away from the school.

Thank you for your co-operation.



You'll see Priory on Songs of Praise again this Sunday as One Voice, based at our school, appear in the finals of the show's Choir of the Year competition.

The choir is shown rehearsing at our school with our glorious gardens in the background.

Songs of Praise is on BBC 1 from 1.15pm this Sunday, 24 November.

Full story next week.

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Early Opening of Penwortham Bypass and A59 Temporary Closure

A message from the City Deal Infrastructure Delivery Team, Lancashire County Council



The County Council has announced the early opening of the new Penwortham bypass, John Horrocks Way. The road is now scheduled to open on Monday, 2 December provided that no unforeseen circumstances prevent this.

Coinciding with the opening, a section of Liverpool Road will close for three weeks, while the final work is carried out on the junction with the new road. This can only be done once John Horrocks Way has opened and traffic levels have reduced along Liverpool Road.

The work will affect vehicles travelling on Liverpool Road between the new bypass and the junction with Howick Cross Lane. There'll be no access during this time onto Howick Cross Lane and Howick Moor Lane from Liverpool Road itself. There will be signed diversions in place for the duration of the closure and the service bus companies and school transport providers are being informed through the relevant County Council service.

Pedestrian and cycle access will still be maintained on the A59 as present using the Northern (Penwortham bound) footway and the signal controlled pedestrian crossing at Howick Primary School throughout the temporary closure.

The South Ribble Community Awards 2019



Next week we will be encouraging pupils to get involved with nominations for the South Ribble Community Awards.

The South Ribble Community Awards for 2019 aim to recognise those individuals, groups and organisations across South Ribble who consistently go above and beyond their call of duty and make a positive difference within our communities.

Pupils will vote for the teacher that they think deserves to be entered for the Teacher of the Year Award. Head of Character & Culture, Mrs Hopes, will also be appealing to pupils to put themselves forward for the Young Volunteer, Special Achievement and Spirit of the Community awards. We will then work with these pupils and their parents to put together their nomination.

Further details here >> <https://southribble.citizenspace.com/cpp/communityawards/>



Young Volunteer of the Year Award

For young people aged up to 24 years old; this award looks to honour a young person who has given up their time and energy to supporting a local voluntary, community or faith group, cared for someone in their community or made a mark on a community project.

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Special Achievement Award

We're looking for an individual who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to make an outstanding contribution in South Ribble.

This will be someone who is prepared to roll up their sleeves and put sheer grit, determination and hard work in to making a real difference.

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Spirit of the Community Award

This award recognises a person whose small daily actions make a real difference to someone who lives in their community.

They might check on their neighbour or picks litter up along the street, we're looking for your community hero.

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This week has seen two of our three GCSE Geography groups partaking in their Formby and Liverpool fieldwork expeditions.

Report by Mr Metcalfe, Head of Humanities

After a frosty start on both mornings, students arrived at Formby National Trust Park where they carried out fieldwork techniques linked to their GCSE Paper 3 investigation, observing and measuring the changing biodiversity along beach transects and the impacts of sand dune regeneration.

Students enjoyed investigating the coastal dunes retreat and discussing the impacts that climate change and human activity are having right on their own doorstep.

Even though the wind and air had a bitter chill, we soon warmed up on the beach; carrying out several quadrant surveys and photographing the management that local people and councils employ to reduce the sand dune retreat.

Next it was off to Liverpool to investigate urbanisation and study the impacts of regeneration in the CBD. Students continued to reinforce their Paper 3 fieldwork skills by carrying out Environmental Quality Surveys along a 2km transects stretch into the CBD travelling through the inner city wards.

Mr Watters, Lead Teacher for Geography, has expert knowledge of the history and regeneration taking place in Liverpool following population decline and both students and myself were engrossed by the information we were nourished with.

Visits were made to The Albert Dock and Liverpool One to continue their investigations and see in reality what had been learnt in the classroom.

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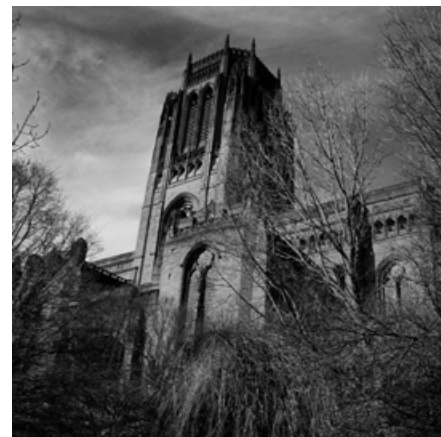
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In 2004, the Albert Dock became one of the centrepieces of the UNESCO World Heritage Site accolade that The Waterfront has been prized with. Albert Dock was central to the growth of Liverpool in the 18th and 19th centuries and played a significant role in the growth of the British Empire, migration to America and a pioneer of dock technology, transport and port management.

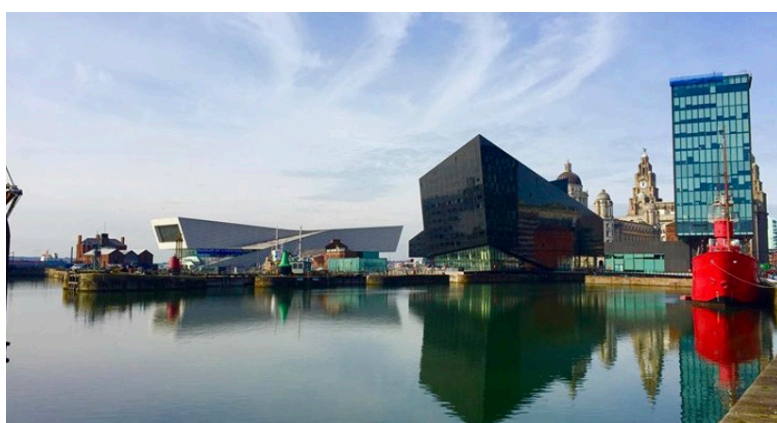
The days concluded with a trip on the most famous ferry in the world across the River Mersey so that students could see the panoramic views of the transformation of The Waterfront and gauge the scale of redevelopment that has taken, and is taking, place over recent years.

Students worked exceptionally hard and continued to uphold the 'Priory Standard' throughout both trips, showing politeness and respect to the general public. Thank you to Mr Bullock, Mr Kenrick and Mrs Willis for their support on the trip - without whom trips such as these could not take place to enrich our young people. As always the biggest thank you to Mr Watters for his continued efforts, time and skill in planning yet another successful trip for our GCSE pupils.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Metcalfe'.

Mr Metcalfe
Head of Humanities



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Year 11 pupil, Imogen organised a bake sale last Friday to coincide with the #pnesleepout to raise money for The Foxton Centre.

Imogen sold home baked cakes to pupils and staff, raising £57 for the charity that helps rough sleepers and other homeless and vulnerable adults.

Preston North End hosted the Big Sleep Out event at Deepdale on Friday, 15 November. The campaign set themselves a £50,000 target with the aim of buying a property in the Preston area for renovation and use by homeless people.

Well done Imogen!



'Rags Riches Rags' is a newly devised musical performed by Newman College's Year 13 performing arts and musical theatre students. The college is touring local high schools to showcase their work and will be visiting Priory with their production on Thurs, 5th December 2019. Pupils will also have the opportunity to get involved in a one-hour musical theatre workshop before the show.

The performance provides a real insight into the courses offered at Newman for current Year 10 and 11 pupils with an interest in performing arts or musical theatre. The show includes an eclectic mix of dance, drama and singing.



PE teacher, Miss Beesley, is organising the visit and will be inviting interested Year 9, 10 & 11 pupils to be involved.



Watch the show at Newman College

For those that don't get chance to see the show at Priory, the show is performed on Tues, 3 December at Cardinal Newman College Theatre at 7pm. There will be a FREE pre-show musical theatre workshop with complimentary show tickets for Year 9+ pupils from 5:30-6:30pm.

Please email Katie Beard directly to book a workshop place:

kbeard@cardinalnewman.ac.uk.

RAGS, RICHES, RAGS
 3rd December/ 19:00/ Con-£4 Adult-£6

A devised musical created and performed by the Y13 BTEC Musical Theatre students. What happens when you suddenly win a fortune but lose everything you hold dear? A family friendly extravaganza of dance, singing and acting. There will be a FREE pre-show Musical Theatre workshop with complimentary show tickets for Y9+ students 17:30- 18:30. Please email Katie Beard to book your workshop place kbeard@cardinalnewman.ac.uk.

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Two generous and thoughtful pupils from Mrs Bullock's Character & Culture class are certainly sending a smile to a child with their donations for the International Aid Trust's shoe box appeal.

Send a smile, to a child...

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Imagine a year without any presents! For most of us in the UK this is almost unheard of. For some children in the poorer parts of the world the gift of a shoebox is a dream come true, or an answer to prayer. This is why we deliver shoeboxes throughout the year, not just at Christmas!

Full of fun and practical gifts, Year 8 Abby B and Hannah P, along with others in their class have put together their boxes for those in desperate circumstances to let them know that someone cares.

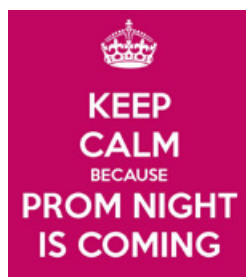
Mrs Bullock will be taking the donations to the International Aid Trust warehouse in Much Hoole next week.



Year 11 Leaver's Prom Save the (provisional) date! Weds, 24 June 2020

Many Year 11 parents and pupils have been asking for the date of the 2020 Prom. We are now in final talks with the venue but can announce a provisional date of Weds, 24 June.

Please note that this date is also a contingency date for the GCSE examinations. This date is put in place by the awarding bodies, nationally, "in the event of widespread, sustained national or local disruption to examinations during the June examination series". This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams on 24 June 2020. This applies to all schools.



Communications - School Closures Due To Weather Conditions

On occasions that the weather may turn for the worse, with ice and snow forecast, we would like to reassure parents that we aim to do all we can to keep the school open as usual.

School closures and transport issues due to inclement weather will be communicated via the school's website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news or search the site for 'Communications - school closures (weather)'. Notices will also be posted to our Facebook page facebook.com/PriorySTC/ and Twitter at @priorystc.

If no notices are posted then school will be open as normal.

Unavoidable school closures are also posted on the Lancashire County Council website at www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/unexpected-school-closures/

Christmas Lunch

Weds, 18 December

Weds, 18 December will be our Christmas lunch and therefore we will only be offering the Christmas menu that lunchtime; no other food will be available. Pupils not wishing to have a Christmas meal may bring in a packed lunch. Breakfast and morning break will be served as normal.

In order for our kitchen staff to prepare, pupils should let their form tutors know by Mon, 2 December if they would like a Christmas meal and if so, what their food choice is.

For children on free school meals, the cost of this lunch is covered in their normal daily allowance. Pupils wanting a gluten-free option should speak with the kitchen staff in advance, as normal.

Senior staff will be donning their tabards to serve the lunches - the photographer has been booked! 😊



Menu

Wednesday, 18th December

Roast Turkey
or
Vegetarian Sausage
or
Cheese & Vegetable Lattice

Served with all the trimmings
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Christmas Pudding & Custard
or
Mince Pie
or
Christmas Biscuit
or
Fresh Fruit

Price £2.15 plus drink if required

Physical Education Department Extra-Curricular Timetable (Oct-Dec)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break – Sports Hall 10.50-11.15	Year 7 Basketball	Year 8 Basketball	Year 9 Basketball	Primary Schools	Year 10 Basketball
Lunch – Sports Hall 13.15 – 13.55	Cricket - boys Girls Football (3G)	Basketball	Cricket - girls	Primary Schools	Basketball
After-School 15.20 – 16.30	Badminton Football Practices Netball Matches (not weekly)	Girls Netball Dance/ Cheer	Staff Meetings Hockey (TBC)	Trampolining Girls Netball	

NB In addition, school teams will have fixtures through the half-term. These may result in some clubs being moved locations.

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The Weekly Challenge (Week 10)

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 Character & Culture session. The content of these challenges will enhance learning in all subjects and widen Tier 2 vocabulary.

Here is this week's challenge >>

Teachers will work through these with pupils before they are asked to write sentences using the key words, tips and synonyms covered in the challenge. They will then share some of their responses in class.

Teachers will also weave the Word of the Week into lessons, discussions, add examples and support it with 'subject specific' words.

Pupils - Through Doddle, we are able to see who has opened, accessed and therefore done this homework. It is important that you do the weekly challenge revision.

Word of the Week:

solitary

Adjective

Something which is completely isolated or alone.

'At the end of the boring show, a solitary audience member began to clap'

word
week

Literacy tip of the week...

Capital Letters.

Belong on specific names and places.

Not capitalising months, names, companies and places will cost you BIG marks in most of your exams, not just English.

Mr Taylor gave me a detention for Wednesday.

Both 'M' and 'T' are capitals because it's a name.

'W' is capitalised for a day.

Try these:

Anna moved house last saturday, she lives on walton avenue now.

On thursdays, ryan, sam and beth go swimming in leynland.

Synonym of the week...

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 word

walk

Your vocabulary is so important! Make sure you have one!



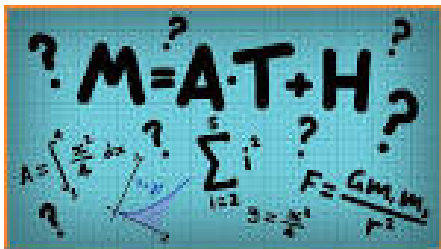
At Penwortham Priory Academy the Character & Culture curriculum is designed to support the promotion of excellence for pupils and do all it can to improve their life chances.

Pupils have three 20 minute Character & Culture lessons each week.

On the curriculum w/c 25 November:

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' A world without harm
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Social media (part 2)
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Is my language respectful?
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Career Development
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Disagreeing with people

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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!

Ben has 5 discs, each weighing a certain amount of grams. He is able to combine any number of them to make any total weight up to 31g. What must each of the discs weigh?

For example, they can't be 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 as he would be unable to make a combined weight of 1 gram, or anything over 21g since this is the total of them. He could make 10g for example, by using the 6g and the 4g weights.

Answer page 11

In memory of...

Our thoughts were with two special people and their families on Thursday as we received plaques in memory of former Priory pupil, Sam Pegram, who sadly died in the Ethiopian Airline crash earlier this year, and Mr Arthur Pearce. Mr Pearce was Priory's second-serving headteacher from 1978-89 who passed away in January.

Tenderly cared for by Mr Farron, the plaques have been placed in our memorial garden alongside those of former pupils Fiona Hughes and Jenny Crossley who were both taken from us too early.

Never forgotten.



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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, Abigail.

Generous Abigail is one of Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers and is also trying to make a difference around the world.

Year 7 pupil Abigail is a firm supporter of charities, along with her family, and has taken items as far away as Cuba to help people who haven't as much.

"My mum and dad like Cuba and they had been before I was born," said Abigail.

"They promised to take me there and we knew that they need everyday items over there, like toiletries, hotel shampoos. My grandma makes dresses out of pillow cases for charities to send to Africa so we took some of them over too.



"We were allowed to take 23 kilos and our suitcases were 23 and a bit!

"There had been a tornado there so we took all our goods to a church in Havana and they really appreciated it.

"We also took 30 used tennis balls for dogs as well as hair bobbles and things like that.

"I have always done things for charity. At primary school, Farington Moss St Paul's, we raised funds to support a little girl in Tanzania. We did a lot of fundraising, such as having a pop-up shop to help her go to school."

Alongside her charity work, Abigail is a keen reader, currently enjoying The Finisher series by David Baldacci.

"It's a series and the first one is about a girl escaping her home where she has grown up as it's all built on lies."

"I also like Michael Morpurgo who wrote War Horse. I enjoy reading non-fiction."

Answer to Maths Challenge:

Disc 1 - 1g Disc 2 - 2g Disc 3 - 3g Disc 4 - 4g Disc 5 - 5g

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Priory student Ruby is a riding STAR!

Year 10 pupil, Ruby competed in the Junior Equitation U18s category at the STARS (Show Teams and Rising Stars) Championships at Aintree International Equestrian Centre recently.

The competition is where the finalist winners from all the riding clubs in the North come together to compete against each other.

Ruby, 14, was competing against riders older than her in her two finalist competitions – U18s Junior Equitation category on the first day representing Ribble Valley Riding Club, and in the Ridden Cob category the day after, where she represented Longton Riding Club on her horse Lily.

"Equitation is where I am judged on my riding rather than how the horse goes," said Ruby, who came 18th out of the 52 finalist competitors.

"You have to ride in a certain way, sit up properly and keep your legs still, be graceful and disciplined.

"Lily is stabled at Longton, I ride her most days. I started riding seriously about six years ago and showing for the last three years.

"There are usually around five shows a year and they are competitive."

The Ridden Cob category is for, what Ruby describes as "big chunky horses like Lily". In this finalist class, Ruby came seventh out of the 53 finalist competitors.



Ruby declined to have her photo included with this article however she did send us this photo of the trophies and rosettes presented to her at STARS and by Longton Riding Club.

SPORTS REPORT

Good luck to our PE Department tonight as they attend Lancashire Sports Awards following our win at the summer's South Ribble event.

The event celebrates sporting achievement and showcases best practice throughout the county. The winner of each category in every local authority is automatically put forward to the county awards.

In June, Penwortham Priory Academy were awarded Secondary School of the Year, with two of our pupils, Leon and Libby, making it to the finals.

During the evening at The Dunkenhall Hotel, Clayton Le Moors, Priory will battle it out against four other schools for the county's Secondary School of the Year accolade.



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W/C 25 November 2019

Monday

Gammon or omelette*

served with hash browns and beans or peas*

Tuesday

Spaghetti Bolognese served with garlic bread*

Cheese pasty served with diced potatoes and beans or peas

Wednesday

Cheese and Tomato | Ham | Pepperoni ciabatta pizza
served with potato wedges and beans or sweetcorn
Pulled pork on a barm served with potato wedges and
beans or sweetcorn

Thursday

Roast dinner*

Tomato pasta served with garlic bread*

Friday

Battered Fish | Cheese & Tomato Pizza | Beefburger
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.

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